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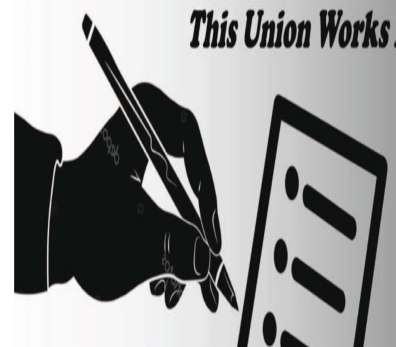
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Editorial

What Does Freedom Of Speech Mean To You?

To say whether or not democracy is alive and well in any society is at the interpretation level or perceived explanation of whomever, (government or people) experience, reality, observation and anticipation - unless he or she pulls out the dictionary's definition by Oxford's term which says such is "A political system that allows the citizens to participate in political decision-making, or to elect representatives to government bodies."

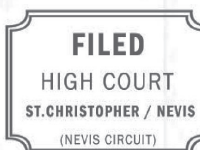
And freedom of speech- "Liberty to express opinions and ideas without hindrance, and especially without fear of punishment."

Described to be a lifeblood of democracy and freedom of speech stars the show.

In any democratic society, citizens and residents often comfortably boast and revel in the environment of one's right that comes with expressing one's opinions and ideas that offer a different or even controversial side which might not be a popular public point of view.

Here in St.Kitts and Nevis, a current hot topic is that of those public figures who are particularly known in the political spheres as influential and powerful. Some people even dare say it is better for whichever government of the day not to get these individuals outrageously concerned about governance because they are the definition of whistleblowers who could influence the opinion of voters.

Case Number :NEVHPB2023/0071



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In the Estate of Paulina Nellie Dore of Butlers Village, St. James' Parish, Nevis deceased

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **Sherry Dore Morris** of Butlers Village Village, St. James' Parish, Nevis, for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is the daughter of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 4th day of January, 2018.

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

Dated this 6th day of December, 2023.

Belva L. Nisbett
Nisbetts, Solicitors

Filed by: Nisbetts, Solicitors, whose address for service is Chapel Street, Charlestown, Nevis.

Such individuals are often praised for their knowledgeable and literate ways which complement the platforms thus feeding into the supportive attentiveness of their audiences.

In this day and age, social media gives a different meaning to information sharing, and so capturing the attention of one's audience is as quick and easy as hitting 'live' recording while in the heat of the moment or delivering a properly planned presentation so as to give structure to one's views. Written pieces are right there alongside the outlets for sharing, venting and ranting per topic(s).

And according to who responds in whatever way to whatever allegations or questions, some people perceive such to be attempts to stifle democracy or muzzle the messenger while others would say the appropriate response is to give attention in shutting down the propaganda and misinformation.

The public spotlight placed on influencers, including those in our Federation, is focused on their usual stance to say what is on their minds, including asking the type of tough questions when everyone else seems to be shying away.

Although, freedom of speech is highly appreciated by those of us who like to either partake or simply observe from quiet corners, it is safe to say that there are terms and conditions that apply to freedom of speech that must be consciously weighed with a sense of responsibility.

Hence, while freedom of speech is a fundamental right-defamation, inciting violence, slander and other related aspects should not be justified or encouraged by way of communicating to wide and impressionable audiences and or supporters.

Democracy and freedom of speech goes hand in hand but it appears to be some type of balancing act.

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Gov't Minister Konris Maynard To Big Lice: 'You Crossed The Line'

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETTERRE, St.Kitts (Wednesday 17th January 2023)

- Government Minister Konris Maynard is accusing well-known political commentator Duncan 'Big Lice' Wattley of crossing the line between harsh and passionate criticism by way of leaping into malicious intent behaviour with "false and defamatory allegations" made.

As revealed in a statement issued by him on Wednesday 17th January 2024, legal action will be taken for what was expressed during Wattley's live Facebook programme on Thursday 11th January.

"There is a clear line between harsh and passionate criticism of my style as a politician, a person and a Minister, which I welcome, versus jumping in the gutter with blatantly false, malicious, repulsive, and scandalous accusations against me both personally and professionally. Mr Wattley has leapt over that line and into a realm of unsavoury behaviour that reeks of bad faith and malicious intent."

"I will NOT stand for this and intend to pursue this matter against Mr. Wattley to the full extent of the law, he added

According to Maynard: "Mr. Wattley ought to be ashamed to tarnish my good name and character loosely and recklessly as he has done. I take these false and defamatory allegations seriously and do not intend to ignore them or be scandalized by Mr. Wattley and his outrageous attacks! I have instructed my lawyer to take the appropriate action, seeking an immediate retraction and apology by Mr. Wattley to be aired in a similar manner to the falsehoods he has told about me within 48 hours of receipt of correspondence from my lawyer. I will NOT allow Mr. Wattley's reckless disregard for my reputation or integrity to stand."

Additionally, he pointed out that that Facebook live garnered over 9,000 views and 25 shares to other Facebook pages with over 7,000 views "on a particular YouTube Channel and countless more republications on media and electronic platforms with worldwide reach."

Case Number :NEVHPB2023/0070

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

NEVIS CIRCUIT

A.D. 2023

(PROBATE)

In the Estate of Felton Griffin of New Castle, St. James' Parish, Nevis, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by VERLYN GRIFFIN of Morning Star, St. John's Parish, Nevis, for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above deceased who died on the 10th day of September, 2023 without revoking a will bearing date the 3rd day of July, 2023 wherein the applicant is named the sole executrix.

Any person having an objection to the grant of Probate to the application shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 11th day of December, 2023


 Belva L. Nisbett
 Nisbetts Solicitors

Filed by: Nisbetts, Solicitors, whose address for service is Chapel Street, Charlestown, Nevis.

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Maynard opined that: "Having listened to the speech, it is clear that Mr. Wattley deliberately set out to use his platform and his position in the Government to launch vicious and unfounded attacks against me with the intention to cause serious harm to my character and my reputation, both personally and professionally, under the guise of "being informed".

He added: "I want to categorically deny these serious and fabricated accusations

made by Mr. Wattley against me, whether couched as "questions", comments, or statements. It is unfortunate that Mr. Wattley believes that he could take such reckless liberties with the character and reputation of others because he has not gotten his way. This act by Mr. Wattley will not go unanswered or excused as political commentary or under the false premise of "Country Above Self" or unfettered freedom of speech. Let me be very clear: ALL the allegations made against me by Mr. Wattley, no matter how loudly he shouts them, are blatant lies!"

Among the listing of five areas outlined for "public record", Maynard highlighted: "As a Minister of Government, and in particular as Minister with responsibility for SKELEC, I have never used my position to engage in any illegal, corrupt, or fraudulent practices for personal enrichment of any kind."

Front Page Image: Government Minister Konris Maynard

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Tata Steel: Port Talbot blast furnaces to close with 3,000 expected job losses

Published BBC News



IMAGE SOURCE, GETTY IMAGES

Both the blast furnaces in the Port Talbot works are to close in a transition to electric arc furnaces

By Paul Pigott & Ben Price in Port Talbot
BBC News

Tata Steel is to push ahead with plans to close both its blast furnaces in Port Talbot with the expected loss of 3,000 jobs UK-wide, the BBC understands.

Most are expected to go by September, with the majority in Port Talbot where the steelworks will be transitioned to a greener electric arc furnace.

Unions called it a “crushing blow” and the “worst-case scenario”.

The UK government said it will support employees and the local economy.

Tata Steel currently employs 8,000 people, with about 4,000 based at the UK’s largest steelworks in Port Talbot, which has two coal powered blast furnaces.

The BBC has been told the first job losses are likely to begin in April, with more in September.

Tata Steel’s decision - set to be formally announced at 11:30 GMT Friday - follows a meeting between company executives and the Community, GMB and Unite unions.

Sources said Tata rejected the unions’ proposal to avoid redundancies by keeping one blast furnace going during the transition.

The Indian-owned firm will instead spend £1.25bn - including a £500m UK government subsidy - on its move to a method of steelmaking that will cut carbon emissions and stem financial losses on its UK operations of £1m a day.

It will be more environmentally friendly to operate, but require a smaller workforce.

It will be most difficult for “technical people like the electricians, the fitters,” explained Shaun Spencer, a 38-year-old electrical engineer at the site.

“There’s going to be a lot of high-quality jobs gone, and I don’t know where they’re going to be replaced,” he added.

Casey Jones, 24, from Sandfields in Port Talbot said: “It’s very sad, we’ve got a lot of people we know at Tata and the steelworks, this town, everything is going to die, because we rely on the steel.”



