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Editorial

When Judgment Rules In The Court Of Public Opinion

The justice system is built upon the principle that every individual is presumed innocent until proven guilty. This foundational concept is meant to uphold fairness and protect against wrongful condemnation. However, in the court of public opinion, this presumption often falters. The moment someone's name is linked to an accusation, there is no doubt that the weight of suspicion can be suffocating to said individual, casting a long shadow over their character and reputation.

The mere mention of a person's name in an ongoing investigation can irrevocably alter their standing in society. The legal process takes time, but public judgment is swift and often unforgiving. Long before any verdict is delivered in a court of law, a social sentence is imposed-one that can persist even if innocence is later affirmed. In an era where information spreads rapidly, the damage to one's reputation is difficult, if not impossible, to undo.

This phenomenon has come into sharp focus most recently, as allegations against legal professionals and a senior police officer have stirred public debate. Lawyers, by virtue of their profession, are expected to uphold the law, making accusations against them particularly striking. In such cases, the discourse around right and wrong becomes even more intense, with many in the public assuming the roles of judge, jury, and executioner based

solely on police reports, and quite naturally- gossip as well.

History has shown that the struggle between morality and human shortcoming is an age-old battle. Integrity is often a buzzword associated with professions that demand ethical fortitude, and there is an implicit expectation that those in positions of trust-lawyers, judges, doctors, and law enforcement officers-will consistently act with unimpeachable character. However, human behaviour is complex, and even those who are trained to uphold the highest moral standards are not immune to missteps. Psychologists and behavioural experts offer varying insights into why individuals-regardless of their profession-succumb to moral lapses. But the reality remains: not all who are accused are guilty, and not all who are guilty are caught.

It is easy to cast judgment when scandals surface. Society tends to magnify certain transgressions while excusing others under the premise that 'We are all human beings.' The challenge, however, is to balance accountability with fairness. Yes, those who violate the law must face the consequences, and if their downfall serves as a deterrent for others, so be it. But we must also recognize that we do not live in a perfect world, and flawed as we are, our duty as civic-minded individuals is to uphold justice-not just in principle, but in practice.

In the end, the greatest test of integrity is not how we judge others, but how we hold ourselves accountable to the same standards we expect from them.

On this occasion of National Day of Prayer (28th February), may we be prayerful in seeking divine guidance as we go about our daily lives in all that we do.

Case Number :NEVHPB2024/0096

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NEVHPB2024/0012

*In the Estate of Mary Victoria Walwyn late of Government Road,
Charlestown in the parish of St. Paul in the island of Nevis, deceased*

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by WELLINGTON PARRIS of Hamilton in the Parish of St. John and SYLVIA WARD of Morning Star in the Parish of St. John both of the island of Nevis for a Grant of: -

- (a) Probate of the Will of the above-named deceased who died on the 27th day of October, 2024 without revoking a will bearing the date of 20th May, 2010 wherein the applicant is named sole executor.

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 5th day of December, 2024.

Filed by Leonora L. Walwyn Solicitor of Walwyn Law Attorneys-at-Law whose address for service is D. R. Walwyn Plaza South, Charlestown in the island of Nevis.

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Premier Brantley Gives Opinion On Disciplinary Action Against Accused Lawyers

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Wednesday 26th February 2025) - Premier Mark Brantley, who is a trained lawyer, is of the view that in matters where lawyers are accused of being on the wrong side of the law, suspension by the Bar Association should be considered as disciplinary action.

“One of the things, for example, that has troubled me is that we have lawyers who are charged with very serious offenses who, I’m told, continue to practice like nothing happened. And whilst I understand that every person is presumed innocent until proven guilty, I can’t comprehend how somebody charged with such serious criminal offenses can still be holding themselves out.”

Brantley expressed his opinion while responding to a question posed by a reporter-during his monthly press conference held on Wednesday 26th February 2025- on the topic of recent developments concerning three lawyers on St. Kitts who have been charged by police.

He called for measures to be put in place to ensure at least suspension while legal proceedings are ongoing.

“To me, there should be some provision where there’s at least some suspension until those matters are cleared up. But some of them continue as if nothing has happened. And we have been struck because I think not one, not two, but three lawyers we’ve heard about charged with very, very serious matters in the last fortnight or two.”

Brantley emphasized the self-regulating nature of the legal profession and pointed at waiting to see what the Bar Association is going to do in addressing such issues.

“The law is one of those few professions that is allowed the courtesy of regulating itself. And so I am waiting to see what the Bar Association is going to do in relation to these rogue elements within the legal profession; how it’s going to deal with them.”

He had expressed “sad” concerns as he elaborated on a recent social media post he made.

“Lawyers charged on St. Kitts. I, in fact, said something about it on social media, on Facebook. I find it very sad. It seems to me that many feel that to become a lawyer, it’s about passing the requisite exams. While that is important, to me the bigger part of being a lawyer is the ethics, the integrity that the profession has.”

The Premier pointed at the negative publicity reaching his overseas colleagues which he is embarrassed by.

“And so it’s a serious matter. I think that, you know, when colleagues in Jamaica, for example, can send me press articles about what’s going on in St. Kitts and Nevis, I am embarrassed by it. That is not the standard that we expect from lawyers. That’s not the standard we expect from people who are charged with upholding the law.”

Brantley highlighted the importance of ethical conduct within the legal profession and encouraged those in the profession now and those coming in lawyers to uphold the highest standards.

“I ask the question, who’s going to guard the guardians? Because if you are the guardians of the law and you are bent on breaking the law, then we have a very serious problem in our country. And so I hope that those in the profession now, and those who are coming into the profession, that if any of them has been tempted to do what is wrong, they right that ship and they start to do the right things and be ethical, because ethical considerations are the core of who we are as lawyers; I think I can include myself in that talk.”

Front Page Image: Premier Mark Brantley

AVEC In Collaboration With The Chamber Of Crafts Germany Launches Training In Carpentry And Metalwork

Basseterre, St. Kitts, Tuesday, February 25, 2025: The Advanced Vocational Educational Centre (AVEC) launched a Carpentry and Metal Work Training during an opening ceremony on Monday, February 24, under the theme “Transforming Education Through Self-Renewal, Holistic Partnerships and Digital Solutions”.

This initiative which aims to enhance the technical expertise of participants, equipping them with the modern techniques and best practices in carpentry and metalwork, is facilitated by experts from the Chamber of Crafts, Flensburg, Germany.

Dr. Kertney Thompson, CEO, TVET Secretariat, encouraged participants to fully embrace the training, emphasizing that it presents a unique opportunity for personal and professional growth. He also extended gratitude to the facilitators for their commitment to sharing their expertise and fostering international collaboration in vocational education.

The training began on Monday, 24, and will end on Friday 28, February, with hands-on training and theoretical lessons designed to build competence and confidence in both carpentry and metalwork.



THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
FEDERATION OF ST. CHRISTOPHER & NEVIS
ST. CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT
(PROBATE)

No. SKBHPB2025/

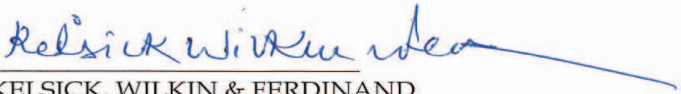
In the Estate of **CEDRIC LANYON HARPER**, late of 11A Opal Avenue, Golden Acres, Red Hills in the Parish of Saint Andrew, Jamaica, Deceased

And

IN THE MATTER of the Resealing of the Grant of Probate issued by the Supreme Court of Judicature of Jamaica

ADVERTISEMENT (RESEALING)

Notice is given that after the expiration of 8 days application will be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the resealing of the Grant of Probate of the estate of **CEDRIC LANYON HARPER**, late of 11A Opal Avenue, Golden Acres, Red Hills in the Parish of Saint Andrew, Jamaica, granted by the Supreme Court of Judicature of Jamaica on the 2nd day of February, 2023.

Signed: 
KELSICK, WILKIN & FERDINAND
Attorneys-at-Law for the Executors
ADRIENNE HARPER, DOUGLAS HARPER and
PETER GOLDSON

Harris Disagrees With Bus Fare Increase

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETTERRE, St. Kitts (Wednesday 26th February 2025) - Leader of the People’s Labour Party (PLP) and former Prime Minister, Dr. Timothy Harris, who is also the Parliamentary Representative for St. Christopher Seven, is against the recent increase in passenger bus fares, arguing that it places financial burden on passengers already struggling with the cost of living.

He stated such a position during the party’s press conference held on Wednesday 19th February 2025 at the St. Kitts Marriott Hotel in Frigate Bay, stating that the government is failing to act in the best interest of its people.

“Rather than fighting for you, rather than fighting for us, just look at what is happening. Look at what the government is doing in our country. Bus fares have gone up. We are happy that the bus operators get something more. But has the government taken into account the impact upon the ordinary people who every morning they have to wake up, take a bus?”

Dr. Harris further elaborated on the financial strain this increase places on daily commuters.

“The extra \$10 they will have per week, for the majority of them, the bus fares have gone up by at least a dollar. And you go to work, you have to come back. So that’s \$2 extra that you have to pay. \$40 at least in a four-week month when things are tough. And hardly any of those who are taking these buses, these passengers, can afford to pay this extra to go to work or even to go to see their loved ones.”

