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CARNIVAL CHEER-

Chairperson of the St. Kitts and Nevis National Carnival Committee, Shannon Hawley seen waving the national flag while dressed in carnival wear on Grand Parade day- Wednesday 1st January 2025 along Cayon Street - at the start of the parade- in a mode that says 'Cheering For Carnival' (Spokesman Snap-By Precious Mills)



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Editorial

Year 2025 - What Are Your Plans?

A new year has begun, bringing with it the usual questions: What are your priorities? What are your hopes? For some, the beginning of 2025 is a welcomed opportunity to turn the page and embrace fresh possibilities.

For others, it may feel like a daunting continuation of personal or financial struggles, emotional battles, or mourning the loss of loved ones. Wherever you fall on this spectrum, one thing is certain-this is a time for reflection, resilience, and renewal.

The start of a new calendar year carries a mix of emotions. For many, the first days of January bring excitement fueled by resolutions or anticipated life events. Others may face the stark reality of ongoing challenges, including financial instability or family issues. It is in these moments that the support of close-knit family and friends becomes essential.

In 2025, let us resolve to be there for one another-to offer a helping hand, a listening ear, or a kind word. At the same time, let us recognize our own limits. Helping others should not come at the cost of our own well-being.

In recent years, the importance of mental health and emotional balance has been a recurring conversation, and rightly so. The demands of daily life, compounded by the desire to assist others, can sometimes leave us drained-financially, emotionally, or mentally.

As we look forward to this new year, let us prioritize maintaining a healthy balance in our lives. Self-care is not selfish; it is a necessity that allows us to better support those around us.

The year 2024 was particularly harsh for many families

PM Drew Commends Carnival Peaceful Success

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETTERRE, St. Kitts (Wednesday, 8th January 2025)

- Prime Minister and Minister of National Security Dr. Terrance Drew has indicated that Sugar Mas 53 has been "marked with a sense of security" as part of its successful rating.

He expressed gratitude and commendations, as part of his opening statement during the first edition (for the new year) of The Round Table, a media session with local reporters held on

Tuesday 7th January 2025.

Reflecting on the festive season, Dr. Drew said: "Let me, of course, take this opportunity to congratulate a few persons. We all know that Carnival was a huge success."

He further extended his appreciation to key contributors, noting:"- I want

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A police vehicle goes about Fort Street in Basseterre during J'ouvert on Thursday 26th December 2024 (Spokesman Snap)

here in St. Kitts and Nevis, with lives lost and loved ones mourned. The sheer number of funerals left many expressing feelings of weariness and emotional exhaustion. It is no surprise that grief has been a shared experience across the Federation, and as we step into 2025, it is vital to acknowledge and honour that pain while also striving to move forward.

To those still reeling from loss, we extend our deepest sympathies. As a community, we must continue to embrace one another and provide solace during difficult times. And to those looking ahead with anticipation, let us remember to celebrate the small victories and cherish the moments of

joy that come our way.

This year offers us a chance to refresh ourselves-mind, body, and spirit-and to set realistic goals that align with our circumstances. Whether your priority is personal growth, family, career advancement, or simply surviving one day at a time, know that every step forward, no matter how small, is a triumph.

As we embark on this new chapter, let us carry with us the lessons of the past while embracing the promise of the future. The year 2025 holds the potential for renewal, unity, and growth. Let us seize it with hope, determination and compassion-for ourselves and for one another.

Happy New Year!



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PM To Vendors: Pass Savings To Consumers, Not Hike Prices

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Wednesday, 8th January 2025) - Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Dr. Terrance Drew has issued a strong appeal to vendors to ensure that the benefits of the six-month (January to June) relief measures for 2025 are passed directly to consumers.

Dr. Drew highlighted the government’s decision to reduce the VAT rate from 17% to 13%, aimed at alleviating the cost of living for citizens during The Round Table media session.

Responding to a reporter who pointed out complaints from consumers about price hikes, he (the Prime Minister) made it clear that the savings from this reduction must be reflected in lower prices for consumers.

“I’ve asked the Cab Sec [Cabinet Secretary], Inland Revenue have sent out their information, to meet with vendors and to meet with, for example, the chamber, because we want these savings to be passed on to our people. We want them to save. VAT comes down to 13%, so the price dropped; not that you [the vendors] take down the VAT and the price remains the same,” the Finance Minister emphasized.

Dr. Drew assured the public of his commitment to monitoring the situation personally.

“I’ve said myself, I will go to some of these vendors and see. I will do it myself. I’m going to do it myself and ensure that these prices are dropping for our people. Because why would the government give a significant drop in VAT, a promise that we made but we recognize is important-and that is not passed on to the people? That is what I’m talking about.”

Dr. Drew further said: “We are going to get out there because this cannot be acceptable. How can you have savings for the people and then you as a trader want to keep the savings? No! This is totally unacceptable!”

He warned that such practices, which he labeled as price gouging, would not be tolerated:

“I’m going to ask customs to show us how much it was paid for and what is the markup. I’m going to ask customs to do their jobs and call out those who have done it. I’m asking the traders: you will benefit because there will be a boost in volume, why not pass the savings on to the people? That is not fair for those who are engaged in such, I will not accept that.”

Dr. Drew also encouraged the media to play a role in addressing the issue:

“The media has to help us with this. Call them out; Why are you carrying up the prices when the government has dropped the VAT? That is what you call price gouging, and we will deal with that.”

In addition to the VAT reduction, Dr. Drew elaborated on the government’s Budget Boost Wallet initiative, which will provide \$1,500 over six months to qualifying individuals earning less than \$5,000 monthly. As gathered, this programme is designed to assist with essential purchases and utility bills, offering significant relief to both lower-income and middle-class households.

“The Budget Boost Wallet is a strategic response to deal with the rising cost of living,” PM Drew explained. “It’s not per household but per person, so if you have three people in a house, each will get \$1,500 over the six months, with monthly installments of \$250. Families can decide how to allocate these funds-for electricity, water, groceries, or other essentials.”

It was highlighted that the wallet will be accessed through a digital platform, ensuring ease and convenience for users.

“You’ll get it on your phone in a wallet, almost like an account. You can use it to pay utility bills like SKELEC or the Water Department, or purchase groceries from registered vendors. The money is transferable and acts like cash, but you can’t use it for alcohol, tobacco, or luxury items. This ensures that it’s spent on essential needs,” Dr. Drew clarified.



Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Dr. Terrance Drew seen while speaking during The Round Table on Tuesday 7th January 2025 has issued a strong appeal to vendors to ensure that the benefits of the six-month relief measures for 2025 are passed directly to consumers. (Screenshots via Facebook-St.Kitts InformationService-SKINS)

PM Drew Commends Carnival Peaceful Success

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to take this opportunity to congratulate the Honourable Samuel Duggins [Minister with responsibility for Carnival] and the Director of Carnival, Mr. Clement O Garro, the chair, Ms. Shannon Hawley, and all their teams for orchestrating what many are calling the largest and most successful and most vibrant Carnival/Sugar Mas in the history of our nation.”

Additionally, he extended heartfelt appreciation to “our security forces and the frontline workers who ensured the safety and well-being of all participants.”

Acknowledging further the critical role of security and law enforcement, Dr. Drew praised their efforts.

“I want to really highlight Commissioner Sutton and his team, The St. Christopher and Nevis Royal Police Force, Acting Commander of the military Major Sutton, and to say to all under his command and to all who were part of the security apparatus to say thank you for your excellent, excellent work that was felt by all residents, citizens, and visitors alike. It cannot go unnoticed,” he commented.

