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A large grassy plant caught the eyes of many onlookers as it moved downstream College Street in Basseterre following rainfall on Thursday 24th October 2024 (photo courtesy Peter N'gunjiri)

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Editorial

Financial Literacy: A Key to Empowering Our Future Generations

In St. Kitts and Nevis, October is recognized as Financial Literacy Month, a timely reminder for all of us to take financial education seriously.

Financial management, saving skills, and smart investments are not just topics for adults but essential life skills that everyone should acquire, starting from a young age. As a society, we need to embrace this awareness and empower ourselves, particularly in preparing the next generation for the financial realities of life.

For years, there have been calls for our primary and secondary school curriculums to include financial education, and rightly so. By embedding financial management into the learning experience, we equip young people with a solid foundation for their future, setting them up for success in both life and the world of work. It is not just about numbers; it is about teaching critical life skills that can help individuals make informed decisions, avoid debt traps, and secure their financial futures.

Recently, the government made a significant stride with the launch of the ASPIRE (Achieving Success through Personal Investment, Resources, and Education) programme. Effective as of September 2024, ASPIRE is a groundbreaking initiative aimed at fostering financial literacy, savings, and investment habits among the nation's youth. This is an excellent move, as it helps children learn the value of money management and investments from an early age.

According to the programme's description, ASPIRE is the first

of its kind in the region. It is designed to equip young citizens of St. Kitts and Nevis with the tools, knowledge, and opportunities to build a bright financial future.

The engaging video advertisement, featuring children dressed in their school uniform- from primary, secondary and tertiary institutions- enthusiastically endorsing the programme, highlights how much of a positive impact this could have.

A memorable line from the advertisement, "It belongs to us; not mommy nor daddy," resonates deeply as children recognize the value of financial independence. Another impactful line calls it a "super cool gift just for us" from the government. As understood, as part of the ASPIRE Programme, every citizen of Saint Kitts and Nevis aged 5 to 18 will receive an EC\$1,000 contribution from the government. This amount will be split into two parts: EC\$500 to be deposited into a savings account at St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla National Bank, and EC\$500 to be invested in shares

Government of St. Kitts and Nevis Condemns Attack on The Diplomatic Residence of The United Arab Emirates In Sudan

Basseterre, St. Kitts, October 22, 2024 (SKNIS): The Government of St. Kitts and Nevis strongly condemns the recent attack on the diplomatic residence of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) in Sudan.

This violent breach of international diplomatic norms is a cause for deep concern, as it not only undermines the security of diplomatic missions but also threatens the broader framework of global peace and cooperation.

The Government of St. Kitts and Nevis stands in solidarity with the UAE and calls for a comprehensive investigation into the incident. The safeguarding of diplomatic personnel and properties, in accordance with international law, is of paramount importance, and all parties are urged to respect the inviolability of diplomatic missions.

Additionally, the Government expresses profound concern regarding the ongoing conflict in Sudan and calls on all parties to prioritise dialogue and peaceful solutions to the current crisis. St. Kitts and Nevis remains committed to supporting international efforts aimed at restoring stability, security, and peace in Sudan.

Thoughts are with those affected by this violence, and the Government of St. Kitts and Nevis reaffirms its dedication to upholding the principles of diplomacy and peace in all international relations.

of local government-owned entities. This innovative approach not only encourages saving but also introduces young people to the world of investments, giving them a head start in building wealth and financial security.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to take full advantage of this opportunity by learning more about the ASPIRE programme and registering their children through the official portal at aspire.gov.kn.

No doubt, this initiative is a step in the right direction, and with community and overall parental support, it has the potential to reshape how future generations approach money management, investments and financial independence.

As we observe Financial Literacy Month, let us take this time to reflect on the importance of financial education. Remember, it is not just about money-it is about empowerment, independence and laying the groundwork for success in the years to come.



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Union Official To Workers: Come, Share Your Ideas At Upcoming Conference

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETTERRE, St.Kitts (Thursday 24th October 2024)- General Secretary of the St. Kitts-Nevis Trades and Labour Union (SKNT&LU), Precious Mills, is calling on all union members, workers in general, employers, and like-minded stakeholders to attend the Union's 85th Annual Conference, scheduled for Sunday 27th October 2024, starting at 10:00AM.

The highly-anticipated event will take place at the SWMC Conference Room and will center on the theme, **'Empowering Workers: Strategies For Success in 2025 and Beyond'**.

According to Mills, the upcoming conference provides a unique platform for members and stakeholders to contribute ideas and shape the future of the Union.

"Our office and our executive committee members frequently receive feedback and recommendations from workers and other partners. This conference presents the perfect opportunity for everyone to come and share their ideas in person," she said

"The theme itself lends to lively and in-depth discussions, and we want all workers, employers, and stakeholders to be a part of that conversation," Mills added.

The event will follow its traditional two-fold format, beginning with a public session in the morning, followed by a business session after the lunch break.

Union members and employers are encouraged to attend and actively participate in the discussions. The business session (for unionised members only) is particularly crucial, offering the opportunity for more focused dialogue on the Union's direction and the broader labour movement.

This year's guest speaker will be Peter Jenkins, a renowned educator and businessman, recognized as the founder of the annual CFBC-Jenkins Leadership Course.

Additionally, Dr. Sharon Osborne, a well-known medical practitioner, will deliver a presentation on health and wellness. To further engage the next generation, Kevion Hodge Huggins, the Union Executive Committee's youngest member, will deliver a Youth Call to Action.

Meanwhile, Field Officer Sean Kelly also expressed his enthusiasm for the event, urging full participation: "The place to be this Sunday is at the SWMC Conference Room. We will be having an [exciting] conference."

For more information, interested persons can contact 1-869-661-2544 (WhatsApp included), 1-869-465-2229 or skntlu1940@gmail.com .



Photo: Photo: Top row (left to right)- Executive Committee members Lloyd Rouse, Nadine Natta, Terrence Williams, Cde.Mitchel Slader, Sean Kelly, Julian Morton, George Dixon, Vanessa 'Vandel' Browne, Eva Henderson and Kevion Hode Huggins (seated left to right)- James Pemberton, Curtis Francis, Sydney Bridgewater, the 2023 guest speaker Asokore Beckles (former Assistant General Secretary of the Caribbean Congress of Labour-CCL) Precious Mills, Kirsty Lennon and Tanessa Caines Charles pose for a photo following the October 2023 conference at the SWMC Conference Room.



St. Kitts Nevis Trades and Labour Union's 85th Annual Conference

EMPOWERING WORKERS:
STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS IN 2025 AND BEYOND



Sunday October 27th, 2024
10:00AM - 4:00PM
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Lobby at The JNF General Hospital Fully Renovated to a More Welcoming Space For all

BASSETTERRE, St. Kitts, October 22, 2024 (SKNIS) - After a year of extensive work, led by The Cable, the Foyer at the Joseph N. France (JNF) General Hospital has been completely transformed into a more inviting and welcoming space, with enhanced lighting and significant upgrades to the overall aesthetics of the facility.

The newly renovated JNF lobby was symbolically handed over to the Ministry of Health on Tuesday, October 22, 2024, during a ceremony that was attended by members of the Federal Cabinet led by Prime Minister and Minister of Health, the Honourable Dr. Terrance Drew, representatives from The Cable, TDC Group of Companies and other private sector partners, as well as the hospital's management team.



Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of The Cable, Patricia Walters, indicated that the foyer renovation project was conceptualised as part of the company's community outreach initiative for its 40th-anniversary celebrations last year.

"Many of us at one point or another would have reason to pass through the lobby on our way to visit someone in the hospital or sit and await services, so we wanted to create a pleasant waiting atmosphere so whether you are waiting on passing through it would lift your spirits and add to the pleasant experience," CEO Walters said.



Hon. Prime Minister Dr. Drew recorded his deep appreciation to The Cable, the TDC Group of Companies, and all the other stakeholders who partnered on this worthwhile project.

Dr. Drew added that the transformation of the JNF lobby was part of the government's broader approach to enhancing the infrastructure and improving the medical services at the facility.

"There were significant issues of leakages at this institution. We invested heavily to address that, and I want to thank the Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) for partnering with us on the journey to stop the leaking at JNF," Dr. Drew said. "Here at the JNF we have one of the highest specialists per capita available in the entire OECS and I dare say the whole of CARICOM and this means that JNF is advancing. We are on a journey to re-establish St. Kitts and Nevis' healthcare system as a premier health system in the Caribbean, and we are achieving much in a short space of time," Prime Minister Dr. Drew added.

