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Editorial

A Plea for Road Safety

It has been such a devastating period for our Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis. The tragic loss of life due to vehicular accidents has left an emotional scar on our communities. The images of extensively damaged vehicles, twisted wrecks that bear testimony to the force of impact, haunt us all. These most recent road tragedies have claimed the lives of loved ones, colleagues and friends while also leaving an unbearable void in the lives of those who mourn them.

As a nation, we grieve collectively. However, this editorial will not dwell on the irresponsible chatter or speculative commentary that often circulates on social media in the aftermath of such incidents. Instead, we choose to use this space as a call to action-a voice of caution and responsibility directed to every motorist in our Federation.

Driving is a privilege, but it is also a responsibility-a responsibility to yourself, to your passengers, and to everyone else on the road. Recklessness, distractions, and the rush to get somewhere faster are choices that can lead to irrevocable consequences.

There is a popular and poignant saying: **'The life you save could be your own.'** Let us all take that to heart.

If you are running late, let it be. Better to arrive alive than not at all. If you are driving with others in the vehicle, be even more vigilant. The lives entrusted to you in that moment are valuable, and no destination is worth jeopardizing their safety. Slow down. Stay focused. Follow the rules of the road. There is no need to rush.

We must all work together to create a culture of safety on our roads. This responsibility lies with everyone-from the individual motorist to law enforcement officers, road safety advocates and policymakers. It is incumbent upon us all to prioritize education, enforcement, and engineering solutions that can reduce the likelihood of accidents and save lives.

Let us honor those who have tragically lost their lives by committing to safer practices behind the wheel. Let their memory serve as a reminder of the fragility of life and the importance of responsibility. Together, we can build a safer Federation-one where our roads no longer bear witness to tragedy, but instead become pathways of life, connection, and hope.

Drive safely. Always. For the life you save may indeed be your own.

Promise Made & Kept -Basseterre High School Reconstruction to Begin in 2025: "The Future of Education"

Basseterre, St. Kitts, and Nevis, December 12, 2024 (PMO) â€“ In continued efforts to enhance the educational infrastructure in St. Kitts and Nevis and provide students with state-of-the-art learning facilities, Prime Minister the Honourable Dr. Terrance Drew, along with Minister of Education the Honourable Dr. Geoffrey Hanley, is poised to fulfill a long-awaited promise made to the people of the Federation: the reconstruction of the Basseterre High School, which is set to begin in the first quarter of 2025.

This official announcement was made by the Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister, respectively, while conducting a visit to the site of the Basseterre High School (BHS) at Victoria Road recently.

Prime Minister Dr. Drew, who has been a strong advocate for improving the country's education sector, expressed confidence in the progress of the project, highlighting that the project is on

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Prime Minister Hon. Dr. Terrance Drew and Deputy Prime Minister & Minister of Education, Hon. Dr. Geoffrey Hanley recently paid a visit to the site where the new BHS will be constructed.

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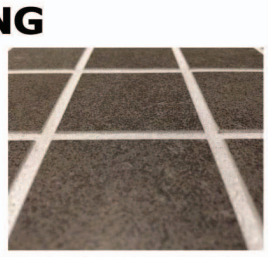

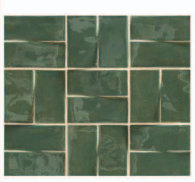

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Taiwan Embassy Treats Media Workers To End Of Year Luncheon

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Monday, 9th December 2024) -Media workers from across St. Kitts and Nevis were celebrated in fine style at the usual end of year media luncheon, held at Indian Summer restaurant in Frigate Bay, hosted by the Embassy of Taiwan in St. Kitts and Nevis.

Organized to show appreciation for the invaluable contributions of media professionals, the event welcomed representatives from print, online, radio, and television platforms, creating an atmosphere of gratitude and 'soft break from work' togetherness in the business casual outfits.

The luncheon featured a flavorful menu including noodles, naan bread, chicken, fish and steamed basmati rice. It provided an opportunity for media practitioners to connect and reflect on their work throughout the year.

Representing this publication were Acting News Editor and Reporter Precious Mills as well as Newsroom Production Manager Mitchel Slader.

Resident Taiwan Ambassador Michael Lin, addressed the gathering with remarks that underscored the importance of the media's role in fostering meaningful partnerships and informing the public.

"It is a pleasure to welcome you all as we close 2024," Ambassador Lin said. "Let me begin by expressing my heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support this year. Your coverage of Taiwan-St. Kitts and Nevis cooperation, including impactful projects, events, and OpEds, has been invaluable."

Highlighting the media's role in showcasing the benefits of collaboration between Taiwan and St. Kitts and Nevis, Ambassador Lin commended the industry for its diligent and impactful reporting.

"Your work has not only kept the public informed but also highlighted the deep friendship between the two nations. Every report and feature has helped showcase the tangible benefits of our collaborations in agriculture, education, technology, and public health," he remarked.

Ambassador Lin described the media as an "informational backbone" that connects people to the stories that truly matter, ensuring that these narratives inspire and resonate within the community.

"As the informational backbone, you bridge people to the stories that truly matter. Your dedication ensures these stories inspire and resonate, underscoring the value of our partnership," he added.

Looking ahead to 2025, Ambassador Lin expressed optimism about continuing and deepening the collaboration between Taiwan and the media in St. Kitts and Nevis.

"Looking ahead to 2025, I hope we can continue building on this foundation. Taiwan remains committed to fostering open collaboration with the media. Together, we can ensure that the bond between Taiwan and St. Kitts and Nevis grows even stronger," he stated.

At the end of the event, each attendee was presented with a goodie bag containing informational materials, further emphasizing the spirit of collaboration and the importance of maintaining strong partnerships between the media and the Embassy of Taiwan.

Front Banner Photo: Production Manager Mitchel Slader of the Labour Spokesman Newspaper (right) poses for a photo with Resident Taiwan Ambassador Michael Lin following the annual media luncheon, held at Indian Summer restaurant in Frigate Bay, hosted by the Embassy of Taiwan in St. Kitts and Nevis on Friday 6th December 2024 (Spokesman Snap)

Resident Taiwan Ambassador Michael Lin (left) seen interacting with media workers during the annual media luncheon, held at Indian Summer restaurant in Frigate Bay, hosted by the Embassy of Taiwan in St. Kitts and Nevis on Friday 6th December 2024 (Spokesman Snap)

Resident Taiwan Ambassador Michael Lin (standing) shares a light moment with media workers during the annual media luncheon, held at Indian Summer restaurant in Frigate Bay, hosted by the Embassy of Taiwan in St. Kitts and Nevis on Friday 6th December 2024 (Spokesman Snap)

Police Address Concerns Over Bus Speeding

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Thursday, 12th December 2024) - Superintendent Lyndon David- the Divisional Commander for Division 'A'- has issued a cautionary appeal to bus drivers and motorists alike to prioritize safety on the nation's roads, particularly during the Carnival season.

"I mean, even though you're in a rush, safety and security comes first-not just for you, for other road users…," he remarked during the weekly edition of Policing With You, aired live on ZIZ on Thursday, 12th December 2024.

Superintendent David's comments came in response to addressing some of the challenges the police typically face during Carnival and how they are being addressed.

He began by acknowledging some of the recurring issues during the festive season, including reckless driving, speeding, and the risks associated with these behaviors. Referring to the recent tragic loss of life on the roads, he emphasized the importance of exercising caution.

"Some of the challenges that we face every year, and though there are improvements, we find the one-offs that will come. And I will start with what we spoke of earlier when we rendered our condolences to those persons who lost lives. We have speeding, you know, bus drivers; drivers, they're plying their trade and they want to make as much trips as possible to make as much money. But we are saying to you, take your time, you know," Superintendent David cautioned.

Superintendent Lyndon David- the Divisional Commander for Division 'A'

He further stressed the importance of safety over haste, drawing attention to a road safety sign over the Southeast Peninsula that reads "Rush Slowly."

"I mean, even though you're in a rush, safety and security comes first-not just for you, for other road users. So we are saying to all those bus drivers, taxi drivers, and operators, the passengers you have in your vehicle, they are a precious commodity. Just like a pilot with an airplane, a captain of a ship, he or she must endeavour their best to ensure that the passengers get on safely, they're on their journey safe, and they arrive safe, and they depart safe," he stated.

Superintendent David urged drivers to avoid prioritizing financial gain over the safety of their passengers. "Your job is not to say, I want to make the quickest buck in a reckless manner but in a safe manner for all," he added.

Beyond speeding, Superintendent David addressed other challenges the police encounter during Carnival, including drinking and driving, violence, and weapon possession. He advised individuals planning to consume alcohol to make responsible decisions.

"We are saying to persons, if you're going to consume alcohol, you should have a designated driver, leave the vehicle there and catch a taxi or a bigger ride. Do not go at all if you know when you start to drink a glass of whatever it is, you cannot stop. So you should not be behind the wheel of a vehicle," he warned.