He also commended the public for their role in maintaining a safe and secure Carnival season:

We want to also thank our people for being a part of the whole thrust of making sure that this season was a safe season; a season that of course was marked by a sense of security, which of course extended after our 90-day campaign, and now we are in the season of what we call our citizen security and dealing with the issues from a public health perspective. And I want to say that this is very much, very much welcomed.”

The Prime Minister emphasized the government’s commitment to progress and transformation for 2025.

“we want to see continued transformation as we recover from the post-pandemic era and to really start to implement in earnest, to continue the implementation of all of the policies, projects to transform this country and to diversify our economy.”

Reaffirming his administration’s people-centered agenda, Dr. Drew said:

“Let me reiterate again that the St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party administration is about people. It is people-centred and people-focused. I must reiterate that, you know, a number of things had to be done and are being done to really make sure that St. Kitts and Nevis is put on a solid ground with the diversification of the economy so that we no longer depend on one sector.”

Front Banner Image: Security officers seen on duty on Thursday 2nd January 2025 during Sugar Mas Last Lap street activity along the Bay Road in Basseterre. (Spokesman Snap)

As understood, for individuals without smartphones, the government is working on alternative solutions to ensure everyone can benefit from the programme.

Dr. Drew emphasized that this initiative was designed to extend relief beyond lower-income families saying: “Normally, programs like this target only those on the lower end, but we recognize that the middle class-teachers, police [officers], some nurses-have also struggled. That’s why we’ve included them. We want to give every qualifying household an ease during these challenging times.”

The Prime Minister expressed optimism that the combined efforts of the VAT reduction and the Budget Boost Wallet would provide substantial relief to citizens while also stimulating the local economy.

“This is about ensuring that our people feel the benefits directly. We’re using innovative technology and targeted policies to provide tangible support to families across the Federation,” he stated.

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Newcomer Wins Senior Monarch Crown With Thought-Provoking Commentary

By: Precious Mills

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Wednesday, 8th January 2025) -Tariq ‘Drewsy’ Drew, a newcomer to the calypso arena and a teacher by profession, was recently crowned the 2024-2025 Senior Calypso Monarch.

Performing two thought-provoking songs that captivated the audience with his social commentary, emerging victorious in a competition that showcased the power of calypso to provoke reflection and inspire unity.

The competition, held on Friday, 27th December 2024, at Carnival Village in Basseterre St. Kitts was a tightly contested two-round event.

Heading into the finals, Drewsy was ranked second, trailing the well-known veteran calypsonian Duncan ‘Big Lice’ Wattley by just four points (457 to 453). However, in the finals, King Drewsy surged ahead, ultimately defeating Big Lice by an impressive 25-point margin.

King Drewsy clinched the crown with a total of 808 points, earning the \$20,000 grand prize.

First runner-up Big Lice, who performed Things Not Going Well and Leader of the Opposition, scored 783 points and took home \$15,000. Second runner-up Queen Independent (the dethroned monarch), with her renditions of ‘Look Inside the Home’ and ‘They



Newly crowned Senior Calypso Monarch King Drewsy (a newcomer in the calypso arena) is all smiles while posing for a photo while on his royalty ride during the Grand Parade on Wednesday 1st January 2024 going about Cayon Street (Spokesman Snap-Precious Mills)

Carnival Chair Hails ‘Surpassing Turnout Expectation’

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Thursday, 9th January 2025) - Chairperson of the St. Kitts and Nevis National Carnival Committee, Shannon Hawley, has declared the recently concluded Sugar Mas 53 a “resounding success,” underscoring the high turnout, sold-out events, and positive feedback from locals and visitors alike.

Speaking ahead of the announcement of the Grand Parade street activities results (staged 1st January), while appearing on ZIZ’s ‘Jumpoff Show’ on Thursday 2nd January 2025 with host St. Claire ‘Chico’ Guishard Hawley praised the efforts of the many stakeholders who contributed to the carnival’s achievements and outlined the event’s positive impact on the Federation.

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

“...based on reports, the general consensus is that the entire Sugar Mas 53 season was a resounding success,” Hawley remarked noting “From our sold-out shows at Carnival Village to the massive success of yesterday’s Grand Parade, the feedback from spectators, online viewers, returning nationals, and carnival lovers has been overwhelmingly positive,” Hawley commented.

She highlighted the exceptional planning that contributed to the carnival’s success, noting the early start to

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(Left) Queen of the Band: Nekirah Nicholls of Ultra Carnival (De Market Woman) and King of the Band: Kajali Hanley Gumbs of Ultra Carnival (Papa Bois) of Ultra Carnival dances about Cayon Street (in the vicinity of Greenlands) during the start of SKELEC Grand Parade on Wednesday 1st January 2025 (Spokesman Snap)

Already Know Me Name’, scored 776 points and received \$12,000.

Drewsy’s Winning Performances

In the first round, Drewsy delivered a powerful nationalistic appeal with his song ‘Peace to Pieces’. Through compelling lyrics, he called on the nation to mend divisions and rebuild harmony with lyrics like: “From peace to pieces... How did we get this broken? Who are the ones to blame? Will we just stand and let this happen over again? Let’s fix the crack, create a frame of togetherness; Put the nation back on de map.”

For the second round, Drewsy captivated the audience with ‘We Need a New Deal’; a call for better treatment and resources for educators. The song resonated deeply with teachers and the public, emphasizing the importance of prioritizing the hard working professional in the education/teaching sector.

“School Children say teachers working hard for nuts pay... You might say I’m wrong, but I’m putting it in song, Use your tools for school and not to build no

prison. We need a new deal to help our schools with maintenance... Let dem write me up and say: We need a new deal’ were some of the lyrics.

Other Performers

The competition also featured stellar performances from five (5) other talented calypsonians: namely: Queen Kibi (Life and Times & We Need A Solution), Lady Diva (Trapped in Thought & Call for the Saints), Lady Carens (Things Not Going Well & The Proposal), Issa Kamal (The Giant’s Lullaby) and Queen Singing Jackie (Time Is Now & Still Standing).

The night was a celebration of calypso’s enduring relevance, with each performer delivering poignant messages through their music.

The remaining participants each received \$4,000 in prize money.

With his debut victory, King Drewsy has etched his name into the annals of local calypso history, earning the admiration of audiences and judges alike.



New Fleet Of Ambulances Set To Arrive In St. Kitts and Nevis Next Month

Basseterre, St. Kitts, January 09, 2025 (SKNIS): A new fleet of ambulances is on the way to St. Kitts and Nevis as the government continues to take extraordinary measures to improve healthcare.

The five emergency medical transport vehicles are expected to arrive in the Federation in February 2025, according to the Prime Minister and Minister of Health, the Honourable Dr. Terrance Drew. While speaking at the January 07th edition of the Roundtable, Dr. Drew emphasised that the significant investment made to acquire the fleet of ambulances is entirely justified. This view sharply contrasts with the stance taken by the previous minister of health in the former administration.

“Our attitude is different. An ambulance is critically important and so we have invested in a fleet,” Dr. Drew stated, noting that the selection of make and size of the vehicles are in keeping with the on-the-ground realities of the twin-island state.