The immediate former Prime Minister claimed his administration took measures to benefit both bus operators and commuters.

“Better must be done and it must have been in the power of the government, any government, to have done something to relieve the burden on those who have to take buses that way. Indeed, when we were faced with that challenge in our administration, we outlined a number of measures, duty free concessions and support to the bus operators, and we said to them: ‘This will make up as it were. And for this particular benefit, we want you to hold on any movement which was adverse to those who had to travel’.”

Dr. Harris accused the government of ignoring the financial struggles of its citizens, highlighting the increase in bus fares as part of a broader trend of worsening economic conditions.

“So there are things that can be done. But for a government to move, the government must consider it important to act. And clearly, the government is not concerned about those who really need the help. The bus fare is just one example of the many things that are moving in adverse ways that are negatively impacting our people. Every day there is a cry about the cost of living, and this one-term government is not doing anything about the prices. It is as if the government and the cabinet, they are deaf and dumb to the worsening plight of the people of St. Kitts and Nevis.”

An October 2024 press release from the government’s St.Kitts Information Services (SKNIS) indicated that the Federal Cabinet of the Government of St. Kitts & Nevis (the Cabinet) carefully considered and approved the recommendations from the Traffic Safety and Public Service Drivers Board (the Board) for an adjustment of the omnibus fare structure on St. Kitts, noting that multiple factors were considered including the rise of inflation.

As expressed: “This decision was not taken lightly, following extensive analysis over the past year to ensure the most balanced outcome for all.”

The statement highlighted that the Board’s assessment considered multiple factors, including the rise in inflation since the last fare adjustment over 16 years ago, in June 2008, the steadily increasing cost of operating omnibuses, the concessions available to omnibus operators, and the financial impact on the commuters, particularly the minimum wage earner.

“Although the assessment can justify a higher fare adjustment, in consideration of the financial impact on the commuters while balancing the economic realities of the omnibus operators, the new fares were limited to a maximum adjustment of XCD 1.00 across all distances. This careful compromise is essential to ensuring the sustainability of the public transport sector and the continued provision of safe and reliable omnibus services,” it further read.

The new fares came into effect on Monday 18th November 2024 at 12:01 AM.

Front Page Photo: Leader of the People’s Labour Party (PLP) and former Prime Minister, Dr. Timothy Harris

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HIGH COURT

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(ST.KITTS CIRCUIT)

IN THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT

FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

ISLAND OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER

TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT CAP.10.19

A.D. 2024

CLAIMNO. SKBHCV2024/

In the Matter of Section 12 of the Title By Registration Act Cap. 10.19

And

In the Matter of an Application for a First Certificate of Title by KAREN EARLENE DICKENSON of 17 Ocean Lawn, Camps, St. Kitts

Submitted Date:06/01/2025 12:11

Filed Date:06/01/2025 12:11

Fees Paid:12.00

NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that KAREN EARLENE DICKENSON of 17 Ocean Lawn, Camps, St. Kitts has applied to the Registrar of Titles by presenting a Request for the issue of a First Certificate of Title to all that lot piece or parcel of land hereditaments and premises situate at Bladen Commercial Development in the Parish of St. George in the Island of Saint Christopher containing by admeasurement 12,750.00 square feet and bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say, On or towards the North-West by a Development Road, 150.00 feet; On or towards the North-East by Lot No. 5A, 85.00 feet; On or towards the South-East by lands of Pond Estate, 150.00 feet; On or towards the South-West by Lot 6A, 85.00 feet.

Dated the 13th day of December 2024

Leon Charles

LIBURD CHARLES

Solicitors for the Applicant

To:

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-The Hon. Attorney General

IN THE FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT CAP. 10.19

A. D. 2025

SKBLRD2025/0016

IN THE MATTER of Section 144 of the Title by Registration Act, Cap. 10.19

and

IN THE MATTER of the Certificate of Title registered in Register Book 8 Folio 37 in the name of Robert Jens Vaasjo.

NOTICE FOR REPLACEMENT OF LOST CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

It is hereby notified that a Certificate of Title dated the 18th day of December 2008, and registered in the Register of Titles in Register Book 8 Folio 37 of the Saint Christopher Circuit in favour of Robert Jens Vaasjo of 8526-141 St. Alberta, Canada, T5R 0K8, the Registered Proprietor of Unit 623 A & B being a portion of that part of Frigate Bay described in Certificate of Title registered in Book P-2 Folio 333 of Register of Titles for the Island of Saint Christopher and contained in the Declaration and Description of Saint Christopher Club Condominium registered as No. 8 in the Condominium Index on the 25th day of April, 1989 together with an undivided interest in the common elements appurtenant thereto has been reported irretrievably lost and an Application will be made to the Registrar of Titles for an Order for the issue of a new Certificate of Title in lieu thereof.

Any person knowing the whereabouts of or having any information concerning the said duplicate Certificate which may lead to its recovery is requested to notify the Registrar of Titles at the Lands Registry, North Independence Square, Basseterre, telephone number (869) 467-1872/1860, or Angelina Gracy Sookoo-Bobb of the law firm Sookoo Bobb at Unit C21 The Sands Complex, Bay Road, Basseterre, Saint Kitts, Telephone (869) 466-2622(BOBB)/766-2622 (BOBB). E-mail info@s-blegal.com or agsookoo@s-blegal.com.

Dated the 25th day of February, 2025

Angelina Gracy Sookoo-Bobb

SOOKOO BOBB

Attorney-at-Law

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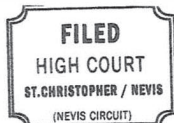


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The Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
FEDERATION OF ST. CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

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NEVIS CIRCUIT

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NEVHPB2024/0061

In the Estate of **JENNIFER IMELDA HODGE**
late of Spring Hill Estate in the Parish
of St. Thomas in the island of Nevis, deceased

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by KRISTAL HODGE and MYRON HERBERT both of Spring Hill in the Parish of St. Thomas in the island of Nevis for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is *daughter and brother* of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 9th day of August, 2024.

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

Dated this 5th day of December, 2024.

Leonora L. Walwyn

[SECOND PUBLICATION]

Filed by Leonora Walwyn WalwynLaw D. R. Walwyn Square Charlestown Nevis. Attorneys-at-Law

The Registry is at Prince William Street, Charlestown in the island of Nevis Federation of St. Christopher and Nevis), telephone number 869 469 0504 . The office is open between 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Mondays to Fridays except Public Holidays

Case Number :SKBHPB2025/0022



IN THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT
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A. D. 2025

CASE NO. SKBHPB2025/0022

In the Estate of MR. MERVYN ELISTON HENRY late
of Saddlers Project, Saddlers Village, in the Parish
of St. John in the Island of Saint Christopher,
deceased

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF PROBATE

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by ANGELINA EMELDA HENRY, for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above named deceased who died on the 18th day of April, 2022 without revoking a will bearing the date of 6th day of April, 2012 wherein the applicant is named sole executor.

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 February, 2025

Filed by:

Janine Harris-Lake
Attorney-at-Law/Director
St. Kitts Nevis Legal Aid and Advice Centre
West Independence Square Street
Basseterre
St. Kitts

TDC eCommerce Platform Now Offers Selected Building Materials

Basseterre, St. Kitts - Customers of the TDC online shopping store, www.shoptdcgroup.com, can now purchase selected building materials.

The addition of the new product categories will now make it possible for shoppers to have access to convenience, variety, and accessibility to contractors, homeowners, and DIY enthusiasts, alike.

With this launch, customers can now browse and purchase a curated selection of high-quality building materials from the comfort of their homes or even project worksites. The platform also features extended product categories, catering to diverse construction and renovation needs, including:

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- o View detailed product descriptions and specifications



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- o Access to product recommendations through online support features

This added innovation forms part of TDC’s commitment to meeting the evolving needs of customers, by combining digital

convenience, with trusted quality and service, to ensure an exceptional shopping experience for all.

SAGICOR LIFE (EASTERN CARIBBEAN) INC.

Julianna Powell of Back Street, Saddlers Village, St. Kitts having made sworn deposition that **Policy No. 055400101** 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: **20th February, 2025.**

By Order

Althea C. Hazzard
Corporate Secretary



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EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

In the Estate of **Weiwei Zhang** late of The People's Republic of China deceased

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **JOHNSON & ASSOCIATES**, Attorneys-at-Law for **ZHANG JIE** of a citizen of The Federation of Saint Christopher and Nevis but presently residing at Room 02, Floor 22, Unit 1, Building 12, Laianyihui, No.6 Dazhai Road, Yanta District, Xi'an City, Shaanxi Province, People's Republic of China, for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is the surviving spouse of the deceased, who is the Intended Administratrix of the Estate of the deceased, having died intestate on the 26th day of May, 2022.

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

Dated this day of , 2025

Filed by: **JOHNSON & ASSOCIATES**, Attorneys-at-Law whose address for service is:
Unit 9, The Sands, Bay Road, Basseterre, St. Kitts, Telephone Number 466-2018.