Casey Jones, 24, says she has a “love-hate relationship” with the steelworks, torn by the jobs it creates versus the environmental damage it causes

“Personally it’s like a love-hate relationship,” she said of the steelworks.

“It’s really bad for the environment but again it generates so many jobs, therefore everyone is going to be impacted.”

Former steelworker Nigel Thomas Hunt, who lost his job in a round of cuts in 2016, said the town is difficult to imagine without the blast furnaces.

“We smell them and we hear them... that’s the sound of home,” he said.



IMAGE SOURCE, GETTY IMAGES

The blast furnaces at Tata Steel’s plant in Port Talbot is powered by coal

A UK government spokesperson said: “We are determined to secure a sustainable and competitive future for the UK steel sector.”

They added support for staff included £80m in funding from the UK government and £20m from Tata Steel.

But Stephen Kinnock, Labour MP for Aberavon, urged Tata Steel and the UK government to rethink their approach.

“By pursuing a narrow electric arc furnace-only model, Tata Steel will be unable to seize the commercial opportunities of the future, while at the same time leaving Britain more dependent on imported steel from countries whose governments won’t always have Britain’s best interests at heart,” he said.

Wales’ Economy Minister, Vaughan Gething said: “This is not just an issue for Wales, steel is a sovereign asset and should be treated as such by the UK government.”

But the Welsh Secretary David TC Davies said: “Tata were always very clear - that they were either going to close the plant completely and that would’ve cost 8,000 jobs, or that they might be able to save jobs through an arc furnace.

“That’s why we’ve done everything we can to protect as many jobs as we can through putting up the money for the arc furnace.”

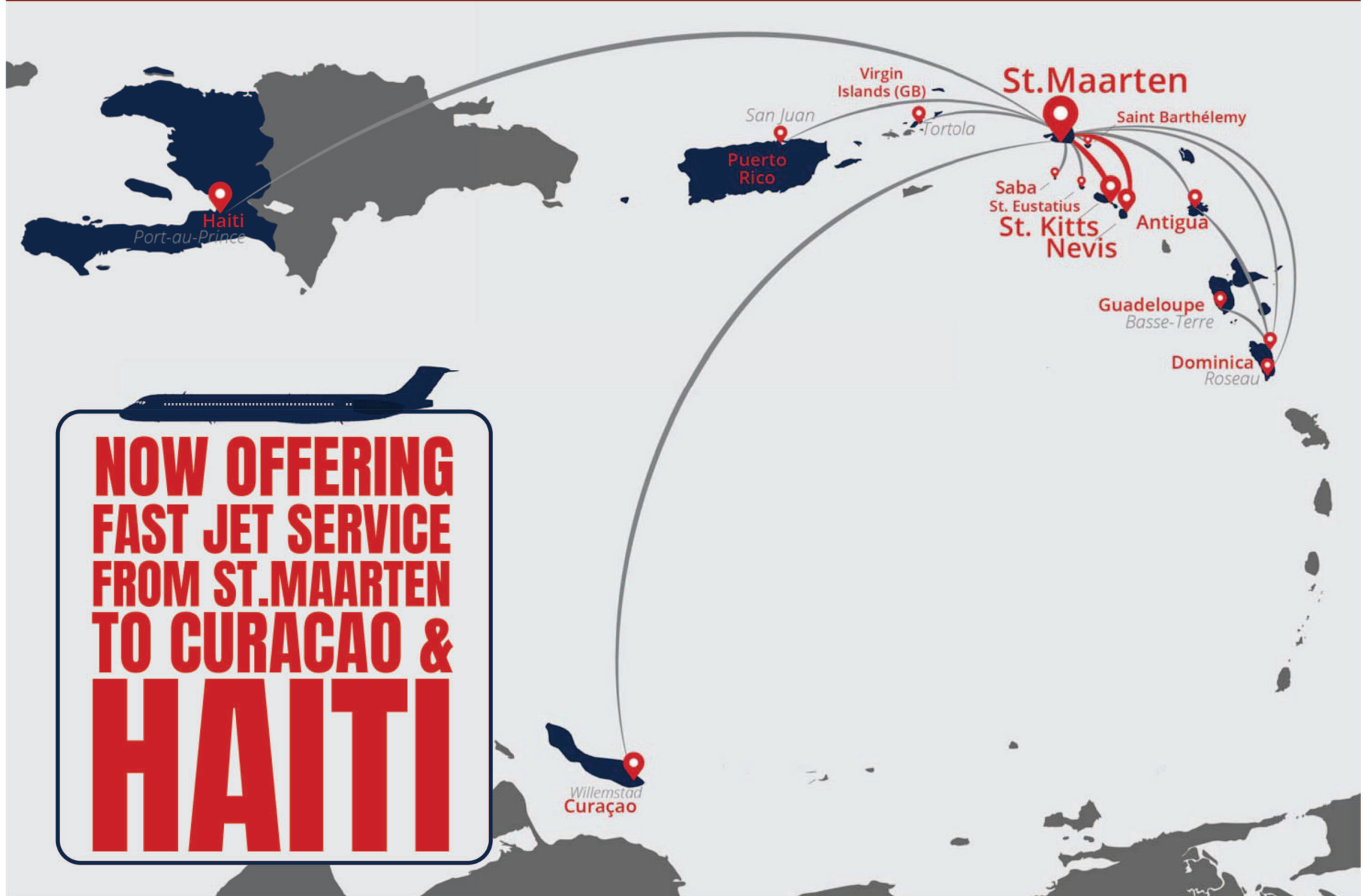


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Big Lice Comments On Getting Lawyer Letter

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETTERRE, St.Kitts (Wednesday 17th January 2023)

- "I was asking questions!" is the general response from well-known political commentator Duncan 'Big Lice' Wattley having received a letter from the lawyer representing government minister Konris Maynard relating to defamation claims.

In a night time live Facebook appearance on Wednesday 17th January 2023, he also questioned "Well who say that?! Nothing like that come out in de conversation!" while examining the contents of a 6-page letter served to him in the morning from John Brookes Law.

Wattley also told his audience which saw over 3000 viewers: "I come here tonight because me ain't responding to this! I will go to court, I will go to jail before I respond to this!"

"He [Konris Maynard] made some statements saying that I defamed his character I guess, and so I was served with a legal document today. Hence, why I am here tonight because I believe this is a very serious indictment on our democratic right. All of a sudden in my beloved St.Kitts and Nevis, people cannot ask questions of their ministers of government; sitting ministers, and I believe this is beyond ridiculous. My question is: What happen to de good governance agenda? What happen to all dem bills that being passed about Integrity in Public Life? I'm asking! This is a joke! Are we doing this just as a joke or are we serious?," he stated.

Wattley during his appearance said he is "a political analyst; that's my training, I will ask hard questions of any politician..."

He spoke about responsibility in politics saying: "In politics, there is something called collective responsibility and individual responsibility. Collective responsibility basically speaks to the cabinet. The doctrine of individual responsibility means that a minister is responsible to the parliament for the work of his department. The minister... is to be praised or blamed for that work. This doctrine is emphasised particularly at question time in parliament. If found blame worthy, a minister may be censored, transferred or dismissed. If an error is made that is less serious, the minister may apologise. Each minister is therefore responsible and accountable for the actions of his ministry and its departments whether the minister authorise such actions or not."

Speaking more about the lawyer's letter, he said: "I can't believe that a lawyer gun write these things... because when they point out everything that I said where I did not allege, I asked a question, and so if Konris Maynard 'I'm going to call his name now because he wrote me... -if he is de minister of Public Works then who I question?"

Wattley went on to mention that Maynard is also the sitting minister of Infrastructure and responsible for SKELEC "and so every question that I ask, I was asking the minister because he is responsible! He is responsible!"

SAGICOR LIFE (EASTERN CARIBBEAN) INC.

Violet Tuckett of **South Pelican Drive, Bird Rock, St. Kitts**, having made sworn deposition that **Policy No. S00086144** issued by **The Barbados Mutual Life Assurance Society** and assumed by **Sagicor Life (Eastern Caribbean) Inc.** on her life has been lost and having made application to the Directors to grant a duplicate of the same, notice is hereby given that unless objection is raised within one month of the date hereof, the duplicate policy asked for will be issued.

Dated: **9th January, 2024.**

By Order

Andrew Greaves
Corporate Secretary


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Dennis Bowers of **Stonefort Project, Challengers, St. Kitts**, having made sworn deposition that **Policy No. S05523849** issued by **Sagicor Life Inc** and assumed by **Sagicor Life (Eastern Caribbean) Inc.** on his life has been lost and having made application to the Directors to grant a duplicate of the same, notice is hereby given that unless objection is raised within one month of the date hereof, the duplicate policy asked for will be issued.