The JNF Foyer renovation work included the introduction of a brighter colour scheme, improved lighting, the addition of new amenities such as a canteen, installation of larger television sets, polished and revamped flooring, the addition of new signage and improved landscaping.

SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

ISLAND OF NEVIS
A.D. 2024

TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT, CHAPTER 10.19

REGISTRY OF TITLES**NEVIS CIRCUIT****SCHEDULE OF APPLICATION**

for Certificate of Title, and notings thereon, and caveats, for the week ending the 18th day of October 2024

DATE OF REQUEST	PERSON PRESENTING	NATURE OF REQUEST
3 rd September, 2024	ATHERTON ADDISON CREECH JONES by his Solicitors, Nisbetts of Chambers, Chapel Street, Charlestown, Nevis	Certificate of Title to be issued in respect of 10,809 square feet of land situate at Cane Garden Estate in the Parish of Saint John in the Island of Nevis

The said land being bounded as follows:- On or towards the North by lands of David Rollinson 162.59 feet; On or towards the East by a 16 foot road 68.21 feet; On or towards the South by lands of Orville Manners and Lornette Esdaille 151.05 feet; and On or towards the West by lands of Cane Garden Estate 70.78 feet **and containing by admeasurement 10,809 square feet**

Dated the 11th day of October 2024

[Signature]
Asst Registrar of Titles



Case Number :SKBHPB2024/0132

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(ST. KITTS CIRCUIT)

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In the Estate of ANNIE MALVINA DOWE RICHARDSON
Late of Harris' Housing Development, St. Kitts, deceased.

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **DAWN COLLENE SHERIDAN JAMES** of Challengers Village, in the Island of St. Christopher for the Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is the granddaughter of the deceased, the deceased having died on the 12th day of August, 2023.

Any person having an 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 4th day of October 2024

[Signature]

Dr. Dennis Merchant
MERCHANT AND ASSOCIATES
Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicants

Filed by Dr. Dennis Merchant of Merchant and Associates Law Office, 28 Shear Lane, Basseterre, St. Kitts, Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicant.

St.Peter’s Community Festival PRO Talks About Value Branding

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Wednesday 23rd October 2024) - Public Relations Officer for the St. Peter’s Festival Committee Jacynthia Techeira has highlighted that companies are seeing the value in the festival.

“We realize that companies are seeing the value in the festival, and they’re saying this is a festival they can put their brand a part of. We welcome sponsorships, partnerships-anything that can make this festival one for the road,” she said during an interview with this media house on Saturday 19th October 2024 following the J’ouvert event, featuring the Nu Vybes International Band (De Sugar Band).

As understood, this year, under the theme ‘One Community Moving with Togetherness’, the festival has embraced a blend of entertainment and community-building activities that continue to resonate with both participants and corporate sponsors.

Sponsors include Lux Carnival, Police Credit Union, Elco Limited and the St.Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla National Bank.

Techeira highlighted that while music and live performances remain central to the festival, including a spectacular J’ouvert event, there has been a deliberate effort to expand activities beyond entertainment.

“We thought that instead of solely focusing on music and bands, we could include more community-oriented activities. So far, we’ve had six cricket teams and nine football teams participating in tournaments, and I can tell you they’re really enjoying themselves,” she explained.

“If you check our Instagram page, you’ll see the [Sofa Stone] walk was nicely attended. We went around the community, and we’ve had really good engagement so far, especially from the community,” Techeira added.

She credits much of the festival’s success to the hard work of the committee and a renewed focus on branding and promotion.

“This year, we ramped up from last year and made sure our social presence speaks to the quality we have on the ground,” she said. “We’ve got a committee where each member is designated to a particular activity, ensuring that everything

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In the Matter of section 144 of the Title by Registration Act, Cap. 10.19

And

In the Matter of an Application on behalf of **TREVOR HENDERSON** for replacement of a Lost Certificate of Title for the Island of St. Christopher.

NOTICE FOR REPLACEMENT OF LOST CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

It is hereby notified that an Application has been made to the Registrar of Titles in Chambers for an Order for the issue of a new Certificate of Title in lieu of lost Certificate dated the 8th day of August, 1990, and registered in Book P2 Folio 232 of the Register of Titles for the St. Christopher Circuit in favour of **TREVOR HENDERSON** of all that lot piece or parcel of land being Lot No. 84 of Saddler’s Housing Project, in the Parish of St. John, in the Island of St. Christopher containing by admeasurement 5,133.26 square feet.

Any person or persons knowing the whereabouts or having any information concerning the said duplicate Certificate of Title which may lead to its recovery is requested to notify the Registrar of Titles at the Land Registry Department, Independence House, North Independence Square Street, Basseterre, St. Kitts or Mr. Vaughan Henderson, Attorney-at-Law of Vaughan H Henderson Law, Ann Hughes House, Main Street, Saddlers Village, St. Kitts, Tel No. (869) 466-4829, E-mail: info@vhhlaw.com

Dated the 15th day of October, 2024

VAUGHAN H HENDERSON LAW

Attorney-at-Law

is maximized.”
When asked about the future of the

St. Peter’s Community Festival, Techeira was optimistic.

“Honestly, this year we took on a major job. We thought branding, promotion, and marketing were all important steps to sow seeds for future growth. We’re already looking forward to next year and to doing even more with the support and exposure we’ve built.”

For now, Techeira and her team are savouring the success of this year’s festival while setting the stage for bigger things to come.

Techeira proudly stated: “It’s not my festival, it’s not your festival-it’s our festival. And the more we get involved, the bigger it will get.”

Culminating events include the FrieYe Concert (25th October), Parade Day and After Party (26th October) and Miss St. Peter’s Queen Pageant (27th October).

Front Page Photo
Some of the members of the St. Peter’s Festival Committee (left to right) Devonte Fahie, Jacynthia Techeira, Jomal Henry, Shinnel Bass, Travis Clarke and Shontel Nicholls pose for a photo at the basketball court area in St.Peter’s following the J’ouvert event on Saturday 19th October 2024 (Spokesman Snap)



Photo: A look at the J’ouvert event, featuring the Nu Vybes International Band (De Sugar Band) jamming through the streets of St. Peter’s on Saturday 19th October 2024 as part of the community’s annual festival event (Spokesman Snap)

The Ministry of Education in St. Kitts and Nevis signs an agreement with the Open University of Tanzania to scale-up academic qualifications of the Federation's teaching force

In what was described by the Honourable Minister of Education, Dr. Geoffrey Hanley, as a 'game-changing' development, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed on 18th October, 2024 between the Government of St. Kitts and Nevis, through the Ministry of Education, and the Open University of Tanzania (O.U.T). The contract heralds the opening of new doors of opportunities for teachers in the Federation through the provision of scholarships towards Bachelor's as well as Master's degrees in Education.



The MOU was signed by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Hon. Dr. Geoffrey Hanley and Professor Elifas Tozo Bisanda, Vice Chancellor of the Open University of Tanzania during a virtual ceremony. This historic signing ceremony was witnessed by MOE official Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Education, Lisa Pistana; along with Ms. Dorothy Warner, Secretary General of the St. Kitts and Nevis National Commission for UNESCO and Dr. David Doyle, Ambassador of St. Kitts and Nevis to UNESCO.

During the virtual signing ceremony, brief remarks were delivered by the Project Focal Point, Dr. Kertney Thompson, Chief Executive Officer, TVET, and the OUT Representative, Dr. Janeth Kigobe, Coordinator UNESCO Chair on Teacher Education and Curriculum and Coordinator Master Education in Curriculum Design and Development.

The genesis of this initiative was kick-started in November 2023 in Paris, when Minister Hanley attended the UNESCO General Conference, accompanied by Ms. Warner and Ambassador Doyle. Months of negotiations ensued with the Open University of Tanzania, guided by UNESCO, to work on a programme offering access to the University's Bachelor's and Master's Degrees, aimed at strengthening the capacities of

teachers in education and training provision, management, research, monitoring and evaluation.