[**SECOND PUBLICATION**]

FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

A.D. 2025

TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT CAP. 10.19

CLAIM NO. SKR.LAD2025/0017

In the Matter of section 144 of the Title by Registration Act Cap.10.19, and in the matter of an Application by **RENDEZVOUS HILL LTD** for the issue of a new Certificate of Title for 1.64 acres or 71,334 square feet of land situate at Frigate Bay, St. Kitts to replace a lost Certificate of Title recorded in Register Book T3 Folio 243

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR REPLACEMENT OF LOST CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **RENDEZVOUS HILL LTD.**, a company registered under the laws of the Federation of Saint Christopher and Nevis with its registered office situated at Unit No. 9, The Sands Complex, Basseterre, St. Kitts has applied to the Registrar of Titles for the issue of a replacement Certificate of Title in lieu of the following Certificate of Title on the basis that the said original Certificate of Title has been irrecoverably lost by misadventure, namely a Certificate of Title dated 25th June, 2020 and registered in Book T3 Folio 243 of the Register of Titles for St. Christopher, the land contained in said Certificate of Title being ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land containing 1.64 acres or 71,334 square feet situate at Frigate Bay Development, Section HL1 North in the Island of St. Kitts, bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On or towards the North-East by Lot No. 3A, 209.20 feet; On or towards the East South-East by a Development Road, 122.80 feet, 99.20 feet, 78.23 feet and 20.00 feet; On or towards the South-West by Lot No. 7, 227.80 feet; On or towards the North-West by a Development Road, 101.00 feet, 109.90 feet and 121.70 feet, now with the buildings thereon, described in a Certificate of Title registered in Book T3 Folio 243 of the Register of Titles of the Island of Saint Christopher. Any person who may be in possession of the aforesaid Certificate of Title or may have any information that may lead to its recovery is asked to contact Gonsalves Parry of Suites 26A & B, Sands Complex, George Street, Basseterre, St. Kitts, Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicant.

Dated the 26th day of February 2025

GONSALVES PARRY
Attorney-at-Law for the Applicant



PM Drew Applauds Togetherness In National Security Improvement

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Thursday 27th February 2025)-"Madame Speaker, we have seen a significant improvement in our security situation. We have seen a significant decrease in crime and violence, and I want to ask our people to continue on that path. Do not allow anybody to draw you out and to make it [appear] as if it doesn't take all of us to resolve the matter. It takes all of us. And I want to reinforce that point because together as a people we can resolve it..."

So said Prime Minister and Minister of National Security Dr. Terrance Drew during his opening statement in parliament on Thursday 27th February 2025 as he spotlighted the progress made in national security in urging the public to remain engaged.

He emphasized that public safety is a collective responsibility, stressing that the government alone cannot achieve this goal.

"Wherever you are in St. Kitts and Nevis, you are part of the apparatus of citizen security. Every citizen has a responsibility for keeping all of us safe. It is not just up to the government because the government alone cannot do it. Any government who tells the people that they alone can do it, they are lying. This needs a holistic; all hands on deck approach, and an approach from a public health perspective... which needs all of the things I mentioned," he explained.

Speaking further on national security, Dr. Drew applauded all

participants-including political parties- of the government's 'Day of Interruption' anti-crime activity conducted in school throughout the Federation the day before (26th February), recognizing the ongoing collaborative efforts.

According to him: "Madame Speaker, before we got to this point, and the violence was at a peak, there was a lot of words of condemnation instead of words of how we can come together. We called the people of St. Kitts and Nevis together, including political parties..and I want to thank the political parties for coming together as well... The reason why I did that is because crime

had been affecting our federation for decades. It did not start with us, Madame Speaker. We just came into office in 2022, and I held the position that we can implement a scientifically proven approach, which is health-based, which happened to be my field of study. I've always said it would work but for it to work, everybody has to come together."

The National Security Minister went on to say: "And in coming together, we will be able to deal with this matter. When it is here, any other country can adopt itâ€but we were able to come together on a 90-day campaign, and beyond the 90 days, and start to implement what we'll call the strategic approach to dealing with crime and violence. And not just crime and violence, but look at the whole issue of citizen security, which is beyond just law and order, or what we'll call the security apparatus."

"Citizen security involves schools, private sector, sports teams, the man hanging out on the corner, the retired people, the church. Whenever you are part of the apparatus of citizen security. Every citizen has a responsibility for keeping all of us safe. It is not just up to the government," PM Drew encouraged.

Front Page Image: Prime Minister and Minister of National Security Dr. Terrance Drew

SAGICOR LIFE (EASTERN CARIBBEAN) INC.

Debbie-Joy Huggins of Harbour View, Basseterre, St. Kitts having made sworn deposition that Policy No. 055404045 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: 20th February, 2025.

By Order

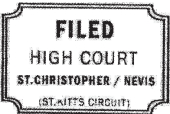
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THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
A.D.2025

(PROBATE)

In the Estate of MILDRED ADELINE
FREDRIKA ROCHESTER also known as
MONICA ROCHESTER and MILDRED
MONICA BRADSHAW late of Newton Ground in
the Island of St. Christopher, deceased

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by SADIE DANIEL of No. 52 Race
Course Project, Newton Ground in the island of St. Christopher and PEARLETTA
WEBSTER STEWART of Romney Ground, Sandy Point, in the Island of St. Christopher,
for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicants who are the children of the deceased,
the deceased having died intestate on the 13th day of February, 1997.

Any person having an objection to the Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicants
shall file an objection within fourteen (14) days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 09th day of January 2025

VAUGHN HENDERSON LAW
Attorney-at-Law for the Estate of MILDRED
ADELINE FREDRIKA ROCHESTER
also known as MONICA ROCHESTER and
MILDRED MONICA BRADSHAW Deceased

FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT, CAP.10.19
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT
A.D. 2025



SKBLRD2025/0015

IN THE MATTER of Section 144 of the Title by
Registration Act, Cap. 10.19 of the Laws of St. Christopher
and Nevis

and

In the Matter of an Application for replacement of lost
Certificate of Titles registered in Register Book G3 folio
147 of the Register of Titles for the St. Christopher Circuit

NOTICE FOR REPLACEMENT OF LOST CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

It is hereby notified that a Certificate of Title dated the 13th day of March, 2007 and registered in
the Register of Titles Book G3 Folio 147 of the St. Christopher Circuit in favor of STEVE JAMES
also known as WINGROVE JAMES and JOYCELYN L JAMES as joint tenants of New Road
Housing Project, St. Peters, in the Island of St. Christopher bounded and measuring as follows: -
On the North by Lot No.4 100.00 feet; On the East by Public Road 50.00 feet; On the South by
Lot No.6 100.00 feet; and on the West by Douglas Estate, 50.00 feet all as the same is delineated
and set forth on the plan therefore Calvin R. Esdaille, Licensed Land Surveyor on 2nd day of
February, 2007 and copied by A. G. Leader Licensed Land Surveyor annexed thereto has been
reported lost and an Application will be made to the Registrar of Titles for an order for the issue
of a new Certificate of Title in lieu thereof.

Any person knowing the whereabouts of or having any information concerning the said duplicate
Certificate which may lead to its recovery is requested to notify Agatha James - Andries of James
-Andries Chambers, Liverpool Row, Basseterre, St. Kitts. Tel. No. (869) 466 -6454.

Dated the 24 day of Feb. 2025

DR. AGATHA JAMES ANDRIES
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Agatha James -Andries
Attorney - at - Law

Conaree Landfill Fire Highlights Government’s Commitment To Alternative Waste Management Solutions

Basseterre, St. Kitts, February 27, 2025 (SKNIS): Minister of Sustainable Development and Environment, the Honourable Dr. Joyelle Clarke, updated the nation on a recent fire at the Solid Waste Management Corporation (SWMC) Landfill at Conaree, noting that it spontaneously combusted due to the natural heat and gases generated from decomposing materials.

While addressing the Federal Parliament on Thursday, February 27, 2025, Minister Clarke indicated that the fire was reported at approximately 1 a.m. on Tuesday, February 25, 2025. Plant operators supported by members of the St. Kitts and Nevis Fire and Rescue Services have contained the fire and are closely monitoring ongoing developments.

“Unfortunately it will have to burn naturally and we expect that in a few days, or maybe even less, the situation will be under control,” Honourable Clarke stated. “We do sincerely apologize to residents in St. Peter’s, Cayon, in some areas, Keys, and Conaree, who have been experiencing this unfortunate situation.”

Dr. Clarke reiterated that the Conaree Landfill is rapidly approaching its “expiration date” and stated that the government is continuing to explore alternative waste management and recycling solutions.

“With the support of the CARICOM-Canada expert deployment exercise, we recently received the final draft of our Solid Waste Management Plan Report. It’s almost 100 pages of what we can do - the options that are available to us for transitioning away from the landfill,” Honourable Clarke added.

The document will guide the

government’s next steps as it works to transform St. Kitts and Nevis into a sustainable island state.



Photo: The Conaree Landfill is nearing its expiration date



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Please send applications with two (2) references by Wednesday 12 March 2025 to nciapplications@sknanb.com or addressed to:

**The Human Resources Department
National Caribbean Insurance Company Limited
P.O. Box 374
Basseterre
St Kitts**



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ZERO WASTE IN THE CARIBBEAN NEW WAYS, NEW WAVES

OECS Numbers Reveal Critical Insights Into Caribbean Recycling Challenges

OECS Press Release February 26, 2025

Data is transforming how the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States approaches the sub-region’s most pressing waste management challenges. The groundbreaking Recycle OECS project has uncovered critical insights that highlight an urgent need for systemic changes to protect both environmental and economic interests. To this end, the Project report unveiled a comprehensive strategy that goes beyond traditional recycling models, offering a roadmap for sustainable waste management in small island developing states.