Dated: **10th January, 2024.**

By Order

Andrew Greaves
Corporate Secretary


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Sheizan Williams & Gerard Williams of **#39 Wingfield Heights, Old Road, St. Kitts, being beneficiaries**, having made sworn deposition that **Policy No. S05503594** issued by **The Barbados Mutual Life Assurance Society** and assumed by **Sagicor Life (Eastern Caribbean) Inc.** on the life of **Sheron Caines-Williams** has been lost and having made application to the Directors to grant a duplicate of the same, notice is hereby given that unless objection is raised within one month of the date hereof, the duplicate policy asked for will be issued.

Dated: **9th January, 2024.**

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According to him: "You as a sitting minister must be questioned and nobody could tell me that in this life that I'm living why I can't question a minister when people vote for

you. You are accountable to the people! And so questions must be asked!"

Front Page Image: Well-known political commentator Duncan 'Big Lice' Wattley (Spokesman Screenshot from 17th January 2024 Facebook live session)



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Head Of Historically Black University Talks About Choosing Career In Farming

By: Precious Mills

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Tuesday 16th January 2024) - Chancellor of the Southern University Agriculture Center and Dean of the College of Agriculture at Southern Orlando McMeans is encouraging individuals to consider a career in farming which includes mentioning making a six-figure salary and doing one’s part in helping to feed the world.

“Compared to years gone by in terms of what is happening now, farming is happening and occurring all over the world. I will tell you something I tell my faculty and students. I encourage my students and I recruit students to graduate in agriculture because in about 2050, we have to feed 10 billion people. We’re not graduating enough people to take care of the individuals who need to be fed now.”

He made the disclosure during an exclusive interview with this media house on Friday 29th December 2023 during a visit to the Federation of St.Kitts and Nevis. He was what advice he had to offer to individuals about choosing a career in farming.

McMeans added: “So, what I’m doing is retooling our recruitment efforts, and just give you an idea in the last three to four years; our college enrollment for agriculture has grown 50.2% and so what we’re doing now, because kids like I did-and maybe like you did- we thought about agriculture as getting in the field, getting behind.”

He added: “But when I tell people they can make six figures, where they can feed the world, where they can travel to China and live for a year or they can come down and be here in St.Kitts [and Nevis] and contribute, you know, to the agricultural growth and well-being of their fellow man, I think that’s one thing that would draw them to it. But also letting them know what agriculture is really about. I have three degrees in agriculture. I was in a laboratory all the time with a lab coat on. So it’s more than just a field.

Sharing some details about Southern University, he commented: “Well, Southern University is a historically black college, a historically black university. We have five different campuses. We have Baton Rouge, we have a law center, an ag [agriculture] center, we have a campus in New Orleans, and a campus in

Shreveport that’s a two-year, and our total enrollment for all five campuses is around 11,500 to 12,000 students.”

Commenting on what makes the university program stand out, he had this to say: “Our program stands out because we’re the only black college with an ag [agriculture] campus. We have our own. We have our own campus, everything. I am the Chancellor. We have our own faculty. We have our farm. We have about 600 acres. The thing that makes us unique is that we’re the first HBCU [historically black college and university] to have a license to grow medical marijuana. And we have 42 to



Chancellor of the Southern University Agriculture Center and Dean of the College of Agriculture at Southern Orlando McMeans (Credit:SKNIS)

44 products on the market right now in Louisiana in 10 different dispensaries. And so we’re here now to expand our relationship on research and development with St. Kitts and Nevis. And also, we’re looking at opportunity to recruit students.”

According to McMeans: “So we are really, really known for our agricultural commodities. We work with another university, Louisiana State University, LSU. We try not to duplicate, but our strengths are in animal science, pre-vet medicine. A lot of our students go to vet school at Tuskegee and other prestigious veterinary schools. We have the only urban forestry program in the nation accredited, and we have a bachelor’s, master’s, and Ph.D. program.”

Front Banner Image: School students and others check out the duck pond at the 2023 Agriculture Open Day in April 2023 (Spokesman Snap)



National Caribbean Insurance Company Limited

having made sworn deposition that policy number **78959 on the life of Shadelle Marshall has been lost** and having made application to the directors to grant a special policy, notice is hereby given that unless objection is raised within one month of the date hereof, the special policy asked for will be issued.

Dated: 1/17/2024

By Order,

Diana Williams-Humphrey
General Manager

EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

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ST. CHRISTOPHER & NEVIS

The Property described below will be offered for sale by The Registrar of the Supreme Court by public auction at the Charles Amory Building, Fortlands, Basseterre, St Kittson the 29th day of January 2024 at 3:15 o'clock in the afternoon.

The successful bidder will be required to pay at the time of sale a deposit of one fourth of his accepted bid and the balance within one month from the day of sale.

Possession of the property will be given to the purchaser on payment of the deposit. Any taxes due on the said property must be paid by the Purchaser.

The Purchaser will, after payment in full of the purchase price, obtain from the High Court of Justice, a Certificate of Title to the property.

The Property will be available for inspection prior to the date of sale by appointment with the Registrar of the Supreme Court.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land known as Lot No. E-6 situate at Bird Rock Residential & Commercial Development in the Parish of Saint George, in the island of Saint Christopher and bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On or towards the North West by a Public Road, 127.29 feet; On or towards the East by Lot E-5, 253.78 feet; On or towards the South by Crown Lands, 131.90 feet and 87.66 feet; And On or towards the West by Lot E-7, 119.98 feet and containing by admeasurement 0.66 acre, all as the same is described in a Certificate of Title dated the 7th day of December, 2007 and registered in Book G3 Folio 609 of the Register of Titles of the Saint Christopher Circuit in favour of **CLYVE CAINES, VERNICE MORTON and CLYVE JEVON CAINES** of Earle Mome, Bird Rock, in the Island of Saint Christopher as Registered Proprietors thereof.

UPSET PRICE

The Upset price for the above property shall be **EC\$431,244.00.**

Dated the 1st day of December 2023


Registrar of the Supreme Court



Artificial reefs to be constructed to boost fish, lobster stock in Nevis' waters

NIA CHARLESTOWN NEVIS (January 17, 2024)- The Department of Marine Resources (DMR) intends to launch a project in 2024 to construct artificial reefs intended to increase the fish and lobster population in Nevis' waters.

Mr. Corey Maynard, DMR Deputy Director based on Nevis, said the island will benefit directly from this Federal programme. He explained how during his presentation outlining the Department's activities for this year at the Nevis Island Administration (NIA) Ministry of Agriculture Agenda 2024 meeting on January 16.

"In terms of our Marine Management Unit we plan to install some artificial reefs that will be made from conch shells. So we are embarking on a project with the scuba divers, the conch divers, that when they take the conch from the shells they bring the shells to the shore.

"What we'll do is make some cages and place the conch shells in the cages. What will happen is these will act as nurseries for juvenile fish, lobsters and other reef species."

The Deputy Director also listed combatting ghost fishing as a focal area for the Department in 2024. Ghost fishing is when fish traps (pots) are lost, abandoned or discarded and continue to trap fish, which eventually die inside the traps.

"Ghost fishing is a big issue that we have in the Federation. What we plan on doing for that is introducing a biodegradable twine. That will be attached to the door of the trap and after a period, based on the soaking time, the twine will disintegrate and the trap door will fly open and so the fish will be able to swim in and out of the traps."

He highlighted the financial and environmental impact of ghost fishing to the sector in St. Kitts and Nevis.

"For 2023 we had approximately 100 traps that were lost. If each trap netted eight pounds of fish monthly that brings us to 800 pounds of fish per month at about \$10 that's \$8000, and \$8000 multiplied by 12 gives us \$96,000 a year which will be lost to fishers, and also it decreases our fish stock. So you see why the introduction



Corey Maynard, Deputy Director of the St. Kitts and Nevis Department of Marine Resources making a presentation at the Nevis Island Administration Ministry of Agriculture Agenda 2024 meeting

of this biodegradable twine will be so important."

Mr. Maynard went on to disclose that

fisher training in areas such as long line fishing, FAD (Fish Aggregate Device) fishing and vertical fishing will continue in 2024.

FADs are structures that attract fish, and having lost floating FADs in the past, the DMR intends to begin deploying the submerged [underwater] versions of these devices.

Training for stakeholders remains at the forefront of the DMR agenda and as such the Deputy Director informed that safety at sea training with respect to radio use for communication, navigation, the use of GPS, and compass use will continue in 2024.

"We believe that no fisher, once they have the proper training and equipment, should be lost at sea," Mr. Maynard stated.

