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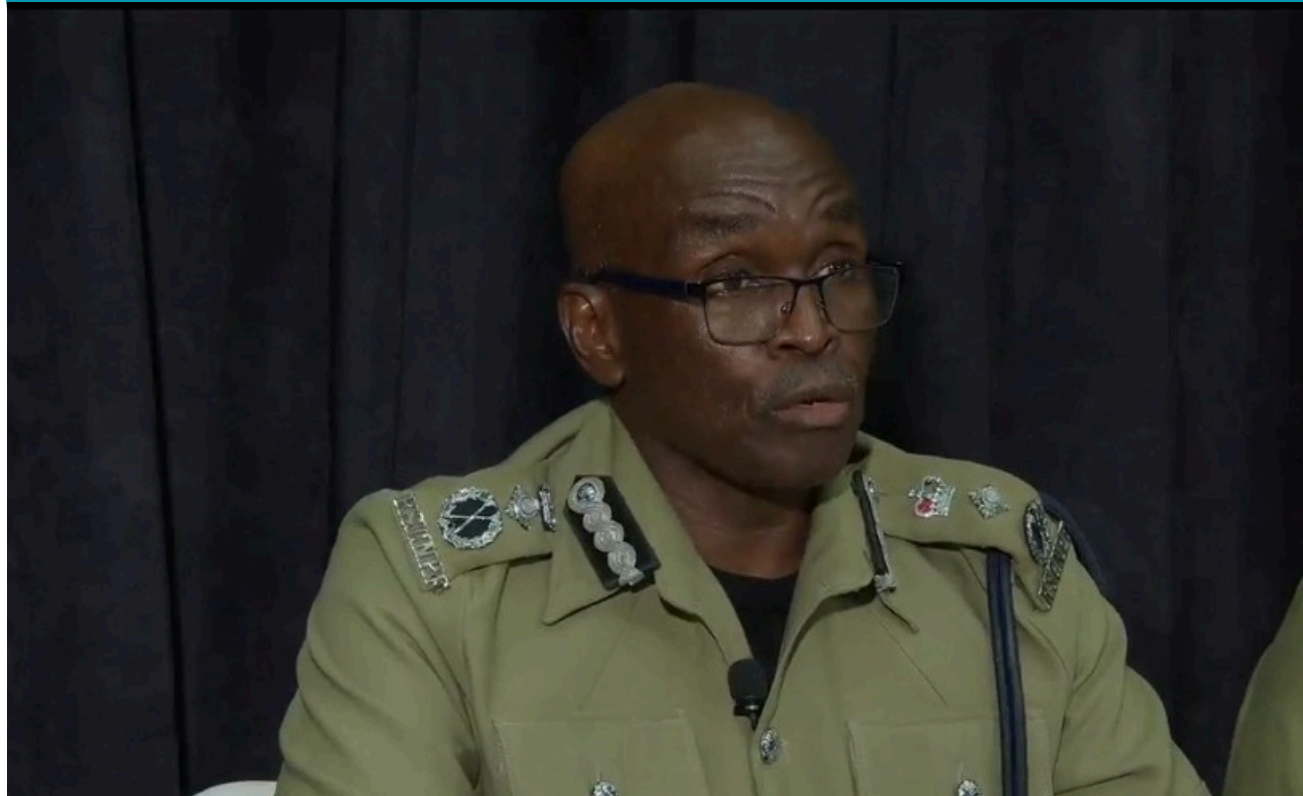
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Editorial

A Nation in Mourning – The Questions We Must Now Face After Janelika's Death

After days of desperate searching, heartbreaking vigils, and widespread community concern, the worst possible news has arrived: 15-year-old Janelika Romney has been found dead. The devastating end to this missing person case has not only pierced the hearts of her loved ones, but has shaken the conscience of a nation still reeling from grief, anger, and unanswered questions.

In the wake of this tragedy, a new public debate has emerged: Did society fail Janelika? A widely debated social media comment bluntly indicated that 'Society has failed this child.' Even the Police Commissioner has expressed such.

Some people have echoed the sentiment, acknowledging that more could-and should-have been done. Others push back, suggesting that responsibility lies only with those closest to her. But as the facts continue to unfold, the country is being forced to confront uncomfortable truths about our collective role in the lives and safety of our young people.