The intention of the Ministry of Education is to facilitate access to these remote-based degree programmes for the teaching force employed by the Government of St. Kitts and Nevis. The Ministry of

Education envisages the registration of an initial cohort of 20 teachers to the OUT Bachelor's of Education in Curriculum Design and Development Degree programmes. In total, some 80 primary and secondary school teachers in St. Kitts and Nevis, most of whom hold associate degrees from the University of

West Indies, could potentially be included in the OUT Bachelor's and Master's programmes over the coming years.

Minister Hanley stated, "The Ministry of Education continues to work assertively to ensure that St. Kitts and Nevis' teacher education and

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ST. CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT "Exceeding Expectations"

October 14, 2024

Request for quotations for one (1) JCB JS370 excavator along with a Hydraulic Rock Breaker and appropriate fittings

The Public Works Department is seeking quotations for purchasing one (1) JCB JS370 excavator with attachments, including one (1) hydraulic rock breaker/hammer for the Quarry Division at Canada Estate for the new financial year 2025.

1. Parameters:

- The excavator must be a JCB brand machine of at least 37 tons.
- The total purchase cost must include the original price, insurance, and shipping (CIF).
- The machine must be on track. Spare parts for the excavator must be readily available for purchase.
- A warranty of at least one (1) year must be included in the accepted quotation.
- There must be sufficient parts for three (3) routine maintenance checks of the machine, including such filters as for air, oil, and hydraulics, for the first year of the machine's operations.

2. Evaluation and acceptance:

- Quotations will only be accepted from established businesses with proof of registration and a track record of supplying/selling large equipment.
- Quotations will be evaluated by senior personnel from the Public Works Department, with recommendations to be submitted to the Procurement Board.
- Quotations must be submitted by **Friday, December 6, 2024.**

3. Quotations must include the following:

- a. Technical specifications of the machine.
- b. Total costs and payment terms and conditions, including a payment structure of:
 - i. 40% deposit upon approval,
 - ii. 40% prior to shipping and
 - iii. 20% once the machine is landed and commissioned on St. Kitts or any other structure agreed to by the Government of St. Kitts and Nevis.
- c. Shipment timeline from purchase to landing at the cargo port in Basseterre.
- d. Company background and eligibility to participate in this quotation.
- e. Vendors must be able to hold the price for at least three (3) months, pending purchase evaluations by the procurement board.

The hard copy of the completed Quotations shall be delivered in a sealed envelope to the office of:

**Director of Public Works
Wellington Road
Basseterre
St. Kitts**

By 1:30pm Friday December 6, 2024.

Kindly submit a soft copy via email to the following email addresses: George.Gilbert@gov.kn, Jermaine.lake@gov.kn and copy to secretary.adminpwd@gov.kn.

Winning bidders will be notified thereafter.

Please note that solicitations, receipt, and consideration of cost quotations **DO NOT** constitute a binding agreement to purchase equipment from any responding party or company.



STATEMENT re: Allegations Of Non-Communication By Former Prime Minister

The Royal St. Christopher and Nevis Police Force (RSCNPF) wishes to address recent statements made by former Prime Minister, Hon. Dr Timothy Harris, regarding our handling of the investigation in the homicide of Azzawah 'Milk' Niles-Jones, and our communication with the victim's family. We must unequivocally condemn the accusations of neglect leveled against our officers by the former Prime Minister. These allegations not only misrepresent the facts but also undermine the dedicated efforts of our officers who tirelessly work to resolve cases and support affected families. Since the tragic incident on August 20th, 2024, our investigating officers established and have maintained multiple lines of communication with Mr Niles-Jones' family. These include home visits and individual discussions with family members, some of which were rescheduled at the their

request due to the extreme emotional difficulty with which they are faced. The RSCNPF acknowledges the deep pain and distress that accompanies the loss of a loved one, particularly in tragic circumstances such as homicide. The well-being of victims' families is a priority for our organisation, and we always do our best to ensure that they receive timely and accurate information about ongoing investigations. While we encourage open dialogue and constructive criticism, we also urge public figures to exercise strict caution in their statements, especially when they can contribute to further distress for grieving families or mislead the public about the facts.

The RSCNPF is wholly dedicated to conducting thorough investigations and ensuring that all citizens feel supported and informed throughout the process. We will remain steadfast in our mission to serve and protect our community.

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professionalisation programmes and frameworks are designed and developed to help an increasingly large proportion of unqualified teachers acquire the required qualifications and attain the standards of professionalisation within a determined period, in line with the policy recommendations outlined by the UNESCO experts".

"As the Minister of Education, I view the Open University of Tanzania's on-line Bachelor's Degree programme as an optimal and pragmatic route in raising the formal, basic qualification and training necessary for our teaching force - largely comprising females - to stem the tide of a variety of teaching and learning situations, and respond also to crises, such as pandemics, natural disasters etc."

The Minister underscored that the successful completion of the OUT courses by a growing proportion of the teaching force would constitute a significant and timely scaling-up of the academic qualifications needed in St. Kitts and Nevis, as the country is transformed into a sustainable island state".

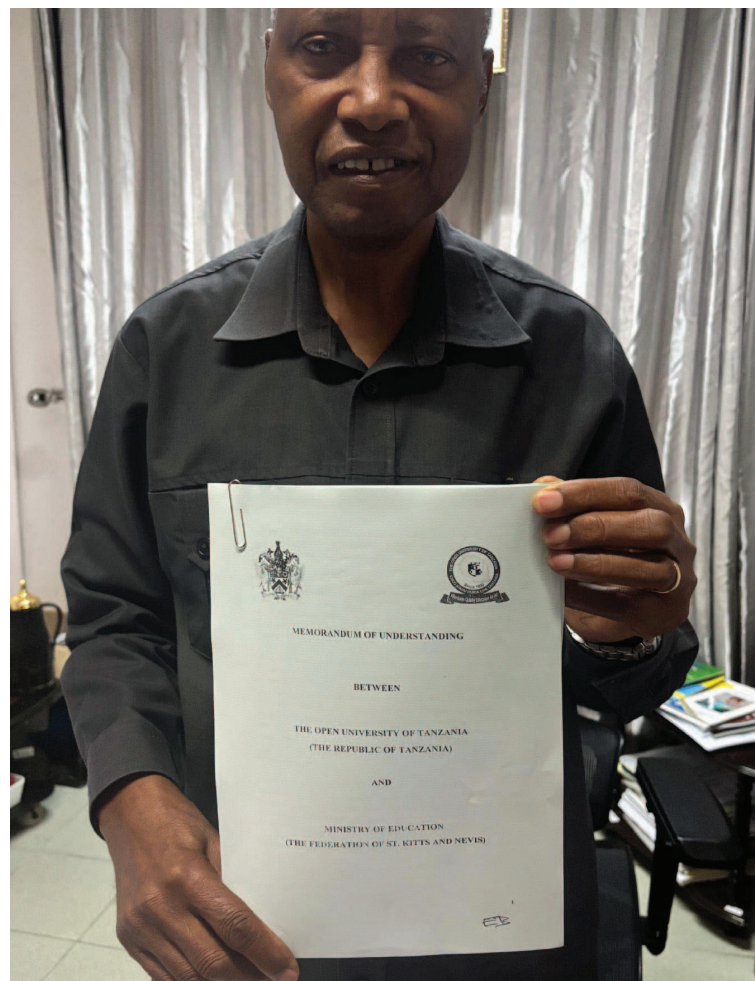
National Commission Secretary-General, and a former long-standing teacher, Ms. Warner added: "Education transcends the country's economic, social and financial strategy enshrined in our quest to transform our small island state economy, relying on a dedicated qualified, skilled and knowledgeable workforce. And teachers play a pivotal role".

Ambassador Doyle, based at UNESCO in Paris commented: "The OUT agreement is a poignant example of successful South-South and triangular development practices, pioneered by UNESCO. This initiative comes alongside a number of other

interrelated education policy measures which St. Kitts and Nevis is implementing with UNESCO's expertise and advice. This includes the development of a National Teacher Qualification Framework to guide teacher recruitment, and the development of a framework for the accreditation of higher college qualifications".

Vice-Chancellor of the OUT, Professor Elifas TozoBisanda, stated, "OUT has the capability to offer its academic programmes to learners anywhere in the world, as it has a strong e-learning management system. Up to now, OUT has graduated learners from more than 50 countries worldwide, coming from nearly every continent. OUT provides a flexible education system that allows students to write their examinations and tests at any time (On-demand examinations), and successful candidates can graduate at any time (On-demand graduation). Our collaboration with St Kitts and Nevis, two small islands in the Caribbean opens the door to many similar initiatives with other island-states worldwide".