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Notice of Record Date

In accordance with section 106(2) of the Companies Act, Cap 308 of the Laws of Barbados and section 110(2) of the Companies Act, Chap 81.01 of the Laws of Trinidad and Tobago, notice is hereby given that the directors of the above named company have by resolution fixed **Friday, 26 January, 2024** as the record date for the determination of shareholders entitled to receive notice of the annual meeting of shareholders to be held on **Friday, 15 March, 2024**.

Dated this 16th day of January, 2024.

Brian Clarke, KC
General Counsel & Group Corporate Secretary



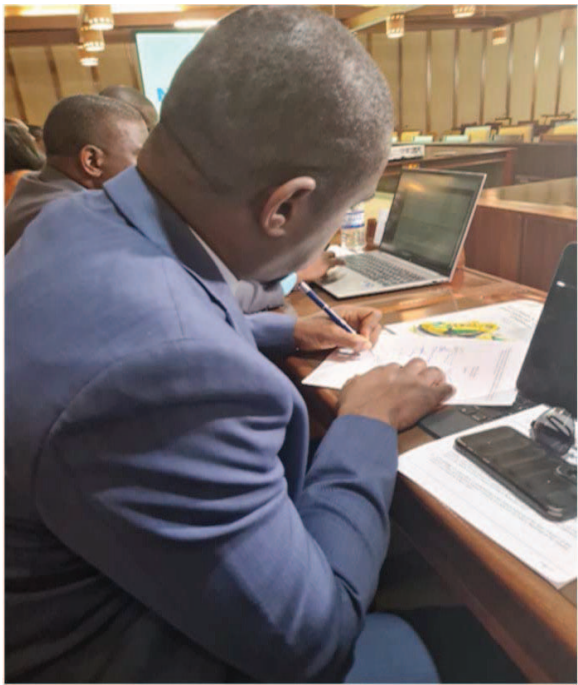
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Minister Duggins reaffirms commitment to clean sport; signs “Kingston Declaration”

Kingston, Jamaica. January 17, 2024 - St. Kitts and Nevis’ Minister of Sport, the Creative Economy et al., Hon. Samal Duggins, joined other regional Ministers of Sport and top-level officials from the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) at the Third Forum with Ministers Responsible for Sport in the Caribbean, for a two-day symposium (Jan 16 and 17), in Jamaica. The convention focused on further harmonizing the region’s approach to clean sport.

The meeting also constituted a critical part of the consultations cycle leading to the next iteration of the WADA Code, which is expected in 2027. Other partners in



the two-day summit included the Canadian Center for Ethics in Sports (CCES), the Canadian Anti-Doping Program, the Caribbean Regional Anti-Doping Organization (RADO) and the Special Olympics Global Leadership Coalition for Inclusion. The session ended with the Ministers of Sport, WADA Officials and the representative from the Caribbean (RADO) signing the “Kingston Declaration” - an affirmation of Caribbean Sport Ministers’ advocacy and support for clean sport.

Minister Duggins lobbied colleagues at the round table discussions to consider the restructuring of the current uniformed stipulations for countries, by WADA, to a tier system, to reflect interventions that are more suited to St. Kitts and Nevis and other small island states.

The Sport Minister highlighted St. Kitts and Nevis’ current level of compliance, 73%, with the UNESCO Convention Against Doping in Sport, compared to non-compliance just over two years ago and noted that such is indicative of his government’s commitment to clean sport.

“Yes, we are currently the most compliant country within the OECS but we do not want to stop there. We want to be fully compliant. Hence, we need the requisite support from various agencies and partners,” the Sport Minister Duggins stated.

Minister Duggins also utilized the conference to share St. Kitts and Nevis’ plan to officially launch its Anti-Doping in Sport campaign within schools at the end of



Minister of Sport et al, Hon. Samal Duggins (left) along with regional colleagues and the WADA President at the Third Forum For Ministers Responsible for Sport in the Caribbean

Career Opportunities



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January. The awareness campaign includes playing of jingles and Anti-Doping videos on multiple platforms, the unveiling of a modified educational module specific to young student athletes, capacity building sessions for sport coaches and support personnel and an enhanced partnership with the Ministry of Sport to have advanced informational presence at sporting events.

This launch is part of the Federation’s project submission, “Closing the Gap; Moving to Full Compliance with Anti-Doping in Sport,” to UNESCO Convention Against Doping in Sport. As a result, St. Kitts and Nevis secured funding in the amount of US\$30,000 from the UNESCO Fund for the Elimination of Doping in Sport, for the implementation of the program.

The project also highlights greater collaboration with UNESCO and the Caribbean RADO to attain targeted improvements, while moving to full compliance.

Ministers of Sport from Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Bermuda, the Cayman Islands, Trinidad and Tobago, St. Lucia and the host country Jamaica were in attendance with Minister Duggins.

Minister Duggins was accompanied by Shawn Seabrookes, Focal Point, at the Anti-Doping Secretariat, a component of the Ministry of Sport.

The Ministry of Sport St. Kitts and Nevis is underpinned by a set of core values, which are embraced as the guiding principles to be followed throughout in policy design, implementation and review of sporting initiatives.

WADA’s primary role is to develop, harmonize and coordinate anti-doping rules and policies across all sports and countries.

Given that governments cannot be signatories to the World Anti-Doping Code, the UNESCO International Convention against Doping in Sport allows governments to formally recognize the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) and the Code.

SKNFA To Launch FIFA Talent Development Scheme (TDS)

The St. Kitts Nevis Football Association (SKNFA) will be launching the FIFA backed Talent Development Scheme (TDS) on Tuesday January 16, where it will scout for talent to be involved in the program. Lenny Taylor, SKFNA Technical Director explained what will happen on Tuesday. “We are beginning (the trial period) on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday in Cayon, the opening of the trial period. And in the trial period, we are going to be looking for players who will qualify themselves to come to the national center, which is here at the Technical Center. The ones who are not qualified or ready for the National Academy will go back (to their training base) and continue training four days a week,” he explained.

The Technical director was keen to point out that this program is intense and will be done in conjunction with the national football academy at the SKNFA Technical Center. “If they make it, they will begin training at the technical center immediately,” he disclosed.

Mr. Taylor said registration has gone well for both boys and girls and he is looking forward to Tuesday’s launch. The main goal of the TDS is to help raise the standards of national-team football around the world for both men and women, driven by FIFA’s desire for a long-term dedication to global talent development. Below is the full schedule for the trial period:

SKNFA TDS Tryouts Schedule (5pm daily)

(Boys & Girls ages 12-16)

(Rural East)

Location:

St. Mary’s Park, Cayon

Dates:

- Tuesday, 16th January 2024
- Wednesday, 17th January 2024
- Thursday, 18th January 2024

(Rural West)

Location:

Samuel Williams Sporting Complex, Verchilds

Dates:

- Tuesday 23rd January 2024
- Wednesday 24th January 2024
- Thursday 25th January 2024

(Nevis)

Location:

Nevis Athletic Stadium

Dates:

- Tuesday 30th January 2024
- Wednesday 31st January 2024
- Thursday 1st February 2024

(Basseterre)

Location:

Warner Park

Dates:

- Tuesday 6th February 2024
- Wednesday 7th February 2024
- Thursday 8th February 2024



Caption: Young female players at the SKNFA Technical Center preparing for a time of training.

Save Water
Turn Off The Tap

Case Number :SKBHPB2024/0004



THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
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(PROBATE)

SKBHPB2023/

In the Estate of VINCENT LEROY WHITTAKER late of Newton Ground, Saint Christopher, but who resided at 16 Bunting Street, Dunkirk, Nottingham, England, deceased, intestate.

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Cathereen Maurcen Whittaker of 91 Glapton Lane, Clifton, Nottingham, England NG11 8DE, for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicant who is the Intended Administrator of the Estate of Vincent Leroy Whittaker and the sole surviving sibling of the Estate of the above-named deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 20th day of May, 2011.

Any person having an objection to the grant of Probate to the application shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 20th day of December, 2023.

Rénal Edwards
Law Offices of Sylvester Anthony
Solicitors for the Estate of Vincent Leroy Whittaker

Filed by The Law Offices of Sylvester Anthony, Chambers, Unit C16 The Sands Complex, Bay Road, Basseterre, Saint Kitts. Telephone (869) 466-5834; Facsimile (869) 466-6851. E-mail lawoffices@sylvesteranthony.com.

The Court Office is at Sir S.W. Tapley Seaton Annex, East Independence Square Street, Basseterre, Saint Kitts Telephone number is 467-1102. The office is open between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Mondays to Fridays except public holidays.