Whenever a teen is reported missing-especially a runaway-speculation tends to surface swiftly. People offer theories about the child's whereabouts, make assumptions about their home life, and sometimes cast blame without full knowledge of the circumstances. These narratives-often cruel and unfounded-tend to dominate social media and street conversation alike. Meanwhile, the child in question is still out there. Still vulnerable. Still waiting to be found.

This case is particularly harrowing because there had been signs of hope. Police publicly stated that they were working on information that the teen was alive. That detail, now tragically overshadowed by her confirmed death, has left the public with even more questions: What led authorities to believe she was alive? What happened between that moment and now? Could something have been done differently? The Royal St. Christopher and Nevis Police Force did what they are trained to do-investigate, follow leads, and appeal for assistance. But law enforcement alone cannot carry the full weight of responsibility in such matters. A community's role is vital. The oft-repeated phrase, "It takes a village to raise a child," should not be reduced to a slogan. It must be a call to action.

So now we must ask ourselves: when Janelika needed help, how many people saw something but said nothing? How many dismissed her absence as just another teen being defiant? How many whispers about her whereabouts stayed whispers instead of being passed on to the police?



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Janelika was a child. And now she is gone. There are few words that can match the weight of that truth. The pain of this moment must not pass without meaning. This must be a turning point. If we are to honour her memory, we must shift from reactive outrage to proactive responsibility. We must create systems that respond swiftly. Schools, churches, neighbours, social service agencies, police-everyone must be connected in a network that recognizes vulnerability and acts on it early. This is not the time for blame games but it is time for self-examination.

Society Failed Janelika, Says Police Commissioner

By: Spokesman Newsroom

Basseterre, St. Kitts (Thursday 3rd July 2025)- "We failed this child. We, all of us. We failed her as a society... There were things people knew were happening that were wrong. Things they suspected were happening that were wrong. And things they saw with their own eyes and chose to ignore."

So said Police Commissioner James Sutton declared during remarks made during a live broadcast press conference hosted by the Royal St. Christopher and Nevis Police Force (RSCNPF) held at ZIZ Studios on Thursday 3rd July 2025, whereby he outlined the authorities' response to the tragic disappearance and death of 15-year-old Janelika Romney.

The press conference, intended to provide a mid-year update on the work of the police force, saw such highlight of national grief surrounding the case.

"I must begin by addressing the matter that weighs heavily on the hearts and minds of our officers and indeed our entire nation. That is the tragic case of the late 15-year-old Janelika Romney," COP Sutton said. He informed that Janelika was reported missing by her mother on Tuesday 17 June, and that following the report, officers immediately launched an investigation, conducting interviews and coordinated search efforts. "We all begged for the public's help. We even offered a financial reward in hope that someone, anyone, would come forward with a piece of information that would lead us to her safety," Sutton explained.

According to him: "Little to no information came, regrettably."

On Friday, June 27, police discovered a body suspected to be that of Janelika Romney, along a dirt road in the White Gate, Deep Bay area.

"On behalf of the Royal St. Christopher and Nevis Police Force and myself, I extend our deepest condolences to her family and friends at this time," the Commissioner said.

"As expected and as understandable, this has ignited a wave of public outrage, sorrow and anger."

He acknowledged the explosion of social media commentary, ranging from allegations of child abuse to broader societal failures, and stressed that while speculation runs rampant, one truth is "unmistakably and plainly clear."

We failed this child," he stated. "There were things people knew were happening that were wrong. Things they suspected were happening that were wrong. And things they saw with their own eyes and chose to ignore."

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Missing Teen Found Dead Days After 'Alive' Info

By: Spokesman Newsroom

Basseterre, St. Kitts (Thursday 3rd July 2025)-One day after the arrest of a suspect in connection with her disappearance, the lifeless body of 15-year-old Janelika Romney was discovered in the White Gate area, six days after police publicly stated they believed she was alive.

The Royal St. Christopher and Nevis Police Force (RSCNPF) confirmed that the teen's body was found at approximately 11:30 a.m. on Friday, June 27, 2025 in the White Gate area.

"We extend our deepest condolences to the family and loved ones of Janelika during this difficult time," the police statement read.

Just one day prior, on Thursday 26th June 2025, police announced the arrest of 64-year-old Selwyn Pringle, also known as "Judge," of Dieppe Bay. He was charged on two Warrants in the First Instance for Kidnapping and False Imprisonment in connection with Janelika's disappearance.