The UNESCO Assistant



Director-General for Education, Ms. Stefania Giannini, has long acknowledged the importance of the proposed teacher training initiative negotiated between the St. Kitts and Nevis Ministry of Education and the Open University of Tanzania as a means of contributing to quality education. Since 2011, the UNESCO's International Bureau for Education (IBE) has been partnering with, inter alia, the Open University of Tanzania to offer accredited Bachelor/Master's and/or Postgraduate Diploma courses in Education and Curriculum, which have trained approximately 400 curriculum practitioners from 80 countries.

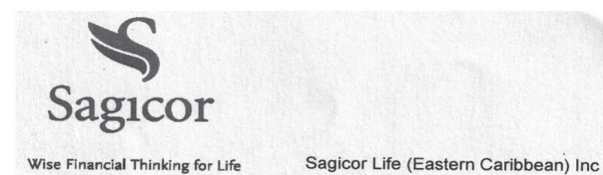
SAGICOR LIFE (EASTERN CARIBBEAN) INC.

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Dated: **14th October, 2024.**

By Order

Andrew Greaves
Corporate Secretary



Commonwealth leaders to defy UK on slavery reparations

James Landale

Diplomatic correspondent . @BBCJLandale



Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer said this week he wants to discuss current challenges with Commonwealth leaders, especially climate change, rather than the past

Commonwealth heads of government are preparing to defy the United Kingdom and agree plans to examine reparatory justice for the transatlantic slave trade, the BBC has learned.

Downing Street insists the issue is not on the agenda for the summit of 56 Commonwealth countries, which begins in the Pacific island nation of Samoa on Friday.

But diplomatic sources said officials were negotiating an agreement to conduct further research and begin a “meaningful conversation” about an issue which could potentially leave the UK owing billions of pounds in reparations.

Frederick Mitchell, foreign minister of the Bahamas, told BBC Radio 4’s Today programme: “Once you broach the subject it may take a while for people to come around but come around they will.”

Reparatory justice for slavery can come in many forms, including financial reparations, debt relief, an official apology, educational programmes, building museums, economic support, and public health assistance.

The current text of the draft summit communique - made known to the BBC - says: “Heads, noting calls for discussions on reparatory justice with regard to the transatlantic trade in enslaved Africans and chattel enslavement... agreed that the time has come for a meaningful, truthful and respectful conversation towards forging a common future based on equity.”

It says the heads of government would play “an active role in bringing about such inclusive conversations addressing these harms” and that they agreed to prioritise and facilitate further and additional research on the transatlantic trade in enslaved Africans and chattel slavery that encourages and supports the conversations and informs a way forward”.

The text - which could still change once Commonwealth leaders arrive - has been hammered out by diplomats ahead of the summit. British officials succeeded in blocking a plan for an entirely separate declaration on the subject.

The UK did not want any language in the communique about reparatory justice, but at the moment it is having to accept it will include three full paragraphs setting out the Commonwealth’s detailed position.

Officials from Caricom, the body that represents Caribbean countries, have sought to broaden the issue so that it encompasses not just the slave trade across the Atlantic but also the Pacific.

The draft communique says a majority of member states “share common historical experiences in relation to this abhorrent trade, chattel enslavement, the debilitation and dispossession of indigenous people”.

It also refers directly to practices known as “blackbirding”, where Pacific islanders were tricked or kidnapped into slave or cheap labour in colonies throughout the region.

Diplomats said the expectation now was that reparatory justice would be a

central focus of the agenda for the next Commonwealth summit in two years’ time in the Caribbean, possibly Antigua and Barbuda.

In the run-up to this year’s summit, there have been growing calls from Commonwealth leaders for the UK to apologise and make reparations worth trillions of pounds for the country’s historic role in the slave trade.

A report published last year by the University of West Indies - backed by Patrick Robinson, a judge who sits on the International Court of Justice - concluded the UK owed more than £18tn in reparations for its role in slavery in 14 Caribbean countries.



PA Media King Charles III during a visit to O Le Pupu’Pue National Park, Sa’agafou on the island of Upolu, to meet local villagers and community groups involved in the reforestation efforts on day five of the royal visit to Australia and Samoa. PA Media Ahead of the Commonwealth meeting, King Charles met locals involved in reforestation efforts on Samoa and attended a ceremony in which he was made an honorary chieftain



Reuters Britain’s Queen Camilla and Commonwealth Secretary-General, Baroness Scotland of Asthal attend the CHOGM Women’s Forum Side Event. Reuters Queen Camilla attended a womens’ forum event hosted by Commonwealth Secretary-General Baroness Scotland of Asthal in Samoa

Last weekend the prime minister of the Bahamas, Philip Davis, used a visit by Foreign Office minister Baroness Chapman to tell her the fight for reparations was far from over.

Bahamas foreign minister Frederick Mitchell told BBC Radio 4’s Today programme: “The word is apologise, that’s the word.”

He said for the Commonwealth gathering, “it’s a simple matter - it can be done, one sentence, one line.”

Asked how much reparations should amount to, Mr Mitchell said it was not just a matter of money but of respect, acknowledging the past was a wrong that needs to be corrected”.

He said member countries “want the conversation to start” but “there appears to be even a reluctance to have the conversation”.

Culture Secretary Lisa Nandy said the UK had heard calls for slavery reparations “loud and clear” but that prime minister was “right” to “focus on the future”.

A UK government spokesperson said they would not comment on the leak to the BBC, but added: “Reparations are not on the agenda for the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting. The government’s position has not changed - we do not pay reparations.

“We are focused on using the summit at [the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting] to discuss the shared opportunities which we can unlock across the Commonwealth - including securing more economic growth.”

It is understood the Downing Street position - that reparatory justice is not on

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Striking Boeing workers reject 35 % pay rise offer

BBC News
Natalie Sherman and Joao da Silva
Business reporters



Reuters Striking Boeing workers hold signs on a picket line near the entrance to a Boeing production facility in Renton, Washington.Reuters
The IAM union said 64% of its striking members voted against the proposed deal

Striking Boeing workers have rejected a new offer from the plane-making giant, which included a 35% pay rise over four years.

The International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM) union said 64% of its members voted against the proposed deal.

More than 30,000 of Boeing’s employees have joined the walkout, which started on 13 September, after an initial offer was rejected.

Hours earlier Boeing’s boss Kelly Ortberg warned that the company is at a “crossroads” as losses at the firm surged to roughly \$6bn (£4.6bn).

“After 10 years of sacrifices, we still have ground to make up, and we’re hopeful to do so by resuming negotiations promptly,” union representatives said in a statement.

“This is workplace democracy - and also clear evidence that there are consequences when a company mistreats its workers

Commonwealth leaders to defy UK on slavery reparations

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the agenda - while technically correct, has angered some Caribbean ministers when it was obvious the issue would be discussed at the summit.

The BBC understands that the tenor and tone of language from the UK government has contributed to “irritating even more” some members who might not have expected the UK to change its view and “suddenly start shelling out a lot of money”.

Sir Keir Starmer landed in Samoa late on Wednesday UK time, becoming the first sitting prime minister to visit a Pacific island nation.

Speaking to reporters en route, he said he wanted to discuss

current challenges with Commonwealth leaders, especially climate change, rather than issues of the past.

“What they’re most interested in is, can we help them working with, for example, international financial institutions on the sorts of packages they need right now in relation to the challenges they’re facing,” he said.

“That’s where I’m going to put my focus - rather than what will end up being very, very long endless discussions about reparations on the past.

“Of course, slavery is abhorrent to everybody; the trade and the practice, there’s no question about that. But I think from my point of view... I’d rather roll up my sleeves and work with them on the current future-facing challenges than spend a lot of time on the past.”

year after year,” it added.

Boeing has declined to comment on its latest offer being rejected.

It is the second time that the striking workers have rejected a proposed deal in a formal vote. The previous offer was turned down last month by 95% of workers.

Earlier, Mr Ortberg, who took over as chief executive in August, said he had been working “feverishly” to stabilise the firm, as it worked to repair its reputation, which has been hit by manufacturing and safety concerns.