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

A. D. 2024

(PROBATE)

CLAIM NO: SKBHPB2024/

In the Estate of GERTRUDE AGATHA GUMBS late of King Street, Basseterre in the Island of St. Christopher, deceased

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF PROBATE

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by MABLE AGATHA GUMBS-BROWNE of No.42 Lamberts Project in the Island of St. Christopher for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above-named deceased who died on the 1st day of November 2022 without revoking a will bearing the 23rd day of August 2019 wherein the applicant is named Sole Executrix.

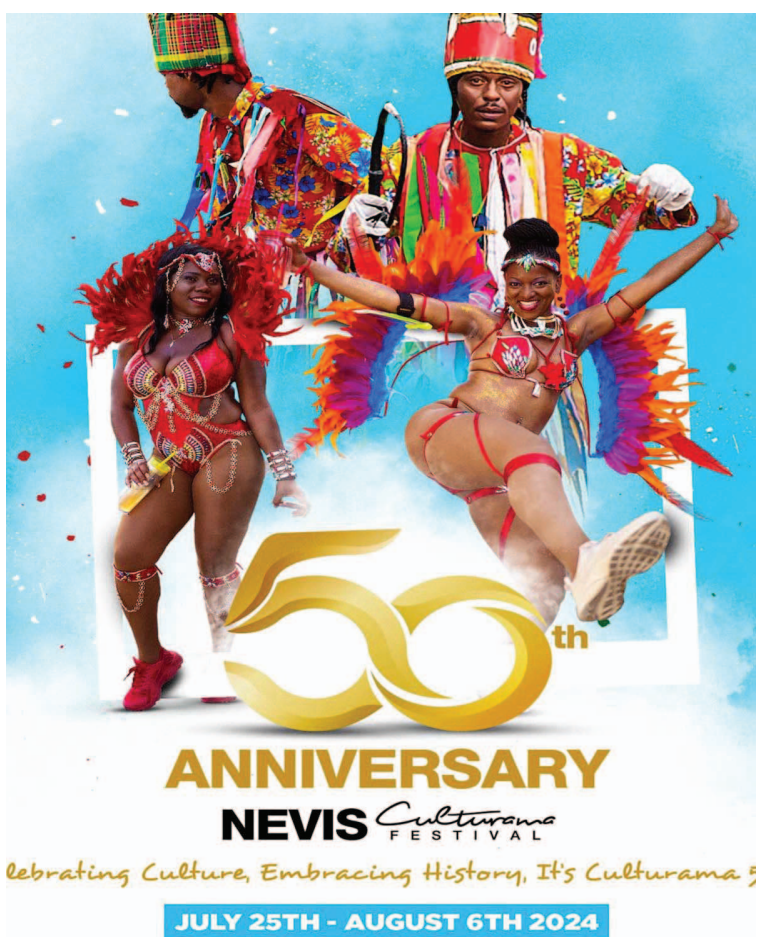
Any person having an objection to the Grant of Probate to the application shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 11th day of January 2024

Filed by

VAUGHAN H HENDERSON LAW
Attorneys –at-Law for the Estate of Gertrude Agatha Gumbs

Filed by Vaughan H Henderson Law, Attorneys-at-Law whose address for service is Advantage Capital Management, The Circus, Basseterre, St. Kitts. Tel No: 466-4829 or 660-4828, Email: info@vhhlaw.com



50th Anniversary of Culturama will be an extravaganza of entertainment and culture, says Nevis Premier

NIA CHARLESTOWN NEVIS (January 12, 2024) - The 50th Anniversary celebrations for Nevis' Culturama will be a spectacular display of culture and entertainment like never before seen over the festivals' history, pledges **Premier the Honourable Mark Brantley**.



The Premier disclosed that plans are in full swing and the Nevis Island Administration (NIA), through the Ministry of Culture, is making every effort to ensure that the milestone festival is a huge success.

"I believe you will be well pleased with what we are trying to do for this Culturama 50. We are going to be investing in our venues, we are going to be ensuring that everything is in tip-top condition, and we would want definitely for our people to have a wonderful time and memorable Culturama and Homecoming.

"It will be the largest stage for Culturama 50. We're going to have some exciting new prizes and we anticipate it will be a grand affair, so we ask you to come out and for those who are coming

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

ST. CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

SKBHPB2023/0156

In the Estate of **ABRAHAM BRADSHAW**
late of Parsons Village in the Island of St.
Christopher, deceased

NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Bryant & Liburd on behalf of **IDETHA NORFORD** of Parsons Extension in the Island of St. Christopher for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above named deceased who died on the 26th day of July 2021 without revoking a will bearing the date 9th October 2020 wherein the applicant is named Sole Executrix.

Any person having an objection to the grant of Probate to the application shall file an objection within 14 days of the second publication of this Notice.

Dated this 15th day of January 2024.

Bryant & Liburd
Bryant & Liburd
Solicitors for
the Executrix

home we anticipate that you will have a wonderful time.â€

He informed that already all contestants for the Miss Culture Queen Pageant and Miss Culture Swimwear Competition have been confirmed, and there are a few slots to fill for the Mr. Kool Competition. The Premier encouraged the young men who are talented and have something to offer to come forward and showcase it.

Nevisians in the Diaspora intending to return home for this year's festival are being encouraged to make their travel plans early to ensure their travel, accommodation, and transportation needs are in place.

With respect to flights into Nevis, Premier Brantley revealed that discussions are underway between the NIA

and Cape Air to increase the number of flights between Nevis and St. Thomas, United States Virgin Islands, especially during the festival period.

"Just on Wednesday I had an email where we are hoping to generate some additional airlift, especially surrounding this whole Homecoming and Culturama 50 because we have large centers of our people in St. Maarten, in the US Virgin Islands, in the British Virgin Islands and I'm sure that most of them would like to come home for Culturama. I hope we'll have some announcements to make very shortly."

Returning nationals and visitors alike will be able to visit a myriad of new restaurants and entertainment spots when they return, especially the renowned Pinneys Beach Strip which is undergoing major upgrades.

"We anticipate that on the beach at Pinneys' it's going to be transformed into a mecca for entertainment. We hope to have a grand opening of the second phase of the Pinneys Park Project where we are building out all of our roads, our parking lots, our security, our sewage system, our lighting, and we anticipate that will be open very shortly and when that happens I think the people of Nevis will be pleased. I had a preview of the work that has been done thus far and I was very impressed with what I saw," he said.

Nevis' Culturama Festival will celebrate its 50th anniversary from July 25 to August 06, 2024, under the slogan "Celebrating Culture, Embracing History, It's Culturama 50!"



China records population decline for second straight year

Published BBC



IMAGE SOURCE,GETTYIMAGES
Beijing says the birth rate is now down to 6.39 per 1,000 people
By Frances Mao
BBC News

China's population has declined for a second consecutive year, underscoring concerns about the future growth of the World's second-largest economy.

Data released on Wednesday showed a population of 1.409 billion at the end of 2023 - a 2.08m decrease from 2022.

The most recent decline is double that of the previous year, which marked the first population drop in 60 years.

But experts say this fall is expected given the country's expanding urban class and record-low birth rate.

Beijing on Wednesday said the birth rate was now down to 6.39 per 1,000 people on par with other advanced East Asian nations such as Japan and South

Korea.

The country has seen falling birth rates for decades - after imposing a controversial one child-policy in the 1980s to control over-population at the time.

The government lifted the policy in 2015 to try to stem the population fall, and has brought in a series of other incentives too, such as subsidies and payments to encourage people to start families. In 2021, it further relaxed the limit to allow couples to have up to three children.

However, the policies have had little impact, with young people in modern cities citing deterrents like the cost of living and career priorities after a three-year Covid period.

"My husband and I do want to have a kid but we can't afford it for now," said Wang Chengyi, a 31-year-old woman in Beijing.

She told the BBC she and her partner needed to save money for another three years to provide for the costs of having a child - taking into account school expenses in particular.

"I do want to get pregnant while I'm young as it's better for my health. However, I just don't have enough money for now so I have to postpone. It's a shame and I feel panic over it sometimes," she said.

Experts on Wednesday cited the impact of the pandemic in accelerating the decline in new births. However, they suggested that the underlying economic issues were a greater factor.

"If you let people live more easily, with more security, of course there will be more people wanting kids," one user wrote in a top-liked comment on Weibo.

Graphic showing China's birthrate per 1,000 people, from 1978 to 2022. There has been a steady decline in recent years.

China is following the pattern of other countries that have rapidly deindustrialised, experts say, although the pace of change has been quick.

"It's not a surprise. They've got one of the lowest fertility rates in the world so this is just what happens - the population stops growing and starts to decline," said Prof Stuart Gietel-Basten, a population policy expert at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.

"It's kind of locked in now... this is just the next year in this new era of population stagnation or decline for China."