“Here in St. Kitts and Nevis, Toyota is well known to mechanics, well known to drivers. Parts are easy to get and because of that, we will have a longer shelf life per ambulance,” the prime minister indicated. “Not only that, based on our roads, we have to choose ambulances that could fit on our roads and fit up our small alleys and so forth.”

Prime Minister Drew recalled occasions when ambulances responded to calls and could not drive through alleys as some of the larger ambulances currently in use were too big. The first responders were forced to park at the alley entrance and take a stretcher or wheelchair to retrieve patients. The time spent doing so can be crucial in life-or-death situations.

“So therefore, we are buying ambulances that are fit for purpose here in St. Kitts and Nevis,” he said, adding that the government will do “everything to make sure that our people get the service that they deserve.”

The impending arrival of the new ambulance fleet is especially timely, as two ambulances were severely damaged in recent traffic accidents.

Opening of the New Law Year 2025

On Friday, 10th January 2025, the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court will mark the commencement of the New Law Year with its traditional Ceremonial Opening proceedings under the theme “Accessibility and Awareness -The ECSC Bridging the Gap Through Community Engagement”. This year, the host Member State is Saint Lucia, where the first scheduled sitting for the Court of Appeal for 2025 will occur.

The Ceremonial Opening in St. Kitts and Nevis will commence with a church service at the St Paul Anglican Church Main Street, Charlestown, Nevis at 8:00 a.m. followed by the procession to The Theodore L Hobson KC Court Building, Main Street, Charlestown, Nevis where the Inspection of the Guard will be conducted followed by the Special Sitting of the Court which will commence at 9.30 am. An address by the Honourable Chief Justice Mr. Mario Michel at 10.00 a.m to mark the Opening of the New Law Year.

Case Number :SKBHCV2024/0034

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

SKBHCV2024/0034

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(ST. KITTS CIRCUIT)

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In the Matter of Sections 11 and 12 of the Limitation Act Cap. 5.09
And
In the Matter of Section 34 of the Title by Registration Act Cap. 10.19
And
In the Matter of a Request for the Issue of a Certificate of Title for all that lot of land and parcel of land with building thereon situate at The Alley, Sandy Point, in the Parish of St. Anne in the Island of St. Christopher

SCHEDULE OF APPLICATIONS

for Certificate of Title, and noting thereon, and Caveats, for the week ending the 10th day of January 2025.

Date of Request	Persons presenting	Nature of Request, whether for Certificate of Title, or noting thereon, or Caveat.
February 21, 2024	LIONEL BENJAMIN of Sandy Point in the Parish of Saint Anne in the Island of Saint Christopher in the Federation of Saint Christopher and Nevis	ALL THAT lot piece and parcel of land with building thereon situated at The Alley, Sandy Point, in the Parish of Saint Anne in the Island of Saint Christopher, and bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On or towards the North West by lands of Charles & Sylvia Mills, 82.42 feet and 13.96 feet; On or towards the North East by lands of Charles & Sylvia Mills, 46.47 feet; On or towards the South East by lands of Charles & Sylvia Mills, 63.71 feet; On or towards the South West by an Alley, 5.69 feet; On or towards the South East by lands of Barbara Heyliger, 47.21 feet and On or towards the South West by lands of Alton Harris, 45.51 feet and containing by admeasurement 5,102.39 square feet

Dated the 9th day of January 2025.

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Similar to the past four years, there will be one Special Sitting throughout the 9 Member States and Territories. The Acting Chief Justice, His Lordship The Honourable Mr. Mario Michel, will deliver the feature address, appearing live from Saint Lucia along with the Attorney General of Saint Lucia the other speakers from the various Member States and Territories of the Eastern Caribbean including Ms. Miselle Oâ€™Brien of St. Christopher and Nevis will appear and speak via the Zoom platform.

The Church Service will be streamed live on Von Radio and The Special Sitting will be streamed live to the other Member States and Territories via the Saint Lucia Information Services media platforms and social media pages to the other Member States and Territories of the OECS. It will also be live-streamed via the Court’s Website and Facebook Page, the websites and social media pages of the Government Information Services in each Member State and Territory including Nevis Newscast and SKNIS, and UWITV.

The public is encouraged to participate in the Ceremonial Opening of the Law Year 2025 by attending either the church service or the Special Sitting or by watching and listening on the various media platforms.

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Basseterre, St.Kitts (January 08, 2025) - St. Kitts Tourism Authority has been accepted into Virtuoso®'s exclusive portfolio of luxury travel partners, comprising 2,300 preferred suppliers in 100 countries. According to Kelly Fontenelle, Chief Executive Officer of the St. Kitts Tourism Authority, inclusion in Virtuoso will present new sales and marketing opportunities to the network's luxury travel advisors and their highly desirable clientele. Virtuoso agencies worldwide sell an average of (U.S.) \$35 billion annually, making the network the most significant player in luxury travel.

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**The Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court
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FEDERATION OF ST. CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
NEVIS CIRCUIT
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*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.

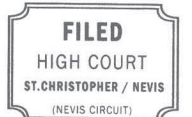
Any person having an objection to the grant of Probate to the application shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

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.

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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

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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.

[/SECOND PUBLICATION]

Minister Duggins Applauds Kaitlynn Wilson’s Success At Haynes Smith Pageant

Basseterre, St. Kitts, January 06, 2025 (SKNIS): St. Kitts and Nevis’ Minister responsible for the Creative Economy, the Honourable Samal Duggins, paid special recognition to Kaitlynn Wilson on Monday (January 06, 2025), following her recent victory at the Haynes Smith Miss Caribbean Talented Teen Pageant 2024.

The 42nd pageant was held in Tortola, BVI, on December 29, 2024, and featured 13 contestants from across the region. The show’s staging was historic as it marked the first time it was held outside of St. Kitts and Nevis. The 16-year-old Wilson wowed both judges and the audience alike with her stunning acrobatic skills clinching the title of Best Talent as well.

During a brief ceremony at the Ministry’s Conference Room, Honourable Duggins said that he was “extremely honoured” to celebrate Ms. Wilson’s accomplishment.

“You have made us all proud,” he stated, acknowledging her victory at the local 2023 Miss Teen St. Kitts and Nevis Pageant followed by her win at the regional competition in 2024.

“This is not just frivolous and fun activities because I am quite sure [that] you have grown as a person through your endeavours both last year and this year, and I can see the growth even as I look at you now.”

The minister further congratulated Ms. Wilson’s team for their hard work in guiding the 16-year-old to multiple successes, as well as the St. Kitts and Nevis National Carnival Committee (SKNNCC) for staging events, creating avenues and growing networks that allow nationals the opportunity to showcase their creative talents in various fields at home and abroad.

In response, Ms. Wilson noted that she was thrilled to capture the crown going



a perfect two for two at pageants. She singled out fans who supported her during the pageant at the Multi-Purpose Sports Complex in Tortola and on social media, thanking them for their dedication.

The brief recognition ceremony was attended by Permanent Secretary of the Creative Economy, Delrine Taylor, SKNNCC Chair Shannon Hawley, Director of Carnival, Clement O’Garro, members of Ms. Wilson’s team and her family members.