At the time of the arrest, police stated: "Every available resource is being utilised in this ongoing investigation, and we continue to pursue all leads with urgency and determination." They also reiterated their appeal for public assistance, encouraging individuals to come forward with any information.

The tragic discovery of Janelika's body followed earlier public statements by the RSCNPF that suggested she was still alive. In a press release issued on Saturday, June 21, 2025, police said: "We have credible reason to believe that Janelika is alive and has been in contact with several individuals, including persons well known to her."



Homicide Victim:
15-year-old Janelika Romney



Suspect: 64-year-old
Selwyn 'Judge' Pringle
(Police Photo)

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Commissioner Sutton described the tragedy as a national wake-up call, urging the public to confront uncomfortable truths and cultural norms that enable harm to persist in silence.

"Now, here we are, inescapably cornered by the truth and staring at the undeniable reality that willful silence is complicity," he said.

"There are countless careless and deviant acts that we have normalized- actions that endanger children, destroy family, and rot communities from the inside out."

Calling for an end to excuses cloaked in "culture or tradition," Sutton appealed to every citizen to become active participants in safeguarding the nation's youth.

"Peace, safety, security, and justice are not things that can be wished into existence. They are the product of mutual responsibility, collaboration, and communication. The police need the public and the public needs the police."

Reiterating the Police Force's commitment, Sutton confirmed that the investigation into Janelika's death remains "active and ongoing."

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Photo: Police Commissioner James Sutton speaking at a press conference hosted by the Royal St. Christopher and Nevis Police Force (RSCNPF) held at ZIZ Studios on Thursday 3rd July 2025 (Screenshot via Facebook/ZIZBroadcastingCorporation)



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Homicide Victim: 15-year-old Janelika Romney

The release also expressed frustration over the lack of cooperation from individuals during the course of the investigation: "Many of those spoken to during the course of this

Investigation have been misleading or far less than forthcoming. This insensitive lack of cooperation has delayed progress and continues to hinder our efforts to ensure Janelika's safety and well-being."

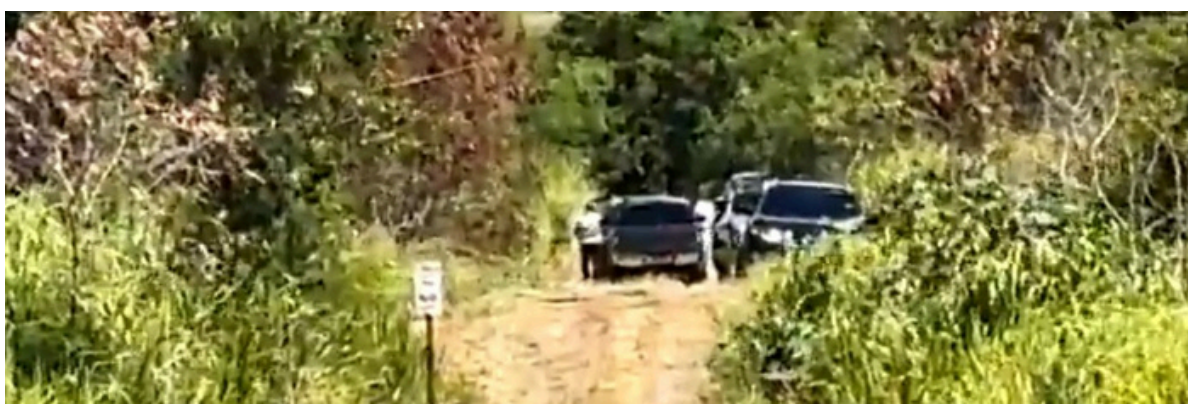


Images above and below- The White Gate area secured by police after the discovery of the body of 15-year old Janelika Romney on Friday 27th June 2025 (Video Screenshot via Facebook/ModelCopShaq)

Janelika Romney was reported missing by her family on Monday 16th June 2025, after she was last seen around 3:40 p.m., wearing her Verchilts High School uniform. She resided in New Guinea, and was described as brown-skinned, approximately 5 feet tall, with a slim build, brown eyes, and black locs.

In an effort to advance the investigation, the police announced a cash reward of EC \$7,000 on June 21 for credible information leading to her safe return.