Superintendent David also highlighted the problem of violence during Carnival, often linked to gang rivalries, and commended the reduction in such incidents. However, he called on individuals to make positive choices and urged those involved in disruptive activities to turn their lives around.

"We're saying to you, the persons who are involved in these activities, respect the others around you. Stay away from these events if you want to do these things. But the best advice I will say to you, it is time for you to turn away with that. If you are religious-minded, get involved in church activities. Turn your life over to Christ. If you don't believe in that, well, do things that are socially responsible and ensure that you build rather than tear down," he appealed.

Other safety concerns highlighted included the use of weapons, pickpocketing, and instances of children wandering off during festivities.

He encouraged parents to remain vigilant saying: "we see sometimes where parents come with the children. They're so taken up with the activity that a child wander off and someone either bring the child to the station or a band manager or something announce a child is here in the truck, come and call it. So these are some of the issues we have and we hope that we see them totally reduced or eliminated for this carnival going forward."

Additionally, he advised against bringing weapons to events.

"You come to enjoy yourselves, not to walk with these weapons. We know that there are times there are some criminals that would take the thing to rob... So we are saying we do not want to see all of these things happening. Come and enjoy yourselves so we can say, okay, not just the police, not just the government, not just the Defence Force, private security, Carnival Committee, but all of society, even all of visitors, they want to see it be done in a peaceful manner," he noted.

The Superintendent concluded by addressing the relationship between police officers and private security personnel, calling for unity and mutual respect in maintaining public safety.

"I'm taking this opportunity to encourage my colleagues. Let us remember that we are all here to work in unison. So if something pops up and we are not satisfied, do not argue, but just encourage in a nice way how to prevent it from reoccurring and cause a problem between the private and public security personnel," he said.

Front Banner Image: Used for illustration purposes only shows A police officer seen on duty at the West Line bus terminal along the Bay Road (2021 Spokesman Snap)

Promise Made & Kept -Basseterre High School Reconstruction to Begin in 2025: "The Future of Education"

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target. "I want to thank especially our local architects who have been part of the initial discussions and the sharing of ideas. These efforts have helped us develop a design that we've already presented to the country, and we are well on our way to starting construction in early 2025."

The Prime Minister emphasized that this project is not just about rebuilding a school but about delivering on a promise made to the citizens of St. Kitts and Nevis. "We made a promise, and we are true to delivering on this promise. This new Basseterre High School will stand as a testament to our commitment to providing our young people with the best education in the best environment," he added.

Minister of Education Dr. Geoffrey Hanley echoed the Prime Minister's sentiments, acknowledging the challenges faced by students and staff due to the outdated and deteriorating conditions of the old school. "We know the difficulties our students have faced, and the decision to close the previous school was a painful one for all of us."But I am proud to announce that in 2025, we will begin the construction of the new Basseterre High School, marking a new chapter in education for St. Kitts and Nevis."

This multi-million-dollar reconstruction project will not only address the urgent need for modern educational facilities but also provide significant economic benefits to the Federation. The project will create numerous job opportunities in construction and related sectors, helping to stimulate the local economy. "This is about providing jobs and advancing our people as well," said Minister Hanley. "The Basseterre High School construction will provide work for our local contractors, tradespeople, and laborers, giving our citizens the opportunity to be directly involved in building the future of education."€

The new Basseterre High School will feature 32 modern classrooms, equipped to meet the needs of the 21st-century learner. In addition to the classrooms, the school will have dedicated spaces for arts and sciences, including two music rooms, four science laboratories, and six computer labs. An auditorium with a seating capacity of 1,200 persons will provide a space for school events and larger community gatherings. A well-equipped lecture room will also be available for specialized lessons and seminars.

Furthermore, the school's design will include upgraded sporting facilities that meet international standards, ensuring that students have access to high-quality physical education resources. The new building will also be fully accessible, with ramps and other features that ensure that students with disabilities can navigate the campus safely.

As part of the government's broader vision for the education sector, this project aligns with their goal of creating modern, safe, and inclusive learning environments that can support the educational growth of the country's youth. "We are prioritizing the future of our young people," said Dr. Drew. This new school will help to shape a new generation of leaders, innovators, and critical thinkers."

Notably, the reconstruction of Basseterre High School is part of a broader strategy of the Drew-led government to overhaul and modernize the educational infrastructure across St. Kitts and Nevis. In addition to the new BHS, the government has committed to improving schools throughout the Federation, with new facilities and upgrades being prioritized in other regions as well.

To learn more about the government's achievements and successes, visit www.gov.kn/national-accomplishments.

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For more information, see the Director's Qualification Checklist or contact Mrs. Cindy Herbert, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary, at Tel: 869.469.5564 Ext 330 or 869.467.0630; Email: cherbert@thebankofnevis.com

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Deadline:
Friday 27th December 2024

Police Investigate Sudden Death of Well-Known Personality 'Bougna'

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Thursday 12th December 2024)- Police on St.Kitts are investigating the â€œsudden deathâ€of 51-year-old Cleon 'Bougna' Rey, a well-known social and political personality.

As understood, Rey, age fifty-one (51), was reported missing and later discovered deceased on Wednesday 11th December 2024, in the Bird Rock area.

A police statement indicated that following reports of his disappearance, officers from the Royal St. Christopher and Nevis Police Force (RSCNPF) conducted a series of searches in locations Mr. Rey was known to frequent.

Their efforts led them to Coury Hill in Bird Rock, where his parked passenger bus was found. A short distance from the vehicle, Rey was discovered lying motionless in the surrounding foliage.

Emergency personnel examined him at the scene and confirmed that he had passed away.

The RSCNPF's Crime Scene Unit processed the area, recovering items of evidential value.

Police have stated that an autopsy will be performed to determine the exact cause of death.

As investigations into the circumstances surrounding Mr. Rey's untimely passing continue, the Police have assured the public that updates will be provided as necessary.

The RSCNPF expressed their sympathies to the loved ones of Rey and all those affected by this tragic event.

'Bougna' was a respected figure within his community and known for his active support of the St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party (SKNLP).

His death has sent shockwaves throughout St. Kitts.

Photo: Well-known social and political personality 51-year-old Cleon 'Bougna' Rey (Social media image circulating)

FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

ISLAND OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER

TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT CAP 10.19

A.D. 2024

Application No.

In the Matter of Section 144 of the Title By Registration Act Cap 10.19,

And in the matter of an application by Hendrickson's Legal Chambers, Attorneys-at-Law on behalf of LIONEL BERRIDGE AND VENETTA BERRIDGE for the replacement of a lost Certificate of Title to land contained in Book E3 Folio 346 of the Register of Titles for the Island of St. Christopher

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR REPLACEMENT OF LOST CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

It is hereby notified that an Application has been made to the Registrar in Chambers for an Order for the issue of a new Certificate of Title in lieu of a lost Certificate of Title to land being **ALL THAT** lot of land hereditaments and premises – described as Lot No. 166 (H L 1 South) and situate in the Parish of St. Peter in the Island of Saint Christopher containing by admeasurement 13,993.74 square feet and bounded and measuring as follows:- On the North-East by Frigate Bay Estate 45.42 feet; On the East by Lot No. 169 134.95 feet; On the South-East by a development road 26.97 feet and 20.44 feet, On the South-West by Lot No. 165 120.00 feet and on the North-West by an estate road 130 feet all as the same is delineated and set forth on the plan thereof by C. R. Esdaille dated the 5th day of February 2001.

Any person who may be in possession of the said Certificate of Title or any information which may lead to its recovery is kindly requested to contact Hendrickson's Legal Chambers, New Road, St. Peter, St. Kitts.

Dated the 28th day of November 2024.

HENDRICKSON'S LEGAL CHAMBERS
Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicant

FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT
TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT CAP 10.19

A.D. 2024

Claim No. SKBLRD2025/

In the Matter of Section 144 of the Title by Registration Act Cap 10.19 of the Laws of the Federation of Saint Christopher and Nevis

and

In the Matter of a Certificate of Title issued on the **7th** day of **May, 2015** in the name of **MENG-WEI HE** recorded in Condominium Register Book **38** Folio **30** of the Register of Titles for the St. Christopher Circuit.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR REPLACEMENT OF LOST CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **MENG-WEI HE** of Room 3921 No. 34 No. 1 Street Economic and Technical Development Zone Tianjin, P. R. China, has applied to the Registrar of Titles for the issue of a replacement Certificate of Title in lieu of the one recorded in **Condominium Register Book 38 Folio 30** of the Register of Titles of St. Christopher, the property contained in the said title being **ALL THAT** Condominium Interest No. 7201 of Heritage Plantation Condominium Ltd: St. Kitts and Nevis described in the Certificate of Title registered in Book M3 Folio 135A of the Register of Titles for the Island of Saint Christopher and contained in the Declaration and Description of Heritage Plantation Condominium Ltd: St. Kitts and Nevis registered as No. 38 in the Condominium Corporation Index on the 30th day of May, 2014 and as amended thereafter, subject to the said Declaration and Description and to the provisions of the Condominium Act Cap. 10.03 on the basis that the said Certificate of Title has been irrecoverably lost.

