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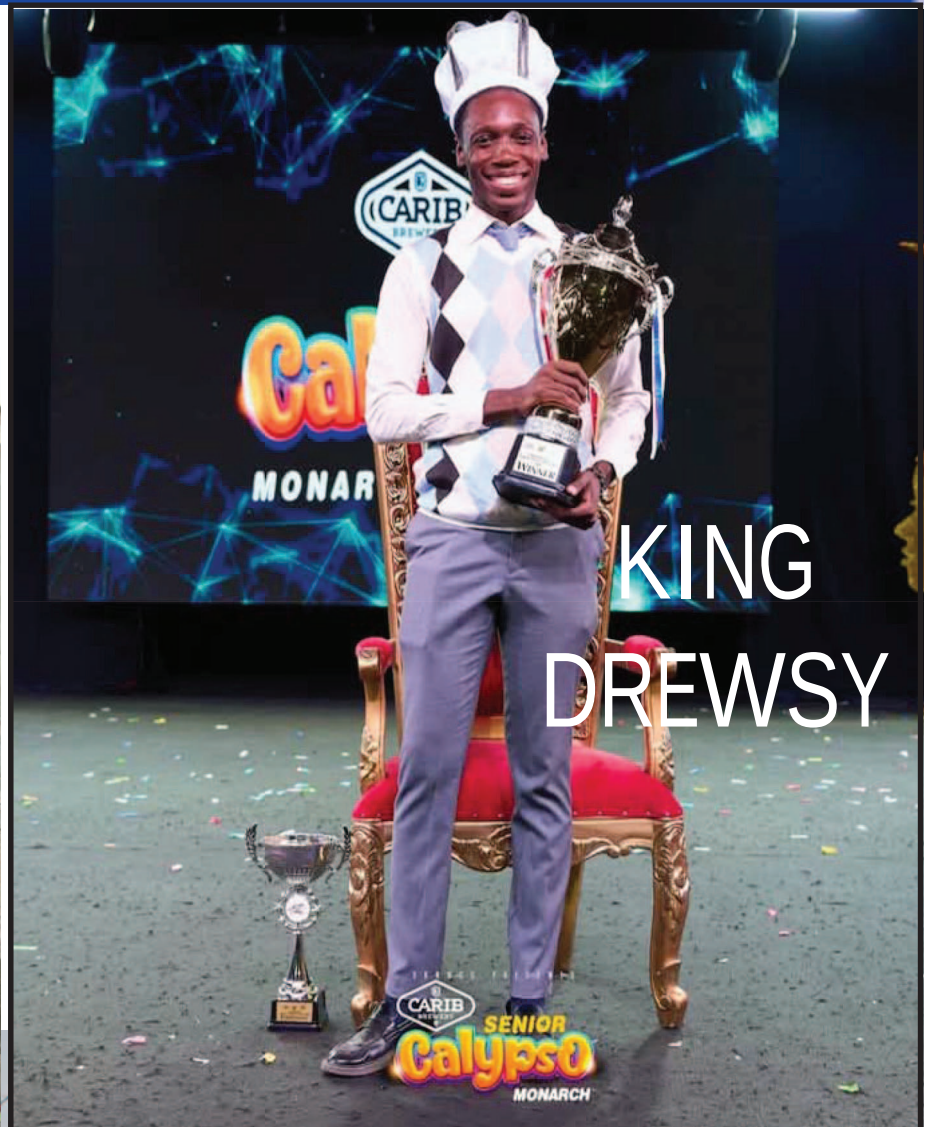
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Following the Carib Calypso Monarch Competition held on Friday 27th December 2024 at Carnival Village, Tariq 'Drewzy' Drew was crowned the new winner with a total of 830 points. Big Lice placed first runner up with 808 points followed by Queen Independent with 783 points in the second runner-up spot. (Full details in next publication)



BEST PLAYER

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Editorial

Celebrating the Creative Superstars, Workers of Sugar Mas

As we bid farewell to another year and welcome 2025, it is fitting that we pause to acknowledge and celebrate the incredible talents and contributions of those who make our annual St. Kitts and Nevis National Carnival (Sugar Mas) an unforgettable experience.

Sugar Mas is not merely a festival; it is a vivid tapestry of our culture, history, and collective identity as a people. At the heart of this celebration are the hardworking individuals in the creative economy who breathe life into every element of the festivities. They are the ones who make the magic happen-the folklore performers, musicians, songwriters, directors, costume designers, and countless others who pour their hearts into upholding the culture of St. Kitts and Nevis.

Too often, as a society, we overlook these Very Important People who play such a vital role in shaping the rhythm and spirit of our nation. We enjoy their performances, dance to their music, and marvel at their creativity, yet fail to adequately recognize or salute the labour and passion they invest.

The folklore performers, for example, embody our history and traditions, keeping alive the vibrant stories of our ancestors through dance, song, and drama. Their work goes beyond entertainment-it is cultural preservation, ensuring that future generations remain connected to their roots.

Our musicians and songwriters are another cornerstone of carnival. They craft the melodies and lyrics that become the anthems of the season,-with a special spotlight for the Road March champions- uniting us in joy and celebration. Their artistry transcends borders, as the infectious beats of our carnival music

Value Added Tax (VAT) Reduction Guidelines For The First Half Of 2025

The Government of St. Kitts and Nevis is steadfast in its commitment to enhancing the economic well-being of its citizens. As declared by the Honorable Prime Minister, Dr. Terrance Drew, during his 2025 Budget Address, a significant VAT reduction will be implemented starting January 1, 2025., lowering the standard VAT rate from 17% to 13% for the first six months of the year. This new rate will apply to the supply or sales of goods and services across the Federation that previously sold at the 17% standard rate. This VAT Relief Holiday is designed to empower families and businesses by reducing financial burdens and fostering economic stability.

To provide clarity, it is important to note that any transactions occurring before January 1, 2025, will be subject to the previous rate of 17%. According to the VAT Cap.18.47, the applicable VAT rate is determined based on the earliest of the following:

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- The date an invoice for the supply is issued by the supplier.
- The date any consideration for the supply is received.

The 10% Reduced Rate for Commercial Rentals, Accommodation Services and Value of Supplies by a Restaurant as per Section 27 (1) (d) of the VAT Act Cap.18.47 will continue to apply.

To ensure the intended benefits of this reduction are realized, the Government will enforce strict monitoring measures to prevent price gouging and other unfair practices. These efforts will be supported by the recently enacted Consumer Protection Act and other applicable legislation.

We encourage everyone to reach out with questions or for further clarification on the new VAT rate as we move towards a prosperous 2025. Please feel free to reach out to us via the telephone or e-mail contact information outlined below and we will guide you through each step to ensure a smooth process.

Thank you for your cooperation and supporting our community's growth and development.

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captivate audiences both locally, regionally and internationally.

Directors and production teams work tirelessly behind the scenes to coordinate and deliver spectacular shows. These individuals bring cohesion and professionalism to our carnival events, ensuring that the spectacle reflects the excellence of our people.

And let us not forget the participants and revellers who play their part in showcasing our culture, from the intricate costumes to the infectious energy jamming in the streets year after year. Their commitment and enthusiasm are a testament to the enduring spirit of Sugar Mas.

As we reflect on the outstanding contributions of these creative heroes, let us resolve not to take their efforts for granted. Their work sustains our cultural identity, promotes tourism, and generates economic opportunities. As such, it is incumbent upon us as a society to

offer them the recognition and support they deserve.