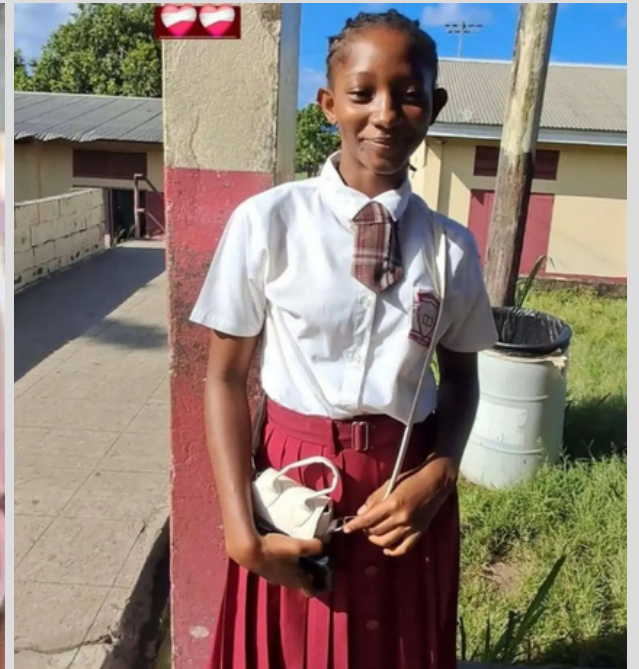
The investigation into her death remains active. The RSCNPF is urging anyone with information to contact the nearest police station or call the Violent Crime Unit at 662-3468.



ECDU CULMINATES CHILD MONTH 40 WITH GRAND PARADE

Remarks by Minister of Education Hon Dr. Geoffrey Hanley on Behalf of the Ministry of Education on Passing of Verchilds High School Student Janelika Romney

Friday, June 27, 2025



Janelika Romney

Hon Dr. Geoffrey Hanley

Basseterre, St. Kitts, Friday, June 27, 2025: The Ministry of Education expresses sincerest condolences to the mother and father of Ms. Janelika Romney one of our bright stars at Verchilds High School. Since her disappearance, we have been praying for her safe return, but sadly, we must now grapple with her untimely and tragic passing.

Janelika was an extremely outgoing and vivacious young person who had a bright future ahead of her. It is always difficult to understand why anyone would perpetuate such an act against someone especially such a lovely innocent child. The Ministry of Education asks that the general public gives the family an opportunity to grieve. We encourage all residents to remain committed to paying keen attention to and safeguarding our nation's children.

The Ministry of Education pledges its support to her parents, extended family, and the Verchilds High School community during this exceedingly difficult time. As a nation, we are all mourning and pray that the grace of God will strengthen us.





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Vybz Kartel Shells Down SKN

By: Spokesman Newsroom



Photo: headliner Vybz Kartel in action at the 27th annual St.Kitts Music festival on Friday 27th June 2025 (Official festival image)

As hit after hit poured from the speakers-'Romping Shop', 'EverBless', 'Bike Back', 'Cake Soap', 'Fever', and 'Slow Motion'-the audience transformed into a live, word-for-word chorus. Flags waved, fans danced, and every lyric was echoed back at him, creating a showtime sing-along of epic proportions. His signature line "Kiss mi baby!" brought screams from the ladies. Perhaps the most electric moment came when Kartel called out: "Ladies, can I start the party with you?" Cue the beat drop. Cue 'Romping Shop'. Cue an awaited sing song moment.

One of the night's most talked-about highlights came when Jamaican 'Queen of Dancehall' Spice, who had performed earlier, returned to the stage. Decked in her signature blue-including hair and a fitted romper-she and Kartel lit up the stadium with a dynamic duo performance. With witty back-and-forth banter and a prop chair added for flair, they had the crowd erupting in laughter and delight, especially with hits like 'Back Way' and of course came another performance of 'Romping Shop' when she got on stage.