Any person who may be in possession of the said Certificate of Title or any information which may lead to its recovery is kindly requested to contact Johnson & Associates, Attorneys-at-Law, Unit 9 The Sands, Bay Road & George Street, Basseterre St. Kitts.

Dated the 6th day of December, 2024.

SHABAZZ M. JOHNSON
JOHNSON AND ASSOCIATES
Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicants

TDC Group supports the advancement of homegrown talent - Songstress Erica Edwards

Basseterre, St. Kitts - Demonstrating its unwavering commitment to fostering talent and supporting the Arts, TDC has teamed up with songstress, Ms. Erica Edwards.

The company gave its support for the recently held "Merry Erri Christmas Concert" on Sunday 1st December 2024, at the Sugar Apple in Fortlands, Basseterre to a very appreciative audience that people of all ages.

The much anticipated and well attended event, titled "A Merry Erri Christmas with Erica Edwards," took place and featured an unforgettable evening of soulful music and dynamic performances.

According to Ms. Jhanelle Brown, Acting Manager in the TDC Client Relations and Marketing Department, "Erica Edwards is an example of the extraordinary talent we have in the Federation, and we are honoured to play a role in helping her share her gift to uplift and inspire. The concert represented not just entertainment but an investment in homegrown musical and vocal talent.

She also added, "We are also partnering with Erica and her team as one of our ambassadors for the Holiday Season, where she will be featured in our Retail Stores Holiday Sales and Promotional Campaign; in store, online, social media and in our printed material, to promote our Holiday offerings for our valued customers."

In speaking about the collaboration, Ms. Edwards thanked TDC for its endorsement and how the corporate backing will advance her career, "Thank you TDC for your generous sponsorship. Our partnership will make a significant difference in advancing my mission and helping to achieve our goals while helping other young people to get the opportunity to also shine. Your contribution will further inspire and empower me to advance my musical talents and pursuits in and outside St. Kitts and Nevis. Thank you for being a part of this journey."

The support forms part of the company's mission to "contribute meaningfully to the Economic, Social and Cultural Advancement", as a champion for initiatives that celebrate and uplift the rich cultural and creative heritage of our communities.

Picture - Kittitian Songstress, Erica Edwards performing at the Merry Erri Christmas Concert at the Sugar Apple

SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
NEVIS CIRCUIT
A. D. 2024

In the Matter of the Title by Registration Act 10.19
And
In the Matter of a Certificate of Title registered in Book 16 Folio 36 in respect of lands situated at Brick Kiln Village being part of Hicks Estate in the parish of St. James in the island of Nevis
And
In the Matter of an application in respect of a replacement Certificate of Title pursuant to Section 144 of the Title by Registration Act 10.19

NOTICE FOR REPLACEMENT OF LOST CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

It is hereby notified that an Application has been made to the Registrar of Titles for an Order for the issue of a new Certificate of Title in lieu of lost Certificate of Title dated the 25th June, 1977 and registered in the Register of Titles of the Nevis Circuit at Book 16 Folio 36 in favour of **ALANZO DANIEL** of Brick Kiln Village in the Parish of Saint James in the Island of Nevis for ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land situate at Brick Kiln Village being part of Hicks Estate in the Parish of St. James in the island of Nevis measuring 2922.77 square feet and bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- **On the North by the Island Main Road, 64.55 feet; On the South partly by lands occupied by J. Nisbett and partly by lands occupied by J. Lescott, 62.18 feet; On the East by a Right of Way, 42.22 feet; and On the West by lands occupied by Oris Weekes, 54.05 feet** all as the same is delineated and set forth on the plan by Eldon I. Jones, M.I.C.E. also A.G. Leader Licensed Land Surveyors dated the 8th day of October, 1976.
Any person knowing the whereabouts of or having any information concerning the said duplicate Certificate which may lead to its recovery is requested to notify the Registrar of Titles at the Registrar's Office, Charlestown, Nevis or Nisbetts Solicitors, Chapel Street, Charlestown, Nevis.

Dated the 19th day of June, 2024

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT
A. D. 2024

SUIT NO. SKBHCV2024/

In the matter of application for a Self Conveyance by SYLVIA BROW of Tabernacle Village, in the Parish of St John in the Island of St. Christopher, containing by admeasurement 2,135 square feet.

NOTICE OF SELF CONVEYANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **SYLVIA BROW** of Tabernacle Village in the Parish of St. John in the Island of St. Christopher through her Solicitor Hesketh W. Benjamin has applied to the Registrar of Deeds for a Self Conveyance in her favour in respect of an area of land situate at Tabernacle Village in the Parish of St. John in the Island of Saint Christopher bounded and measuring as follows: - **On or towards the North-East OCC, by PHIPPS 50.03 feet, On or towards the South-East by PUBLIC ROAD 12.37 feet and 27.75 feet; On or towards the South- West by PUBLIC ROAD 49.49 feet; ON or towards the North-West by GEORGE DE COSTA 41.30 feet and containing by admeasurement 2,135** square feet or howsoever otherwise the said lot of land may be abutted bounded known or described.

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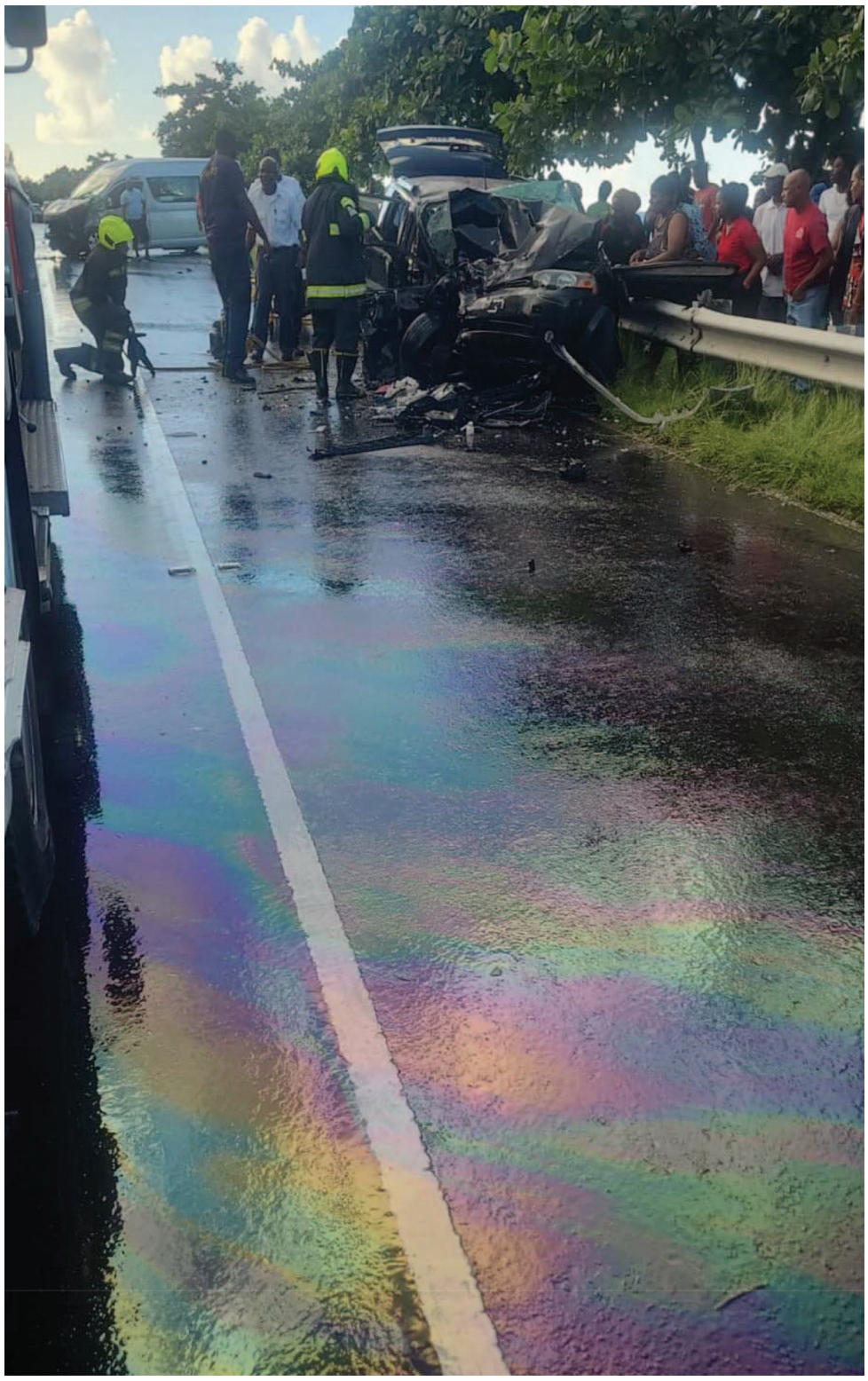

A crowd of spectators look on at the fatal accident scene whereby an omnibus carrying five passengers collided with a jeep near Brimstone Hill between 7:15 AM and 7:45 AM on Thursday 12th December 2024

Six Road Fatalities in Five Days Rocks SKN

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Thursday 12th December 2024) -Tragedy has struck St. Kitts with six road fatalities recorded over the span of just five days, involving two separate accidents under investigation by the Royal St. Christopher and Nevis Police Force (RSCNPF).