“This is a big ship that will take some time to turn, but when it does, it has the capacity to be great again,” he said.

Boeing-made satellite breaks up in space
How much trouble is Boeing in?
What’s the right punishment for ‘too big to fail’ Boeing?

The latest crisis at Boeing erupted in January with a dramatic mid-air blowout of a piece of one of its passenger planes.

Its space business also suffered a reputational hit after its Starliner vessel was forced to return to Earth without carrying astronauts.

The strike has compounded the problems, leading to a dramatic slowdown in production.

Mr Ortberg said the firm was “saddled with too much debt” and had disappointed customers with lapses in performance across the business.

Boeing’s commercial aircraft business reported operating losses of \$4bn in the last three months, while its defence unit lost nearly \$2.4bn.

The strike “is costing them \$100m a day so the cash burn is really significant... This is getting to a pretty severe situation for Boeing,” said Anna McDonald from Aubrey Capital Management.

Mr Ortberg argued the firm was in a strong position, with a backlog of roughly 5,400 orders for its planes.

But he warned investors that restarting the firm’s factories, whenever the strike does end, will be tricky.

“It’s much harder to turn this on than it is to turn it off. So it’s critical, absolutely critical, that we do this right,” he said.

“We have a detailed return-to-work plan in place and I’m really looking forward to getting everybody back and getting to work on that plan.”

The company announced plans earlier this month to cut roughly 10% of its workforce. Thousands of other staff are already on a rolling furlough due to the strike, which has also hit suppliers.

Mr Ortberg told investors that his first priority was a “fundamental culture change”.

“We need to prevent the festering of issues and work better together to identify, fix and understand root cause,” he said.

Boeing’s suppliers are also feeling the impact of the strike.

Spirit AeroSystems, which makes plane bodies, has already announced a 21-day furlough for 700 of its workers.

It has also warned it could have to lay off staff if the Boeing strike continues beyond next month.

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PRESS RELEASE

Statement from British American and CLICO (BACOL) Policyholders of the Eastern Caribbean on the Recent Judgement by the CCJ.

It is with profound disappointment that we inform the policyholders of British American Insurance Company (BAICO) who lost hundreds of millions of dollars when the CL Financial Group (CLF) collapsed, that the Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ) has dismissed the claims brought on their behalf against Trinidad & Tobago (T&T). These claims were based on the premise that the BAICO policyholders were similarly circumstanced and thus should have been treated in like manner to Trinbagonian policyholders of the Trinidadian company, British American Insurance Company (Trinidad) Limited (BAT), who were compensated for their loss by the Government of T&T at the

time.

The CCJ's Judgment highlights the failure of CARICOM to put in place a framework to protect and provide equal treatment for all consumers across the Common Market.

The Court observed that despite the provision contained in the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas (RTC) for Member States to promote the interests of consumers in the Community by appropriate measures, no specific measures existed which were enforceable against T&T.

Consequently, the Court ruled that, although it was "sensitive to the tremendous losses sustained by the [BAICO Policyholders] and all those who were affected by the CLF implosion," there was no legal basis presently under the RTC that provides for redress for the massive losses.

Regrettably, the Government of T&T was able to rely on an exception to rights contained in the RTC and thereby restrict its implementation of a rescue plan for CLF and consequent compensation, to Trinbagonians only. This is against the background of the Court having determined that the collapse of

CLF, which was based on and operated out of Trinidad & Tobago, stemmed from significant regulatory deficiencies.

We deeply, but respectfully, disagree with the result.

While the judgment represents a significant setback, we shall not relent in the quest for economic justice for BAICO and CLICO policyholders. In the coming weeks and months, the Judgment will be subjected to keen analysis so as to assess whether it leaves any further avenue open for judicial redress.

In the meantime, we thank policyholders for their patience and their support of our pursuit of this matter. We also thank the team of lawyers comprised of Mr. Simon Davenport KC, Mr. Carsten Zatschler SC, Dr Kenny Anthony, Mr. Gregory Pantin, Professor Matthew Happold, Mr. George Kirnon and Mr. Miguel Vasquez and their respective staff.

We would like to express our gratitude to the BACOL Board members, Mr. Hugh Dolland and Mr. Kevin Branker, as well as all the Case Managers: Ms. Stacy Richards (Antigua and Barbuda), Mr. Jeffrey Douglas-Murdock (Dominica), Ms. Paula Phillip (Grenada), Ms. Sheryly Markham

(Montserrat), Mr. Larkland Richards (St. Kitts and Nevis), Dr. Kenny Anthony (Saint Lucia), and Mr. Stephen Huggins, Ms. Louise Mitchell, and Ms. Kay Bacchus Baptiste (St. Vincent and the Grenadines).

We honor the sacrifices made by Mr. Gerald Thompson and Mr. Karl Markham, both of whom were called home to glory, during the course of this quest for 'economic justice' for BAICO and CLICO Policyholders

We are also grateful for the support of Hairouna Media Limited, ECONOTECH Limited, K.L. Menns, Joseph Ewart Layne, Xpert Trade Law and the Caribbean Institute of Forensic Accounting (CIFA),

We extend our gratitude to all others who provided support and assistance in this struggle which has been ongoing for the past 15 years.

Patrick Antoine, PhD
Chairman, Board of Directors.
24th October 2024

Late Earle Clarke Honored for His Contributions to Cuba

By: Precious Mills

BASSETTERRE, St. Kitts (Monday 21st October 2024)-

On Thursday, October 3rd, 2024, the life and legacy of the late Earle Clarke were celebrated in an emotional ceremony held near his family home in Bird Rock, Basseterre.

Clarke, a renowned community activist, social and political commentator, and former official of the St. Kitts and Nevis Cuban Friendship Association, was posthumously awarded the *Friendship Medal* by the Cuban Institute of Friendship with the Peoples (ICAP). This high honour recognized Clarke's significant contributions to fostering strong ties between St. Kitts and Nevis and Cuba.

Tamara Armenteros Alcee, an official of ICAP, presented the medal during her visit to the Federation. Mrs. Dorothy Clarke, widow of the late Earle Clarke, received the medal on behalf of her husband. Visibly moved, she expressed her deep gratitude for the recognition. "I am stunned to know what to say. I know that Earl loved Cuba. He loved the Cuban government. He loved the Cuban people. He loved everything Cuban," she said with emotion, as she held the medal close.

President of the Cuba Alumni Association, Telca Wallace, read the declaration for the award. The document emphasized Clarke's pivotal role in establishing the St. Kitts and Nevis Cuba Friendship Association and his unwavering commitment to the Cuban Solidarity Movement. Clarke was lauded as a "historical and unconditional friend of the Cuban Revolution and its social political projects initiated in 1959," and an advocate for the Cuban cause, especially in denouncing the United States' economic blockade against Cuba.

Mrs. Clarke, reflecting on her husband's passion for Cuba, shared a personal story about his dedication. "He loved Cuba so much that our library has quite a few Cuban documents, Cuban writings, Cuban things. As I said, he was an avid reader. Even the -what do you call it - the Cuban Five. There is a book right there still," she said. Her words painted a picture of a man whose love for Cuba was deeply ingrained in every aspect of his life.

Earle Clarke was a vocal supporter of the Cuban Revolution, writing numerous articles condemning the U.S. blockade on Cuba and advocating for the release of the Cuban Five. His active collaboration with the Cuban Embassy and his regular engagement with Cuban doctors and engineers further solidified his commitment to strengthening relations between St. Kitts and Cuba. Clarke's dedication was not only in his writing but in his actions, including frequent trips to Cuba, attending May Day parades, and holding exchanges with ICAP officials.

Mrs. Clarke's heartfelt tribute also revealed a personal connection that extended even to their family. "He loved Fidel. Our third daughter is named Fidela...and she is over 40 years old, so you could see how long he looked out for the cause of Cuba. You know, he was all Cuban. There wasn't anybody who could say anything against Cuba for him," she noted with pride.

The *Friendship Medal*, proposed in 2023 under Presidential Decree 642 by Cuban President Miguel Diaz-Canel Bermudez, is a distinguished honor that recognizes individuals and organizations for their outstanding contributions to international solidarity with Cuba. Clarke's posthumous award is a testament to his enduring legacy as a champion of social justice and solidarity.