Photo: headliner Vybz Kartel and Spice partying on the St.Kitts Music Festival stage (Screenshot image via Youtube.com/ljyBeatz)

BASSETTERRE, ST. KITTS (Monday 30th June 2025) -It was a night of pure energy, nonstop hits, and unforgettable moments as Jamaican dancehall veteran 49-year-old Vybz Kartel-the "World Boss" himself-shelled down St. Kitts-Nevis with a fire-powered performance that had the crowd singing, dancing and vibing from start to finish during Night Two (Friday 27th June) of the recently concluded 27th annual St. Kitts Music Festival. The essence of his uplifting track 'God Is the Greatest'-with its spiritual gratitude and messages of positivity-was woven throughout his set.

Kartel, this year's headliner, gave fans over an hour of lyrical fire and performance brilliance as the curtain closer. From the moment his hype man MC Nuffy gave the iconic introduction, the venue filled with thousands of patrons, erupted in anticipation. Kartel stormed the stage to roaring cheers, opening with the lyrics:

"Thought I told you that the comet is coming" from one of his latest tunes, 'The Comet' and the crowd immediately knew they were in for a musical showdown from the all-hailed 'King of Dancehall'.

"It's a pleasure to be here! Big up di government fi keep da big show ya!" he shouted to the buzzing crowd.



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Photo: A screenshot from Vybz Kartel's official Facebook page talking about his performance in St.Kitts -Nevis which received over 20,000 reactions

During his set, Kartel also brought out entertainers of Gaza camp (Portmore Empire)- well-known Jamaican dancehall artiste Jah Vinci who had performed on the show earlier and also well-known Jamaican dancehall songstress Ishawna, had separate spotlight moments adding layers of excitement.

After noticing a disrupt moment in a crowd section, Kartel took a moment to encourage peace, stating: "Mash up that! ...Oh, the officer of the law is there... good!"

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SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
ISLAND OF NEVIS

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TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT, CHAPTER 10:19

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SCHEDULE OF APPLICATION

for Certificate of Title, and notings thereon, and caveats, for the week ending

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DATE OF REQUEST	PERSON PRESENTING	NATURE OF REQUEST
1 st May, 2025	Carol Stephanie Veronica Hector-Herbert by her Solicitors, Nisbetts of Chambers, Chapel Street, Charlestown, Nevis	Certificate of Title to be issued in respect of 4,915 square feet of land situate at Craddock Road in the Parish of Saint Paul in the Island of Nevis

The said land being bounded as follows:- On the North by lands of John Brookes and Sophia Brookes, 54.38 feet; On the East by a Road, 78.43 feet; On the South East by a Road, 11.13 feet On the South by a Road, 51.81 feet and On or towards the West by lands of Eric Lawrence, 87.37 feet

Dated the 20th day of June 2025SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
ISLAND OF NEVIS
A.D. 2025

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SCHEDULE OF APPLICATION

Nisbetts, Solicitors

ECDU CULMINATES CHILD MONTH 40 WITH GRAND PARADE

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Your work in ensuring that our children have quality early childhood care is much appreciated by the education sector and the community.”

Congratulatory remarks were also extended by Ms. Vanta Walters, past coordinator of the Early Childhood Development Unit, and Ms. Florence Mooving-Smith, former Early Childhood Education Officer, Nevis, respectively.

“I just want to say congratulations to the Early Childhood Development Unit on their 40th celebration of Child Month,” stated Ms. Walters.

“I feel honoured on this 40th anniversary to say congratulations to the Early Childhood Development Unit. May we continue to do everything we can to empower our children to make sure that they become productive citizens for our country, St. Kitts and Nevis,” stated Mrs. Mooving-Smith.

This year's Child Month was celebrated under the theme From Tiny Steps to Giant Strides: Celebrating 40 Years with Pride. It captured both the developmental journey of young children and the significant milestone of four decades of national investment in early childhood education.

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AMBASSADOR DOCKERY CALLS FOR RECLAIMING NATIONAL IDENTITY THROUGH EDUCATION AT UNESCO ESSAY COMPETITION CEREMONY

Basseterre, Saint Kitts, July 03, 2025 (SKNIS): In a ceremony rich with pride and purpose, Her Excellency, Nerys Dockery, Secretary-General of the St. Kitts-Nevis National Commission for UNESCO, made a powerful call to reframe how the nation views and teaches its past as she delivered remarks at the UNESCO-Ministry of Education Essay Competition Announcement Ceremony held on July 02, 2025, at the NEMA Conference Room.