Of note, the mass casualties have sent waves of shock and sadness throughout the federation.

The most recent development-as of Thursday 12th December 2024-the day after a fatal traffic accident occurred on the island main road by Brimstone Hill-claimed the lives of four individuals, police, via an updated statement informed about the passing of Mr. Malique Rawlins of Newton Ground, who succumbed to injuries while warded in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) at the Joseph N. France General Hospital, bringing the total of deaths to five.

Police confirmed that Mr. Rawlins passed away between 4:30 PM and 5:00 PM that day.

Such tragic loss of lives followed some five (5) days after another fatal collision on the F. T. Williams Highway-on Friday 6th December claimed the lives of two young adults.

In relation to the fatal traffic accident on December 11th, police reports indicate that an omnibus carrying five passengers collided with a jeep near Brimstone Hill between 7:15 AM and 7:45 AM.

Pronounced dead that day were: Ms.Rozina Herbert of Sandy Point (an omnibus passenger), Mr.Dijorn Davis of Old Road (driver of the jeep), Mr.Ian Jules of St. Paul's (a passenger in Mr. Davis' jeep) and Ms.Belinda Paul of Sandy Point (an omnibus passenger)

Reportedly, Ms.Herbert succumbed to her injuries after being transported to the Joseph N. France General Hospital while Mr. Davis, who underwent emergency surgery for extensive injuries, later passed away.

Both Mr. Jules and Ms.Paul were pronounced dead at the scene.

Two other passengers from the omnibus sustained injuries. The omnibus driver, Jamie Herbert, and another passenger were treated for minor injuries and discharged.

The RSCNPF's Crime Scene Unit processed the scene, recovering several items of evidential value. An investigation into the accident is ongoing.

Concerning the F. T. Williams Highway fatalities, 19-year-old Shida Jarvis and Malik Williams were killed in the aftermath of the crash.

Preliminary investigations revealed that a vehicle driven by nineteen-year-old Azzian Thomas of Wellington Road collided head-on with another vehicle driven by Kareem Richards of Lime Kiln, St. Kitts. Ms. Jarvis and Mr. Williams, passengers in Mr. Thomas' vehicle, were pronounced dead at the scene.

The two drivers, along with two other passengers-Ojani Williams and Zehian Jeffers-sustained varying injuries and were treated at the Joseph N. France General Hospital. Mr. Richards and Mr. Williams have since been discharged, while Mr. Thomas and Mr. Jeffers remain hospitalized in stable condition.

The RSCNPF has extended heartfelt condolences to the families, friends, and communities affected by these tragedies. The incidents have sparked heightened concerns about road safety on the island, with police urging all road users to exercise caution and adhere to traffic regulations.

Front Banner Image: A look at the extensively damaged jeep a fatal traffic accident occurred on the island main road by Brimstone Hill on Thursday 12th December 2024

SOLEC Power Ltd. Unable To Meet Contractual Obligations To Start Energy Project Despite Multiple Extensions: SKELEC & Federal Government Terminate Agreement

BASSETERRE, ST KITTS, 9 December 2024 (PMO) - The Government of St. Kitts and Nevis and the St. Kitts Electricity Company Ltd (SKELEC) have terminated the Renegotiated Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with SOLEC Power Ltd (SOLEC) for the construction of a Solar PV and Battery Energy Storage Project.

This decision follows the failure of SOLEC Power Ltd to meet critical contractual obligations, requirements, and deadlines, despite repeated extensions and significant efforts by SKELEC and the Government to facilitate project implementation.

On 25 November 2024, SOLEC informed SKELEC and the Government that SOLEC "is not currently in a position to issue FNTP (Full Notice To Proceed)" by the 25 November 2024 deadline as agreed to and required by the PPA. Consequently, SOLEC is still unable to start the Project. This notification follows a similar notice from SOLEC after failing to meet the original FNTP deadline of 28 May 2024 outlined in the Renegotiated Power Purchase Agreement of 28 November 2023.

Subsequent to SOLEC's failure to meet the 28 May 2024 deadline, SOLEC was offered a 45-day extension to 19 July 2024. SOLEC advised that it was also unable to meet this deadline. In September 2024, SOLEC proposed a further 60-day extension, which was agreed to by all parties on 26 September 2024 as the FINAL extension. This FINAL contractual deadline has now not been met by SOLEC.

The Project, which originated in 2017, but had not started by the change of administration in 2022, was reviewed by the new Administration to ensure alignment with the Nation's best interests. The review, agreed to by SOLEC, was facilitated by the Caribbean Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency ("CCREEE"). The findings revealed important aspects of the agreement that were unfavorable to SKELEC and by extension the Government and people of St. Kitts & Nevis. These findings prompted the renegotiation of the PPA to achieve, among other things, (1) a reduction in the Power Purchase Price; (2) an opportunity for local private sector investment in the Project; and (3) rigid timelines for completion of the Project. The Renegotiated Power Purchase Agreement was signed on 28 November 2023.

By this time, SKELEC and the Government had anticipated that this Project would be well advanced and further renewed our commitment to the success of this project through the willingness to accommodate the repeated extension requests. However, despite all the efforts made to facilitate the implementation of this project, SOLEC remains unable to fulfill its obligations under the PPA to get the project started. Consequently, as SKELEC, the Government, and the people of St. Kitts & Nevis cannot wait indefinitely, it has become necessary to terminate the PPA and open opportunities for the viable alternatives that are ready to move forward.

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FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
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TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT ACP 10.19

SKBLRD2024/0055

IN THE MATTER of Section 144 of The Title By Registration Act and Lost Certificate of Title dated March 6, 2008 Registered in Register Book H3, Folio 76 of the Register of Titles of the Island of Saint Christopher

NOTICE OF LOST CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **CABLE & WIRELESS (ST. KITTS-NEVIS) LIMITED** a limited liability company incorporated under the laws of St Kitts and Nevis with its registered office situate at Needsmust Estate, Saint Christopher being the registered proprietor of the below-mentioned property, has applied to the Registrar of Titles for the issue of a replacement Certificate of Title in lieu of one dated March 6, 2008 and registered in Register Book H3, Folio 76 of the Register of Titles of the Island of Saint Christopher on the basis that the said Certificate of Title has been irrecoverably lost, the property contained in the said title being ALL THAT that lot piece or parcel of land situate at Needsmust Estate, in the Island of Saint Christopher, in the Federation of Saint Christopher and Nevis bounded and measuring as follows, On or towards the North-East by Needsmust Estate, 300.02 feet, 35.31 fcct and 247.57 feet; On or towards the South-East by Needsmust Estate, 300.38 feet and 300.64 feet; On or towards the South-West by Needsmust Estate, 123.56 feet and 459.33 feet; and On or towards the North-West by a Public Road, 300.65 feet and 134.54 feet and 165.83 feet, and containing by admeasurement 6.0004 acres.

Any person who may be in possession of the said Certificate of Title or of any information which may lead to its recovery, kindly contact: **KELSICK, WILKIN & FERDINAND**, Attorneys-at-Law, of Chambers, Fred Kelsick Building, Independence Square South, Basseterre, St Kitts.

Dated this 9th day of December 2024

Hadya K. L. Dolphin, Associate
KELSICK WILKIN & FERDINAND
Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicants

Case Number :SKBHCV2022/0180

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

APPLICATION NO. SKBHCV2022/0180

BETWEEN:

[1] REPUBLIC BANK (EC) LIMITED

Applicant

and

[1] STEWART JOSEPH
[2] SANDRA JOSEPH

Respondents

NOTICE OF SALE
BY PUBLIC AUCTION

The Property described below will be offered for sale by the Registrar of the High Court by PUBLIC AUCTION at the High Court of Justice, Basseterre, St Kitts,

on Thursday the 30th day of January 2025,

at 2:15 o'clock in the afternoon.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: ALL THAT lot of land hereditaments and premises being Lot No. 18 of View Point Housing Development, Sandy Point situate in the Parish of St. Anne in the Island of St. Christopher containing by admeasurement 7,234.93 square feet and bounded and measuring as follows: On or towards the North-East by a public road, 8.42 feet and 13.60 feet and by Lot No. 19, 83.40 feet; On or towards the South-East by lands of Larry and Jacqueline Armony, 135.11 feet and On or towards the North-West by Lot No. 17, 156.80 feet; all as the same is described in a Certificate of Title dated May 9, 2007 registered in Book G3 Folio 257 of the Register of Titles of the St Christopher Circuit.