China's economic woes came to the forefront in 2023, with the country battling a widespread property crisis, falling consumer spending and record youth joblessness in the aftermath of the pandemic.

Annual data on Wednesday confirmed the struggles - showing the economy had grown at one of its slowest rates in more than three decades - with GDP expanding at 5.2% to hit 126 trillion yuan (\$17.5tn; £13.8tn) in 2023.

This marked the weakest performance since 1990 - excluding the pandemic years - which saw a record-low 3% GDP growth rate in 2022.

China also reported on Wednesday that the youth unemployment rate for December was at 14.1% - after hitting 21.3% in June, after which China temporarily suspended releasing the monthly figures.

The latest population data is likely to reinforce some fears about the economy - with China having long relied on a now ageing workforce as a key driver of its economy.

The country is facing increased pressure on its healthcare and pension systems as its retiree population grows - projected to increase 60% to 400 million by 2035.

But experts say the country has time and resources to manage the transition in its workforce.

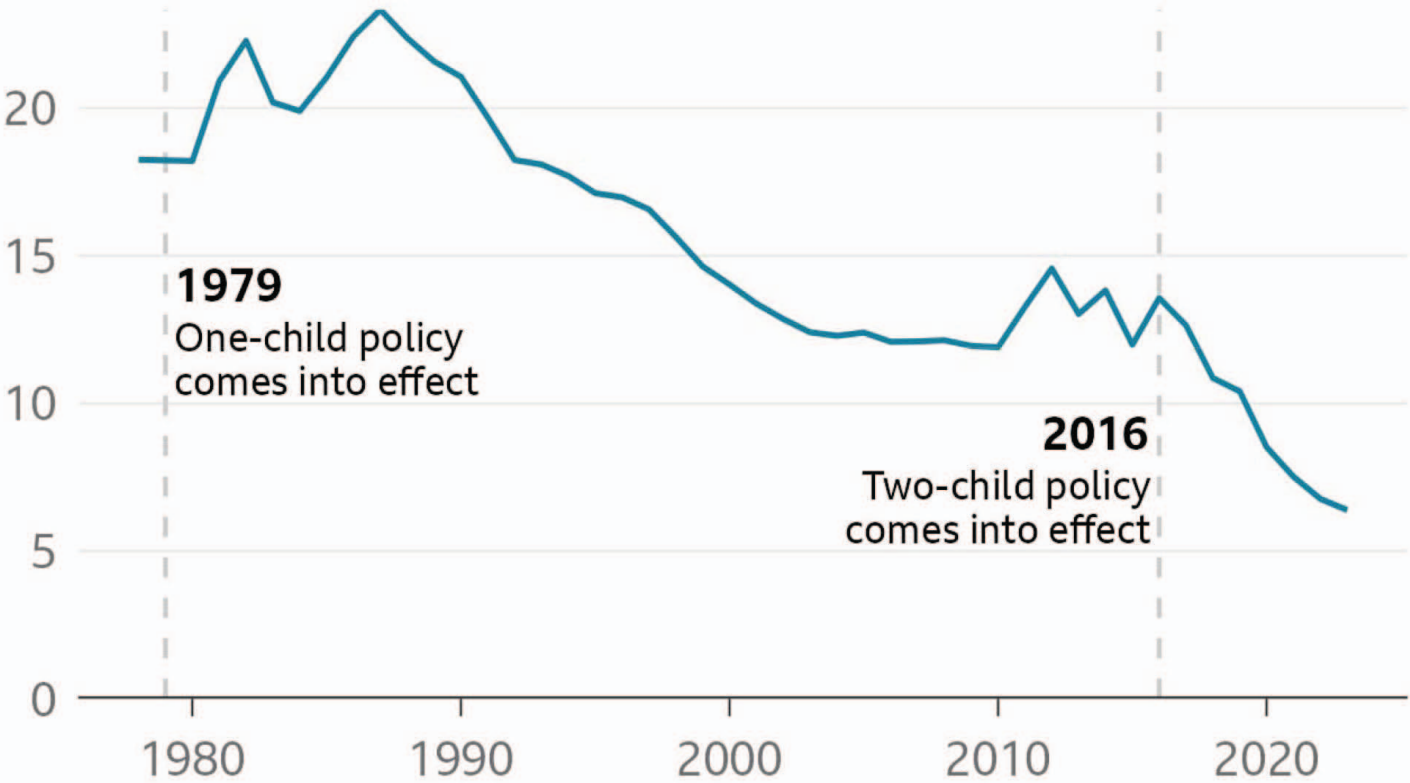
"China is no different to other countries that have deindustrialised and moved into the service sector. The population becomes more educated and skilled and healthier, and they want to do other jobs rather than work in factories or construction," said Prof Gietel-Basten.

"The government is aware of this and has planned for this over the past decade and so it's expected to continue with this kind of direction."

Once the world's most populous nation, China was overtaken by India last year according to the UN. India's population stands at 1.425bn.

China's birth rate has fallen in recent years

Total number of births in China per 1,000 people (1978-2023)



Gamers at risk of irreversible hearing loss and tinnitus, study suggests

Published BBC News



IMAGE SOURCE,GETTY IMAGES

By Imran Rahman-Jones
BBC News

People who play video games are at risk of damaging their hearing due to potentially unsafe sound levels, a study has found.

The new review suggests that gamers play for long periods of time with the volume turned up, beyond safe limits.

It says this could contribute to irreversible hearing loss or tinnitus, a constant ringing in the ears.

The paper, published in BMJ Public Health, reviewed 14 studies which in total involved more than 50,000 people.

The researchers urge more public health efforts to raise awareness of the issues for gamers, in the same way that has been done for live music and headphones.

Of course, gamers could turn down the volume while playing to minimise the risk, but the study suggests that part of the problem is the length of time people spend being exposed to high volumes.

For example, the World Health Organization (WHO) says adults can safely be exposed to 80 decibels (dB) for 40 hours a week, which is about the noise level of a doorbell.

Above that level, however, the safe amount of exposure to noise drops rapidly.

Adults should only listen to 90dB for four hours a week, and 95dB for one hour and 15 minutes a week, according to the WHO guidance. For children, the thresholds are even lower.

First Prince of Persia game in 14 years voiced in Farsi
Game to stop selling pre-owned titles

One of the studies evaluated by researchers found average headphone noise levels in four shooting games to be between 88.5 and 91.2dB.

Another study found that impulse sounds - short loud bursts such as shooting noises - reached 119dB.

The paper also found that in three separate studies, boys were recorded as playing videos games more often than girls for longer stints and at higher volumes.

Some studies found correlations between gaming and hearing loss while other linked the activity with tinnitus. These used a combination of self-reported data and hearing tests to evaluate hearing.

The authors acknowledge that more research should be done to establish a stronger link between gaming and hearing loss.

They add that the impact of e-sports, geographic region, sex and age should be looked into more closely.

Some of the studies they looked at went back to the 1990s, when the gaming world was very different to now.

Only two papers published in the last 10 years objectively measured sound levels from video games or gaming centres, which are like video game arcades and popular in Asia.

But the authors conclude that “the limited available evidence suggests that gaming may be a common source of unsafe listening”.

They say: “The findings suggest that there may be a need to prioritise interventions, such as initiatives focused on education and awareness of the potential risks of gaming, that can help promote safe listening among gamers.”

Gaming industry body Ukie said it continues to encourage people to use headphones within safe levels but would not comment further on the new study.

Tips for protecting your hearing while gaming

Turn the volume down - 50% is a good benchmark. Some games let you adjust sound levels for special effects and music

Take regular breaks - at least 5 minutes every hour - to give your ears a rest

If you’re gaming in a noisy environment, use noise-cancelling headphones and don’t exceed safe volume limits

Source: Royal National Institute for Deaf People



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To the Magistrate,
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To the Superintendent of Police.
I, Zillah Gilbert-Govia now
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premises in Zillah’s Side
Pocket in Ferry Terminal in
Basseterre.

Dated this
04th day of January, 2024.

Signed : Zillah Gilbert-Govia

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
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In the matter of Section 92 of the Title by
Registration Act, Cap. 10.19
and
In the matter of an Application to settle
Articles of Sale of the Respondent's
property comprised in a Certificate of
Title dated 27th February, 2009 registered
in Register Book 47 Folio 69

THE BANK OF NEVIS LIMITED
AND
JOEL O'LOUGHLIN
APPLICANT
RESPONDENT

NOTICE OF SALE

The Property described below will be offered for sale by The Registrar of The Supreme
Court by public auction at the Court House, Charlestown, Nevis on the 22nd day of
February, 2024 at 2.30 o'clock in the forenoon.