“As we gather here today, we are reminded of the bold agenda set forward by our Honourable Prime Minister, Dr. Terrance Drew, to make Saint Kitts and Nevis a fully independent sustainable island state by 2040,” said Ambassador Dockery. “The objectives of our Essay Competition are intentionally aligned with this vision.”



Her Excellency, Nerys Dockery, Secretary-General of the St. Kitts-Nevis National Commission for UNESCO

The event brought together students, educators, government officials, and proud parents to celebrate the accomplishments of participants in the national essay competition themed “The Importance and Value of Students Being Taught Their African Ancestral History.”

Addressing the audience not only as an ambassador but as co-chair of the UNESCO Routes of Enslaved Peoples Committee, Ambassador Dockery emphasised the importance of this national conversation.

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



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

In the Matter of the Certificate of Titles registered in Register Book P3 Folio 433 in the name
of ESINTON WATTS.

NOTICE FOR REPLACEMENT OF LOST CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

It is hereby notified that an application has been made to the Registrar of Titles in Chambers for an Order for the issue of new Certificate of Title in lieu of a lost Certificate of Title dated 23rd day of October 1995 and registered in the Register of Titles at Book P3 Folio 433 of Saint Christopher circuit for ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land known as Lot No. 4 situate at **STONE FORT HEIGHTS** in the Parish of Trinity, in the Island of Saint Christopher and bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- **ON** or towards the North East by a Public Road, 19.26 and 30.96 feet respectively; **ON** or towards the East by Lot No 3, 118.00 feet; **ON** or towards the South South West by the Island Main Road 59.98 feet, **ON** or towards the South West by the Island Main Road 67.60 feet, **ON** or towards the West South West by the Island Main Road 10.11 feet and **ON** or towards the North-West by Lot No. 5, 131.37 feet and containing by admeasurement 11,372.11 square feet, all as the same is delineated and set forth on the plan surveyed by Licensed Land Surveyors C. R. Esdaille in January 1994 and copied by J.R. Buchanan in 2016.

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DR. GEOFFREY HANELY APPLAUDS ESSAY WINNERS AND REITERATES EDUCATIONAL VISION FOR NATIONAL HISTORY CURRICULUM

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Basseterre, Saint Kitts, July 03, 2025 (SKNIS): The Honourable Dr. Geoffrey Hanley, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education, applauded the outstanding achievements of students at the UNESCO Essay Competition Announcement Ceremony held on Wednesday, July 02, 2025, at the NEMA Conference Room.

The competition, hosted by the St. Kitts and Nevis National Commission for UNESCO and the UNESCO Routes of Enslaved Peoples Committee, was held under the theme: “The Importance and Value of Students Being Taught Their African Ancestral History.” While celebrating the winners, Dr. Hanley also reaffirmed the Ministry of Education’s commitment to introducing a national curriculum focused on African ancestral history and the heritage of Saint Kitts and Nevis.



The Honourable Dr. Geoffrey Hanley, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education

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(ST. KITTS CIRCUIT)

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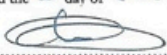
In the Estate of LILIAN C. RUAN of Dorset Village,
Basseterre, in the Island of St. Christopher, deceased

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF PROBATE

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Elis Emerson Ruan of # 1 Rose Lane, New Pond Site, Basseterre, in the Island of St. Christopher for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above-named deceased LILIAN C. RUAN who died on 24th October 2023 without revoking a will bearing the date 31st July 2014 wherein the Applicant Elis Emerson Ruan is named as sole Executor.

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

Dated the 20th day of June 2025



Leon Charles
LIBURD CHARLES
Attorneys-at-law

Filed by LIBURD CHARLES, Attorneys-at-law for the Applicant whose address for service is Units 1 & 2 OOJ]'s Commercial Complex, Island Main Road, Camps, Basseterre, St. Kitts.

IN THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
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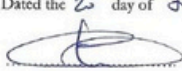
In the Estate of LYNDON HODGE of #87
Cedar Grove Housing Development in the Island
of St. Christopher, deceased.

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Avery Wayne Hodge formerly of St. Kitts but now residing at 4788 NW 114th LN, Coral Springs, Florida, 33076 for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicant who is the brother of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 15th day of June 2024.

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

Dated the 20th day of June 2025



LIBURD CHARLES
Attorneys -at -law

Filed by LIBURD CHARLES, Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicant whose address for service is Units 1 & 2 OOJ]'s Commercial Complex, Island Main Road, Camps, Basseterre, St. Kitts.