The management and staff of the Labour Spokesman Newspaper, along with the executive committee of the St. Kitts-Nevis Trades and Labour Union, extend heartfelt gratitude to all those who make Sugar Mas the spectacular celebration it is, has been, and continues to be.

As we move into 2025, let us carry forward a spirit of appreciation for our creative workforce and commit to uplifting and celebrating their contributions year-round. Their excellence is our pride.

***Happy New Year 2025 to all
from the management and staff of the
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Revellers Talk About J'ouvert Jamming

By: Precious Mills

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Friday 27th December 2024) - Scores of revellers participating with the various registered National Carnival troupes and other music lovers alike, on Thursday 26th December 2024, like flooded the streets of Basseterre for the annual J'ouvert jamming for Sugar Mas 53.

As is the norm, the tell-tell signs of the yearly well-anticipated street festivity bore evidence from the confetti, feting paint splashes and powder stains about the streets in the aftermath of the hours of nonstop jamming, waving, jumping and gyrating from the music provided by local jam bands and other sound systems-including the Kollision Band, Grand Masters Band, Small Axe Band, Nu Vybes Band (De Sugar Band), Upset Squad and ASAP Band.

For the occasion, this reporter conducted the usual chit-chatting interaction with revellers, quizzing them about their experience, their Sugar Mas experience thus far while asking them to share whatever message they want with others.

Here is what they had to say:



Tanya Byron - "Well, so far I can't complain; I am a participant in EXCESS J'ouvert troupe and I must admit that I've had a wonderful time. This is my first time with EXCESS; I've played with Red Devils, ChatterBox and now this year I've played with EXCESS. I've had an amazing time with each and every one of them so nothing new. About my Sugar mas experience overall: To tell you the truth, other than the calypso tents, I haven't been to any other event. I am backing Drewsy in the calypso monarch! That is my spar so I'm looking forward to the Calypso Monarch competition on Friday 27th and I'll be front and center cheering for Drewsy!"



Orson Nurse (right) with old school mate Darren Jeffers - "My J'ouvert experience has been awesome. I've been out since midnight and I'm still going; I'm still standing so that says it all, doesn't it? The experience with Red Devils has been amazing! I haven't like not had a drink in my hand, like the vibes has been amazing and everybody is really welcoming. If you're not in Sugar Mas 54, I don't know where else in the world you're going to be so you need to be in St. Kitts and Nevis for Sugar Mas 54. St.Kitts is a very safe place so once you comes to St.Kitts, you're going to be fine; the people are lovely, the visitors are lovely and you're going to have a great time."



Chiana Lucas (left end) - "It is good! I getting me money worth because I getting free drinks, and Kollision Band is de best! This is my first time coming in a troupe but not [participating] for J'ouvert!"



Jae - "My J'ouvert experience has been good so far; can't complain. I was jamming with Sugar Band-the one and only sound. I would encourage everyone to participate in carnival each year."



Anonymous - "It's been a great time; just hot under the mask. It's been good but with a lot of stoppages but we made the best of it. You know it's been a good waiting, good vibes. Be safe enjoy yourself and have fun and remember to free up and enjoy the vibes."

This media house hereby extends a heartfelt gratitude to all participants!

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2025

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2025 CARIBBEAN TRAVEL AWARDS

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St. Kitts

St. Kitts Honoured with Accolades at Caribbean Journal's 2025 Caribbean Travel Awards

Basseterre, St. Kitts (27 December 2024) - St. Kitts proudly announces its recognition as a dual award recipient in Caribbean Journal's 2025 Caribbean Travel Awards. The destination was named Caribbean Cruise Destination of the Year and Caribbean Adventure Destination of the Year.

These distinguished awards highlight St. Kitts' excellence in offering world-class cruise experiences and thrilling land and sea adventures that captivate travelers from around the globe. The awards underscore the destination's commitment to providing unique and immersive experiences while maintaining a focus on sustainable tourism and cultural preservation.

Honourable Marsha T. Henderson, Minister of Tourism, expressed her pride in this achievement by stating: "These distinguished awards reaffirm St. Kitts' position as a dynamic leader in adventure and cruise tourism. They are a testament to our strategic efforts to innovate and enhance our offerings while maintaining global competitiveness. From preserving our pristine landscapes to curating immersive cultural experiences, these achievements reflect the dedication of our people and the effectiveness of our initiatives. I extend my sincere gratitude to the sister agencies in the tourism industry, our stakeholders, and partners whose collaboration and unwavering support have been

instrumental in advancing St. Kitts as a destination that exemplifies excellence and authenticity in Caribbean tourism."

The Caribbean Journal's annual Caribbean Travel

Awards celebrate excellence across the region's tourism industry, recognizing destinations, hotels, and stakeholders that have set themselves apart in innovation, sustainability, and visitor satisfaction.

These awards further solidify St. Kitts' reputation as a must-visit destination, offering an exceptional blend of adventure, culture, and relaxation for all who visit.

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Glenville Dolphin of Tabernacle Housing Development having made sworn deposition that **Policy No. J554001376** issued by **Sagicor Life Inc.** and assumed by **Sagicor Life (Eastern Caribbean) Inc.** on his life has been lost and having made application to the Directors to grant a duplicate of the same, notice is hereby given that unless objection is raised within one month of the date hereof, the duplicate policy asked for will be issued.

Dated: **09th December, 2024.**

By Order

Andrew Greaves
Corporate Secretary


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Dated: **09th December, 2024.**

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Querida Finch of Lodge Slope, Lodge Project, St. Kitts having made sworn deposition that **Policy No. J554000993** 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.

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Dated: **09th December, 2024.**

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Right to Know. Right Now!



St. Kitts Nevis Anguilla Trading and Development Company Limited (TDC) holds 51st Annual General Meeting

Basseterre, St. Kitts - The St. Kitts Nevis Anguilla Trading and Development Company Limited (TDC) held its 51st Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 17 December 2024 at the St. Kitts Marriott Resort, in Frigate Bay.

The meeting held under theme, “*Empowering Progress*” was chaired by Mr. Earle Kelly, Chairman/CEO supported by the full board, updated shareholders about the company’s fiscal performance for the period February 1, 2023, to March 31, 2024.

The Annual Report was presented and featured the Report of the Directors and Board Committees and highlighted the impact the company has had on the lives of some of the Warren C. Tyson Memorial Scholarship scholars, including Prime Minister the Honourable Dr. Terrance Drew.

The company’s financial report covered the fourteen-month period spanning February 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024, as it

transitioned from the year end of January 31st to March 31st, which included the following highlights:

Particulars	31 March 2024 (\$)	31 January 2023 (\$)
Total Assets	459,262,973	448,774,703
Shareholders’ Equity	200,328,441	190,800,674
Profit before tax	15,763,307	8,374,790

The shareholders approved the directors’ recommendation to pay a dividend of \$0.08 cents per share (\$4,160,000), which is up 60% from the \$0.05 cents per share (\$2,600,000) approved and paid in 2023. They were fully engaged, participative and asked several pertinent questions, using the opportunity to make recommendations on how the company can continue to progress.

The board expressed its appreciation to all its stakeholders, customers for their continued patronage, and the employees for their dedication and commitment to providing excellent customer service to foster continued growth and prosperity.

Immediately following the close of the business session, a cocktail reception was held where the directors interacted and engaged shareholders in light but meaningful conversation.