Photo: Minister Duggins (2nd from left), SKNNCC Chair Shannon Hawley (left), Ms. Haynes Smith Winner Kaitlynn Wilson, Director of Carnival, Clement O’Garro, Permanent Secretary of the Creative Economy, Delrine Taylor,

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In the matter of the Title by Registration Act Cap.10:19 Section 34(1)
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

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

WalwynLaw
Solicitors for the Applicants
WILLIAM PETER MESTIER and DARREL EDMOND MESTIER

To: Nicholas Georges Bosshard
To: Ministry of Agriculture

Case Number :NEVHCV2024/0115

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ST.CHRISTOPHER / NEVIS
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REGISTRY OF TITLES
NEVIS CIRCUIT

SCHEDULE OF APPLICATION

for Certificate of Title, and notings thereon, and caveats, for the week ending
the 20th day of December 2024

DATE OF REQUEST	PERSON PRESENTING	NATURE OF REQUEST
21 st November, 2024	RAMON JEFFERS by his Solicitors, Nisbetts of Chambers, Chapel Street, Charlestown, Nevis	Certificate of Title to be issued in respect of 6387.49 square feet of land situate at Liburd Hill the Parish of St. James in the Island of Nevis

The said land being bounded as follows:- On or towards the North by an Access
Road, 56.89 feet; On or towards the East by lands of the Estate of James Neale,
106.08 feet; On or towards the South by lands of the Estate of Harold Woodley,
76.60 feet; On or towards the South West by a Public Road, 56.30 feet and On or
towards the North West by a Public Road, 40.53 feet

Dated the 17th day of December 2024

Registrar of Titles

Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court
High Court of Justice

The World's Most (and Least) Powerful Passports in 2025

For immediate release: Wednesday 8 January 2025

Singapore and Japan break away from the group of six countries that shared top spot last year to secure gold and silver, respectively, on the 2025 Henley Passport Index, which ranks all the world's 199 passports according to the number of destinations they can access visa-free, and is based on exclusive Timatic data from the International Air Transport Association (IATA). Singapore reclaims its crown as the most powerful passport in the world with visa-free access to 195 out of 227 destinations worldwide, leaving Japan in the runner-up spot with a score of 193 but still ahead of the rest after it regained visa-free access to neighboring China for the first time since the Covid lockdowns.

Several EU member states - France, Germany, Italy, and Spain - drop two places in the ranking to 3rd position, and are joined by Finland and South Korea, which each lost a place over the past 12 months and now have access to 192 destinations with no prior visa required. A seven-nation EU cohort, all with visa-free access to 191 destinations - Austria, Denmark, Ireland, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, and Sweden - share 4th place, while five countries - Belgium, New Zealand, Portugal, Switzerland, and the UK - come in 5th with 190 visa-free destinations.

On the other end of the mobility spectrum, Afghanistan, unsurprisingly, remains firmly entrenched at the bottom of the Henley Passport Index, having lost visa-free access to a further two destinations over the past year, creating the largest mobility gap in the index's 19-year history, with Singaporeans able to travel to 169 more destinations visa-free than Afghan passport holders. Dr. Christian H. Kaelin, Chairman of international investment migration advisory firm Henley & Partners and the inventor of the passport index concept, says "the very notion of citizenship and its birthright lottery needs a fundamental rethink as temperatures rise, natural disasters become more frequent and severe, displacing communities and rendering their environments uninhabitable. Simultaneously, political instability and armed conflicts in various regions force countless people to flee their homes in search of safety and refuge. The need to introduce Free Global Cities to harness the untapped potential of displaced people and other migrants, transforming them from victims of circumstance into architects of their own futures has never been more pressing or apparent".

The rest of the index's Top 10 is largely dominated by European countries, except for Australia (6th place with 189 destinations), Canada (7th place with 188 destinations), the US (9th place with 186 destinations), and the UAE, the first and only Arab state to ever make it into the upper echelons of the rankings. The UAE is one of the biggest climbers on the index over the past decade, having secured access to an additional 72 destinations since 2015, enabling it to climb 32 places to 10th spot with visa-free access to 185 destinations worldwide.

US and UK passports among the biggest fallers

Only 22 of the world's 199 passports have fallen down the Henley Passport Index ranking over the past decade. Surprisingly, the US is the second-biggest faller between 2015 and 2025 after Venezuela, plummeting seven places from 2nd to its current 9th position. Vanuatu is the third-biggest faller, losing six places from 48th to 54th position, followed by the British passport, which was top of the index in 2015 but now sits in 5th place. Completing the Top 5 losers list is Canada, which dropped three ranks over the past decade from 4th to its current 7th place.

In contrast, China is among the biggest climbers over the past decade, ascending from 94th place in 2015 to 60th in 2025, with its visa-free score increasing by 40 destinations in that time. And in terms of its openness to other nations, China has also risen on the Henley Openness Index, which ranks all 199 countries and territories worldwide according to the number of nationalities they permit entry to without a prior visa. China granted visa-free access to a further 29 countries over the past year alone, and now sits in 80th position, granting visa-free entry to a total of 58 nations as the new year commences, compared to its rival America, which ranks 84th and allows just 46 other countries access without a prior visa.

Commenting in the Henley Global Mobility Report 2025 Q1, released today alongside the latest Henley Passport Index, Annie Pforzheimer, Senior Associate at Washington thinktank the Center for Strategic and International Studies, says

the continued comparative decline of the US in terms of global mobility is no surprise. "Even before the advent of a second Trump presidency, American political trends had become notably inward-looking and isolationist. Even though US economic health relies heavily on immigration, tourism, and trade, voters during the 2024 presidential campaign were fed a narrative that America can (and should) stand alone. Ultimately, if tariffs and deportations are the Trump administration's default policy tools, not only will the US continue to decline on the mobility index on a comparative basis, but it will probably do so in absolute terms as well. This trend in tandem with China's greater openness will likely give rise to Asia's greater soft power dominance worldwide."

Dr. Tim Klatte, a Partner in Grant Thornton China and an adjunct professor at Shanghai New York University and Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, agrees, and adds that the upcoming second inauguration of US President-elect Donald Trump will mark a turning point in US-China economic relations and, by extension, for the world economy. "The Trump-era trade wars will not only be viewed as bilateral disputes - they will serve as transformative events for the global economy. Disrupting trade flows, raising costs, and sowing uncertainty will require businesses, governments, and international institutions to adapt to a new reality. This strategy raises serious concerns about the fragmentation of the global economy and the potential for increased geopolitical tensions. Trump has not been shy about his foreign policy strategies, from Canada to China, and his direct approach will continue to present doubts in the confidence of the USA's passport power moving forward."

Americans are top applicants for second citizenships

US nationals currently constitute the single largest cohort of applicants for alternative residence and citizenship, accounting for a staggering 21% of all investment migration program applications received by Henley & Partners in 2024. CEO Dr. Juerg Steffen says the firm has more American clients than the next four biggest nationalities - Turkish, Filipino, Indian, and Brits - combined. "Faced with unprecedented volatility, investors and wealthy families are adopting a strategy of geopolitical arbitrage to acquire additional residence and/or citizenship options to hedge against jurisdictional risk and leverage the differences in legal, economic, political, and social conditions across countries to optimize their personal, financial, and lifestyle outcomes."

Looking ahead to 2025, projections by Henley & Partners and New World Wealth indicate an even greater surge in millionaire migration worldwide, with 142,000 high-net-worth individuals with liquid investable wealth of USD 1 million or more expected to relocate and seek new horizons. Dr. Steffen says, "this represents the most significant wealth migration wave ever documented and reflects fundamental changes in how affluent individuals are mitigating risks and creating opportunities in an increasingly unstable and polarized world".