In Dominica, what began as a solution to inefficient collection became a community-wide movement. The Zero Waste Schools Programme mobilized 3,124 students across 62 schools, transforming young people into environmental champions. These students have not only collected over 10 tonnes of plastic waste but have fundamentally changed how their communities think about waste.

Grenada’s approach demonstrated the power of strategic partnerships. By engaging the hospitality sector, the project helped process and divert 32.56 tonnes of plastic from landfills - including 22.56 tonnes of new collections and 10 tonnes from existing stockpiles - creating a model of private sector environmental leadership that could be replicated across the region.

“The numbers tell a clear story,” explains Chamberlain Emmanuel, Head of the OECS Environmental Sustainability Division. “Our current waste management system is unsustainable, but we have the innovative solutions to change that. By leveraging data, community engagement, and strategic partnerships, we’re championing a new approach to waste management.”

The project’s most significant breakthrough is a centralized regional database for tracking plastic waste shipments. This digital infrastructure supports data-driven planning and enhances compliance with international environmental standards.

Economic challenges remain significant. Current shipping costs of USD 357 per tonne have been a substantial barrier to recycling efforts. However, the project has identified innovative solutions, including regional processing hubs that could potentially reduce transportation expenses to USD 60 per tonne.

The project has identified key economic solutions, including regional processing hubs that could reduce current shipping costs from USD 357 to USD 95 per tonne. To achieve sustainable financing, innovative approaches are imperative, such as tying waste management fees to utility bills and leveraging environmental levies. The project advocates for deposit-refund legislation across member states to incentivize recycling and create cleaner collection streams.

Looking forward, the project has outlined a plan for participating countries to achieve a 50% recycling rate for PET plastics within the next decade. This will require investments between USD 17-56 million - a commitment that represents more than an environmental strategy, but a pathway to economic resilience and sustainable development.

About the Recycle OECS Project

The Recycle OECS Project, implemented by the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) Commission in partnership with Agence Francaise de Developpment (AFD), is a groundbreaking initiative aimed at reducing plastic pollution and fostering sustainable waste management practices across its member states. Funded by the European Union, the project focuses on developing and scaling a harmonized recycling model tailored to the unique challenges faced by Small Island Developing States (SIDS). By integrating community engagement, private sector collaboration, and legislative frameworks, the Recycle OECS Project provides a blueprint for transitioning the region toward a circular economy model for sustainable waste management.



A Conversation with the Chief Justice

Media Release of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court

February 26, 2025

This interview, entitled “A Conversation with the Chief Justice,” aims to provide viewers with a thorough understanding of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court’s

structure. Additionally, it will clarify the court’s interaction with other components of the legal system to enhance the transparency and accessibility of justice for all citizens and residents within the OECS subregion.

In this first interview, His Lordship, the Hon. Mr. Mario Michel, the esteemed acting Chief Justice of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court, shares insights into his inspiring journey from advocating for youth rights to assuming a pivotal leadership role within the judiciary that spans nine Member States and Territories. The Honourable Chief Justice provides a comprehensive overview of the court system’s structure, detailing the various levels, from the foundational Magistrates’ Courts to the highest appellate courts that ensure justice is upheld.

During the conversation, Chief Justice Michel elaborates on the meticulous process of appointing a Chief Justice, shedding light on the criteria and considerations underpinning this important selection. He also emphasises the court’s commitment to enhancing public comprehension of judicial processes through several innovative initiatives under the Court’s Public Education Campaign. The primary objective of this plan is to uphold the judiciary’s core values, including impartiality, independence, integrity, and professionalism, through strategic communication channels encompassing both traditional and social media platforms.

The plan includes the Justice in Schools initiative, which will involve a comprehensive school tour across all Member States and Territories. Furthermore, the plan encompasses training sessions for media personnel, a three-part lecture series, a Mediation and Judicial Settlement Conference Workshop, a debate competition for college and secondary school students, and an animation competition for primary school children. Ultimately, the ECSC’s public education plan aims to educate stakeholders at all levels, fostering public trust and confidence in the Eastern Caribbean judiciary.

Please visit our website, Facebook page, and the media for further updates about the ECSC’s Public Education Programme.

Taiwan reports 2nd highest foreign trade in 2024

Publication Date: February 26, 2025 |



Taiwan posts impressive foreign trade numbers in 2024. (CNA)

Taiwan recorded its second-best foreign trade numbers in 2024, thanks in part to continuous expansion of the global economy, the Ministry of Finance said Feb. 25.

The MOF attributed the strong showing to factors like inflation mitigation and the recovery of economic resilience around the world, adding that global supply chain restructuring and expanding artificial intelligence applications greatly benefited local semiconductor and information communication technology sectors.

According to the ministry, Taiwan’s exports grew 9.9 percent to US\$475 billion during the year, with figures reaching a new monthly high in August, along with a second peak in December. Imports surged 12.2 percent to US\$394 billion as semiconductor firms ramped up investments in equipment to prepare for a booming global AI supply chain.

A breakdown of the figures shows that electronic components and parts topped the export list, accounting for 37.3 percent of the total, followed by ICT and audiovisual products at 27.9 percent and basic metals at 6 percent.

Taiwan’s exports to the U.S. reached a record high of US\$111.4 billion, up 46.1 percent over 2023. Exports to major trade partners in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations increased 15.1 percent to US\$87.8 billion, also a record high.

While China and Hong Kong remained the leading destination for local exports, the combined share dropped to 31.7 percent, the lowest in 23 years. The U.S. surpassed ASEAN members to take the second spot, with its share of 23.4 percent the highest in 24 years.

Despite geopolitical risk and uncertainties stemming from the tariff policies of the U.S. new administration, the MOF expected recovering global trade and expanding investment in AI applications by global cloud service providers to continue to benefit Taiwan’s exporters. (SFC-E)



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SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

ISLAND OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER

TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT, CAP 10.19

A. D. 2021

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REGISTRY OF TITLES

SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

SCHEDULE OF APPLICATIONS

For Certificate of Title and notings thereon and Caveats for the week ending the day of January 2025 17th

DATE OF REQUEST	PERSON PRESENTING	NATURE OF REQUEST
8 November 2018	STUART FRANCE by his Solicitors Bryant & Liburd	Request for Issue of First Certificate of Title for land situate at <i>Wellington Road</i> in the Town of Basseterre in the Parish of St. George in the Island of St. Christopher containing by admeasurement <i>655.28 square feet</i> and bounded and measuring as follows: On the North by a paved alley 27.30 feet, On the East by lands of Evans Lake 26.42 feet, On the South by sundry persons 21.25 feet and On the West by sundry persons 28.11 feet

DATED the 16th day of January 2025

Registrar

FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT, CAP. 10.19

A. D. 2025

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ST CHRISTOPHER / NEVIS

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 **WINSTON WALWYN** for the issue of a new Certificate of Title for a lot of land containing **8,035.70 square feet** situate at **Ogee Village** in the Parish of Saint Peter in the Island of Saint Christopher, to replace a lost Certificate of Title registered in **Book V2 Folio 415** of the Register of Titles for the Island of Saint Christopher

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR REPLACEMENT OF LOST CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **WINSTON WALWYN** of Ogee Village in the Parish of Saint Peter in the Island of Saint Christopher has applied to the Registrar of Titles for the issue of a replacement Certificate of Title in lieu of the following Certificate of Title on the basis that the said original Certificate of Title has been irrecoverably lost my misadventure, namely a Certificate of Title dated 20th November 1996 and registered in **Book V2 Folio 415** of the Register of Titles for Saint Christopher, the land contained in the said Certificate of Title being **ALL THAT** lot of land hereditaments and premises situate at **Ogee Village** in the Parish of Saint Peter in the Island of Saint Christopher containing by admeasurement **8,035.70 square feet** and bounded and measuring as follows: On the North-East by lands of Stapleton Estate 130.99 feet, On the East by lands of Alston Peets 49.40 feet, On the South by a public road leading to Bayfords 134.20 feet and On the West by other lands of Stapleton Estate occupied by Alfred Peets 73.10 feet. Any person who may be in possession of the aforesaid Certificate of Title or may have information that may lead to its recovery is requested to notify Bryant & Liburd, Shear Lane, Basseterre, St. Kitts, Tel. No. (869) 465-2756/1047 or email bryantandliburd@hotmail.com, Attorneys-at Law for the Applicant.

DATED the 4th day of February 2025

Bryant & Liburd

Attorneys-at Law for the Applicant



MOE Continues Distribution Of Fire Extinguishers To Various Schools In St. Kitts

Basseterre, St. Kitts, Tuesday, February 25, 2025: The Ministry of Education continues its commitment to school safety with the ongoing distribution of fire extinguishers to various schools across St. Kitts. This initiative is part of the Model Safe School Programme, which is funded by the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA).

During the latest handover ceremony, Focal Point for the Safe School Programme, Dr. Tricia Esdaille emphasized the importance of having safe schools in St. Kitts.

“With regards to the Ministry of Education and its Safe School Programme, we continue to work within our schools in various ways each academic year. This year as we look to build our program, we continue to work with the nine pilot schools, and they are the recipients of fire extinguishers. The receipt of the fire extinguishers is the first phase. Over the course of this academic year, we look to have training within all our schools that receive fire extinguishers on how to use them effectively.”