Picture - TDC Board of Directors at the 51st Annual General Meeting

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Puerto Rico may enter new year in darkness after sudden blackout

Kayla Epstein
BBC



Getty Images A car drives past dark traffic lights and buildings on a street corner

Traffic lights are dark and buildings remained without power in San Juan, Puerto Rico amid a New Year’s Eve blackout.

Puerto Rico was plunged into darkness early Tuesday morning by a nearly island-wide blackout.

The cause of the blackout is under investigation, but preliminary findings pointed to a fault in an underground line, according to Luma Energy, the island’s main power distributor. Fully restoring service could take between 24-48 hours, the company said on X.

Only 13 percent of the island’s 1.4 million customers had power as of about 1000AST (1400GMT), according to the New York Times.

An hour later, power had been restored to some areas, as well as San Juan’s municipal hospital, Luma said.

The New Year’s Eve blackout prompted renewed calls from elected officials and residents to address the unincorporated US territory’s ongoing power issues, which have persisted since Hurricane Maria in 2017.

The island cannot continue to put up with an energy system that fails its citizens so often, Jenniffer Gonzalez-Colon, Puerto Rico’s current US congressional representative and the incoming governor of Puerto Rico, wrote on X.

Blackouts continue to affect Puerto Rico’s economy and quality of life, she said.

On Facebook, the current governor, Pedro Pierluisi, demanded answers and solutions from the two main power companies, Luma and Genera.

Hundreds of thousands of residents at a time have been affected by power outages this year. A June outage left about 350,000 customers without power as temperatures climbed, and more than 700,000 customers lost electricity after Hurricane Ernesto in August.

As they awoke to another day without power, Puerto Ricans expressed frustration to US media.

“They’re part of my everyday life,” Enid Nunez, 49, said of the outages to the Associated Press.

Puerto Rico’s power grid was strained even before Hurricane Maria devastated the island. US government funding helped shore up the grid, facilitate recovery projects from other natural disasters, and make other important infrastructure improvements.

But the implementation has been incomplete due to a variety of factors, such as issues starting construction and the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s requirements to authorise use of some of the funds, according to a February 2024 report from the US Government Accountability Office.

“Inexcusably the power grid has still not recovered from damage in Hurricane Maria,” Mark Levine, New York City’s Manhattan borough president, wrote on X.

New York City is home to the largest Puerto Rican community in the mainland US.

“This is 3.5M American citizens,” he wrote. “We owe them so much better.”

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The Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

FEDERATION OF ST. CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
NEVIS CIRCUIT
A. D. 2023

NEVHPB2023\0008

In the Estate of LEROY BOYDE late of Dodge Park Rest Home, 101 Randolph Road in the city of Worcester in the State of Massachusetts United States of America, deceased

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Lyanna Boyde of Bideford Spur, Berkshire, England, Kitchen Assistant, and Franklyn Boyde of 84 Winvale, Slough, England of for a Grant of

(a) Probate of the Will of the above-named deceased who died on the 7th day of September, 2022 without revoking a Will bearing the date of the 10th day of 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 24th day of December, 2024.

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

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The Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

FEDERATION OF ST. CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
NEVIS CIRCUIT
A. D. 2024

NEVHPB2024\0089

In the Estate of Lloyd Ian Hezekiah late of Morning Star in the parish of St. John in the island of Nevis, deceased

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ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by STUART RUSSELL EDWARDS of 32 Crown Hill Road, Wappingers Falls, New York, 12590 of Hamilton in the Parish of St. John and DARRELL EDWARDS of 836 Stillwater Blvd St. Johns Florida United States of America 32259.for a Grant of: -

(a) Probate of the Will of the above-named deceased who died on the 10th day of November, 2024 without revoking a will bearing the date of 25th day of September, 2020 wherein the applicants are the named executors.

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 24th day of December, 2024.

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

[FIRST / PUBLICATION]

St. Kitts and Nevis Records Strong Air Arrivals During The Christmas and Carnival Season



File photo



Minister of Tourism, the Honourable Marsha Henderson

Basseterre, St. Kitts, December 27, 2024 (SKNIS): The festive energy of the Christmas and Carnival Season has brought a remarkable increase in air arrivals to St. Kitts and Nevis to date. From December 14 to 25, 2024, the twin-island Federation welcomed a total of 8,335 airline passengers aboard 265 flights, making it the highest number of passengers recorded for this period in recent years.

The 2024 figures show significant growth compared to the same period in previous years, highlighting a steady recovery and surge in interest in St. Kitts and Nevis as a top-tier holiday destination. The 8,335 air arrivals surpassed the 7,492 recorded in 2023 and the 6,334 arrivals in 2022. The numbers also reflect significant progress from the 2,937 passengers recorded in 2021, showcasing the Federation's strong post-pandemic recovery.

Furthermore, the 2024 total exceeds pre-pandemic numbers recorded in 2017, which saw 7,813 passengers, and 2018 and

2019, which recorded 7,773 and 8,069 passengers respectively. This growth signals a resurgence of interest and confidence in St. Kitts and Nevis as a premier travel destination during the holiday season.

Minister of Tourism, the Honourable Marsha Henderson, celebrated the milestone.

"This growth reflects the resilience and allure of St. Kitts and Nevis as a leading Caribbean destination. Visitors and returning nationals are drawn to our unique combination of cultural celebrations, natural beauty, and warm hospitality. We are excited to share this special time with so many travellers during the Christmas and Carnival season," said the tourism minister.

The Christmas Season, coupled with the highly anticipated Sugar Mas Carnival, has been a major attraction for visitors, featuring vibrant street parades, calypso and pageant competitions, and traditional folklore performances.

The Ministry of Tourism, in collaboration with airport and tourism stakeholders, has worked diligently to ensure a seamless travel experience. Enhanced operations at Robert L. Bradshaw International Airport have ensured that passengers are welcomed with efficiency and the warmth St. Kitts and Nevis is known for.

As the Carnival festivities continue, Minister Henderson said that the islands remain ready to welcome even more visitors and provide unforgettable experiences.



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Dozens die in Ethiopia after lorry with wedding guests falls into river

BBC News



Sidama Regional Health Bureau A group attempt to pull a damaged vehicle from a body of water
Sidama Regional Health Bureau

The vehicle fell into a river in the southern Bona district

At least 71 people have died in southern Ethiopia after a lorry plunged into a river, officials say.

The vehicle, which was travelling through Sidama state on Sunday, fell into the river after it missed a bridge, a local official told the Reuters news agency.

Wosenyeh Simion said many of the passengers had been guests at a wedding party.

Traffic police in the region reported the lorry was overloaded, which was likely to have caused the incident, Mr Simion said. Further investigations are under way.

Of the people known to have died, 68 were men and 3 were women, the Sidama Police Commission Traffic Prevention and Control Directorate said.

Blurred images shared on Facebook by the state health bureau show a group of people attempting to pull a damaged vehicle from a body of water in the district of Bona.

Other images shared by the bureau appear to show bodies, some covered in blue tarpaulin, lying on the ground.

Thousands of people are killed every year in road accidents in Ethiopia, with over-speeding and disregard for traffic laws often blamed.