During the ceremony, Cuban Ambassador to St. Kitts and Nevis, David Rivero, and his wife presented Mrs. Clarke with a bouquet of flowers, marking the occasion with respect and admiration.

President of the Cuba Alumni Association, Telca Wallace, spoke passionately about Earle Clarke's unique character and his contribution to the Cuban cause. She remarked, "This is a very, very important declaration, and I don't think there are many persons in the world who have received this. And so, I'm glad the Labour Spokesman is here because Mr. Clarke was a prolific writer for the Labour Spokesman. I think Mr. Clarke was such a unique individual, and many of these quality of persons do not come around in one generation. And he was able to live through several generations."

Wallace reflected on Clarke's resilience and dedication to his work: "Even though he was incapacitated, he climbed the stairs with his wheelchair up and down. He made sure he got into Basseterre on a regular basis just so that he could make people feel good by saying, 'Hello, beautiful lady. Hello, handsome gentleman.' He also went to the hospital on a regular basis, and when he got to the hospital, he would visit everyone and he would cheer up persons who were down."

She concluded her remarks with a deeply personal acknowledgment of Clarke's commitment: "In our association, Mr. Clarke was my right hand and my left hand because anything we had to do, he would participate fully. And he was committed,



Photo: (left to right) Widow Mrs. Dorothy Clarke seen looking on with her daughter Earla Clarke- Allen and her grandson Jahavid Allen as President of the St.Kitts and Nevis Cuba Friendship Association Telca Wallace reads the medal award declaration document in recognition of the late Earle Clarke. (Spokesman Snap) Of note, Clarke passed away on 25th May 2023.



Photo: Cuban Institute of Friendship with the Peoples (ICAP) official Tamara Armenteros Alcee (left) comforts Mrs. Dorothy Clarke after presenting the Friendship Medal (Spokesman Snap)



Photo: Resident Cuban Ambassador David Rivero and ICAP official Tamara Armenteros Alcee takes a photo with Mrs. Dorothy Clarke (Spokesman Snap)

publicly and privately, to the Cuban Revolution. For that, I am very happy that even though he's not here, I think his spirit is here, and the person who sacrificed the most beside him was his wife. And that she is able to receive the award - so all is well."

Front Page Image: (Left to Right) Resident Cuban Ambassador to St. Kitts and Nevis, David Rivero, Mrs. Dorothy Clarke, widow of the late Earle Clarke, President of the St.Kitts and Nevis Cuba Friendship Association- Telca Wallace, ICAP official, Tamara Armenteros Alcee, Jahavid Allen (grandson of the late Earle Clarke), Earla Clarke- Allen (daughter of the late Earle Clarke, and Jahavid's mother) and Ambassador Rivero's wife Ivon Tome Flis pose for a photo following the Friendship Medal tribute presentation on Thursday 3rd October 2024 (Spokesman Snap)

WEXIT: Wealthy Brits Exit UK for EU Ahead of Budget

For immediate release: London, 22 October 2024

Most of the approximately 9,500 high-net-worth individuals (HNWIs) forecast to leave the UK this year are expected to head to the EU, which is set to enjoy an influx of +6,500 millionaires from Britain by the end of December. The UAE will welcome the next biggest cohort of wealthy individuals and their families fleeing the UK (+800 HNWIs), followed by the US (+720), Australasia (+300), and the Caribbean Islands in 5th place, with +250 millionaires making a permanent move to their sun-drenched tropical shores.

In a follow-up to the 2024 Henley Wealth Migration Dashboard, leading international investment migration advisory firm Henley & Partners has teamed up with wealth intelligence firm New World Wealth to publish their latest forecast and review the potential impact of the upcoming budget on UK wealth migration trends.

Based on data collected over the past nine months, the UK’s wealth exodus or WEXIT is expected to include 85 centi-millionaires and 10 billionaires. In an ironic reversal of Brexit fortunes, 68% are heading for Europe, with their favored destinations being Italy, Malta, Greece, Portugal, Switzerland, Monaco, Cyprus, France, Spain, and the Netherlands.

Note: For our purposes ‘millionaires’ or ‘HNWIs’ refer to individuals with liquid investable wealth of USD 1 million or more, and ‘centi-millionaires’ refers to individuals with liquid investable wealth of USD 100 million or more.

The large number of centi-millionaires leaving the UK is particularly concerning, according to New World Wealth’s Head of Research, Andrew Amoils, who expects over 10% of the UK’s centi-millionaires to exit the country this year. “Over 60% of centi-millionaires are entrepreneurs and company founders, which makes them key when it comes to wealth creation. The businesses they start up have a significant positive spillover effect on the middle class as they create large numbers of well-paying jobs in their base country. It is also worth noting that most of the companies on the FTSE 100 were started by individuals who went on to become centi-millionaires.”

Record surge in UK investment migration applications reflects growing concerns

The total number of applications for investment migration programs from UK nationals received by Henley & Partners has risen by an astonishing 337% in the last five years (2019 versus 2023 totals). The international firm, which has assisted clients from over 80 different nationalities so far this year, says that in a stunning change of circumstances, Brits have risen from 20th place on its client source market list in 2018 to 4th place in terms of global demand for alternative residence and citizenship options in 2024.

As Stuart Wakeling, head of Henley & Partners’ UK office points out, “the last two quarters have both been record-breaking, with a 160% increase in applications by UK-based investors for residence and citizenship by investment programs over the last six months (April to September 2024) compared to the previous six months (October 2023 to March 2024). In terms of enquiries, by the end of September 2024 we had already exceeded the total for 2023 by 27%, and across our 60 offices worldwide, out of the clients representing 200-plus different nationalities who have reached out to us this year alone, Brits account for the 4th highest number of enquiries.”

The UK’s high tax rates and concerns about additional tax hikes that could be announced at the end of the month in the Labour Party’s first budget in 14 years, are highlighted as being among the main reasons for the wealth exodus. Wakeling says looking at the wealth migration data, “it’s clear that next year’s increase in tax for non-domiciled individuals, announced by the previous Conservative government in March, prompted people to start considering leaving, and this had a domino effect on UK nationals when they realized that capital gains and inheritance tax were the last ones remaining that could possibly be changed and make a difference to the budget shortfall.”

Amoils agrees and points out that the UK’s capital gains tax and estate duty rates are among the highest in the world. “What many politicians and academics in the UK fail to understand is that there are several high-income countries globally that don’t levy capital gains tax, including the likes of Singapore, the UAE, and even New Zealand. There is also a much longer list of countries that don’t charge estate duty, including high-growth markets such as Canada, Australia, and Malta.

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FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
JOSEPH NATHANIEL CLARKE, late of Buckleys
Site, Basseterre, St. Kitts, Deceased

IN THE MATTER of Section 8 of the Eastern
Caribbean Supreme Court (Non-Contentious
Probate and Administration of Estates) Rules 2017

TAKE NOTICE that an Application has been filed by DENISE WILLIAMS for a Grant of Probate to the Applicant who Is the issue of the deceased JOSEPH NATHANIEL CLARKE late of Buckleys Site, Basseterre, St. Kitts, the deceased having died testate on 18th day of August 2022.

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 22nd day of October day of 2024.

Filed by HAMILTON CHAMBERS of Unit #1 , N. W. Thomas Building , Lime Kiln Commercial and Industrial Park, Basseterre, St. Kitts.

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THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
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ST. CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
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IN THE MATTER of the Estate of TEJSINGH ARJOON of Race Course, Newton Ground, in the island of St. Christopher (Deceased)

IN THE MATTER of the Real Representatives Act Chapter 10.16 of the 2002 Revised Edition Laws of the Federation of St. Christopher and Nevis

IN THE MATTER OF Section 13 of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court (Non-Contentious Probate and Administration of Estates) Rules 2017

TAKE NOTICE that an Application has been filed by ROSALINE ELVIRA ARJOON nee WILKINSON and ANGELA MARION WILKINSON for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicants who are the wife and issue of the deceased TEJSINGH ARJOON, late of #34 Lodge Project, St. Kitts, the deceased having died intestate on 15th May 2023.

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 22ND day of October 2024

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Fraudsters steal more than £3m a day as cases rise

BBC News
Kevin Peachey - Cost of living correspondent

Fraud cases have risen by 16% with con artists stealing more than £3m a day, according to figures from the banking industry. Criminals have particularly targeted victims by tricking them

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In the new global world, these countries are all attractive migration options for English-speaking entrepreneurs. It is also worth noting that although the US charges a similar estate duty rate (40%) to the UK, the threshold there is much higher, which means only the super-rich need to pay it, whereas in the UK even upper-middle class individuals are pulled into it.”