Political risk insurance

Commenting in the Henley Global Mobility Report 2025 Q1, Prof. Peter J. Spiro of Temple University Law School in Philadelphia and a leading expert on dual citizenship says the Trump reprise magnifies another element of value for alternative residence or citizenship rights: political risk insurance. "This time around, the stakes are higher. During the first Trump administration, legacy political guardrails were still in place. Now, many are gone. There is a sense that what Trump wants, Trump will be able to get. His political agenda is mercurial, to say the least, and political uncertainty is the result. Americans can no longer take stability for granted. Trump can be fickle with outsiders, too. It is almost certain that he will resurrect the infamous "travel ban", which he put in place a week after he first took office, early in the new administration. The ban precluded targeted nationals from securing permanent residence in the USA as well as a range of temporary-stay visas. But the bans did not apply to citizens of targeted states if they held an additional citizenship of a non-targeted state. The carve-out for dual citizens made sense."

Visa racism: Africans twice as likely to be rejected for Schengen visas

In exclusive new research conducted for Henley & Partners and published in the Henley Global Mobility Report 2025 Q1, Prof. Mehari Taddele Maru of the School of Transnational Governance and the Migration Policy Centre at the European University Institute and of Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, compared Schengen visa rejection rates for African applicants to those from other regions. "My latest research compares the 10 countries facing the highest Schengen visa rejection rates and reveals that while globally only one in six applications is rejected, one in two African applicants is rejected. In 2023, African countries accounted for just 2.8% of global applications out of a total of over 10 million worldwide, yet half of their applications were rejected. Even more concerning is that this trend has worsened over the past decade, with rejection rates more than doubling during this period."

The research shows that among the top 10 countries facing the highest Schengen

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visa rejection rates, six are in Africa. Comoros fares the worst with a 61.3% rejection rate, followed by Guinea-Bissau at 51%, Ghana at 47.5%, Mali at 46.1%, Sudan at 42.3%, and Senegal at 41.2%. Three Asian countries and a European country complete the most-rejected list: Pakistan with 49.6%, Syria with 46%, and Bangladesh with 43.3%. The contrast becomes particularly stark when comparing Africa with Asia and global rates. Despite African countries submitting only half as many applications as Asian countries, African applicants were twice as likely to be rejected.

Prof. Maru says this pattern suggests that the variation in rejection rates between regions and nationalities extends beyond purely economic factors. "This growing disparity in visa rejection rates contributes to a broader pattern of global mobility inequality. As a result, African citizens find themselves at the bottom of the mobility ladder, which significantly limits their access to international economic opportunities. In short, the poorest individuals face the greatest difficulties when seeking to travel or move to more prosperous countries. I would argue that weak economies and discriminatory policies based on identity and culture explain the high rate of rejection for African Schengen visa applicants."

Key travel trends in 2025: ETA and ETIAS

The world of travel is preparing itself for a digital overhaul in 2025. This year marks a pivotal uplift in digital border control, from the UK's ETA expansions to the long-anticipated European Travel Information and Authorisation System (ETIAS). The UK has been rolling out its ETA system in phases. Initially open to Gulf Cooperation Council nationals in February 2024, the scheme extends to eligible non-European travelers this month (January 2025), including six million citizens from Australia, Canada, and the US. Eligible Europeans can apply from 5 March 2025 and will need an ETA to travel to the UK from 2 April 2025.

Similarly, Europe's ETIAS, which has been delayed multiple times, is now expected to commence in May 2025. Those with a valid ETIAS authorization can enter 30 European countries as often as they want for short-term stays, normally for up to 90 days in any 180-day period.

Nick Careen, Senior Vice President, Operation, Safety and Security at IATA, says the organization and its members are currently trialing a pioneering project to deliver a fully digital air travel experience. "The transition to digital travel is more than just a technological upgrade - it's a paradigm shift. By leveraging digital identity and biometrics, the aviation industry can deliver a level of efficiency and personalization that was previously unimaginable. But the impact goes beyond airports. A seamless travel experience could strengthen global connectivity, boost tourism, and support economic growth."



NOTICE OF DELAY OF THE BANK OF NEVIS LIMITED'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Board of Directors of The Bank of Nevis Limited sincerely apologizes to our shareholders and stakeholders for the delays experienced with the completion and publication of the financial statements for the Bank for the financial years ended 30th June 2022, 30th June 2023 and 30th June 2024.

The delays are mainly predicated on post Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) Acquisition-related matters. These matters are being addressed by the members of the Consortium of Banks that acquired the assets and liabilities of the former RBC throughout the Eastern Caribbean in April 2021.

Delays of this nature can occur with significant acquisition transactions, and we will continue to work with our External Auditor and Regulators to ensure that the Bank fulfils its regulatory requirements under the Banking Act 2015 (as amended) and the Securities Act and Regulations 2002 (as amended) including but not limited to obtaining the requisite extensions.

We have recently completed the financial statements for the financial year ended 30th June 2022 and will notify the shareholders of the date for the 36th Annual General Meeting (AGM) in a subsequent notification in accordance with the Bank's by-laws.

Shareholders who may have any queries and/or concerns, should contact the Office of the Corporate Secretary at 469-5564 extension 330 or email at cherbert@thebankofnevis.com.

The Board of Directors expresses its appreciation to our shareholders and stakeholders for your understanding and patience under these circumstance. We regret any inconvenience caused and look forward to engaging with you at the 36th AGM.

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Parents Applaud NIA's Daycare Assistance Programme for Easing Financial Strain

NIA CHARLESTOWN NEVIS (January 06, 2025) - Parents participating in the Nevis Island Administration (NIA) Ministry of Gender Affairs' Daycare Voucher Assistance Programme (A.C.T.I.O.N Plan) are expressing heartfelt gratitude for the initiative, highlighting how the financial support has been a significant help to their families.

During the 2024 Budget Debates in the Nevis Island Assembly, Senator the Honourable Jahnel Nisbett, Minister of Gender Affairs, underscored the importance of the A.C.T.I.O.N Plan to the Ministry's overarching vision.

"We implemented the Daycare Voucher Assistance Program (A.C.T.I.O.N Plan) in 2023, and I'm happy to report that this programme is still active throughout 2024. We are looking forward to 2025 because this programme supports working families, particularly women, by providing access to affordable and quality childcare in those early critical stages."

She further shared, "Currently, we have 38 parents benefiting from this programme, and our first cohort of ten children has already transitioned off the programme into preschool."

The Department of Gender Affairs solicited feedback from parents enrolled in the programme. Here is what some of them had to say:

- Sydia: "Very helpful. Helps a long way."
- Vidya: "The programme is very helpful to me. It was really hard paying, since I don't get paid enough and the nursery raised their fees, so this help gives me a break and less worries."
- Bertille: "Good! Easier for me, no complaints. The process is easy. Can give the government a thumbs up. I appreciate the great help."



Senator the Honourable Jahnel Nisbett, Minister of Gender Affairs in the Nevis Island Administration

- Azalea: "Helpful. The process of collection is easy. No worries at all with receiving vouchers. Takes away the financial strain."

- Anonymous: "It has been a tremendous financial help for me."

The Minister said, "These are real live people and real live impact. This is what we mean when we say people-focused. For 2024 the Ministry spent \$116,000 on the A.C.T.I.O.N Plan and it is \$116,000 well spent. I don't think anyone can argue the value of this programme."

Minister Nisbett emphasized the programme's dual impact, stating that by providing vouchers of up to \$300 per month for parents to pay childcare service costs, the government is not only enabling parents to pursue employment or education but also supporting small businesses and entrepreneurs in the daycare and nursery sector.