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EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

APPLICATION NO. SKBHCV 2015/0194

IN THE MATTER OF SECTION 92 OF THE TITLE BY
REGISTRATION ACT, CAP. 10.19 OF THE LAWS OF
SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

AND

IN THE MATTER OF A CERTIFICATE OF TITLE
DATED NOVEMBER 8, 2010 REGISTERED IN BOOK
J3 FOLIO 461 OF THE REGISTER OF TITLES FOR
THE ISLAND OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER

BETWEEN:

**CIBC CARIBBEAN BANK (BARBADOS)
LIMITED** (formerly FirstCaribbean
International Bank (Barbados) Limited)

Applicant

and

**VANICIA A. COOPER
GARY CEDRIC GEORGE COOPER**

Respondents

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO REDUCE THE UPSET PRICE & FIX NEW TERMS OF SALE

The Applicant, CIBC Caribbean Bank (Barbados) Limited (formerly FirstCaribbean International Bank (Barbados) Limited), a body duly incorporated under the Companies Act of Barbados and duly registered under the laws of the Federation of Saint Christopher and Nevis and having a place of business at Bank Street, in the town of Basseterre in the Island of Saint Christopher

APPLIES TO THE COURT for the following:

Reduced Upset Price

1. An order fixing a new date(s) of sale(s) of the property of the Respondents comprised in a Certificate of Title dated November 8, 2010 registered in Book J3 Folio 461 of the Register of Titles for the Island of St Kitts comprising an area of 8,036.50 square feet situate at Lot No. 31 of Cedar Grove Housing Development in the Parish of St Peter in the Island of St Kitts (hereinafter "the Property") at a reduced upset price of EC\$970,000.00; and

2. An order adjusting the announcements of sale of the Property and the mode of publication thereof.

A DRAFT of the Order that the Applicant seeks is attached hereto.

The GROUNDS on which the Applicant is seeking these orders are as follows:-

1. Pursuant to an Order of this Honourable Court dated June 20, 2017 this Honourable Court ordered that the Property be sold at an upset price of EC\$1,325,000.00 and that the Registrar of the High Court should set a date for said proposed sale.

2. The Registrar set May 3, 2018 and May 9, 2019 as the respective dates for the proposed sale of the Property.

3. Pursuant to a further Order of this Honourable Court dated September 28, 2023 this Honourable Court ordered that the Property be sold at an upset price of EC\$1,208,000.00 and that the Registrar of the High Court should set a date for said proposed sale.

4. The Registrar set January 25, 2024 and April 25, 2024 as the respective dates for the proposed sale of the Property.

5. The sale of the Property did *not* take place on any of the above occasions and were adjourned by the Registrar, as no prospective purchasers attended the scheduled sales.

6. The mortgage debt due by the Respondents to the Applicant is still outstanding.

7. The Applicant wishes to have the upset price of the Property reduced to reflect its current forced sale value as estimated by Mr. Eavin L. Parry, an appraiser of real estate.

Two AFFIDAVITS accompany this Application:

1. Affidavit of Troy Branch; and
2. Affidavit of Eavin L. Parry

Dated this 27th day of December 2024

Signed
Chanté W. M. Francis, Associate
KELSICK, WILKIN & FERDINAND
Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicant

NOTICE:

This Application will be heard by

on: Master Yun Saunders

Thursday the 30th day of January 2025
at 9.00 a.m. at the High Court of Justice, Basseterre, St Kitts.

IF THE RESPONDENTS DO NOT ATTEND THIS HEARING AN ORDER MAY BE MADE IN THEIR ABSENCE

As ordered by this Honourable Court on September 21, 2015, the Applicant is permitted to serve the Respondents by causing the documents to be posted up in a conspicuous place on the encumbered land for which the Respondents are registered proprietors as Joint Tenants and by causing the said documents to be published in a newspaper circulating in St. Kitts and Nevis.

The Court Office/Registry of the High Court is situated at the Sir S. W. Tapley Seaton Annex, East Independence Square, Basseterre, St Kitts. Its email address is registryskn@gov.kn and its telephone number is 467-1102. The Registry is open between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Mondays to Fridays, except Public Holidays



Smart technology, innovative economy core to national development plan



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The 2025-2028 national science and technology development plan is to be drafted based on the results of the recently concluded 12th National Science and Technology Conference. (Courtesy of Executive Yuan)

Premier Cho Jung-tai said Dec. 26 that the government will draft the 2025-2028 national science and technology development plan based on the results of the recently concluded 12th National Science and Technology Conference.

Cho made the remarks after listening to the briefing on the conference by the National Science and Technology Council at the Executive Yuan. According to the NSTC, the policy goals will be to promote smart technology and create an innovative economy while balancing social development, net-zero emissions and sustainability.

To advance smart technology, the government will continue promotion of the five trusted industry sectors action plan and expand artificial intelligence applications in various sectors, the NSTC said. In addition, Taiwan’s semiconductor sector would further integrate cutting-edge technology such as drones, robots and satellites, the council added.

To create an innovative economy, the NSTC urged the government to accelerate digital and green transformation for small- and medium-sized enterprises, adding that the public and the private sectors should work together to cultivate diverse personnel.

The long-term care plan 3.0 and smart medical care needed to be taken into consideration to achieve balanced social development,

FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
ISLAND OF NEVIS
TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT
A.D. 2024

In the Matter of Section 71 of The Title by
Registration Act

and

In the Matter of a Certificate of Title dated
November 17, 2003 registered in Book 41 Folio 562
of the Register of Titles for the Island of Nevis

NOTICE TO PAY OFF

TO: JEVON BROWNE of Brown Hill in the Island of Nevis, registered proprietor of ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land situate at Budgeon Estate in the Parish of St. John in the Island of Nevis bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On or towards the North East by lands of Michelle Powell Joseph, 321.61 feet; On or towards the South East by a Boundary of Ghaut, 80.30 feet and 73.14 feet; On or towards the South West by lands of the Estate of K. Parris, 9.61 feet and 117.06 feet; On or towards the North West by a Public Road, 10.03 feet; On or towards the South West by lands of Gelier Kelly, 160.84 feet and On or towards the North West by lands of Gelier Kelly, 136.57 feet and containing by admeasurement 23,621 square feet (hereinafter “the Lands”); all as the same is described in a Certificate of Title dated November 17, 2003 registered in Book 41 Folio 562 of the Register of Titles for the Island of Nevis (hereinafter “the Certificate of Title”).

TAKE NOTICE that CIBC Caribbean Bank (Barbados) Limited (formerly FirstCaribbean International Bank (Barbados) Limited), a body duly incorporated under the Companies Act of Barbados and duly registered under the laws of the Federation of Saint Christopher and Nevis (“the Mortgagee”) having a place of business at Bank Street, in the Town of Basseterre in the Island of Saint Christopher requires you to pay off the sum of EC\$443,935.51, the balance due and owing to the Mortgagee as at December 12, 2024 (consisting of the principal balance in the sum of EC\$237,282.18 and interest in the sum of EC\$206,653.33) with interest continuing at the effective current rate of 8.00% per annum (being a per diem of EC\$49.94) from December 12, 2024 until payment in full DUE TO US by virtue of a Mortgage duly noted on April 6, 2021 upon the Certificate of Title of the said land:

AND THAT within sixty days from the date of service of this notice.