Upcoming tax and wealth management conference to address UK’s financial migration

Henley & Partners will be hosting an inaugural investment and tax migration conference in London on 12 November, bringing together industry and other independent experts to unpack the 30 October budget announcement and provide insights on tax planning, global mobility, and residence options.

Peter Ferrigno, Director of Tax Services at Henley & Partners, who will be speaking at the event, points out that by promising not to increase income tax or VAT, the new Labour government has limited its ability to raise new revenues. “Inheritance tax is at a 40% rate and applies to estates above GBP 325,000, which is very high by global standards. However, as there is no gift tax, it has long been common practice to put assets into trust and plan in advance, as gifts made just before death count as part of the estate, but those made more than three years before have a lower rate, falling to zero after seven years. Where the assets are still under the control of the original owner, we expect increasing restrictions on whether the transfer is effective for tax purposes or not, but it’s too early to say.”

As regards the government’s commitment to take action in respect of the ‘carried interest’ loophole, Ferrigno says “the original plan for carried interest was for it to be taxable as income rather than at capital gains tax rates of 18% and 28%, as there is a feeling that in many cases it’s really a bonus rather than a gain on an asset investment. However, the latest thinking is that taxing it at the full rate of income tax would drive a large chunk of the industry away, so we expect some change, but not to all the way.”

The London-based conference, entitled ‘Should I Stay or Should I Go’ after the well-known hit single by The Clash, will also focus on another tax proposal grabbing the headlines in the UK: to charge VAT on private school fees. Tess Wilkinson, Director of Education Services at Henley & Partners, warns that the tax could make private education 20% more expensive. “International schools in other countries are already less expensive, and many offer a British curriculum. Education in the UK is big business, bringing in over GBP 16.5 billion and supporting over 328,000 jobs annually. Combined with other possible tax hikes, pricier private school fees present a very different landscape for high-net-worth families based in the UK, with fewer incentives to remain in Britain over competitive jurisdictions such as Singapore,

out of their one-time passcodes, trade body UK Finance said.

Despite the increase in reported cases, total losses have fallen slightly - totalling £572m in the first half of the year.

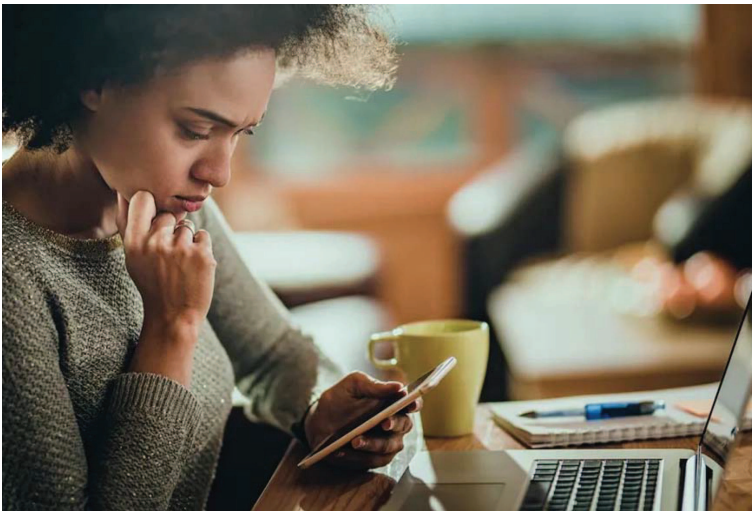
Banks said that fraud posed a “major threat” to the UK and called for support in tackling the crime.

The figures come after BBC Panorama revealed earlier this week a stream of cases involving e-money firm Revolut.

One victim told of how he lost £165,000 from his business account within an hour. Revolut said it had “robust controls” in place.

Passcode trick

Changing tactics by fraudsters have seen cases rise in the first six months of this



Getty Images A woman looks at her phone while frowning with a concerned look on her face, as she sits at a desk at home with a laptop, coffee cup and notepad and pen in view.

year, compared with the same period last year. Unauthorised payments rose sharply, with losses up 5%, driven in part by fraudsters circumventing protection systems. When a customer makes a payment online, they are often sent a one-time passcode to verify the transaction. Fraudsters have found ways to trick people into telling them

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EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
NEVIS CIRCUIT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

Claim No. NEVHCV2013/0021

ST KITTS NEVIS ANGUILLA NATIONAL BANK LIMITED

and

POKU ANDREW FORSON

NOTICE OF SALE

The Property described below will be offered for sale by The Registrar of the Supreme Court by public auction at High Court, Prince William Street, Charlestown, Nevis, on the 25th day of October, 2024 at 10:30 o'clock.

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 of land and buildings thereon situate at Jessups Estate in the Parish of St. Thomas in the Island of Nevis containing by admeasurement 1.20 acre and bounded and measuring as follows: On the North by the lands of Lewis Knudson, 239.05 feet; On the East by a 20 Foot Road and by lands of Belmont Beach Resort Limited 198.21 feet; On the South by lands of Belmont Beach Resort Limited 35.37 feet, 98.65 feet and 85.88 feet; and On the West by lands of Belmont Beach Resort Limited, 275.62 feet, all as the same is described in a Certificate of Title dated the 23rd day of January, 2009 and registered in Book 47 Folio 13 of the Register of Titles of the Nevis Circuit in favour of POKU ANDREW FORSON of Starchaser Villa, Fern Hill Estate, Jessups in the Island of Nevis as registered proprietor thereof.

UPSET PRICE

The Upset price for the above property shall be EC\$1,592,579.00

Dated the 1st day of October 2024

Registrar of the Supreme Court

Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court
High Court of Justice

Nevis Cooperative Credit Union donates smart televisions to Alexandra Hospital and Flamboyant Nursing Home



NIA CHARLESTOWN, NEVIS (October 22, 2024) - In a gesture of community support, the Nevis Cooperative Credit Union (NCCU) has donated three Samsung smart televisions to the Alexandra Hospital and Flamboyant Nursing Home as part of the celebrations for International Credit Union Week.

During a presentation ceremony, Nekisha Warner, Senior Credit Officer at NCCU, handed over the three televisions to Hospital Administrator Gary Pemberton.

"We trust that it will add value to the workers and the patients while they are here," she said.

Pemberton expressed profound gratitude for the donation, stating, "These smart televisions will greatly enhance

the experience for both our workers and patients. They will be strategically placed in the waiting areas to provide essential information about hospital operations and what patients can expect during their visits."

He continued, "On behalf of the staff at Alexandra Hospital and the Flamboyant Nursing Home, as well as the Ministry of Health, I extend our heartfelt thanks to the Nevis Cooperative Credit Union for this generous contribution. Your support plays a crucial role in our efforts to improve patient care and communication."

According to the Senior Credit Officer the Nevis Cooperative Credit Union remains committed to supporting local initiatives that enhance the lives of Nevisians and looks forward to further collaborations that benefit the community.

The event was attended by key figures in the facilities' administration, including Medical Chief of Staff Dr. Florelle Hobson; Assistant Hospital Administrator Shinnelle Browne; Matron Chandreka Persaud-Wallace, Nurse Manager at the Flamboyant Nursing Home Donna Hanley, and General Manager of NCCU Sidney Newton, along with other staff members.

International Credit Union Week, celebrated under the theme "One World Through Cooperative Finance," underscores the vital role that credit unions play in fostering community well-being and financial literacy.

Fraudsters steal more than £3m a day as cases rise

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these codes, in order to steal money.

However, the latest data shows there were relatively large falls in romance and investment scams.

This may have been the result of the promise of stricter rules regarding so-called authorised push payment (APP) fraud prevention.

New five-day rule

When criminals dupe their victims into sending them money by pretending to be a legitimate company, such as their bank or a tradesperson, or by selling goods that do not exist, this is known as APP fraud.

New mandatory rules took

effect on 7 October which will see UK banks refund APP fraud victims up to £85,000 within five days.

Before the compulsory rules came in, most banks had signed up to a voluntary reimbursement code.

There were 97,344 cases of APP fraud in the first half of the year, with total losses of £214m.