The successful bidder will be required to pay at the time of sale a deposit of one fourth of
his accepted bid and the balance within one month from the day of sale.

Possession of the property will be given to the purchaser on payment of the deposit. Any
taxes due on the said property must be paid by the Purchaser.

The Purchaser will, after payment in full of the purchase price, obtain from the High
Court of Justice, a Certificate of Title to the property.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land situate at Spring Hill Estate in the Parish of St.
James in the island of Nevis bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On or
towards the North West by lands of Spring Hill Estate 141.95 feet; On or towards
the North East by lands of Spring Hill Estate 268.07 feet; On or towards the South
East partly by lands of Nigel Hanley 121.33 feet and partly by a Road 11.83 feet and
On or towards the South West by lands of Spring Hill Estate 267.32 feet and
containing by admeasurement 36,726 square feet.

UPSET PRICE

The upset price for the above property shall be EC\$165,267.00

Dated the 11th day of January, 2024.

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Democracy in Action

Publication Date: January 01, 2024 | twitter share iconA+

Eight is an auspicious number in Taiwan for its association with success and luck. January 13, 2024, is Taiwan’s eighth direct presidential election. The 74.9 percent voter turnout in the 2020 election, among the highest in the democratic world, signifies clearly that Taiwan’s 23 million people cherish their egalitarian system and treasure the success the country has had in developing its democratic election procedures and maintaining peaceful power transitions.

Under election legislation, any parties that receive more than 5 percent of the total vote share in the latest presidential or legislative election are eligible to take part and field candidates. Other contenders need to offer a petition signed by eligible voters numbering no less than 1.5 percent of total voters in the latest presidential and vice presidential election. Eligibility in the 2024 election required around 290,000 signatories. After these are vetted and validated by the Legislative Yuan’s Central Election Commission, the nominee can register as a candidate.

In 2023, the parties eligible to field candidates in the 2024 elections were the ruling Democratic Progressive Party; the Kuomintang, which is the largest opposition party in Legislative Yuan; the 2015 - established New Power Party; and the 2019-established Taiwan People’s Party. In addition, two independent candidates gained the requisite number of verified signatories.

The president and vice president are directly elected by simple majority vote and can serve up to two four-year terms, while the premier, or head of the Executive Yuan, is appointed by the president. This year’s presidential election is combined with legislative elections for the 113 seats in the unicameral Legislative

Yuan. Lawmakers also serve four-year terms and seats are filled using two main methodologies: majoritarian single member districts (SMD) and a proportional representation (PR) party-list system. There is a further system for Indigenous voters.

Boundaries for electoral districts were drawn up in 2007 when the current system was implemented, and at the time, each contained roughly 320,000 registered residents, with the intent being for each of the 73 districts to represent a similar number of citizens in the legislature. These 73 seats are elected by SMD vote numbers. Another 34 seats are filled with a PR method like those used in Sweden and Germany. They are awarded to political parties for legislators-at-large as a counter balance to the majoritarian system, with voters casting a second ballot for a party in a nationwide constituency where a 50 percent female and 50 percent male quota for candidates applies, rendering the legislature more representative of the country as a whole.

To ensure representation for

Indigenous peoples, those with Indigenous status vote for Indigenous candidates instead of voting for contenders in an SMD so that their vote is not diluted among the majority Han population. Under this system, the Indigenous communities’ six seats form 5.31 percent of the legislature, while their voters comprise 2.34 percent of the total population. This empowers Indigenous legislators to progress policies supported by their communities.

As a young democracy whose first direct presidential elections were held in 1996, Taiwan’s election system is still evolving, with untrammelled debate across all forms of media and public referendums on issues such as lowering the voter age. Support for democratic governance remains unequivocal, and expression of a wide spectrum of political views is tolerated and even expected in a country where increased space for civil society, freedom of assembly, freedom of religious institutions and freedom of the press are sacred and integral to the democratic process.

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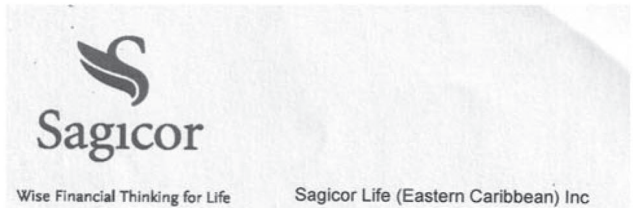
SAGICOR LIFE (EASTERN CARIBBEAN) INC.

Michelle Greenaway of #49 Upper Market Street, Basseterre, St. Kitts having made sworn deposition that **Policy No. S05521962** issued by **Sagicor Life Inc** and assumed by **Sagicor Life (Eastern Caribbean) Inc.** on her life has been lost and having made application to the Directors to grant a duplicate of the same, notice is hereby given that unless objection is raised within one month of the date hereof, the duplicate policy asked for will be issued.

Dated: **18th January, 2024.**

By Order

Andrew Greaves
Corporate Secretary



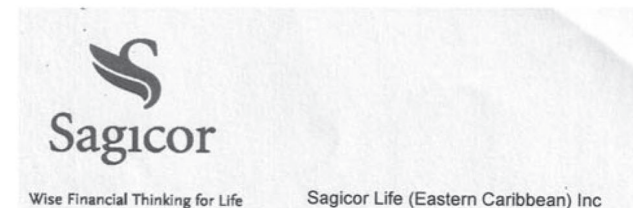
SAGICOR LIFE (EASTERN CARIBBEAN) INC.

Michelle Greenaway of #49 Upper Market Street, Basseterre, St. Kitts having made sworn deposition that **Policy No. 055402819** issued by **Sagicor Life Inc** and assumed by **Sagicor Life (Eastern Caribbean) Inc.** on her life has been lost and having made application to the Directors to grant a duplicate of the same, notice is hereby given that unless objection is raised within one month of the date hereof, the duplicate policy asked for will be issued.

Dated: **18th January, 2024.**

By Order

Andrew Greaves
Corporate Secretary



OECS, CDB and World Bank Partner to Fight Poverty

OECS Media Release

Monday, January 15, 2024 - The fight against poverty is being accelerated in 2024. Poverty reduction in the context of sustainable development remains high on the agenda for the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) Commission, in pursuit of the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 1- The Eradication of Poverty in all its Manifestations. Following requests made from Member States as well as the aftershocks of the COVID-19 pandemic which posed health challenges, negatively impacted learning, caused job loss and exacerbated economic and social ills, the OECS Commission in partnership with the Caribbean Development Bank and the World Bank-funded Data for Decision Making Project re-launched the Enhanced Country Poverty Assessment Programme and Data Anonymisation Workshop on Monday, January 15, 2024, in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago. The re-launch opening ceremony and capacity-building workshop event (which ends on January 18, 2024) was conducted via a hybrid modality of in-person as well as live stream for virtual attendees and was attended by Permanent Secretaries, Statisticians, Economists, Policy Analysts, Social Analysts, and Community Development Specialists from across the Caribbean region. Technical specialists from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB), The World Bank, The UN World Food Programme (WFP), The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), and the OECS Commission also participated.

The updated Enhanced Country Poverty Assessment Programme (eCPA) will accelerate poverty reduction and promote economic stability through the alignment of data with policy direction in the OECS Member States keeping with the provisions of the Revised Treaty of Basseterre in creating an economic union that would facilitate social cohesion, economic development and build resilience.

“This project represents a commitment to understanding and addressing the multifaceted nature of poverty in our region,” said the Director General of the OECS, Dr. Didacus Jules, as he delivered remarks at the opening ceremony. He further added: “Utilizing cutting-edge technology and data analysis, we aim to gain a deeper, more nuanced understanding of the poverty landscape. This is not just about numbers and statistics; it’s about the real stories, struggles, and strengths of our people. This work should also assist the region in responding and measuring our progress, our gaps and challenges as we seek to meet the sustainable development goals (SDGs) specifically SDG 1 - ‘Eradication of Poverty in all its Manifestations’.”

Referencing CDB’s 2017 publication: The Changing Nature of Poverty and Inequality in the Caribbean, New Issues, New Solutions, CDB Director of Projects, Mrs. Therese Turner-Jones, highlighted that the pandemic had exacerbated regional poverty in her remarks at the opening ceremony.

“COVID-19 created a sense of normlessness, worsened existing structural inequalities, compounded impediments to citizens’ participation in socio-economic activities across client countries. The confluence of these factors has hastened the need for client countries to be supported by CDB and other partners in undertaking poverty assessments to access current empirical data to inform development policy and planning,” Mrs. Turner-Jones said, emphasising that the individual data collected would be kept strictly private.