The programme is designed for single parents with a monthly income of \$2,000 or less, and dual-parent households earning \$3,000 or less per month. Eligible children must be citizens of St. Kitts and Nevis aged 3 years or younger. The vouchers are provided for a maximum of two children per household and go directly to daycare and nursery providers.

SKELEC Announces Grand Prize Winner of Light Up Your Christmas Promotion

Basseterre, St. Kitts (January 9th, 2025) - The St. Kitts Electricity Company Ltd. is excited to announce Andrew Abraham as the grand prize winner of its Light Up Your Christmas with SKELEC promotion! Andrew has taken home an amazing cash prize of \$5,000, lighting up his holiday season.

This holiday initiative invited customers to participate by keeping their accounts in good standing or addressing their arrears. To qualify for the grand prize or weekly cash prizes, customers were required to clear their bill or pay \$250 or more towards their arrears. Payments were made easy and convenient through various channels, including in-store, over the phone, online, at any local bank, via online banking, or by using the cheque drop box at SKELEC's Central Street location.

SKELEC also awarded four weekly winners of \$500 each during the promotion. The winners were:

- Week One: Mr. Malik Liburd
- Week Two: Mr. Alexander Tyson
- Week Three: Ms. Arabella Henry
- Week Four: Ms. Sharmane Hunter

"SKELEC is proud to give back to our valued customers through the Light



Senator the Honourable Jahnel Nisbett, Minister of Gender Affairs in the Nevis Island Administration at the September 2023 launch of the NIA's Daycare Voucher Assistance Programme (A.C.T.I.O.N Plan)

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Carnival Chair Hails 'Surpassing Turnout Expectation'

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preparations and the deliberate structuring of events to attract both local and international audiences.

"This year's turnout surpassed our expectations. From a sold-out Panorama to a packed Queen Pageant and Talented Teen Pageant, the statistics don't lie," she stated. "We saw parade troupes selling out early, with participation from both locals and visitors who flew in just for the Grand Parade. Sugar Mas has solidified itself as a cultural and tourism product, benefitting everyone from makeup artists and clothing stores to taxi drivers, hotels, and restaurants."

Hawley also addressed the committee's decision to schedule some events earlier in the season, explaining that this was based on research and aimed at striking a balance between traditional celebrations and the tourism-driven aspects of carnival. Street Activities - SKELEC Grand Parade Results:

First Parade Day Troupe to Reveal All Costumes:

Luxe Carnival - Ocean Odyssey, Mysteries of the Underworld

SKELEC Most Powerful Troupe: Luxe Carnival - Ocean Odyssey, Mysteries of the Underworld (160 points)

Queen of the Bands: Ultra Carnival - Nekirah Nicholls as De Market Woman (663 points)

King of the Bands: Ultra Carnival - Kajali Hanley-Gumbs as Papa Bois (665 points)

Section of the Year: Ultra Carnival - The Tale of Anansi (120 points)

Troupe of the Year:

- Champion: Ultra Carnival - The Stories of the West Indies (693 points)
- 1st Runner-Up: Luxe Carnival - Ocean Odyssey, Mysteries of the Underworld (673 points)
- 2nd Runner-Up: Zus Carnival - Nature's Majesty (528 points)

Hawley commended all participants for their creativity and efforts in making Sugar Mas 53 memorable.

"Your participation and promotion of the Federation do not go unnoticed, and we will work tirelessly to ensure that Sugar Mas 54 continues to grow in leaps and bounds."

Hawley also expressed gratitude to the influencers and first-time visitors who participated in the festivities. "Many remarked on how unique and vibrant our Grand Parade is," she shared. "Sugar Mas truly showcases the best of who we are, and we look forward to building on this success next year."

Ryanair sues 'unruly' passenger over flight diversion

Vishala Sri-Pathma

Business reporter - @bbcvishalasp



Shuttershock A Ryanair Boeing 737 plane with logo saying its name is seen moving on the Tarmac at an unknown airportShuttershock

Ryanair is pursuing legal action against a passenger who allegedly caused a major disruption on a flight from Dublin to Lanzarote.

The airline is seeking Â£12,500 in damages to cover expenses incurred when the plane had to divert to Porto, Portugal.

On Wednesday, the airline announced it had filed proceedings against the passenger, whose behaviour on the flight last April was described as "inexcusable" and "completely unacceptable".

Ryanair stated that it will "continue to take decisive action to combat unruly passenger behaviour on aircraft" in an effort to ensure the safety and comfort of all passengers.

The airline said the passenger's behaviour forced the flight in question to divert to Porto, where it was delayed overnight, and caused 160 passengers to "face unnecessary disruption as well as losing a full day of their holiday".

The damages sought would cover the cost of overnight accommodation and other expenses for the passengers affected by the diversion.

Announcing what the airline described as a "major clampdown", a spokesperson on the airline's website said: "It is unacceptable that passengers - many of whom are heading away with family or friends to enjoy a relaxing summer holiday - are suffering unnecessary disruption and reduced holiday time as a result of one unruly passenger's behaviour."

The airline added it hoped the civil proceedings in the Irish court would deter further disruptive behaviour on flights.

The passenger has not been named.

Under EU laws, passengers are entitled to compensation for flights within the EU that are cancelled or delayed by three hours or more.

Hotel accommodation must be offered free of charge if an overnight stay becomes necessary, as well as transport between the hotel and the airport along with a free meal and refreshments.

A passenger who disrupted a Ryanair flight to Athens in 2020 was convicted last month in a Greek court and given a five-month suspended jail sentence, along with a â,¬400 (\$412) fine.

BBC News has asked Ryanair for comment on the details of the incident.

China bets on kitchen appliances to boost economy

Joao da Silva

Business reporter BBC News



Getty Images Customer selects home appliances as a poster promoting trade-in subsidy policy is seen at a market in China. Getty Images

China has faced several economic challenges in recent years

The Chinese government has expanded a list of products that people can trade in to get a discount of as much as 20% on new goods as the country tries to boost its flagging economy.

The list now includes items like microwave ovens, dishwashers, rice cookers and water purifiers.

State-backed trade-in schemes already covered televisions, phones, tablets and smart watches as well as electric and hybrid vehicles.

The world's second largest economy has been facing several challenges, including weak consumer demand and a deepening property crisis.

On Wednesday, officials said 81 billion yuan (Â£8.9bn; \$11bn) had been earmarked this year for the consumer goods trade-in scheme.

China's top economic planning body has said the schemes, which were launched in March, have already produced "visible effects".

According to the country's Ministry of Commerce, the policies have boosted sales of big ticket items such as home appliances and cars.

But some economists have

questioned whether the schemes will be enough to significantly increase consumer demand.

China-based economist Dan Wang said "the measure is far from being enough to boost consumption."

"While it has supported sales of some listed goods, such as cars and appliances, it hasn't driven an overall uptick in spending," said Harry Murphy Cruise, head of China economics at Moody's Analytics.

In recent months, China has been pushing ahead with more measures to support its domestic economy as the country's exporters face growing challenges.

In December, a key meeting of China's leaders stressed the need for "vigorous" efforts to boost consumer spending.

That came as President-elect Donald Trump, who is due to return to the White House this month, threatened to impose a 60% tariff on Chinese-made products.

China is due to announce its 2024 economic growth figures next week, which Beijing has said it expects will be around 5%.