"Fraud continues to pose a major threat in this country," said Ben Donaldson, managing director of economic crime at UK Finance.

"In addition to the financial impact, this crime can cause severe psychological harm to victims.

"This isn't a fight we will win alone."

On Sunday, Charlie Nunn, chief executive of Lloyds Banking Group, accused Meta, the tech giant which owns social media platforms Facebook and Instagram, of "enabling" people to be contacted by fraudsters running online scams.

Meta said in response that its "pilot Fraud Intelligence Reciprocal Exchange programme (FIRE)" was designed to enable banks to "share information so we can work together to protect people using our respective services".

What are your rights if you are a victim of fraud?

- * The Financial Conduct Authority regulates financial services in the UK
- * Customers can complain about any regulated firm to the Financial Ombudsman Service, which can settle disputes and order firms to pay compensation



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* The Mandatory Reimbursement Requirement, designed to protect customers from authorised push payment (APP) scams, came into force on 7 October 2024

* Unlike its predecessor, which was a voluntary code, the new regulations are obligatory

* Banks will cover the vast majority of UK money transfers up to £85,000, with the exception of international transfers or those involving cryptocurrencies

* Refunds will be split 50-50 between sending and receiving firms

Rising Stars Set to Shine at the 2024-2025 Green House Band Junior Calypso Competition

The eagerly awaited Green House Band Junior Calypso Competition is poised to deliver another unforgettable night of vibrant culture and youthful talent, as the next generation of calypsonians take centre stage. This year's showdown promises even more excitement, returning to the Plaza of the St. Kitts Marriott on Sunday, 15th December, at 5 PM for an evening of dazzling performances free of charge.

14 talented primary and secondary school calypsonians are gearing up to deliver powerful performances. Among them are the reigning Primary School Monarch - Mighty Zen, and reigning Secondary School Monarch - Star Boy Nicholas, who will also compete, adding to the evening's excitement.

The participating junior calypsonians, backed by the Green House Band, are as follows:

Primary School Category

- * -€ Mighty Zen (Zenobia Johnson) - Reigning Primary School Monarch (Nevis)
- * -€ Chase The Dream (Chase Harding) - Nevis
- * -€ Adiaha (Adiaha Inanga) - St. Kitts
- * -€ Prince Khi (Roland Amaro) - St. Kitts
- * -€ Sir Kalypso (Rokimba Wigley) - St. Kitts
- * -€ Prince Dj (Devon Richardson) - St. Kitts
- * -€ King Super Knowledge (Kenver Francis) - St. Kitts

Secondary School Category

- * -€ Star Boy Nicholas (Nicholas Petty) - Reigning Secondary School Monarch (St. Kitts)
- * - Mighty QJ (Quincy Isaac) - St. Kitts
- * -€ Dequan (Dequan Hendrickson) - Nevis
- * -€ Energetic I (Ilovely Pemberton) - St. Kitts
- * -€ Mighty J (Edward Williams) - St. Kitts
- * -€ Lady B (Aaliyah Buchanan) - St. Kitts
- * -€ Lega-Z (Zyon Harding) - Nevis



Mighty Zen (Zenobia Johnson), Reigning Primary School Monarch
Star Boy Nicholas (Nicholas Petty) - Reigning Secondary School Monarch

This competition promises to be a memorable evening of culture, creativity, and musical expression as the next generation of calypsonians showcases their talent. The St. Kitts & Nevis National Carnival Committee is thrilled to provide a platform for these young performers and invites everyone to come and support them.

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I, Studley Francis now residing in the town of Sandy Point do hereby give you notice that it is my intention to apply on 06th day of January 2025, to the District Magistrate at Sandy Point for a Retail Liquor Licence in respect of my premises in West Moland Bar in Bradshaw Avenue in St. Paul's Village in St. Kitts.

Dated this 17th day of October, 2024.

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Zimbabwe set new T20 world record in Gambia win



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Zimbabwe captain Sikandar Raza scored seven fours and 15 sixes during his 43-ball innings

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BBC Sport journalist

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2026 Men’s T20 World Cup Sub-Regional Africa Qualifier, Nairobi

Zimbabwe 344-4 (20.0): Raza 133* (43); Jarju 2-53

The Gambia 54 (14.4): Jarju (12*); Mavuta 3-10

Zimbabwe win by 290 runs

Zimbabwe set a world record for the highest score in men’s T20 international cricket by posting 344-4 against The Gambia in Nairobi, Kenya.

Sikandar Raza scored 133 not out from just 43 balls.

Zimbabwe won Wednesday’s match, part of qualifying for the 2026 World Cup, by 290 runs after bowling out their opponents for 54.

Zimbabwe’s record smashes the previous world record of 314-3 set by Nepal against Mongolia last year in Hangzhou, China.

Raza reached his century in 33 balls, equalling Namibia’s Jan Nicol Loftie-Eaton as the second-fastest in T20I cricket.

Sahil Chauhan’s 27-ball hundred for Estonia against Cyprus in June remains the fastest T20I century.

On top of Raza’s century, Tadiwanashe Marumani (62 off 19 balls), Clive Madande (53 not out off 17 balls) and Brian Bennett (50 off 26 balls) all posted half-centuries during Zimbabwe’s record-breaking innings.

With the ball, Brandon Mavuta (3-10) and Richard Ngarava (3-13) took three wickets each.

Zimbabwe’s victory guarantees they will advance into the final round of Africa qualifying for the 2026 World Cup, taking place next year. Five of the other seven spots have also been decided, with Namibia, Uganda, Tanzania, Malawi and Kenya also advancing.

It has been a chaotic tournament for Gambia, who became an Associate member of the ICC in 2017 and are ranked 95th in the world.

They became the first team in cricket history to lose two T20 internationals by walkover earlier in the tournament having been unable to fulfil matches against Rwanda and Seychelles.

The Gambia Cricket Association told BBC Sport that “issues with getting the appropriate documentation to enter Kenya” meant they turned up to the event late.

Djokovic withdraws from Paris Masters



Image source,Getty Images
Novak Djokovic was defeated by Carlos Alcaraz in this year’s Wimbledon final

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Novak Djokovic has withdrawn from next week’s Paris Masters, potentially ending his 2024 season.

The 37-year-old, who is the defending champion in Paris, has won a record 40 Masters titles in his career along with his 24

Grand Slam titles.

Djokovic is still in contention to qualify for the season-ending ATP Finals in Turin next month, but is currently sixth in the race for the eight-man field event with a number of players still able to overtake him.

“Unfortunately I won’t be playing the Paris Masters this year,” Djokovic posted on social media.

“I have a lot of great memories, winning seven titles and I hope to be back with you next year. Sorry to everyone who was hoping to see me there.”

For the first time since 2017, Djokovic will end the season without a Grand Slam title after victories for Italy’s Jannik Sinner and Spain’s Carlos Alcaraz in the four majors.

However, Djokovic did win his first Olympic gold medal in Paris in August.

Britain’s Stojsavljevic, 15, denied first WTA win



Image source
Mika Stojsavljevic won the US Open girls’ title earlier this year

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British teenager Mika Stojsavljevic was denied a first WTA win after an agonising 6-4 6-7 (7-9) 7-6 (8-6) defeat by Japan’s Moyuka Uchijima in the first round of the Pan Pacific Open.

The 15-year-old, the reigning US Open girls’ champion, held a 3-2 lead against Uchijima in the first set before she was broken three times in a row to lose the opener.

Stojsavljevic, who was playing in her first main-draw match, saved two match points in the second set and went on to win the tie-break 9-7 to level the match.

She took that momentum into the deciding set, breaking Uchijima, ranked 57th in the world, to take a 5-2 lead.

But the world number 633 missed the opportunity to serve out the match, allowing 23-year-old Uchijima to level at 5-5.

In the tie-break, Stojsavljevic saved two more match points but Uchijima recovered to see out the win.

Uchijima will face top seed Zheng Qinwen in the second round in Tokyo.

Elsewhere, British number one Katie Boulter is through to the last 16 after easing to a 6-1 6-4 win against Australia’s Priscilla Hon.

The 28-year-old broke the Australian three times in the first set, converting 100% of her break points.

It was similarly straightforward for Boulter in the second set as she broke Hon, ranked 184 places below her, twice.

The world number 33 will play Japan’s Kyoka Okamura next.

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