SURVEY PLAN & PHOTOGRAPH OF PROPERTY:

UPSET PRICE: The upset price for the above lands and any buildings thereon shall be **EC$$850.000.00.**

GENERAL INFORMATION:
The successful bidder: (1) must publicly declare on whose behalf he or she is bidding; (2) must pay at the time of sale a deposit of one fourth (25%) of his or her winning bid; and (3) must pay the balance within one month from the day of the public auction. The purchaser(s) shall be entitled, by law, to possession of the property after payment of the deposit. The purchaser(s) must pay Stamp Duty (statutorily 6% of the purchase price) and any Property Taxes accrued and unpaid at the time of the transfer of the property. It is recommended that the purchaser(s) instruct legal counsel to conclude the transfer process. Contact the Applicant/Mortgagee's Attorneys-at-Law, Kelsick, Wilkin and Ferdinand (869-465-2440 or law@kwfonline.com) or the High Court Registry (869-467-1102 registryskn@gov.kn) for more details.

Dated the 28th day of November 2024

BY THE COURT

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The SKNNCC Welcomes Koscab St. Kitts Ltd as Gold Sponsor for Sugar Mas 53

The St. Kitts Nevis National Carnival Committee (SKNNCC) is thrilled to announce that Koscab St. Kitts Ltd has stepped forward as a Gold Sponsor for Sugar Mas 53.

In a generous display of support for Sugar Mas 53, Koscab has donated $30,000 to the SKNNCC. In addition to being a gold sponsor, Koscab is proud to sponsor Miss Vanessa Simon, representing Coca Cola, in this year's Miss St. Kitts & Nevis Queen Pageant.

Koscab's commitment to fostering cultural celebrations and supporting local talent plays a vital role in the success of National Carnival.

Furthermore, the SKNNCC is excited to announce that Dasani Water has been named the official water of Sugar Mas 53, ensuring that all participants and attendees stay refreshed during this exciting season.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Koscab St. Kitts Ltd, Dasani Water and Coca-Cola, for their invaluable contributions. Their support helps to enrich the cultural experience of Sugar Mas and makes this year's celebrations even more memorable.

Case Number :SKBHCV2022/0113

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SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

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APPLICATION NO. SKBHCV2022/0113
FORMERLY APPLICATION NO. SKBHCV2019/0086

Between:

THE BANK NEVIS LIMITED
(successor to the banking business
of Royal Bank of Canada in St Kitts)

Applicant

and

FITZROY CORNELIUS PAYNE

Respondent

NOTICE OF SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION

The Property described below will be offered for sale by the Registrar of the High Court, St Kitts Circuit by PUBLIC AUCTION at the High Court of Justice, Basseterre, St Kitts

on Thursday the 30th day of January 2025, at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

3,894.80 square feet of land situate at **Newton Ground**, St Paul Parish, St Kitts and bounded and measuring as follows: On or towards the North by lands of Maureen Whittaker, 37.82 feet and 45.52 feet; On the North-East by a Public Road, 30.60 feet; On the South-East by lands of P. Lake, 70.27 feet; On the South-West partly by lands of Violet Richardson and partly by lands of Joseph Edmeade, 72.91 feet; and On or towards the North-West by lands of Gladys Jeffers, 34.44 feet; all as the same is described in a Certificate of Title December 4, 2012 and registered in Book L3 Folio 686 of the Register of Titles for the Island of Saint Christopher.

SURVEY PLAN & PHOTOGRAPH OF PROPERTY:

UPSET PRICE:

The upset price for the above land shall be **EC$285,118.40**

GENERAL INFORMATION: The successful bidder: (1) must publicly declare on whose behalf he or she is bidding; (2) must pay at the time of sale a deposit of one fourth (25%) of his or her winning bid; and (3) must pay the balance within one month from the day of the public auction. The purchaser(s) shall be entitled, by law, to possession of the property after payment of the deposit. The purchaser(s) must pay Stamp Duty (statutorily 6% of the purchase price) and any Property Taxes accrued and unpaid at the time of the transfer of the property. It is recommended that the purchaser(s) instruct legal counsel to conclude the transfer process. Contact the Applicant/Mortgagee's Attorneys-at-Law, Kelsick, Wilkin and Ferdinand (869-465-2440 or law@kwfonline.com) or the High Court Registry (869-467-1102 registryskn@gov.kn) for more details

Dated the 28th day of November 2024

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While this outcome is regrettable, this decision underscores the Government's steadfast commitment to accountability, transparency, and prioritizing the best interests of St. Kitts & Nevis.

The Government wishes to reaffirm its commitment to deliver affordable, reliable, and renewable energy solutions to the people of St. Kitts & Nevis. Accordingly, in the coming weeks, SKELEC and the Government will be announcing new renewable energy opportunities aimed at transparently and inclusively advancing our energy transition goals and creating local economic opportunities.

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IN THE MATTER OF SECTION 144 OF THE TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT AND LOST CERTIFICATE OF TITLE ISSUED JULY 8, 2015 REGISTERED IN BOOK 03, FOLIO 330 OF THE SAINT CHRISTOPHER REGISTER OF TITLES

NOTICE OF LOST CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that CIBC Caribbean Bank (Barbados) Limited (formerly FirstCaribbean International Bank (Barbados) Limited), a body duly incorporated under the Companies Act of Barbados, and duly registered under the laws of Saint Christopher and Nevis, Equitable Mortgagee of the below-mentioned property of Teresa Anne Walwyn of Bird Rock Extension, Basseterre, St Kitts and Charles William Augustine Walwyn of the Island of St. Christopher now residing at Hodges Bay in the Island of Antigua, has applied to the Registrar of Titles for the issue of a replacement Certificate of Title in lieu of one registered in Book 03, Folio 330 of the Register of Titles of the Island of St Kitts on the basis that the said Certificate of Title has been irrecoverably lost, the land contained in the said title being ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land known as Lot No. 4 situate at Bird Rock Extension in the Parish of St. George, in the Town of Basseterre, in the Island of Saint Christopher, bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On or towards the North-West by a Public Road to water tank, 129.01 feet; On or towards the South-East by lands of Ben and Telca Francis, 124.72 feet; On or towards the North-East by a road to Paragon Heights, 75.08 feet; and On or towards the South-West by a Public Road, 23.10 feet; and containing by admeasurement 5,966.00 square feet.

Any person who may be in possession of the said Certificate of Title or of any information which may lead to its recovery, kindly contact: **KELSICK, WILKIN & FERDINAND**, Attorneys-at-Law, of Chambers, Fred Kelsick Building, Independence Square South, Basseterre, St Kitts.

Dated this 11th day of December 2024

Signed .....

M. Elizabeth A. Kelsick, Partner
KELSICK, WILKIN & FERDINAND
Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicant

Global Wage Report 2024-25

Wage inequality has declined in two-thirds of countries worldwide since start of 21st century

Global real average wage growth has started to rise again as inflation progressively eases. Despite these positive outcomes, high levels of wage inequality remain, making it a pressing policy issue, ILO report finds.

28 November 2024

Is wage inequality decreasing globally?

GENEVA (ILO News) - A new report from the International Labour Organization (ILO) reveals that wage inequality has decreased in about two-thirds of all countries since 2000. Despite this positive trend, significant wage differentials persist worldwide.

The Global Wage Report 2024-25: Is wage inequality decreasing globally?, finds that since the early 2000's, on average, wage inequality, which compares the wages of high and low wage earners, decreased in many countries at an average rate that ranged from 0.5 to 1.7 per cent annually, depending on the measure used. The most significant decreases occurred among low-income countries where the average annual decrease ranged from 3.2 to 9.6 per cent in the past two decades.

Wage inequality is declining at a slower pace in wealthier countries, shrinking annually between 0.3 and 1.3 per cent in upper-middle-income-countries, and between 0.3 to 0.7 per cent in high-income countries. Moreover, even though wage inequality narrowed overall, decreases were more significant among wage workers at the upper end of the pay scale.

Real wages rose globally but regional differences persist

The report also finds that global wages have been growing faster than inflation in recent times. In 2023, global real wages grew by 1.8 per cent with projections reaching 2.7 per cent growth for 2024, the highest increase in more than15 years. Such positive outcomes mark a notable recovery when compared to the negative global wage growth, of -0.9 per cent, observed in 2022, a period when high inflation rates outpaced nominal wage growth.

However, wage growth has been uneven across regions, with emerging economies experiencing stronger growth than advanced economies, the report finds. While advanced G20 economies registered a decline in real wages for two consecutive years (-2.8 per cent in 2022 and -0.5 per cent in 2023), real wage growth remained positive for both years in emerging G20 economies (1.8 per cent in 2022 and 6.0 per cent in 2023).

Regional wage growth patterns varied considerably. Wage workers in Asia and the Pacific, Central and Western Asia, and Eastern Europe experienced their real wage increases at a faster rate than those in other parts of the world, according to the report.

"The return to positive real wage growth is a welcome development," said ILO Director-General, Gilbert F. Houngbo. "However, we must not forget that millions of workers and their families continue to suffer from the cost-of-living crisis that has eroded their living standards and that wage disparities between and within countries remain unacceptably high."