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Energy

New Zealand Partners with OECS to Bridge Critical Geothermal Energy Skills Gap

Joint Media Release - January 8, 2025

As the first geothermal power plant in the independent OECS nations nears completion and other Eastern Caribbean countries advance their projects, the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) Commission has secured vital technical assistance to build local expertise in this emerging energy industry.

The OECS Geothermal Energy Capacity Building for Utilisation, Investment and Local Development (OECS GEOBUILD) Programme announced a strategic collaboration with the Aotearoa New Zealand-Caribbean Facility for Renewable Energy (FRENZ) to conduct a comprehensive analysis of geothermal energy skills and training needs across the region. FRENZ is supported by the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) through its International Development Cooperation. This six-month initiative will create a roadmap for developing sustainable capacity in geothermal energy development.

Dr Ernie Stapleton, GEOBUILD Project Manager said: "This collaboration comes at a critical moment in our region's energy transition. With multiple geothermal projects moving forward simultaneously at varying stages of development, we must ensure our people have the skills and education to develop and manage these resources effectively. We cannot rely indefinitely on external expertise."

The initiative will examine workforce requirements across the geothermal development cycle, from initial exploration to power plant operation. It will identify opportunities to build expertise in project management, engineering and technical, environmental and social monitoring, community engagement, and regulatory oversight - essential skills as each OECS Member State joins pioneer Guadeloupe in generating power or other direct uses from the heat beneath our feet.

Dr Stapleton added: "This isn't just about training individuals - it's about creating a sustainable ecosystem of knowledge and expertise that can support geothermal development across the entire region, building on the skills of those OECS nationals who have already undertaken training in this area in countries that are geothermal leaders, such as Iceland. As we work to reduce our dependence on imported fossil fuels, having this homegrown capacity becomes increasingly critical."

FRENZ is delivered by Cowater International, -> in association with JRG Energy and Elemental Group. -> The FRENZ team will deliver the technical assistance, drawing on New Zealand's extensive experience in geothermal energy development. Their final action plan will provide a detailed framework for building sustainable capacity in the OECS geothermal energy sector.

The initiative builds on nearly a decade of New Zealand's engagement in Caribbean geothermal development and represents a significant step forward in the region's transition to renewable energy. The resulting action plan will inform future capacity-building initiatives under the OECS GEOBUILD Programme and help ensure the long-term sustainability of geothermal projects across the OECS.

Lead Advisor for FRENZ, Alastair Brookes, said: "It is a pleasure to continue our working relationship with the OECS and build on our knowledge of geothermal energy development in the Caribbean. This activity will provide a great foundation for moving towards a sustainable geothermal industry in the region."

The geothermal sector presents unique challenges for workforce development in small island states. Projects take years to develop, and opportunities for hands-on experience are limited. The collaboration with FRENZ is intended to help OECS GEOBUILD identify creative ways to build and maintain expertise even as projects progress at different speeds across different islands.

New Zealand's track record extends over 60 years of geothermal operations, including electricity generation, industrial processes, tourism and cultural uses. Twenty power plants located over eight high-temperature fields generate

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SKELEC Announces...

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Up Your Christmas with SKELEC promotion. This is our way of saying thank you for your continued support. Congratulations to Mr. Andrew Abraham and our weekly winners of \$500 cash. We remain dedicated to serving the people of St. Kitts with reliable electricity and rewarding programs that benefit our community," expressed Mr. Clement Williams, General Manager of SKELEC.

SKELEC extends its gratitude to all participants for making this promotion a success and reminds customers to stay connected for future opportunities to win.

FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
ISLAND OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER
TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT CAP.10.19
A.D. 2024

CLAIMNO. SKBLRD2024/0059

In the Matter of Section 144 of the Title By Registration Act Cap. 10.19
And
In the Matter of an Application by **WALFORD QUEELEY** for the issue of a new Certificate of Title for a lot of land being No. 61 Greenlands Housing Development in the town of Basseterre, in the Island of St. Christopher to replace a Lost Certificate of Title recorded in Register Book E2 Folio 14.

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR REPLACEMENT OF LOST
CERTIFICATE OF TITLE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that WALFORD QUEELEY formerly of Buckley's Site, Basseterre, St. Kitts but now residing at 25 Amanda Drive, Toronto, Ontario, Canada 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 Duplicate Certificate of Title has been irrecoverably lost by misadventure namely a Certificate of Title dated the 9th day of February 1978 and recorded in Book E2 Folio 14 of the Register of Titles for Saint Christopher, the land contained in the said Certificate of Title being ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land situate at situate at No. 61 Greenlands Housing Development, in the town of Basseterre in the Island of St. Christopher containing by admeasurement 5,250.0 square feet.

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 the Registrar of Titles at the Registrar's Office, Independence House, North Independence Square Street, Basseterre, St. Kitts.

Dated the 12th day of December 2024

LEON CHARLES
LIBURD CHARLES
Solicitors for the Applicant

Smith to captain Australia in Sri Lanka Tests



Image source, Getty Images

Steve Smith previously captained Australia in 38 Tests

Published BBC Sport
9 January 2025,

Former captain Steve Smith will lead Australia in the upcoming three-match Test series against Sri Lanka as Pat Cummins will be on paternity leave.

Smith, 35, previously served a two-year ban from captaincy following his involvement in the 2018 ball-tampering scandal.

Cummins is missing the series for the birth of his second child and seamer Josh Hazlewood is also left out as he recovers from a calf injury.

Spinner Cooper Connolly earns his first Test call-up while Nathan McSweeney, who opened in the first three Tests in the recent series against India, retains his place.

McSweeney, 25, scored 72 runs in six innings before being replaced by 19-year-old Sam Konstas, who is also named in the squad.

Connolly, 21, has played two one-day internationals and two T20s for Australia and is yet to take a wicket in either format.

He joins Nathan Lyon, Matt Kuhnemann and Todd Murphy in the spin attack, while Mitchell Starc, Scott Boland and Sean Abbott are the frontline seamers.

All-rounder Mitchell Marsh has also been omitted after a poor series against India while Beau Webster, who replaced him in the final Test at Sydney, keeps his spot.

The first Test takes place on 29 January in Galle.

Australia's series win over India saw them qualify for the World Test Championship final, where they will take on South Africa at Lord's on 11-15 June.

Australia Test squad for Sri Lanka: Steve Smith (capt), Sean Abbott, Scott Boland, Alex Carey, Cooper Connolly, Travis Head, Josh Inglis, Usman Khawaja, Sam Konstas, Matthew Kuhnemann, Marnus Labuschagne, Nathan Lyon, Nathan McSweeney, Todd Murphy, Mitchell Starc, Beau Webster.

UK Athletics charged with manslaughter over death of Paralympian



Image source, Getty Images

Abdullah Hayayei made his Paralympic debut in 2016

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8 January 2025

UK Athletics has been charged with manslaughter over the death of Paralympian Abdullah Hayayei.

Hayayei died aged 36 after a metal cage fell on him while training at Newham Leisure Centre, London in July 2017.

The Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) has charged UK Athletics Limited with "corporate manslaughter and a health and safety at work act offence".

Keith Davies, the head of sport for the 2017 World Para-

athletics Championships, has also been charged with "gross negligence manslaughter and a health and safety at work act offence".

UK Athletics and Davies, 77, will appear at Westminster Magistrates' Court on 31 January.

Hayayei was training for the World Championships in London at the time of the incident.