GIVEN under the hand of EBERNA WHYTE and KEMAALI DREW the duly appointed Attorneys of FIRSTCARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL BANK (BARBADOS) LIMITED by virtue of a Power of Attorney dated September 4, 2024 and recorded as Deed No. 00365 in Liber CR Volume 24A at Folios 1121 to 1130 of the Register of Deeds of the Island of Nevis, have hereunto set their respective hands:

this 20th day of December 2024

SIGNED by EBERNA WHYTE and
KEMAALI DREW the duly appointed attorneys} EBERNA WHYTE
of CIBC Caribbean Bank (Barbados) Limited }
(formerly FirstCaribbean International Bank }
(Barbados) Limited } KEMAALI DREW

before and in the presence of:- }

Attorney-at-Law

the NSTC said. The government should also work to balance urban and rural development while committing to preservation and revitalization of cultural assets, it added.

The NSTC said the government should promote low-carbon technology and green energy, while strengthening infrastructure to provide stable electricity in the pursuit of net-zero emission goals. The circular economy is also an important element in realizing green production and consumption, the council added.

The premier added that next year’s science and technology budget will top NT\$196.5 billion (US\$5.99 billion), with a flagship project launched by the government to enhance Taiwan’s municipal infrastructure with over 140 essential projects in six areas around Taiwan. (YCH-E)

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The Board of Directors of the Caribbean Development Bank has reviewed and approved a Callable Capital Report, aligning with peer AAA rated Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs).

PRESS RELEASE

December 30, 2024



CDB’s Financial Strength Confirmed by Callable Capital Review

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados - The Board of Directors of the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB, the Bank) has reviewed and approved a Callable Capital Report, aligning with peer AAA rated Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs). Callable capital is a financial safety net, provided by shareholders should the Bank require additional funds to boost investor confidence, increase lending capacity or strengthen financial stability in cases of emergency.

CDB’s evaluation follows other MDBs efforts to implement the recommendations of the G20-sponsored Independent Review of Capital Adequacy Frameworks. Other MDBs undertook the same exercise, such as the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), the African Development Bank (AfDB), the Asian Development Bank (ADB), the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (World Bank).

CDB’s report covered three workstreams:

- 1. A review of the agreement establishing CDB pertaining to callable capital, which focused on the legal considerations and mechanisms around making a demand on the callable capital shares.
- 2. An illustrative “reverse stress test” which considered the extreme hypothetical scenarios that would give rise to the financial circumstances that could trigger a call on callable capital.
- 3. A summary of shareholder’s reviews by many member countries outlining their legal, accounting and budgetary processes for responding to a request on callable capital.

Significant conclusions have been reached following the review, performed by the Bank’s Legal Department. Key shareholders consider callable capital subscriptions to be legally binding commitments. The process clarifications from shareholders also demonstrate the strength of their obligations and well-defined process to respond to a call on callable capital.

The reverse stress test, performed by CDB’s Office of Risk Management highlights the Bank’s considerable financial strength and prudent capital adequacy policies, illustrating that a call on CDB’s callable capital is an extremely unlikely event. Lastly, the decision to make a call sits with the Bank’s Board of Directors.

CDB jointly with other MDBs, continues to engage with Credit Rating Agencies

(CRAs) to review and enhance the credit rating criteria used to assess multilateral lending institutions. The additional information and analysis in the report bring greater clarity and transparency to callable capital which may better inform CRAs’ assessment of the value of callable capital.

According to CDB’s Chief Risk Officer, Mr Stefano Capodagli, “The findings augur well for CDB and our stability and ability to deliver to both our shareholders and clients. The review, shows that the Bank is very stable and well prepared to handle extreme financial shocks which are unlikely to occur.”

Capodagli, drawing reference to CDB’s Capital Adequacy Framework, added that “We proactively manage our assets and liabilities with strong shareholder support while ensuring timely interventions if needed. Even in extreme scenarios, the Bank has measures in place to mitigate financial strain.”

During the review, the Bank’s major shareholders also confirmed their commitment to providing callable capital if required in all cases, with processes in place to respond quickly, within the timeframes required for CDB to meet its obligations.

The review aligns with global efforts to increase the investing capacity of MDBs with the inclusion of callable capital into capital adequacy calculations. This approach is expected to be validated by the credit rating agencies and help them to better assess the value of callable capital to MDBs. In addition, it could allow MDBs to expand financial capacity to tackle increasing demands on their resources as a result of growing development needs.

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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

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR THE

ISSUE CERTIFICATE OF TITLE BY PRESCRIPTION

TAKE NOTICE that WILLIAM PETER MESTIER and DARREL EDMOND MESTIER both of Jones Estate in the Parish of St. Thomas in the island of Nevis has made application to the Registrar of Titles for the Nevis Circuit for the issue of a Certificate of Title in their favour to ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land situate at Jones Estate in the parish of St. Thomas in the island of Nevis comprising of 0.435 acre and described as Lot D 4 and bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On or towards the North by a Public Road, 138.24 feet; On the East by lands of Nicholas Georges Bosshard, 267.40 feet; On or towards the West by a Public Road 258.83 feet and on or towards the North West by a Public Road, 30.61 feet all as the same is shown on the survey plan of the said lot of land made and drawn by Dave Simon, Licensed Land Surveyor of Charlestown in the Island of Nevis or howsoever otherwise the same may be delineated and described.

Dated the 16th day of December, 2024

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Solicitors for the Applicants

WILLIAM PETER MESTIER and DARREL EDMOND MESTIER

To: Nicholas Georges Bosshard

To: Ministry of Agriculture

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

New Earth Network Initiative leverages the St. Mary’s Biosphere Reserve to drive Economic Activity

Basseterre, St. Kitts and Nevis, December 23, 2024 (UNESCO National Commission) - The Federation’s St. Mary’s Biosphere Reserve (SMBR) in Cayon, St. Kitts and Nevis, has been the focus of vigorous attention by the United Nations specialised agency, UNESCO, over 2024. Initially launched in 2011 as an UNESCO accredited Man and Biosphere (MAB) recognised and protected reserve - and the first reserve of this nature to be created in the English-speaking Caribbean - the SMBR has since been identified as -setting the biodiversity standards for small islands- according to Dr. Antonio Abreu, Director, Division of Ecological and Earth Sciences at UNESCO, who oversees the worldwide list of 727 biosphere reserves.

Under the aegis of UNESCO, and the competent authority of the Ministry of Environment, Climate Action and Constituency Empowerment, the SMBR benefited from the Earth Network funding to deploy a leading biodiversity expert and ecologist, Dr. Haydi Berrenstein, from Suriname, to guide the SMBR National Coordinator, Mrs. Telca Wallace, and the MAB committee, to specifically address challenges associated with agricultural practices, tools, methods of cultivation, preservation, and monetization of biodiversity-led sustainable agriculture processes on the reserve. This second phase of the Earth Network project will be implemented at the Hermitage Estate in Cayon in several stages and ultimately envisages the build out of a Neem processing plant that would supply chemical-free fertilizer and pest-control to farmers across the Federation; the creation of a seed bank collection of heat and drought resistant indigenous seeds; as well as the construction of a few greenhouses in the SMBR zone to accelerate re-forestation, by creating an agricultural ‘nursery’ of indigenous plants.

During her visit, Dr. Berrenstein held several consultations with various stakeholders, such as farmers, business owners, students, government officials, academia, non-governmental organizations and private sector representatives to provide a national perspective and help shape project objectives based on local aspirations and needs. Dr. Berrenstein is currently finalizing a ‘funding proposal’ designed to raise funds from international donors to implement these measures over 2025.