She further explained that the Ministry of Education is looking at the next phase of the project which includes, a federal approach to school safety, building more community connections, the development of school safety plans for all schools,



school safety drills and capacity building for staff and students so that they can respond to incidents in schools.

School Principals expressed their gratitude for the provision of fire extinguishers, acknowledging the significance of this initiative in ensuring the safety of students and staff. They also committed to mounting the extinguishers securely and ensuring that, if ever needed, they would be used correctly.

The Ministry of Education remains dedicated to strengthening emergency preparedness in schools, with this latest initiative reinforcing the overall objective of creating safer learning environments for all.



The 'hero' ship fixing Africa's internet blackouts - the BBC goes aboard

Daniel Dadzie
BBC News, Accra



A ship the size of a football field, crewed by more than 50 engineers and technicians, cruises the oceans around Africa to keep the continent online.

It provides a vital service, as last year's internet blackout showed when internet cables buried deep under the sea were damaged.

Millions from Lagos to Nairobi were plunged into digital darkness: messaging apps crashed and banking transactions failed. It left businesses and individuals struggling.

It was the Leon Thevenin which fixed the multiple cable failures. The ship, where a BBC team recently spent a week on board off the coast of Ghana, has been doing this specialised repair work for the last 13 years

"Because of me, countries stay connected," Shuru Arendse, a cable jointer from South Africa who has been working on the ship for more than a decade, tells the BBC.

"You have heroes that save lives - I'm a hero because I save communication" Shuru Arendse



A cable jointer aboard the Leon Thevenin

"IT people at home have work because I bring the main feed in," he says.

"You have heroes that save lives - I'm a hero because I save communication."

His pride and passion reflect the sentiment of the skilled crew on the Leon Thevenin, which stands eight floors high and carries an assortment of equipment.

The internet is a network of computers servers - to read this article it is likely that at least one of 600 fibre optic cables across the world collected the data to present it on your screen.

Most of these servers are in data centres outside of Africa and the fibre optic cables run along the ocean floor linking them to coastal cities on the continent.

Data travels through hair-thin fibreglass wires, often grouped in pairs and protected by different layers of plastic and copper depending on how close the cables are to the shore.

"As long as the servers aren't in the country, you need a connection. A cable

runs from one country to the next, linking users to servers that store their data - whether it's accessing Facebook or any other online service," says Benjamin Smith, the Leon Thevenin's deputy chief of mission.



The Leon Thevenin has been cruising the seas around Africa for the last 13 years tending to undersea cables

Undersea fibre optic cables are designed to work for 25 years with minimal maintenance, but when they are damaged, it is usually due to human activity.

"The cable generally doesn't break on its own unless you're in an area where there are pretty high currents and very sharp rocks," says Charles Heald, who is in charge of the ship's remotely operated vehicle (ROV).

"But most of the time it's people anchoring where they shouldn't and fishing trawlers sometimes scrape along the seabed, so typically we would see scars from trawling."

Mr Smith also says natural disasters cause damage to cables, especially in parts of the continent with extreme weather conditions. He gives an example of the seas off the coast of the Democratic Republic of Congo, where the Congo River empties into the Atlantic.

"In the Congo Canyon, where they have a lot of rainfall and low tide, it could create currents that damage the cable," he says.

Deliberate sabotage is difficult to identify - but the Leon Thevenin crew say they not seen any obvious evidence of this themselves.

A year ago, three critical cables in the Red Sea - Seacom, AAE-1 and EIG - were severed, reportedly by a ship's anchor, disrupting connectivity for millions across East Africa, including Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda and Mozambique.

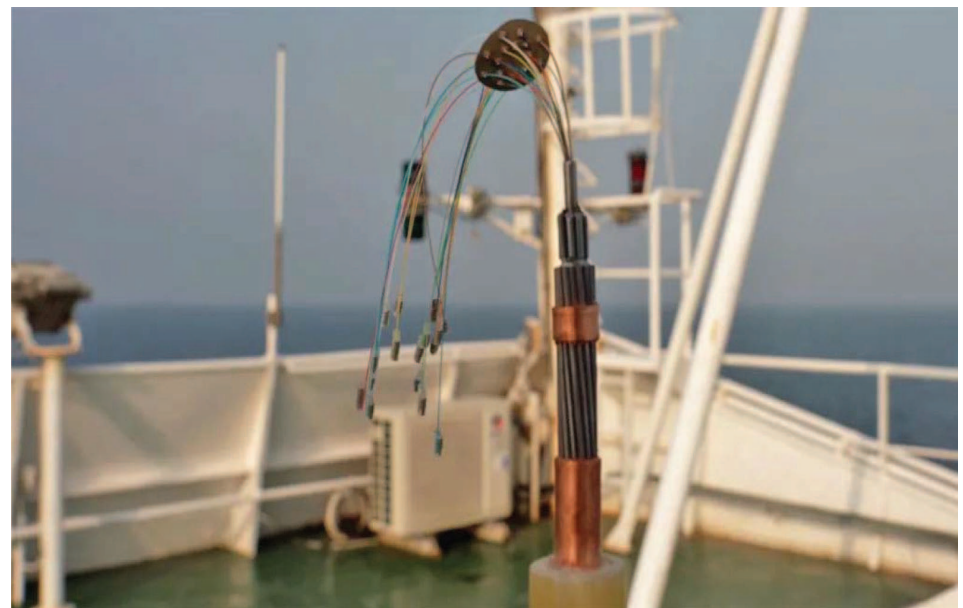
Just a month later, in March 2024, a separate set of breaks in the Wacs, Ace, Sat-3, and MainOne cables off the coast of West Africa caused severe internet blackouts across Nigeria, Ghana, Ivory Coast and Liberia.

Anything that required the internet to function felt the strain as repairs stretched on for weeks.

Then in May, yet another setback: the Seacom and Eassy cables suffered damage off the coast of South Africa, hitting connectivity in multiple East African nations once again.

Such faults are detected by testing electricity and signal strength transmitted through cables.

"There may be 3,000 volts in a cable and suddenly it drops to 50 volts, this means there's a problem," explains Loic Wallerand, the ship's chief of mission.



The inside of a internet cable contains several fibreglass wires

There are local teams with the capacity to deal with faults in shallow waters, but if they are detected beyond a depth of 50m (164ft), the ship is called into

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The ‘hero’ ship fixing Africa’s internet blackouts - the BBC goes aboard

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action. Its crew can fix cables deeper than 5,000m below sea level.

The repair witnessed by the BBC off Ghana took over a week to deal with, but most internet users did not notice as traffic was redirected to another cable.

The nature of every repair depends on the part of the cable that is damaged.

If the fibreglass at the core breaks, it means the data cannot travel along the network and needs to be sent to another cable.

But some African countries have only one cable serving them. This means a cable damaged this way leaves the affected area without the internet.

At other times, the protective layers of the fibre could be damaged, meaning data transmission still occurs, but with a lower efficiency. In both cases, the crew must find the exact location of the damage.

In the case of broken fibreglass, a light signal is sent through the cable and through its point of reflection, the crew can determine where the break is.

When the problem is with the cable’s insulation - known as a “shunt fault” - it becomes more complicated and an electrical signal has to be sent along the cable to physically track where it is lost.

A bulldozer-like yellow remotely operated vehicle (ROV), with words Hector 5 on it, hangs off a crane over the sea.

The remotely operated vehicle (ROV) is lowered down to the seabed to find a faulty section of cable

After narrowing down the possible area for the fault, the operation moves to the ROV team.

Built like a bulldozer, the ROV, weighing 9.5 tonnes, is lowered under water from the ship where it is guided down to the ocean floor.

About five crew members work with a crane operator to deploy it - once it is released from its harness, called the umbilical cord, it floats gracefully.

“It doesn’t sink,” says Mr Heald, explaining how it uses four horizontal and vertical thrusters to move in any direction.

The ROV’s three cameras allow the team onboard to look for the precise location of faults as it moves to the ocean bed.

Once found, the ROV cuts the affected part using its two arms, then ties it to a rope that is dragged back to the ship.