The United Arab Emirates thrower had been set to compete in the F34 shot put, discus and javelin events.

Hayayei, a father of five, finished sixth in the javelin and seventh in the shot put when making his Paralympic debut at Rio 2016.

London 2017 was due to be his second appearance at a World Championships. At the 2015 event in Doha, Qatar, Hayayei finished fifth in the discus and eighth in the shot put.

A moment of silence was held in honour of Hayayei during the opening ceremony of the World Championships at London Stadium.



A board showing the face of Abdullah Hayayei

Image source, Getty Images

A tribute was paid to Hayayei at London Stadium after his death

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New Zealand Partners with OECS to Bridge Critical Geothermal Energy Skills Gap

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approximately eight trillion watt-hours a year. In 2022, geothermal resources contributed roughly 20 per cent of New Zealand's total electricity supply, while all renewable resources generated 87 per cent.

Dominica is set to begin construction of the first geothermal power plant in the independent OECS and in the Caribbean Community,

following 38 years of power generation from geothermal sources in neighbouring Guadeloupe, the first in France. Construction is estimated to be completed at the end of 2025.

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LIQUOR LICENCES ORDIANANCES, 1906 SCHEDULE A

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

To the Superintendent of Police.

I, Recia Caines now residing in **Black Rocks** in the village of **Belle Vue** do hereby give you notice that is our intention to apply on **02nd** day of **April, 2025**, to the **District Magistrate** at **Basseterre** for a **Beer Licence** in respect of my premises in **Reci's On The Rock Chill Spot** in **Black Rocks** in **Belle Vue** in **St. Kitts**.

Dated this
06th day of **January, 2025**.

Signed: **Recia Caines**

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**To the Magistrate,
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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**

LIQUOR LICENCES ORDIANANCES, 1906 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**

LIQUOR LICENCES ORDIANANCES, 1906 SCHEDULE A

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

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 ORDIANANCES, 1906 SCHEDULE A

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

To the Superintendent of Police.

I, **Richard Charles** now residing in **Gillard Meadow** in **Douglas Estate** in **St. Peters** do hereby give you notice that is our 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 **Fun Times Event** in **Fort Street** in **Basseterre**.

Dated this
08th day of **January, 2025**.

Signed: **Richard Charles**

LIQUOR LICENCES ORDIANANCES, 1906 SCHEDULE A

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

To the Superintendent of Police.

I, **Decai Liang** now residing in **Sprott Street** in the town of **Basseterre** do hereby give you notice that is our intention to apply on **02nd** day of **April, 2025**, to the **District Magistrate** at **Basseterre** for a **Beer Licence** in respect of my premises in **Lucky Restaurant** in **Sprott Street** in **Basseterre** in **St. Kitts**.

Dated this
06th day of **January, 2025**.

Signed: **Decai Liang**

Bangladesh Women’s Cricket Team Set For Historic West Indies Tour

ST. JOHN’S, Antigua - Cricket West Indies (CWI) today announced the women’s squad to compete against Bangladesh in their upcoming inaugural bilateral white-ball tour of the West Indies from 19 to 31 January.

The tour will feature three (3) CG United One-Day Internationals and three (3) T20 Internationals, all scheduled to take place at Warner Park in Basseterre, St Kitts.

This marks the West Indies Women’s first-ever bilateral series against Bangladesh, and it is Bangladesh’s first bilateral series tour of the Caribbean, as both teams continue their preparation for upcoming ICC events.



West Indies captain Hayley Matthews and her Bangladesh counterpart Nigar Sultana Joty before their match at last year’s T20 World Cup.

Cricket West Indies’ Director of Cricket Miles Bascombe welcomed the series: “We are pleased to welcome Bangladesh for an exciting white-ball series. This tour is significant for multiple reasons as it strengthens our bilateral cricket relationships, provides our team valuable match practice, and offers opportunities for vital ICC Women’s Championship points.”

He added, “We’ve seen Bangladesh’s progress in recent years, and these matches will be crucial for both teams. We are particularly excited about showcasing our women’s team to a larger home audience, giving cricket fans throughout the region a chance to see international women’s cricket up close. These bilateral series are essential for the continued development of women’s cricket worldwide and in our region. We expect some highly competitive matches across both formats.”

The two teams last met in the group stage of the ICC Women’s T20 World Cup 2024 in the UAE on 10 October, where West Indies Women secured an eight-wicket victory at the Sharjah Cricket Stadium. Previously, their last T20I clash was on 9 November 2018 at Guyana’s Providence Stadium during that year’s ICC Women’s T20 World Cup in the Caribbean.

Their last ODI meeting, which took place nearly three years ago in New Zealand on 18 March 2022, resulted in a four-run victory for the West Indies. Overall, the two teams have met five times in international competition - four times in T20Is and once in an ODI - and West Indies are yet to taste defeat.

A series victory is also in the sights of West Indies captain Hayley Matthews, with her team seeking automatic qualification to the 2025 ODI World Cup.

West Indies Women’s Head Coach Shane Deitz commented: “Bangladesh’s visit comes at an ideal time in our preparation cycle. They’re a skilled unit that has shown impressive growth, and this series gives us an excellent opportunity to examine our squad depth and continue to implement our aggressive, flamboyant brand of West Indian cricket.”

He continued, “We have been focusing on specific areas of improvement in our training and touring, and these matches will help us gauge our progress. The conditions at Warner Park will challenge both teams and make for compelling cricket. I’m looking forward to seeing how some of our younger and less-experienced players respond to the test.”

Under the leadership of Matthews, the selected squad represents a blend of seasoned campaigners and eager newcomers.

While Stafanie Taylor is still recovering from a knee injury, Jannillea Glasgow and Cherry Ann Fraser, who recently had successful stints in state cricket in Tasmania, have been included.



West Indies captain Hayley Matthews and her Bangladesh counterpart Nigar Sultana Joty after their match at last year’s T20 World Cup.

West Indies Women’s Squad:

Hayley Matthews (captain)	
Shemaine Campbelle (vice-captain)	Jannillea Glasgow
Aaliyah Alleyne	Chinelle Henry
Nerissa Crafton	Zaida James
Deandra Dottin	Qiana Joseph
Afy Fletcher	Mandy Mangru
Cherry Ann Fraser	Ashmini Munisar
Shabika Gajnavi	Karishma Ramharack

Team Management Unit:

Head Coach: Shane Deitz
Manager: Sheena Gooding
Assistant Coach: Ryan Austin
Assistant Coach: Damien Wright
Team Analyst: Gary Belle
Physiotherapist: Angelica Holder
Strength & Conditioning Coach: Antonia Burton
Performance Coach: Dr. Nadine Sammy
Media & Content Officer: John Phillips



West Indies Women during a recent training session on tour to India

Games will be broadcast on ESPN Caribbean, while admission to the venue is free.

Bangladesh Women’s Tour of the West Indies Schedule (Eastern Caribbean Time):

ODIs:

- 1st ODI on 19 January 2025, 2:00PM at Warner Park, St Kitts
- 2nd ODI on 21 January 2025, 2:00PM at Warner Park, St Kitts
- 3rd ODI on 24 January 2025, 2:00PM at Warner Park, St Kitts

T20Is:

- 1st T20I on 27 January 2025, 6:00PM at Warner Park, St Kitts
- 2nd T20I on 29 January 2025, 6:00PM at Warner Park, St Kitts
- 3rd T20I on 31 January 2025, 6:00PM at Warner Park, St Kitts