Persistent wage inequality

Despite recent progress high levels of wage inequality remain a pressing issue. The report shows that globally, the lowest-paid 10 per cent of workers earn just 0.5 per cent of the global wage bill, while the highest-paid 10 per cent earn nearly 38 per cent of this wage bill. Wage inequality is the highest in low-income countries, with close to 22 per cent of wage workers there classified as low-paid.

Women and wage workers in the informal economy are more likely to be among the lowest paid. This finding reinforces the need for targeted actions to close wage and employment gaps and ensure fair wages for all wage workers.

Wage inequality is relevant in all countries and regions. Globally, however, one in every three workers is a non-wage worker. In most low- and middle-income countries the majority are self-employed workers, who can only find opportunities to earn a living in the informal economy. It is for this reason that the report broadens its analysis to include the self-employed in the case of low- and middle- income countries. As a result, measured labour income inequality increases significantly in these regions, as compared to that measured based only on wages from wage workers.

"National strategies to reduce inequalities require strengthening wage policies and institutions," says Giulia De Lazzari, ILO Economist and one of the main authors of the report. "But equally important is to design policies that promote productivity, decent work and the formalization of the informal economy."

Strengthening wage policies to reduce inequality

The study emphasizes the need for targeted policies to foster inclusive economic growth.

The report concludes that reducing wage inequality requires both strong wage policies and structural support for equitable growth. By addressing these challenges countries can make real progress toward reducing wage gaps and promoting fair, sustainable, economic growth for workers worldwide.

Key ILO recommendations include:

Setting wages through social dialogue: wages should be set and adjusted through collective bargaining or agreed minimum wage systems involving governments, workers and employers.

Taking an informed approach: wage-setting should take into account both the needs of workers and their families and economic factors.

Promoting equality, and equal opportunity of treatment and outcomes: wage policies should support gender equality, equity and non-discrimination.

Using strong data: decisions should be based on reliable data and statistics.

Addressing root causes of low pay: national policies should reflect each country's specific context and address the causes of low pay such as informality, low productivity and the under-valuing of jobs in sectors such as the care economy.

West Indies Squad Announced for T20I Series Against Bangladesh in St. Vincent

ST JOHN'S, Antigua - Cricket West Indies (CWI) has announced the squad for the upcoming three-match CG United T20 International (T20I) home series against Bangladesh, which will be held from December 15 to 19, 2024, at the Arnos Vale Stadium in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

The series, which will be the final series for the year on home soil, will see the return of the experienced Johnson Charles, who has been sidelined for the past two series due to injury. Additionally, Keacy Carty has earned his first T20 International call-up following an impressive Caribbean Premier League season, strengthening the middle-order options for the West Indies. The team will be captained by Rovman Powell, with Brandon King as vice-captain.

Head Coach Daren Sammy welcomed the inclusion of Carty, who notched a maiden century against England in November, emphasizing the importance of depth in the batting lineup for a competitive series.

"He has shown us that he could be a batter in that format, and playing against Bangladesh, a team we cannot take for granted, we need all hands-on deck," Sammy said.

Shai Hope and Sherfane Rutherford will not be available for this series as they are fulfilling commitments in the Big Bash League. Akeal Hosein will also miss the final match of the series for similar reasons.

The squad was selected with a clear focus on continuity and preparation for the 2026 ICC T20 World Cup.

Sammy added, "The squad was carefully selected with the players available to us, and I believe this is our most settled squad with the experience needed to win championships."

Sammy expressed the importance of closing the year on a high, particularly for fans in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

"We all would love to give the Caribbean people a good pre-Christmas gift by winning the series to close off the year, especially for the people of St. Vincent and the Grenadines who didn't get to see the West Indies team during the World Cup."

West Indies CG United T20I Squad

Rovman Powell (Captain)
Brandon King (Vice-Captain)
Keacy Carty
Johnson Charles
Roston Chase
Justin Greaves
Terrance Hinds
Akeal Hosein
Alzarri Joseph
Evin Lewis
Obed McCoy
Gudakesh Motie
Nicholas Pooran
Romario Shepherd
Shamar Springer
*Jayden Seales replaces Akeal Hosein after the first two games of the series.

Team Management Unit (TMU):

Head Coach: Daren Sammy
Manager: Rawl Lewis
Assistant Coach (Bowling): James Franklin
Assistant Coach (Fielding): Rayon Griffith
Assistant Coach (Batting): Floyd Reifer
Physiotherapist: Denis Byam
Strength & Conditioning Coach: Ronald Rogers
Massage Therapist: Darc Browne
Analyst: Avenesh Seetaram
Media & Content Officer: Jerome Foster

West Indies vs Bangladesh CG United T20I Home Series Schedule:

1st T20I: 15 December 2024, Arnos Vale Stadium, St. Vincent

2nd T20I: 17 December 2024, Arnos Vale Stadium, St. Vincent

3rd T20I: 19 December 2024, Arnos Vale Stadium, St. Vincent

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In the matter of the Application of **TREVORN HENDRICKSON** for the issue of a Grant of Letters of Administration in the Estate of **MUTRICE HERBERT** late of 124 Cabbage Tree Housing Development, Cayon, St. Kitts, deceased

And

In the Matter of Rule 13 of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court (Non-Contentious Probate and Administration of Estates) Rules

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **TREVORN HERBERT** formerly of 124 Cabbage Tree Housing Development, Cayon, St. Kitts, but currently residing at Ashburn Virginia, 204146, United States of America, for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is the son of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 18th day of July, 2022.

Any person having objection to the grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 20th day of September, 2024.

Filed by C. Marissa Hobson-Newman of **HOBSON-NEWMAN & AMRITT**, Attorneys-at Law whose address for service is: **Unit A5-1, Sands Complex, Bay Road, Basseterre, St. Kitts**

Gillespie resigns as Pakistan Test coach

Published BBC Sport

Image source,Getty Images
Jason Gillespie was appointed head coach on a two-year deal in April

Jason Gillespie has resigned as head coach of Pakistan's Test side.

The former Australia fast bowler was appointed in April on a two-year deal.

However, the 49-year-old has stepped down with Aqib Javed being named interim red-ball head coach, the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) said, external.

Former South Africa opener Gary Kirsten was named white-ball coach at the same time as Gillespie's appointment and he resigned in October.

Gillespie lost his first series in charge against Bangladesh and was then removed from Pakistan's selection panel after a heavy defeat by England in the opening Test of their series.

However, Pakistan went on to clinch the series 2-1.

At the time Gillespie told Sky Sports there were "frustrations from time to time" and that "it wasn't what I signed up for, I'll be completely honest".

He then took charge of a white-ball tour to Australia in Kirsten's absence, winning a one-day series but losing the T20 series.

Aqib then led the white-ball squad on a tour of Zimbabwe and the former Pakistan paceman has now been asked to lead the red-ball side with a Test series in South Africa starting this month.

Pakistan are in South Africa for a three-match T20 series followed by three one-day games, before the first Test in Centurion on 26 December.

Desalination Plant Construction Set to Secure 24/7 Water Supply

Basseterre, St. Kitts and Nevis, December 12, 2024 (PMO) - In an effort to address the Federation's growing water woes, the government of St. Kitts and Nevis is making considerable investments into the building and commissioning of desalination plants, as a means to provide a continuous, reliable, and sustainable supply of potable water for St. Kitts and Nevis, serving as a lifeline for residents and businesses across the Federation.

Prime Minister the Honourable Dr. Terrance Drew, along with Minister of Public Infrastructure and Water Services, Honourable Konris Maynard, and representatives from Royal Utilities, recently visited the site of one of the plants currently under construction at the C.A. Paul Southwell Industrial Site in Basseterre.

The seawater reverse osmosis desalination plant, a major component of the Drew-led government's strategy to enhance water security, is expected to produce two million gallons of water daily. Prime Minister Dr. Drew, who has been a vocal advocate for improving national infrastructure, expressed confidence in the project's timely completion. "We are fortunate that every step of the way, every milestone has been met as per the contractual obligations. The work is progressing very well, and we are on schedule," said Dr. Drew.

Minister Maynard also reaffirmed the government's commitment to tackling the water supply issues that have been exacerbated by climate change. "This is a major undertaking by the government," Minister Maynard stated, â€œâ€¦and we are extremely grateful for the unwavering support from the Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, and the entire Cabinet in making this project a priority. Their support has been instrumental in ensuring we continue to hit all the necessary targets."

The desalination plant is expected to be operational by mid-2025, with full-scale water production commencing by July 2025. The plant will ensure that the Basseterre region and surrounding areas receive a consistent and reliable source of potable water 24 hours a day, seven days a week. "This will be a game-changer for St. Kitts and Nevis. By the middle of 2025, we will be able to provide a steady supply of water for the entire Basseterre region, eliminating the current water shortages

and improving the overall quality of life for our people."

While the desalination plant will provide much-needed relief, the Prime Minister acknowledged the current challenges facing residents, particularly the water shortages caused by the ongoing impacts of climate change. "I understand the frustrations that many of us are going through due to limited water supply, and we are committed to resolving these issues. Our vision is to make sure that every citizen in St. Kitts and Nevis has access to potable water 24/7, and this desalination plant is a major step toward that goal."