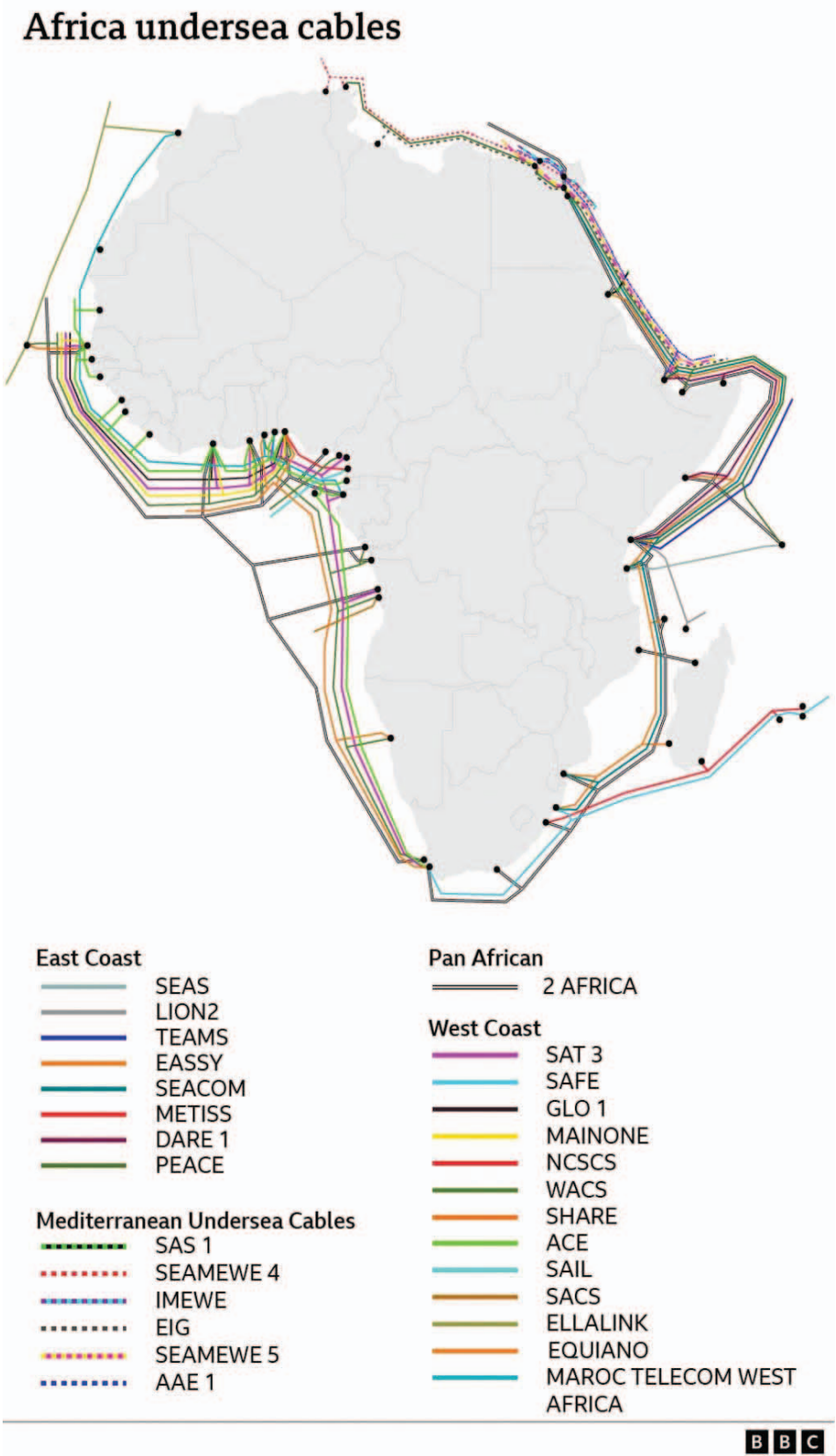
Here the faulty section is isolated and replaced by splicing and joining it to a new cable - a process that looks like welding and which took 24 hours in the case of the operation witnessed by the BBC.

Afterwards the cable was carefully lowered back to the ocean bed and then the ROV made one final journey to inspect that it was well placed and take coordinates so maps could be updated.



Three members of Leon Thevenin staff - a woman wearing orange trousers and a grey T-shirt, a man wearing a grey T-shirt and a bandana and another man in a navy T-shirt holding a drill. They are fixing a cable.
It took 24 hours for the tech team to fix the faulty cable off Ghana

When an alert is received about a damaged cable, the Leon Thevenin crew is ready to sail within 24 hours. However, their response time depends on several factors: the ship’s location, the availability of spare cables and bureaucratic challenges.



“Permits can take weeks. Sometimes we sail to the affected country and wait offshore until the paperwork is sorted,” Mr Wallerand says.

On the average, the crew spends more than six months at sea every year.

“It’s part of the job,” says Captain Thomas Quehec.

But talking to the crew members between tasks, it is hard to ignore their personal sacrifices.

They are drawn from different backgrounds and nationalities: French, South African, Filipino, Malagasy and more.

Adrian Morgan, the ship’s chief steward from South Africa, has missed five consecutive wedding anniversaries.

“I wanted to quit. It was difficult to stay away from my family, but my wife encouraged me. I do it for them,” he says.

Another South African, maintenance fitter Noel Goeieman, is worried he may miss his son’s wedding in a few weeks if the ship is called out to another mission.

“I’ve heard we might go to Durban [in South Africa]. My son is going to be very sad because he doesn’t have a mum,” says Mr Goeieman, who lost his wife three years ago.

“But I’m retiring in six months,” he adds with a smile.

Despite the emotional toll, there is camaraderie onboard.

When off-duty, crew members are either playing video games in the lounge or sharing meals in the ship’s mess hall.

Their entry into the profession is as diverse as their background.

While Mr Goeieman followed his father’s footsteps, chief cook, South African Remario Smith, went to sea to escape a life of crime.

“I was involved in gangs when I was younger,” Mr Smith says, “My child was

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Son loses case against parents over move to Africa

Sanchia Berg and Levi Jouavel
BBC News



BBC The rear view back of African learners' heads with the selective focus on a child looking at a computer screen The people are all unrecognisable. BBC The boy said he was from London and wanted to go home (represented by an actor in a reconstruction)

A 14-year-old boy has lost a court case he brought against his own parents after they moved him from London to Ghana to go to boarding school.

The boy, described in court as shy, articulate, a keen cook and footballer, said his parents had tricked him into going to Africa, saying it was to visit a sick relative.

He said had he known he was being sent to boarding school "there would have been no way I would have agreed to it".

But the High Court in London also heard his parents were worried he was being "groomed" into criminal activity.

In a written statement to the court, he said: "I feel like I am living in hell. I really do not think I deserve this and I want to come home, back to England, as soon as possible."

In his judgement, High Court judge Mr Justice Hayden said he recognised that "this is, in many ways, both a sobering and rather depressing conclusion."

He said that he was satisfied that the parents' wish for their son to move to Ghana was "driven by their deep, obvious and unconditional love".

The boy was at risk of suffering greater harm returning to the UK, he said.

He said that the boy's parents believe "and in my judgement with reason" that their son has "at very least peripheral involvement with gang culture and has exhibited an unhealthy interest in knives".

The boy's father told the judge the couple did not want their son to be "yet another black teenager stabbed to death in the streets of London."

The boy, who had lived in the UK since birth, said he was "mocked" and "never settled in" at the school in Ghana.

He said he "could also barely understand what was going on and I would get into fights".

The boy wrote that he was "so scared and desperate" that he emailed the British High Commission in Accra as well as contacting the charity Children and Family Across Borders, who it is believed put him in touch with lawyers at the International Family Law Group.

"I am from London, England, and I want to go back home," he wrote.

He said he had been "mistreated" at the school, adding: "I'm begging to go back to my old school."

However the High Court heard that the boy's parents had sent him because they feared for his safety in London.

In a statement, his mother said sending him to Africa was "not a punishment but a measure to protect him".

She referred to the murder of Kylan Bokassa, the 14-year-old boy who was stabbed to death on a bus in Woolwich in January. That was "every parent's worst nightmare", she said.

She said she did not believe her son would survive in the UK and did not want to be part of her son's "destruction".

Rebecca Foulkes, representing the boy's father, said the boy met 11 of the

points on a checklist produced by the children's charity NSPCC to indicate whether a child might have joined a gang or was being criminally exploited.

That included being absent from school, having unexplained money, buying new things, and carrying weapons.

She said it was not only the parents who were worried.

His school claimed it had "suspicions about him engaging in criminal activities" and had observed him in expensive clothes and with mobile phones.

The boy said he had never been part of a gang, nor "involved in gangs in any way". He said he "does not know anyone involved in a gang" and he does not carry a knife.

He acknowledged in his statements that "my behaviour wasn't the best" and said he thought that was the reason his parents sent him to Africa.

The case centred on the question of parental responsibility, and whether the parents acted unlawfully by sending their son to boarding school without his consent.

In a statement issued after the judgement, his parents said: "This has been a really difficult time for us all."

They added: "Our priority has always been protecting our son and our focus now is on moving forward as a family."

'I want to have an education'

The boy's barrister, Deirdre Fottrell KC, pointed out the school was not simply far from home - but a completely different jurisdiction.

The boy wrote that his education was suffering. He felt the Ghanaian classes were not as challenging as those in his English school, and he had been out of formal education entirely since last summer, studying online.

He wrote: "I want to have an education again and grow up like a normal person. I feel like my brain is hurt here. I feel like now I am dumber than people I used to be smarter than."

The boy's father has recently visited him in Africa, and he told the court that he and his son had got on well.

He said he would like his son to remain in Ghana, and said they visited a different boarding school where the boy could be considered for a place.

The father said they were both very impressed.

However, questioned by Ms Fottrell, he acknowledged there was no place in that school until September, and that his son had not said he wanted to go there.