“Establishing a seed bank could be a vital component of agrobiodiversity preservation. A lack of diverse and locally adapted seeds might hinder efforts to promote sustainable agriculture and protect native plant species. Creating a seed bank could help conserve traditional varieties and ensure a resilient agricultural system”, said Dr. Berrenstein, lead consultant. “Additionally, the creation of an agricultural nursery and seed banks, will allow the replanting of stable shrubs and native tropical trees. Same principle would apply to fruit and vegetable cultivation, allowing re-plantation elsewhere in the SMBR zone, when seedlings and saplings growth are stable”.

Reflecting on the two-day consultation that was organized by the UNESCO National Commission Secretariat, H. E. Nerys Dockery, its Secretary General remarked, “I would like all the communities served by the St. Mary’s Biosphere Reserve to understand that this project is not just an academic exercise but is part of the nation’s thrust towards creating a Sustainable Island State by enhancing the biodiversity credentials of the Federation and leveraging this for the economic empowerment and edification of the SMBR community in sustainable agricultural practices. I am quite pleased with the feedback that has been gleaned from community stakeholders and the robust discussions that took place. Because of this, the consultant was able to fine tune the project’s social, economic and community and other impact goals to ensure that upon implementation, these initiatives would have maximum community buy-in and engagement as well as lead to the empowerment of the people, households and business served by the SMBR.”

The Federation’s permanent delegate to UNESCO in Paris, Ambassador David Doyle, has been involved in negotiating the Earth Network project with Biosphere experts at UNESCO HQ and the Italian envoy to UNESCO, Ambassador Liborio Stellino, whose government funded the roll-out of the Earth Network exercise at



the SMBR over the past two years. Ambassador Doyle noted: “I am most grateful for the generous funding from the Italian government and guidance provided by Ambassador Stellino throughout the implementation process”



DATE	VESSEL	DATE	VESSEL
Wednesday 1	Grandeur of the Seas	Saturday 18	Carnival Dream
Wednesday 1	Insignia	Saturday 18	Majestic Princess
Wednesday 1	MSC Virtuosa	Saturday 18	Norwegian Viva
Wednesday 1	Royal Clipper	Saturday 18	Ambience
Wednesday 1	Sea Dream II	Monday 20	MSC Divina
Wednesday 1	Sea Dream I	Monday 20	Ritz Ilma
Thursday 2	Explorer of the Seas	Tuesday 21	Aida Luna
Saturday 4	Enchanted Princess	Tuesday 21	Norwegian Gem
Monday 6	Aida Mar	Tuesday 21	Arvia
Tuesday 7	Aida Luna	Tuesday 21	Silver Moon
Tuesday 7	Le Champlain	Wednesday 22	Carnival Venezia
Tuesday 7	Arvia	Wednesday 22	Mein Schiff II
Wednesday 8	Celebrity Equinox	Wednesday 22	Norwegian Viva
Wednesday 8	Club Med 2	Wednesday 22	Costa Fascinosa
Wednesday 8	Mein Schiff II	Wednesday 22	Enchanted Princess
Thursday 9	Rhapsody of the Seas	Thursday 23	Ambition
Thursday 9	Star Flyer	Thursday 23	Odyssey of the Seas
Friday 10	Marella Discovery	Thursday 23	Rhapsody of the Seas
Friday 10	Resilient Lady	Thursday 23	Star Flyer
Friday 10	Seabourn Ovation	Friday 24	Explora I
Friday 10	Wind Surf	Friday 24	Seabourn Ovation
Saturday 11	Norwegian Viva	Friday 24	Wind Surf
Saturday 11	Odyssey of the Seas	Saturday 25	Eurodam
Sunday 12	Norwegian Pearl	Saturday 25	Majestic Princess
Sunday 12	Silver Moon	Sunday 26	Marella Explorer II
Sunday 12	Seven Seas Navigator	Sunday 26	Evrima
Sunday 12	Vision of the Seas	Monday 27	Aida Perla
Monday 13	Resilient Lady	Monday 27	Celebrity Eclipse
Monday 13	Seabourn Ovation	Monday 27	Seabourn Ovation
Monday 13	Wind Spirit	Tuesday 28	Aida Bella
Tuesday 14	Aida Bella	Tuesday 28	Celebrity Apex
Tuesday 14	Celebrity Apex	Tuesday 28	Icon of the Seas
Tuesday 14	Oasis of the Seas	Tuesday 28	Marella Voyager
Tuesday 14	Marella Voyager	Wednesday 29	Grandeur of the Seas
Wednesday 15	Borealis	Wednesday 29	Seven Seas Navigator
Wednesday 15	Costa Fortuna	Wednesday 29	Viking Sea
Wednesday 15	Enchanted Princess	Wednesday 29	Royal Clipper
Wednesday 15	Royal Clipper	Thursday 30	MSC Virtuosa
Thursday 16	Ritz Ilma	Friday 31	Club Med 2
Friday 17	MSC Virtuosa	Friday 31	Marella Discovery

Cruise Schedule is Subject to Change

Do not wipe toilet seat with toilet paper: Japanese maker

Koh Ewe - BBC News



Getty Images A man touching a Toto toilet seat with his hand Getty Images
Japanese company Toto's toilet seats, made of plastic resin, may be scratched by toilet paper

Japanese toilets - equipped with music players, automatic flushes, and heated seats - are clearly

not afraid of making a splash with their innovative designs.

But these cutting edge seats have an unlikely nemesis: toilet paper.

Toto, a top Japanese toilet bowl maker, said last week that users should refrain from wiping their seats with toilet paper, as it risks creating micro scratches on the surface.

The company's advice came after a series of posts on social media complaining about scratches and discolouration.

A Toto representative told Japanese newspaper Mainichi Shimbun that its bidet toilet seats are made of plastic resin due to the material's "resistance to detergents and its ability to be molded into complex shapes".

However, wiping the seat with toilet paper or dry cloth can cause small, invisible scratches where dirt may accumulate, leading to discolouration.

But Toto is not the only manufacturer that has advised users against using toilet paper to wipe its toilet seats.

Similar recommendations have previously been issued by cleaning experts and also published on lifestyle sites.

Instead of dry toilet paper, people recommend using soft cloth soaked in tap water or detergent. They also advise against using thinners, nylon or metal scrubbers, or abrasives - all of which could damage the surface of the toilet seat.

The company said that while it was looking into more scratch-resistant materials, "there are no plans to change the material at this time."

The Washlet, Toto's flagship bidet toilet, includes features like an automatic lid, an air dryer and pressure controls for the bidet's water stream.

Japanese toilets, with their thoughtful designs viewed as an extension of the country's hospitality culture, have become an unlikely tourist attraction for foreigners and a source of pride at home.

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Carnival Chair Highlights Road March Judging Observation

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETTERRE, St. Kitts (Tuesday, 31st December 2024) - The streets of Basseterre came alive on Thursday, 26th December 2024, with the vibrant and electrifying energy of J’ouvert, a cherished highlight of the annual Sugar Mas carnival, marked by outstanding performances and captivating creativity following a number judged segments.

Carnival Chairperson Shannon Hawley later appeared on ZIZ’s ‘Jump Show’ with host St. Claire ‘Chico’ Guishard to announce the results and provide insights into the competition, including pointing to an observation made by the anonymous judge in relation to the Road March competition.

Hawley was joined in the studio by her colleagues Carnival Director Clement ‘Monarch’ O’Garro, and Chair of Street Activities Leonard ‘Jam Crew’ Lestrade Liburd.

Hawley explained the judging process for the Road March competition, noting that one judge was stationed at three different locations: National Bank, The Circus, and Masses House. Additionally, an “unidentified” judge was placed near the Post Office to observe performances independently.