The plant is part of a broader water security strategy that includes enhanced water storage systems, the drilling of additional wells, and the identification of new water sources. The government is also implementing a comprehensive system to improve the distribution and efficiency of water delivery, ensuring that it reaches every household and business in the Federation.

Minister Maynard outlined some of the additional efforts being made, saying, "In addition to the desalination plant, we are drilling new wells around the island and conducting hydrogeological surveys using drones to identify potential new water sources. We are also working on large storage tanks that will help ensure that even during dry spells, there will be an ample supply of water available to our citizens."

This large-scale investment, valued at EC$50 million, is a direct response to the ongoing strain on the island's water resources.

As Minister Maynard explained, the water aquifers in the Basseterre Valley are under increasing pressure due to reduced rainfall, rising sea levels, and over-extraction, which threatens to lead to saltwater intrusion. "If saltwater intrusion occurs, it would render the current freshwater sources unusable, and that's why we are prioritizing these investments now. The desalination plant is a vital solution to ensure that our water supply remains secure for future generations."

In addition to ensuring the availability of water for everyday use, the desalination plant will be a critical tool for the continued growth and development of St. Kitts and Nevis. Dr. Drew and Minister Maynard stressed the importance of water in sustaining the country's development and the well-being of its citizens. "Water is life, and every drop counts," said Dr. Drew. "The investments we are making today are not just about solving immediate water issues; they are about safeguarding our future and building a resilient infrastructure that can withstand the challenges of tomorrow."

The government's emphasis on water security and its dedication to addressing the climate crisis is aligned with the Sustainable Island State Agenda (SISA), which focuses on creating a sustainable and prosperous future for all citizens of St. Kitts and Nevis.

As the desalination plant nears completion, the government remains focused on making further improvements in water management across the islands, working collaboratively with local partners such as Royal Utilities and the Water Services Department to ensure the success of this transformative project.

To learn more about the government's achievements and successes, visit www.gov.kn/national-accomplishments.

Improve productivity for more pay, public sector told

Brian Wheeler
Political reporter BBC News

PA Media Sir Keir Starmer, in a blue open-necked shirt and dark rimmed glasses, standing in front of a group of women in blue hospital worker shirtsPA Media

Public sector workers will only get above inflation pay increases if they improve productivity, Downing Street has said.

Unions have reacted with anger to proposals for a 2.8% pay increase for teachers, NHS staff and senior civil servants next year.

The British Medical Association (BMA) said there was a "very real risk" of further industrial action if "pay erosion" was not addressed, while Unison's Helga Pile said the proposal was a "bitter pill".

But Downing Street said it was "vital that pay awards are fair for both taxpayers and workers".

The government said departments would have to fund 2025-26 and future pay increases from their own budgets.

"For pay awards to go beyond inflation they will have to be met by productivity improvements," Sir Keir Starmer's spokesman told reporters.

Inflation - which measures price changes over time - is predicted to average 2.6% next year.

The pay recommendations will now be considered by public sector pay review bodies and a final decision made by the government next year.

Asked about strike threats, the PM's spokesman said the government "clearly values" public sector workers and had given them their "first meaningful pay increases for several years in July".

But, he added, the government had been "upfront" about the need to take "tough decisions" to after inheriting a £22bn "black hole" in the public finances from the previous government.

A spokeswoman for Sir Keir said the Conservatives' "scorched earth approach and failure of leadership" had led to strikes in the NHS.

But unions say pay is still failing to keep pace with the rising cost of living.

The BMA has said the recommended pay rise for 2025/26 "indicates a poor grasp of the unresolved issues from two years of industrial action".

Royal College of Nursing general secretary and chief executive Prof Nicola Ranger described the pay recommendation as "deeply offensive".

The National Education Union said it fell "well short of the urgent action needed".

TUC general secretary Paul Nowak said: "We all know the pressure on public finances from the mess the Tories left things in.

"But as the government's evidence acknowledges, the recruitment and retention crisis in our public sector has been driven in part by pay."

He said it was "hard to see how you address the crisis in our services without meaningful pay rises".

And he called on the government to hold a "serious conversation" with unions and workers about pay and public service reform.

Asked whether there are plans for ministers to meet union general secretaries to discuss pay, Sir Keir's spokesman said: "There will always be engagement throughout the pay review body process that is usual, and we'll obviously conduct the process in a collaborative way."

Record outbreak of dengue fever in Central and South America

Sofia Ferreira Santos
BBC News

Getty Images A member of a health brigade fumigates a street against the dengue virus in Lima on May 11, 2023. Getty Images
Local health authorities fumigate mosquito breeding sites to stem outbreaks of dengue fever

The number of cases of dengue fever in Central and South America has nearly tripled to a record high this year, the Pan American Health Organisation (Paho) said on Tuesday.

More than 12.6m cases and 7,700 deaths were recorded in what Paho says is the biggest outbreak in the region since records began in 1980.

Brazil, Argentina, Colombia in South America and Mexico in North America were hit especially hard by the virus, accounting for the majority of cases and deaths.

Dengue is a mosquito-borne virus that can cause serious illness or death in some cases.

Those with a more severe type of dengue might experience severe stomach pain, fatigue, vomiting, and blood in vomit or stool.

Vaccines have been introduced in some countries in the region, while others, such as Honduras, plan to start distribution in 2025.

In a statement, Paho urged for stronger mitigation efforts and collaboration across the Americas.

Its director, Dr Jarbas Barbosa, said the high number of cases was linked to a hotter, wetter climate and factors such as accumulated water around the home and poor waste management, which create breeding grounds for mosquitoes.

He also said the virus was posing a "higher-than-normal" risk to children.

In Guatemala, 70% of dengue-related deaths were children, while in Mexico, Costa Rica and Paraguay, under-15s made up more than a third of severe cases, Paho data showed.

Children and people with pre-existing health conditions are more likely to catch the disease and develop more serious symptoms.

Around half the world's population live in areas with a risk of contracting the disease, according to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

It is spread through the bite of an infected mosquito, most commonly the Aedes aegypti.

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Commitment to quality is non-negotiable, assures GM Williams-Humphrey as NCI rebrands and relocates offices

BASSETERRE, ST. KITTS, December 11, 2024 (MMS-SKN) — In a whirlwind of activities held over two days, Monday December 9, and Tuesday December 10, the Caribbean National Insurance (NCI) Company Limited held an official Brand Launch in St. Kitts and in Nevis, and opened its new office in Basseterre.

PM the Hon Dr Terrance Drew (middle) with members of Cabinet and senior officials from the National Bank Group of Companies - the St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla National Bank and National Caribbean Insurance Company Limited - after the opening of the new office.

Clockwise from top: NCI's General Manager Ms Diana Williams Humphrey; NCI's Deputy General Manager Mr Ryeburn Boyce; Chairperson of the Proceedings, Ms Sandra Swanston; A cross section of persons at the ceremony at Port Zante on Monday December 9.

While delivering remarks under the caption 'Brand Promise: Always Here for you - All ways' on Monday December 9 in St. Kitts and Tuesday December 10 in Nevis, General Manager, Ms Diana Williams-Humphrey said: "At the heart of our brand promise is a simple, yet powerful commitment: 'National Caribbean Insurance Always here for you - All ways'."

"This is not just a tagline - it is the guiding principle that shapes everything we do," the General Manager told the audience, which on Monday included Prime Minister and Minister of Finance with responsibility for the National Caribbean Insurance, the Hon Dr Terrance Drew. "Whether you are securing your home, your car, your health, or your business, we are always here for you, dedicated to providing protection, peace of mind, and a sense of security."

The new office in Basseterre, which was opened on Monday, is in Port Zante, upstairs Chop Shop Salon & Spa, and accompanying the Prime Minister at the Brand Launch and office opening in Basseterre, were his Cabinet colleagues, the Rt. Hon Dr Denzil Douglas, the Hon Konris Maynard, and the Hon Samal Duggins, and Cabinet Secretary, Dr Marcus Natta.

"We believe in the power of building lasting relationships with you, our customers, based on mutual respect, transparency, and a shared pursuit of excellence," assured Ms Williams-Humphrey, in remarks that were also given in Nevis. â€œThis promise will drive our decisions, our products, and our interactions. It is the standard by which we will measure our success. At NCI our commitment to quality is non-negotiable."

Invited to give brief remarks, Prime Minister Drew congratulated General Manager Ms Diana Williams-Humphrey and her dedicated team of workers who have worked hard in "transforming NCI to the next level," and hailed its Board of Directors Chairman, Ambassador Cedric Liburd, as one of the pioneers of modern insurance in St. Kitts and Nevis.

"I am here this morning to say one simple thing - to say to you that we are extremely proud of what you have delivered in such a short time - you have delivered," said the Honourable Prime Minister. "I want to say that what NCI is doing today really, is setting the standards for all other statutory bodies, but I also would like to say that National Bank in itself and the Trust are not behind at all."