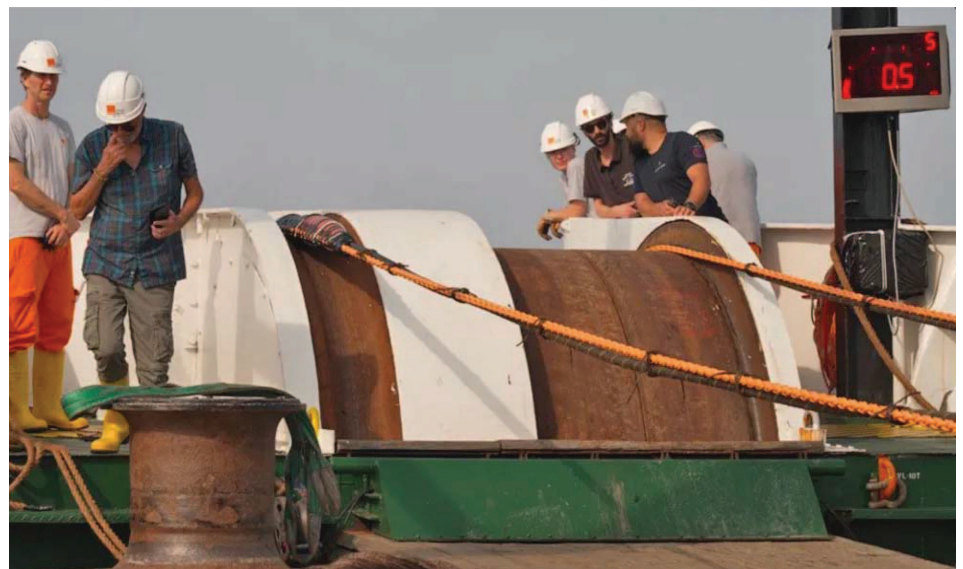
James Netto, from the International Family Law Group, who represents the boy, said he had recently seen a rise in similar cases where teenagers were trying to return to the UK.

"Teenagers are often placed in exceptionally challenging or vulnerable situations, and are now beginning to turn to the court for protection," he said.

Mr Netto said he had seen cases where "in their parents' eyes" young people were "falling in with the wrong crowd or are adopting what their parents see as unorthodox or challenging behaviours".

The 'hero' ship fixing Africa's internet...

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Additional reporting by Jess Auerbach Jahajeeah

Nationwide Student Intervention Programme Successfully Interrupts The Spread Of Aggression And Violence Among Youths

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts, February 26, 2025 (SKNIS) - The Government of St. Kitts and Nevis, through the Citizen Security Task Force, continued its positive engagement with the nation’s youth today, February 26, 2025, by hosting the first-ever Day of Interruption - a national student intervention initiative designed to combat crime and violence while fostering safer communities across St. Kitts and Nevis.

This groundbreaking initiative brought together prominent figures and local influencers who participated in primary and secondary school assemblies throughout St. Kitts. These speakers shared words of encouragement and personal life experiences to inspire students and help them make positive life choices.



Prime Minister and Minister of National Security, the Honourable Dr. Terrance Drew, was one of the keynote speakers at Washington Archibald High School. His motivational presentation reminded students of their unique value.

“I want you to always remember that you are very special. Never allow anyone to make you think you are less than who you really are,” Prime Minister Drew urged, emphasizing the government’s commitment to creating a peaceful learning environment where students can thrive and contribute to building St. Kitts and Nevis into a sustainable island state.



The Prime Minister also addressed the issue of peer pressure, urging students to stand firm in the face of such challenges.

“Peer pressure is real,” Prime Minister Drew stated. “When we did a study we recognised that peer pressure is one of the things that drive people to do bad things,

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FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT
TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT CAP.10.19
A.D. 2025

Application No. SKBCV2024/0056

In the Matter of an Application for the issue of a Replacement Certificate of Title pursuant to Section 144 of the Title by Registration Act Cap10.19.
And
In the Matter of an Application by **George Baldacchino** for the issuance of a replacement Certificate of Title in lieu of a Certificate of Title dated 14th April 2010 in his favour for Timeshare Interest No. 1025S42 registered in Timeshare Interest Register Book 2010 Folio 18 for the Island of Saint Christopher.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR REPLACEMENT OF A LOST CERTIFICATE OF TITLE FOR TIMESHARE INTEREST

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **GEORGE BALDACCHINO** of 77 Tnq Us Sliem Santa Maria, Estate Mellieha, MLH2810, Malta, the Registered Proprietor of Timeshare Interest No. 1025S42 of Condominium No.17 of St. Kitts Beach Club Condominium, Frigate Bay, Saint Christopher in the Federation of Saint Christopher and Nevis has applied to the Registrar of Titles for the replacement of a Certificate of Title for the said Timeshare Interest No. 1025S42 of Condominium No.17 of St. Kitts Beach Club Condominium, Frigate Bay, Saint Christopher in lieu of Certificate of Title dated 14th April 2010 recorded in his favour in the Timeshare Interest Register Book 2010 Folio 18 of the Register of Titles for the Island of Saint Christopher on the basis that the said Certificate of Title has been irretrievably lost.

Any person who may be in possession of the Certificate of Title or may have any information which may lead to its recovery, please contact:

Dated the 25th day of February 2025

Michella Adrien
Michella Adrien,
Attorney-at-Law
Chambers,
Michella Adrien Law Offices
South Independence Square Street
Basseterre, St Kitts

and I want you to be able to resist peer pressure. Do not allow anyone to ask you to do things that you should not be doing.”

Senator the Honourable Isalean Phillip, Co-chair of the Citizen Security Task Force, expressed appreciation for the special presenters and community volunteers who responded to the call to help disrupt the spread of violence and aggression among youth.

“As an objective we sought to invite persons from across different parties, persons from the criminal justice system and community leaders to feature as special guests at the different schools to help to spread the campaign message, Senator Phillip explained. “This is part and parcel of the all-of-society approach that we are taking to making sure that we can combat crime and violence in the long term as a sustainable solution.”



The Day of Interruption was a central element of the government’s public health approach to addressing crime and violence. The initiative, deemed a success, is part of the Beyond the 90 Days campaign by the Citizen Security Secretariat.



Henley & Partners Welcomes “Trump Gold Card” to Attract Wealthy Migrants to the US

For Immediate Release: London, Wednesday, 26 February 2025

Leading international investment migration firm Henley & Partners welcomes US President Donald Trump’s proposal for a new “gold card” visa which would offer wealthy investors the right to live and work in the US and a pathway to citizenship in exchange for a USD 5 million investment. The initiative will enhance US competitiveness in the global investment migration landscape by providing a clear and attractive investment route to citizenship for high-net-worth individuals seeking to contribute to the American economy.

CEO of Henley & Partners, Dr. Juerg Steffen, says “the proposed gold card visa presents an exciting new opportunity for high-net-worth investors seeking US residence and citizenship. However, maintaining continuity and clarity in investor immigration policies is also crucially important. We encourage US authorities to ensure stability for investors by implementing a well-structured transition that safeguards existing programs such as the US EB-5 Immigrant Investor Program. Investors considering the EB-5 program should act swiftly under the current regulations, as their green card eligibility remains secure within the established framework. We remain committed to guiding investors through the evolving US immigration landscape and will continue engaging with all stakeholders, including the US government, to support economic growth while ensuring certainty for investors.”

Record-breaking demand for investment migration options

Henley & Partners has onboarded clients from 94 countries over the past 12 months and received enquiries from over 180 different nationalities, reflecting a continuous and significant increase in global demand for investment migration solutions.

Dominic Volek, Group Head of Private Clients at Henley & Partners, says the introduction of the gold card visa program in the US represents a unique opportunity for high-net-worth individuals looking to secure residence in the country with a pathway to citizenship. “The US remains the undisputed leader in private wealth

creation and accumulation, and we welcome the US government’s progressive approach to providing access to citizenship via investment. As our USA Wealth Report points out, the US accounts for 32% of global liquid investable wealth - a colossal USD 67 trillion. The country is also home to 37% of the world’s millionaires. We have long advocated for investment migration programs that balance investor benefits with national economic growth, and the introduction of the gold card program is an exciting development, reaffirming the US as a leading destination for global investors while ensuring a more strategic and beneficial framework for both wealthy migrants and the American economy.”

Volek reiterates that investors still contemplating the established US EB-5 Immigrant Investor Program should move forward quickly under the current rules as their ability to obtain a green card will likely be protected under the existing EB-5 regulations. “Given the legislative complexity and legal protections afforded by the EB-5 Reform and Integrity Act of 2022 (RIA), clients can remain confident in the EB-5 program’s stability and should proceed with their investment promptly to secure their place under the current regulatory framework. Any new investor visa would require new legislation which would have to pass through Congress, which is unlikely to be enacted in the short term.”

Wealthy migrants drive economic growth

Henley & Partners, which has over 60 offices worldwide and has raised more than USD 15 billion in foreign direct investment, has designed, implemented, and successfully promoted many of the world’s most successful residence and citizenship by investment programs and is looking forward to working with the US government to source interested investors for the new US gold card visa.

Dr. Steffen says retaining and attracting wealthy migrants is critical for economic growth, including in affluent regions of the world such as the US and Europe. “These high-net worth individuals not only bring their wealth, but host countries also benefit from the taxes they pay, the businesses they create, and the jobs they generate. The benefits of this migration of wealth and talent are wide-ranging, including foreign exchange revenue from incoming wealth, increased stock market investments, and a boost in local job creation, particularly in high-value sectors such as luxury retail, high-tech, and prime real estate. Furthermore, many relocating millionaires are entrepreneurs and company founders who start new businesses and drive economic activity, reinforcing the long-term economic prosperity of their new home nations.”