“These judges were tasked with ticking the number of times they heard the road march songs played by the contending band and then there was an unidentified judge... and I can saw where that judge was now...that judge was actually in front of the post office, and that judge again was to basically tick the number of times that he heard the song by the road march contender that he heard in that spot when the first DJ for each J’ouvert troupe that passed that spot when the first DJ for each for ach Jâ€™ouvert troupe passed that spot. One of the things that the unidentified judge highlighted to us is that during his judging, he realized a lot

of the J’ouvert troupes that passed did not play any of the Road March songs,” Hawley shared.

For the highly anticipated Road March category, the song “Keys to the City” by Kollision Band emerged as the winner with 8 points.

1st Runner-Up position went to “Aliens” by Upset Squad (8 points) and 2nd Runner-Up: “Rum Shop” by ASAP Band (7 points).

For Best Performance (a new and separate category), which was judged at The Circus, the title went to Zodiacs (Small Axe Band x Ras Kelly), who dazzled judges with their live performance and scored 345 points.

Notably, the Road March winners and runners-up have received significant cash prizes. Kollision Band has won \$25,000, and the 1st Runner-Up, Upset Squad- \$15,000, while ASAP Band secured \$10,000. Additionally, the new category of Best Performance

pockets \$8,000.

The title of First J’ouvert Troupe to Launch Theme & Costumes was claimed by Excess J’ouvert Rodeo, setting the stage for a day of cultural pride and revelry.

In the Individual Mas Player of the Year category, the standout was Romaine Belgrove (200 points), who captured hearts with his ingenious portrayal of “old-time days.” His depiction included a bathroom pail, wash pans, and outdoor cooking utensils, showcasing nostalgia and creativity as he paraded through Fort Street.

The coveted Spirit of J’ouvert Award went to Dusk 2 Dawn, representing Nu Vybes Band International with a score of 86 points.

In the Small Troupes category, with 50-199 revellers: Zodiacs (Small Axe Band) triumphed as Small J’ouvert Troupe of the Year, scoring 179 points.

Bounce Around (Grand Masters Band) followed closely as runner-up with 167 points.

For the Large Troupe, with 200 or more revelers: Excess J’ouvert - The Rodeo was crowned Large J’ouvert Troupe of the Year, amassing 262 points.

Red Devils - Pirates of the Caribbean claimed 1st runner-up with 232 points followed by Dusk 2 Dawn (Nu Vybes Band International) at 2nd runner-up spot with 223 points.

Photo: Individual Mas Player Romaine Belgrove (right) showcases his nostalgic design during J’ouvert on Thursday, 26th December 2024 standing atop demonstrating use of the bathroom pail as he paraded along Fort Street. The creation depicted old-time days, featuring other items such as wash pans and outdoor cooking scene. Later that day, it was announced that he won in his category (Spokesman Snap)



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First Wave of Artists Announced for the 2025 St. Kitts Music Festival

Basseterre, St. Kitts (30 December 2024) - The St. Kitts Music Festival has unveiled the first batch of artists slated to perform at its highly anticipated 27th annual festival from 26-28 June 2025. This initial lineup features a dynamic mix of exciting musical talents from across the Caribbean and beyond. Featured artists include:

- **AkaiiUSweet & Tobap**
- **Ayra Starr**
- **Dejour**
- **Jennifer Hudson**
- **Kes The Band**
- **Kollision Band**
- **Shenseea**
- **Vybz Kartel**

Additional talent will be unveiled in the coming months. Festival-goers can look forward to an electrifying mix of live music spanning genres such as Soca, Hip Hop, R&B, Reggae and more.

"The St. Kitts Music Festival is a cornerstone of our island's cultural and economic landscape," said the Minister of Tourism, Marsha T. Henderson. "As

we welcome visitors to our shores, we aim to connect them not just with world-class performances but with the heart of St. Kitts through music, culinary experiences, traditions and hospitality. The festival is a vital part of our summer tourism, and we are thrilled to usher in another incredible year."

The St. Kitts Music Festival is widely regarded as one of the Caribbean's premier musical celebrations. Held at Warner Park Stadium, the festival draws music lovers from around the globe for a celebration of diverse musical styles. The festival continues to grow in size and excitement, offering a variety of additional activities including lunchtime concerts, beach parties, boat rides, and much more.

"We're excited to kick off Summer of Fun with one of the Caribbean's most anticipated musical events. The St. Kitts Music Festival is more than just a concert" it's a celebration of everything that makes the island special," said Kelly Fontenelle, CEO of the St. Kitts Tourism Authority. "As we continue to grow our tourism offerings, we look forward to seeing visitors return to the island for this unforgettable experience."

Reaching St. Kitts is simple and convenient, with non-stop flights from major U.S. cities. U.S. travelers can fly with American Airlines from Charlotte (CLT), New York (JFK), and Miami (MIA); Delta from Atlanta (ATL) and JFK; JetBlue from JFK; and United Airlines from Newark (EWR).

Visitors are reminded to regularly check the St. Kitts Tourism Authority (www.stkittstourism.kn) website for updates and information.

Statement Re: Drone Operation During Carnival Celebrations

As we eagerly anticipate the Grand Parade on January 1st, 2025, and the Last Lap celebrations on January 2nd, 2025, the Royal St. Christopher and Nevis Police Force wants to remind everyone of the importance of safety during our festive Carnival celebrations.

In the spirit of protecting our community and ensuring a fun experience for all, we kindly ask everyone to be mindful of drone operations in our Carnival areas. To help keep our celebrations safe, please observe the following guidelines:

No-Fly Zones:

Certain areas will be designated as no-fly zones during the Carnival. These include:

- Parade Routes
- All Police Stations
- His Majesty's Prison
- Government Offices
- Robert L. Brawshaw Int'l Airport

We ask that everyone respect these zones to prevent any accidents and ensure a secure environment for all Carnival-goers and participants.

FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT
A.D. 2024



TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT CAP 10.19

SKBLRD2024/0060

IN THE MATTER OF SECTION 144 OF THE TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT AND LOST CERTIFICATE OF TITLE DATED NOVEMBER 12, 2014 REGISTERED IN CONOMINIUM REGISTER BOOK 4, FOLIO 29 OF THE REGISTER OF TITLES OF THE ISLAND OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER

NOTICE OF LOST CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MAURIZIO GRANDE, the registered proprietor of the below-mentioned property, has applied to the Registrar of Titles for the issue of a replacement Certificate of Title in lieu of one dated November 12, 2014 and registered in Condominium Register Book 4 Folio 29 of the St. Christopher Register of Titles on the basis that the said Certificate of Title has been irrecoverably lost, the condominium contained in the said title being Unit No. 5 of Cluster F of Leeward Cove Condominiums situate at Frigate Bay Estate in the Island of Saint Christopher and registered as No. 4 of the Condominium Corporation Index, together with an undivided interest in the common elements appurtenant thereto subject to the provisions of the Declaration and to the Condominium Act Cap 10.03.