In conclusion, he added: "I would say that this is the thrust - using technology, putting people at the centre, building trust, and making sure we deliver for the people. NCI, you have done it - congratulations."

The ceremony in Basseterre on

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Monday, December 9, was chaired by Ms Sandra Swanston, NCI's Senior Manager, Human Resources, and invocation delivered by Pastor Clive Saunders, while the ceremony held at the Nevis branch office at the Analdo Chiverton Building Complex in Stoney Grove on Tuesday December 10, was chaired by Branch Manager, Mrs Hazel Manners-David, and invocation delivered by Rev Canon Yvette Bagnall.

NCI's Chairman, His Excellency Cedric Liburd, while making remarks under the caption 'Celebrating Our Path: The Journey to HERE', both in St. Kitts and in Nevis, reported that the Board of Directors improved the management staff by employing a new General Manager, Ms Diana Williams-Humphrey, and Ms Atisha Byron as Assistant General Manager.

"We believe that the re-branding of the Company and the improvement in the settlement of claims would enable the company to address some of the factors affecting the overall productivity and performance," said Ambassador Liburd.

NCI is part of the National Bank Group of Companies, and in St. Kitts on Monday, Mr David Lake, Group Commercial Head, St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla National Bank Limited, delivered remarks under the caption 'Unified Strategy: Collaboration for Success' where among others he said that the day marked a defining moment in the on-going journey of the Group of Companies.

"As National Caribbean Insurance enters a new chapter with a revitalised identity, new premises, and a broader vision for the future, we are beginning the transformation of NCI, another step in the strategic evolution of the group," said Mr Lake, who was accompanied by National Bank's CEO Mr Anthony Galloway.

However, delivering remarks in Nevis on Tuesday, under the same caption 'Unified Strategy: Collaboration for Success', was Managing Director of the National Bank Group of Companies, Mr Terrence Crossman, who noted that Nevis has always played a critical role in the successes of the organisation.

"Our new identity reflects how we are adapting to meet the future head on,â€€ said Mr Crossman. "While we embrace modern technology and AI, we remain grounded in the core principles that have guided us over the years. This fresh approach will be evident at every touch point throughout our organisation and in every interaction with our customers."

NCI's Deputy General Manager Mr Ryeburn Boyce, delivering remarks under the caption 'Brand Evolution: Unveiling of New Identity' both on St. Kitts and on Nevis, pointed out that a company's logo is the foundation of its brand identity and that at this time in the company's history and as part of its overall transformation, they thought it prudent to present what NCI stands for and practices in a different way - with a new logo.

The first element of NCI's new logo is the shield, which is a universal symbol of protection, thus signifying the company's core mission to safeguard the wellbeing of its clients. The second element of the logo is the company's unique and wonderful representation of a family by way of human forms.

"The combination of the shield and the human forms will showcase NCI as a company with the strength to provide reliable protection while maintaining a caring, people-centred approach with clients, staff and indeed all stakeholders," said Mr Boyce.

Delivering remarks, both in St. Kitts and in Nevis, under the caption 'Navigating Innovation: A New Digital Experience' which was accompanied by video presentation was NCI's Assistant General Manager Ms Atisha Byron, who said that the company was unveiling an exciting new chapter in its journey,

Prime Minister and Minister of Finance with responsibility for the National Caribbean Insurance, the Hon Dr Terrance Drew, delivering remarks.

Picture on the left shows the cutting of the ribbon for the new office; picture on top right shows Chairman of NCI His Excellency Cedric Liburd; picture at the bottom shows a cross section of persons at the ceremony at Port Zante on Monday December 9.

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one that reflects its commitment to innovation, excellence, and services.

"Today, we proudly launch our new website, a digital gateway to the future of our insurance services," said Ms Byron. "This platform has been meticulously designed to provide a seamless experience, whether you are exploring insurance plans or seeking advice. It's intuitive, user-friendly, and tailored to meet the diverse needs of individuals, families, and businesses."

Present at the two ceremonies in St. Kitts and in Nevis included Deputy Chairperson of the NCI Board of Directors, Mrs Emelita Warner-Paul, and Board Members, Mr Shannoid Bass, Mr McLevon Tross, and Mrs Shanelle Pinney-Myers, while present on Monday in St. Kitts included, NCI's Consultant Mr Denzil Crooke, Chairman of the National Bank Trust, Mr Peter Jenkins, and Manager Mr Collin Walwyn.

NCI's Board Members and Senior Staff pose for a group picture with staff at the Nevis office.

At the Nevis Brand Launch on Tuesday December 10, are Clockwise from top: Mr Terrance Crossman, Ms Atisha Byron, Ambassador Cedric Liburd, and Chairperson of the proceedings, Mrs Hazel Manners-David.

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SCHEDULE A

To the Magistrate, District "B"

To the Superintendent of Police.

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Dated this
04th day of **December, 2024.**

Signed: Zhaoge Cao

LIQUOR LICENCES ORDIANANCES, 1906
SCHEDULE A

To the Magistrate, District "B"

To the Superintendent of Police.

WE, Zhaoge Cao & Shunyi Chen now residing in **Bourkes Road** the town of **Sandy Point,** do hereby give you notice that is our intention to apply on **31st** day of **December, 2024,** to the **District Magistrate** at **Old Road** for a **Wholesale Liquor Licence** in respect of our premises in **Everyday Ltd.** in **Main Street** in **Old Road** in **St. Kitts.**

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R&A updates policy on transgender women golfers

A generic image of a golf ball - Image source,Getty Images
The R&A and LPGA changes follow similar amendments by sports including athletics and swimming

Published BBC Sport

Transgender women who have gone through male puberty will not be allowed to compete in women's golf tournaments organised by the R&A from the start of 2025.

The R&A, golf's St Andrews-based governing body, has updated its rules on gender policy following an "extensive consultation" with medical and scientific experts.

It comes after the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) and United States Golf Association (USGA) updated their gender policies this month to exclude players who have gone through male puberty from women's events.

"The evidence shows that golf is a gender-affected sport in which male puberty confers a performance advantage," the R&A said.

The R&A, which governs golf's rules outside the United States and Mexico, oversees women's championships including the Women's Open.

Chief executive Martin Slumbers said the R&A had a "duty to ensure that in our elite competitions players can compete fairly and equally".

"We have carefully reviewed the best available medical and scientific advice relating to participation in elite and scratch-level golf competitions by transgender athletes and decided that updating our entry conditions to preserve fairness in our female professional and elite amateur championships is the right thing to do," Slumbers said.

Governing bodies from sports including swimming and athletics have already banned transgender women from competing in the female category at elite level if they have gone through male puberty.

Woods to make return at exhibition in Orlando

Image source, Getty Images
Tiger Woods (right) and son Charlie (left) have never won the PNC Championship

Published BBC Sport

Former world number one Tiger Woods will return to play alongside son Charlie at next week's PNC Championship exhibition tournament in Orlando.

Earlier this month, Woods said he was not yet "tournament sharp" to play competitively as he continues to recover from back surgery in September.

The 15-time major winner, who turns 49 this month, has not played since The Open in July where he failed to make the cut for the third consecutive major.

However, he and his son will make their fifth appearance at the annual 36-hole team event, which also allows players to use golf carts.

The father and son pair tied for fifth last year after finishing second in 2021.

The PNC Championship includes current and former professional golfers playing with a parent or child.

German legend Bernhard Langer and his son Jason will return to the Ritz-Carlton club to defend their title.

Fiji's Vijay Singh and his son Qass, and American Nelly Korda and her father Petr are also among those involved in Florida.

'I'm just a kid' - 16-year-old breaks 200m record in 20.04secs

Gout Gout becomes fastest 16-year-old in history over 200m

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Australian teenage sensation Gout Gout has entered the record books by becoming the fastest 16-year-old in history over 200m.

He ran the distance in 20.04 seconds during the Australian schools championships in Brisbane on Saturday, breaking the national record set by Peter Norman when he won silver at the 1968 Olympics.

Gout's time is the fastest ever by a 16-year-old , externaland the second fastest by an athlete under the age of 18 - behind Erriyon Knighton's 19.84 as a 17-year-old in 2021.

"It's pretty crazy," said Gout.

"Right now I can't process it, but I guess tonight when I go to bed, I'll think about it. These are adults. And me, I'm just a kid, and I'm running them (down).

"I've been chasing that record, but I didn't think it would come this year. I thought it would come maybe next year, the year after that."

Gout, who turns 17 later this month, ran the fourth-fastest 100m by an Australian with a time of 10.04 on Friday.

At 6ft 2in, Gout's speed and running style has earned him comparisons with Jamaican legend Usain Bolt.

Australian broadcaster ABC said Gout will travel to the United States next month to train with Olympic 100m champion Noah Lyles.

The son of migrants from war-torn South Sudan, Gout lives in the Brisbane suburb of Ipswich.

The 2032 Olympics will be held in the Australian city, when Gout would be 24.