Also delivering remarks [in order of appearance in the Programme] at the launch were Ms. Marie Hinds, Permanent Secretary (Ag.) Ministry of Planning and Development, Trinidad and Tobago, and Dr. Martin Baptiste, Division Chief, Social Sector Division, CDB.

Additionally, Mr. Olivier Dupriez, Deputy Chief Statistician, World Bank and Mr. Thijs Benschoop, Statistician, World Bank, facilitated the Data Anonymisation Workshop which focused on Statistical Disclosure Control (SDC), a technique used in statistics to assess and lower the risk of a person or organisation being re-identified from the results of an analysis of survey or administrative data, or in the release of microdata. A key highlight on Day 1 of the workshop was the practical training participants received through a hands-on-session in Software Installation and Exploration, the installation of the R package sdcMicro, exploration of the Graphical User Interface, as well as perturbative and non-perturbative data anonymisation methods (i.e. ways to respect confidentiality, and make the data anonymous without compromising or changing the data).

The Enhanced Country Poverty Assessment was first launched in 2016 to measure the multi-dimensional aspects of poverty and living conditions. It consisted of five components: the Survey of Living Conditions/ Household Budgetary Survey, the Institutional Assessment, the Macro-Economic and Social Assessment, the Participatory Poverty Assessment and the Poverty Vulnerability Mapping. Additionally, the OECS Commission provided capacity-building training to Member States in support of the eCPA implementation.

The updated eCPA has been re-designed to ensure the attainment of meaningful results in the collective effort to address poverty and socio-economic disparities within its Member States whilst prioritizing data privacy and data anonymisation. It will also continue to prioritise the development of local capacity and aims to deliver tangible outcomes which include:

Extensive consultations with Poverty Assessment Teams across Member States;

Completion of data analysis and reporting on monetary and multi-dimensional poverty using the Enhanced CPA toolkit;

Completion of Poverty Vulnerability Mapping (PVM) using data from SLC-HBS and Census Data;

A Participatory Poverty Assessment and an Institutional Analysis, both of which are critical in providing a qualitative understanding of poverty within the Member States; and

Macro Social and Economic Analysis, which involves consultations with National stakeholders and is pivotal in understanding the broader socio-economic landscape as well as informing policy decisions.

The re-launched eCPA has completed a draft set of monetary poverty results for St. Kitts and Nevis and St. Vincent and the Grenadines, as well as multi-dimensional deprivation indicators for St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and the British Virgin Islands. It is designed to strengthen our understanding of poverty to help develop interventions whilst prioritizing confidentiality and anonymity in data collection.



CWI confirms two new teams in the West Indies Championship for 2024

ST. JOHN’S, Antigua - Cricket West Indies (CWI) today announced the 2024 West Indies Championship schedule, confirming the expansion in the number of participating teams and rounds for the premier four (4)-Day competition.

After a winning performance in the Headley-Weekes tournament in 2023, the West Indies Academy are all set to make their debut in the West Indies First-Class season, along with the Combined Campuses and Colleges (CCC) who are making a return, re-joining the tournament after a few years’ absence.

The 2024 West Indies Championship is set to begin in February, with the opening three rounds spanning from 7 to 24 February. In the first block of games, matches will take place in two Host Countries: St. Kitts and Nevis at two venues, Warner Park and the Conaree Cricket Centre, and in Jamaica, at three venues, Sabina Park, Kensington Cricket Club, and Chedwin Park. The second block of matches resume on 13 March, with the fourth and fifth rounds scheduled to be held in Trinidad and Tobago at the Queen’s Park Oval, the Diego Martin Sports Complex and the Sir Frank Worrell Cricket Ground at UWI Spec, and in Antigua and Barbuda at the Coolidge Cricket Ground. The tournament will then restart after Easter with the final two rounds from 10 to 20 April with matches in Antigua and Barbuda, Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago.



Guyana Harpy Eagles

The competing eight regional teams fighting for the Headley Weekes Trophy over seven (7) rounds of matches are - defending champions Guyana Harpy Eagles, Barbados Pride, Combined Campuses and Colleges, Jamaica Scorpions, Leeward Islands Hurricanes, Trinidad and Tobago Red Force, West Indies Academy and Windward Islands Volcanoes.

The 2024 West Indies Championship will have a significant increase in prize money with the winning team receiving US\$250,000, while second-placed team will receive US\$100,000.

Johnny Grave, CWI Chief Executive Officer said: “We are pleased to announce the schedule for the upcoming West Indies Championship and welcome two new teams and an expansion in the number of matches. With significant upgrades taking place at all the host venues for the ICC Men’s T20 World Cup in June and additional improvements being made to the National Stadium in Grenada and Windsor Park in Dominica, we are using nine venues across Jamaica, St. Kitts & Nevis, Antigua & Barbuda and Trinidad & Tobago. The eight teams will be fighting hard for the Headley Weekes Trophy and the new prize money of US\$250,000 available to the winning team. All the games will be shown live on our YouTube channel, with live ball-by-ball scores on our website so that fans around the region and world can watch and follow the competition unfold over the next three months.”

The West Indies Championship will run from 7 February to 20 April. Fans can



West Indies Academy

Raymon Reifer cleared to resume bowling slower balls and cutters

17 January 2024

ST. JOHN’S, Antigua - Cricket West Indies (CWI) today announced that Barbadian all-rounder Raymon Reifer has been cleared to resume bowling his slower balls and cutters after remedial footage of his action was sent to and cleared by Loughborough University.

Reifer was suspended from bowling

those specific deliveries during the 2023 edition of the CG United Super 50 Cup. He was adjudged by the same body to be using an illegal action following an initial report from the Barbados Pride match against the Windward Islands Volcanoes on 25 October 2023.

Reifer has been named in the Barbados Pride squad for the first three matches of the West Indies Championship, which is due to begin in early February and run until late April.

stream all the matches live on the Windies Cricket YouTube channel and access live ball-by-ball scoring here in the match centre.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE West Indies Championship 2024

7 to 10 February:

Jamaica Scorpions vs Windward Islands Volcanoes - Sabina Park, Jamaica
CCC vs Barbados Pride - Chedwin Park, Jamaica
Leeward Islands Hurricanes vs West Indies Academy - Warner Park, St. Kitts
Guyana Harpy Eagles vs Trinidad & Tobago Red Force - Conaree Cricket Centre, St. Kitts

14 to 17 February:

Jamaica Scorpions vs CCC - Sabina Park, Jamaica
Barbados Pride vs Windward Islands Volcanoes - Kensington Cricket Club, Jamaica
Leeward Islands Hurricanes vs Guyana Harpy Eagles - Warner Park, St. Kitts
Trinidad & Tobago Red Force vs West Indies Academy - Conaree Cricket Centre, St. Kitts

21 to 24 February:

Jamaica Scorpions vs Barbados Pride - Sabina Park, Jamaica
Windward Islands Volcanoes vs CCC - Chedwin Park, Jamaica
Leeward Islands Hurricanes vs Trinidad & Tobago Red Force - Warner Park, St. Kitts
West Indies Academy vs Guyana Harpy Eagles - Coolidge Cricket Ground (CCG), Antigua

13 to 16 March:

Trinidad & Tobago Red Force vs Windward Islands Volcanoes - Queen’s Park Oval, Trinidad
CCC vs Leeward Islands Hurricanes - Diego Martin Regional Complex, Trinidad
Guyana Harpy Eagles vs Barbados Pride - Sir Frank Worrell Cricket Ground at UWI Spec (UWI SPEC), Trinidad
West Indies Academy vs Jamaica Scorpions - CCG, Antigua

20 March to 23 March:

Trinidad & Tobago Red Force vs Barbados Pride - Queen’s Park Oval, Trinidad
Leeward Islands Hurricanes vs Jamaica Scorpions - Diego Martin Regional Complex, Trinidad
Guyana Harpy Eagles vs Windward Islands Volcanoes - UWI SPEC, Trinidad
West Indies Academy vs CCC - CCG, Antigua

10 to 13 April:

Jamaica Scorpions vs Guyana Harpy Eagles - Sabina Park, Jamaica
CCC vs Trinidad & Tobago Red Force - Chedwin Park, Jamaica
Leeward Hurricanes vs Barbados Pride - UWI SPEC, Trinidad
West Indies Academy vs Windward Islands Volcanoes - CCG, Antigua

17 to 20 April:

Jamaica Scorpions vs Trinidad & Tobago Red Force - Sabina Park, Jamaica
CCC vs Guyana Harpy Eagles - Kensington Cricket Club, Jamaica
Leeward Islands Hurricanes vs Windward Islands Volcanoes - UWI SPEC, Trinidad
West Indies Academy vs Barbados Pride - CCG, Antigua