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

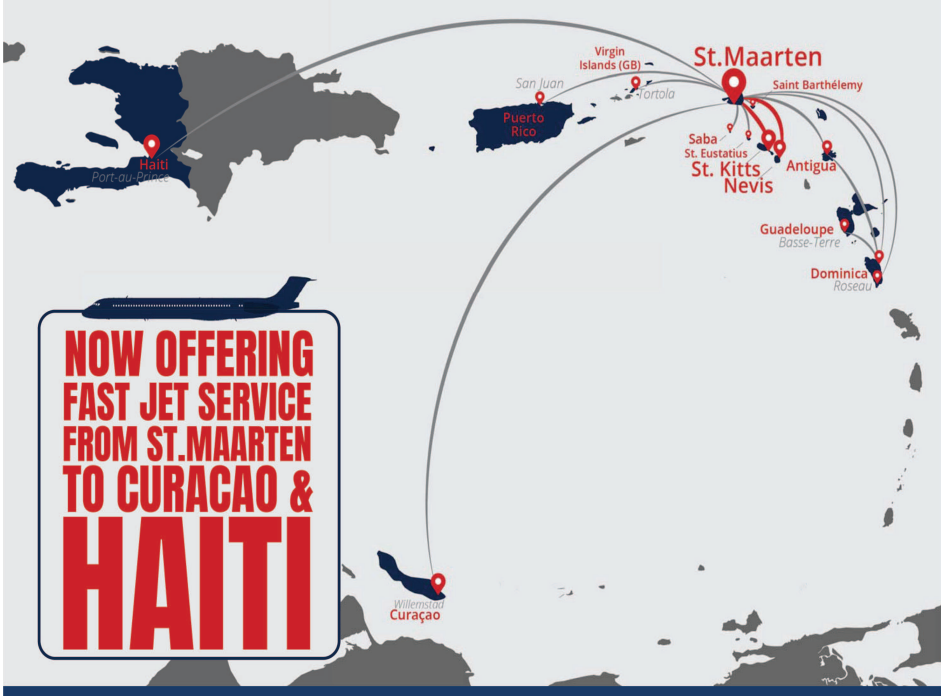
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M Elizabeth A. Kelsick, Partner
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To the Magistrate,
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To the Superintendent of Police.

I, Balai / Alberto Flores now residing in The Retreat, Timothy Hill, Frigate Bay 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 Retail Liquor Licence in respect of my premises in Balai in Frigate Bay in Basseterre.

Dated this
30th day of December, 2024.

Signed: A. Flores

LIQUOR LICENCES
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SCHEDULE A

To the Magistrate,
District "A"

To the Superintendent of Police.

I, Crunchy Corner / Alberto Flores now residing in The Retreat, Timothy Hill, Frigate Bay 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 Retail Liquor Licence in respect of my premises in Crunchy Corner in Frigate Bay in Basseterre.

Dated this
30th day of December, 2024.

Signed: A. Flores

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To the Magistrate,
District "A"

To the Superintendent of Police.

I, Kubo Sushi / Alberto Flores now residing in The Retreat, Timothy Hill, Frigate Bay 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 Retail Liquor Licence in respect of my premises in Camps Food Court in Village Walk Camps in Basseterre.

Dated this
30th day of December, 2024.

Signed: A. Flores

How Alfred went from breaking point to Olympic 100m gold



Image source, Getty Images

Julien Alfred won Olympic 100m gold and 200m silver at Paris 2024

Harry Poole

BBC Sport journalist

Julien Alfred had reached breaking point, but one question changed everything. “Are you ready to be Olympic champion?” her coach asked.

The 23-year-old had been through so much.

At 12, she had lost her father. At 14, she had left home, on the Caribbean island of St Lucia, to pursue her Olympic dream.

Alfred emerged as a genuine Olympic contender after going close to the world podium last year.

She won the Olympic 100m title at Paris 2024. In September, she had a St Lucia national holiday named after her.

Yet months before she wrote history, Alfred’s Olympic participation was in serious doubt.

“Early this season, I had a breakdown. I told my coach I didn’t want to continue my season, I told my agent to cancel my meets,” Alfred told BBC Sport.

“I didn’t want to continue. I was so hard on myself. I was overweight, I was struggling mentally and feeling like I couldn’t go on.

“My coach took me off the track for a bit, we had a long conversation and we both cried on the phone.

“The last thing he said to me was: ‘Are you ready to be an Olympic champion?’ He believed that I could be one.”

Alfred is coached by Texas-based Edrick Floreal, who also trains Great Britain’s Dina Asher-Smith and Ireland’s Rhasidat Adeleke.

His belief proved prophetic.

In a frenzied Saturday night atmosphere at the Stade de France, Alfred seized her moment.

With her first global outdoor title, she not only delivered the first Olympic gold in St Lucia’s history but also the island nation’s first Games medal of any colour.

And she had achieved it in the Games’ blue riband event, running the race of her life to beat world champion Sha’Carri Richardson in a national record time of 10.72 seconds.

An outpouring of emotion followed. Alfred had reached the pinnacle of her sport - but her father, who died in 2013, was not there to witness it.

“Oh my God, I cried. I bawled my eyes out,” said Alfred.

“Just seeing how far I’ve come but my dad not being there to see me accomplish it.

“It did hurt me, that he was not with me.”

Alfred’s passion for athletics was diminished by the loss of her father, Julian, who would take her to training and constantly tell friends about how fast his daughter was.

“I felt like the person who wanted me to get to this point in my career was no longer here. I felt there was no need to continue,” said Alfred.

Convinced to return to the sport after a break, Alfred hinted at the medals to come by winning Commonwealth Youth Games 100m gold in 2017 and Youth Olympic silver one year later.

She achieved her first international senior medal at the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham in 2022 and, after finishing fourth over 200m and fifth over 100m at the 2023 World Championships, Alfred announced her Olympic credentials by winning world indoor 60m gold in March.

But, rather than inspire confidence that she could land Olympic gold, that success - another first for St Lucia - almost derailed Alfred’s Paris bid.

“I wasn’t motivated like before,” she said. “It felt so much pressure whenever I got a chance to race, because now I thought that St Lucians was expecting so much from me.

“I felt like I had to win every single time. I felt like I couldn’t do it.”



Image source, Getty Images

Julien Alfred was 0.06 seconds behind Jamaican champion Elaine Thompson-Herah in winning Commonwealth Games silver in 2022

After conversations with her coach and her agent, it was agreed Alfred would prioritise her mental wellbeing and withdraw from competitions.

She admitted there was a point earlier this year where she feared she would not be fit enough to compete at the Games.

But, able to reignite her Olympic ambitions, her form was evident at the London Diamond League in July, where Alfred ran a 200m personal best of 21.86 seconds.

Not only did Alfred make it to Paris, but she departed the French capital as a double sprint medallist, following up her historic 100m triumph with Olympic 200m silver behind American Gabby Thomas three days later.

“It’s been a long journey. You don’t just get here. I left home at 14, moved to Jamaica, then Texas. I have been through a lot of trials and tribulations, a lot of hardships,” Alfred said.

“When you finally cross the line and get gold, the thing you have worked so hard for your entire life, it is such an amazing feeling. I was screaming at the top of my lungs.”

On her return home, Alfred was greeted by the prime minister and the nation’s streets were lined with support as she was escorted around the island in a motorcade, with several days of organised celebrations culminated with ‘Julien Alfred Day’.

Having seen the impact of her successes, she is determined to use her influence to develop the sport in St Lucia while also promoting her country on the global stage as a tourism ambassador.

“It’s such an amazing feeling [to represent St Lucia]. Life has changed in so many different ways,” Alfred said.

“Using what I’ve done on the track to promote my country, that’s life changing.

“But also just seeing how much of an impact I’ve had on so many people’s lives - that, to me, is also life changing.”

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