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FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
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In the matter of the Title by Registration Act
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AND
In the matter of a request by WILLIAM PETER MESTIER and
DARREL EDMOND MESTIER For issue of Certificate of Title in
their favour in respect to 0.435 Acres of land situate at Jones Estate
in the Parish of St. Thomas Parish in the Island of Nevis registered at
Book 11 Folio 79 in favour of Craig Smith

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SCHEDULE OF APPLICATION

For Certificate of Title and Noting thereon and Caveats for the week ending the
21st day of February, 2025.

Date of Request	Person Requesting	Nature of Request
28 th August 2024	WILLIAM PETER MESTIER and DARREL EDMOND MESTIER by their Solicitors WalwynLaw of D. R. Walwyn Square, Charlestown, Nevis	For the issue of a Certificate of Title to land acquired by prescription comprising of 0.435 Acre of land situate at Jones Estate, in the parish of St. Thomas in the island of Nevis, registered to Craig Smith in Book 11 Folio 79in the Register of Titles

Bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:-
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Georges Bosshard, 267.40 feet; On or towards the West by a Public Road 258.83 feet and on
or towards the Northwest by a Public Road, 30.61 feet

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REGISTRAR OF TITLES

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In the Estate of MITCHELL NATHANIEL SUTTON-HERBERT late of 43
Orchard Way, Conaree in the Parish of St. Peter in the island of St Christopher
but who resided in 204 Castle Rock Drive, Richmond Hill, Ontario, L4C 5H7,
deceased

SKBHPB2025/0021

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by MIDLAIN IONA SUTTON-HERBERT
of 43 Orchard Way, Conaree in the Parish of St. Peter in the island of St. Christopher for a Grant
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2020 without revoking a Will bearing the date of the 18th day of November 2014
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 20th day of February, 2025.

Filed by Leonora L. Walwyn Solicitor of WalwynLaw Attorneys-at-Law whose address for service is Walwyn
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Dated this
18th day of February, 2025.

Signed: Uroy Harris

**LIQUOR LICENCES
ORDIANANCES, 1906
SCHEDULE A****To the Magistrate,
District "A"**

To the Superintendent of Police.

I, Ingrid Jacqueline Edwards Scott now residing in Stapleton Village in the parish of St. Peter's, do hereby give you notice that is my intention to apply on 02nd day of April, 2025, to the District Magistrate at Basseterre for a Retail Liquor Licence in respect of my premises in Stapleton Village in St. Peter's Parish

Dated this
17th day of February, 2025.

Signed: Ingrid Edwards Scott

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SCHEDULE A****To the Magistrate,
District "A"**

To the Superintendent of Police.

I, Samuel Lawrence now residing in Walwyn Avenue, Buckleys Site in the town of Basseterre, do hereby give you notice that is my intention to apply on 02nd day of April, 2025, to the District Magistrate at Basseterre for a Wholesale Licence in respect of my premises in #17 LaGuerite in Basseterre.

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‘McCullum’s problems go far beyond Buttler’s future’

Matthew Henry
BBC Sport Journalist in Lahore

The Afghanistan fans had barely stopped dancing as Rob Key departed Pakistan in the early hours of Thursday morning.

England’s director of men’s cricket was booked on the 3am flight out of Lahore long before a miserable Champions Trophy exit was confirmed, but left with plenty to ponder.

Key is yet to sack a captain since taking on his role in April 2022 but, when the jetlag subsides, must decide whether Jos Buttler’s time is done.

It may be that Key is spared the most difficult decision.

Buttler did not sound like a man keen to stay on after the eight-run defeat by Afghanistan - a tantalising encounter in which Joe Root almost rescued England from the brink.

“I don’t want to say any emotional statements right now,” he said. “For myself and the guys at the top, we should consider all possibilities.”

A speech of defiance, it was not.

McCullum is ‘loyal, but ruthless

It was hard not to feel for Buttler when he slumped in his chair, having dragged himself from the dressing rooms to face the media.

From Bangalore to Barbados, Lucknow to Lahore, the 34-year-old has been here before over the past 15 months. The same questions asked by the same faces after three poor

showings in global events.

“I know lots of people think it doesn’t sit well with me being captain and that kind of thing but I really do enjoy it,” Buttler said.

It is not just his tactics or his batting technique that have been doubted over England’s poor run but his very make-up. That is not easy.

It was hoped the arrival of Brendon McCullum as coach would reinvigorate Buttler, who was known to have taken defeats in the India World Cup particularly hard.

Word is the defeat by Australia on Saturday was dealt with more easily, with the weight lifted by the presence of the New Zealander, but Wednesday’s mood was familiarly sombre, leaving McCullum at his trickiest juncture in English cricket to date.

His friendship with Buttler dates back long before this working relationship - the pair once business partners rather than captain and coach - and McCullum is unnervingly loyal.

That should never be mistaken for a softness, however. Do not forget the ruthless decisions to move on James Anderson, Jack Leach or Ollie Robinson.

McCullum will also surely not have underestimated the size of the task in turning this ship around, but the issues in front of him - not least a public growing louder with its discontent - are mounting.

Brydon Carse’s toe injury is serious enough that it could rule him out of the Indian Premier League or the early county season, while Mark Wood was understood to be in significant pain as he bowled through a knee issue against Afghanistan.

Wood will be assessed again on Thursday and serious damage, to a knee operated on in 2019, would be a huge blow before a Test series against India in the summer and Australia in the winter.

Why Brook is obvious next move if Buttler is replaced

England’s focus now switches to the challenge McCullum faces.

When taking on the white-ball role, he said his coaches would step up to lead when he needed time away, but evidence suggests this team cannot afford a half-in leader.

England’s next one-day internationals are against West Indies in May - sandwiched between a Test against Zimbabwe and the India series - before they play South Africa in September, by which time the Ashes will loom large.

The idea of England failing to qualify for the 2027 World Cup may seem extreme but only the top eight in the rankings - nine if South Africa are one of those - are guaranteed their spots. England are currently seventh with Afghanistan having closed in and Bangladesh and West Indies lurking below.

Continuing to take their white-ball side for granted could mean a qualification tournament alongside the likes of Nepal and Oman.

Buttler, Root, Wood and co are also the last generation of England cricketers who grew up on 50 (or 40)-over cricket. Given the lack of it played in England, the search for the next generation will continue to be educated guesswork.

And if Buttler is replaced, any supporter hoping it will bring in a change of approach is likely to be disappointed.

Three men have captained this side in the past year when Buttler has been injured - Harry Brook, Liam Livingstone and Phil Salt, who are all disciples of the attacking approach.

Having ascended to be Buttler’s vice-captain in January after leading in his absence in five matches against Australia, Brook is the obvious next move.

During that 3-2 defeat by Australia, Brook said he wanted the team to play like McCullum’s Bazballing Test side and was also criticised for his “who cares” if you are caught on the boundary or in the in-field comment at Trent Bridge.

That was a misstep but he did well to recover in a promising first stint as captain, which included his only one-day international century to date.

Responsibility may be what Brook, a former England Under-19 captain, needs to turn his undeniable white-ball talents into match-winning performances because the current status quo is helping neither him nor the team.

Ten innings, 169 runs and an average of 16.90 in matches this year may not feel like the form of a captain-elect, but he remains the best option.

Brook’s ascension would bring issues in that he would not always be available because of his key role in the Test team. But it would also give England another option if Stokes’ body was to fail him down under, in addition to Ollie Pope who could be out of the XI by the time they reach Perth.

And there I go, relegating the white-ball team to a second-tier status. England got to the top of the white-ball world by prioritising it under Eoin Morgan, only to collapse when the Test side retook the focus when McCullum was first appointed.

It will take longer than one flight for Key to find a way to navigate English cricket’s longstanding problem.

Sinner’s Laureus award nomination withdrawn after ban

Published BBC Sport

Jannik Sinner’s nomination for the Laureus World Sportsman of the Year award has been withdrawn after he was given a three-month doping ban.

The world number one accepted an immediate three-month ban from tennis earlier this month after reaching a settlement with the World Anti-Doping Agency over his two positive drugs tests last year.

The 23-year-old Italian, who won the Australian Open in January, is suspended from 9 February until 4 May.

“Following discussions by the Laureus Academy, it has been decided that Jannik Sinner’s nomination for this

year’s Laureus World Sportsman of the Year Award is to be withdrawn,” Laureus World Sports Academy chairman Sean Fitzpatrick said.

“We have followed this case, the decisions of the relevant global bodies and - whilst we note the extenuating circumstances involved - feel that the three-month ban renders the nomination ineligible.

“Jannik and his team have been informed.”

Sinner had previously been cleared of any wrongdoing by an independent panel after testing positive for the banned substance clostebol in March.

The International Tennis Integrity Agency’s (ITIA) investigation found that



Image source, Getty Images - Sinner won the year’s first Grand Slam and his third overall at the Australian Open in January

Sinner had been inadvertently contaminated with the anabolic steroid by his physiotherapist Giacomo Naldi.

Wada, having launched an appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (Cas), initially sought a ban of up to two years for the three-time Grand Slam champion.

However, Wada reached a settlement after accepting Sinner was inadvertently contaminated by a banned substance and “did not intend to cheat”.

The nominees for the Laureus World Sports Awards, selected by a panel of journalists and broadcasters, will be announced on 3 March.