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AMBASSADOR DOCKERY CALLS FOR RECLAIMING NATIONAL IDENTITY THROUGH EDUCATION AT UNESCO ESSAY COMPETITION CEREMONY (cont'd from page 5)



“The UNESCO Routes of Enslaved Peoples Committee, under my co-chairmanship, has dedicated its efforts over the next eighteen months to starting a national conversation on the importance of teaching our ancestral African history,” she said. “We are the country’s leading authority bringing together stakeholders involved in cultural and heritage preservation and the dissemination of knowledge and art that uncover our shared past of enslavement, the transatlantic slave trade, and the resistance it inspired.”

DR. GEOFFREY HANELY APPLAUDS ESSAY WINNERS AND REITERATES EDUCATIONAL VISION FOR NATIONAL HISTORY CURRICULUM



In a room filled with students, educators, parents, and national dignitaries, he warmly congratulated the top three winners: Markailer Handley (First Place), Khalaylah Maccabee (Second Place), and Devine James (Third Place). “To all the students who competed, I want you to know that you are all champions,” said Deputy Prime Minister Hanley. “Keep striving for excellence and taking opportunities like this to hone your skills and sharpen your minds.”

He described the ceremony as a significant milestone in the nation’s educational advancement and used the occasion to reinforce the Ministry of Education’s commitment to curriculum reform. “We gather today to celebrate a pivotal moment in our nation’s educational journey. This Essay Competition was designed to start a national conversation in support of the Ministry of Education’s vision to establish a mandatory course on Saint Kitts and Nevis Studies,” said Dr. Hanley. “As we embark on this noble endeavour, we honour the unwavering dedication of our ancestors who fought for education as a means of liberation and empowerment.”

Ambassador Dockery noted that the competition is more than an academic exercise – it’s a step toward decolonising national consciousness and reclaiming identity through education. With passion and poise, she celebrated the students’ efforts as evidence of a generation ready to rise with cultural clarity and purpose.

The ceremony also recognised the collaborative support of key figures and institutions. Ambassador Dockery extended heartfelt thanks to Governor-General Her Excellency Dame Marcella Liburd for her patronage, to the Ministry of Education for its partnership, and to the distinguished judging panel, including Carla Astaphan and Sheila Morris, for their meticulous evaluation of the essays. “Let us continue to nurture a love of learning, a sense of self-awareness, and a deep appreciation for our rich cultural heritage,” she concluded.

The event offered not just recognition, but renewal – a reminder that by understanding our roots, we shape a future that is bold, just, and uniquely our own.

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Quoting the great Marcus Garvey, Dr. Hanley added, “A people without knowledge of their past history, origin, and culture is like a tree without roots.” He underscored his belief in a philosophy of education that promotes cultural awareness and pride in our African heritage – one that builds self-awareness and strengthens the identity of Kittitian and Nevisian citizens.

This philosophy, he emphasised, is the driving force behind the ministry’s efforts to institutionalise Saint Kitts and Nevis Studies in all secondary schools.

“Through this initiative, we hope to address the challenges of crime and delinquency, fostering a safer, more progressive society. By teaching our children the lessons of our collective history, we can instil new values, attitudes, and ambitions that will lead to a brighter future,” Dr. Hanley stated.

The education minister expressed deep appreciation to all who made the competition a success, including the Governor-General of Saint Kitts and Nevis, Her Excellency, Dame Marcella Liburd, for lending national prominence to the initiative; Ambassador Nerys Dockery and the UNESCO Routes of Enslaved Peoples Committee for their leadership; and the Curriculum Development Unit for guiding the way forward.

He encouraged educators to adopt innovative strategies such as the “Rooted” learning approach to engage students and deepen their appreciation for their heritage. “Together, we can create a generation of young people who are proud of their heritage, confident in their abilities, and equipped to shape the future of our nation,” he said.

Dr. Hanley said that the Ministry of Education and UNESCO remain committed to fostering a culturally rich, empowering, and inclusive educational environment for all students in St. Kitts and Nevis.

Millions of children at risk as vaccine uptake stalls

Dominic Hughes

Global health correspondent (BBC News 24. June 2025)



Progress in vaccinating children against a variety of life-threatening diseases has stalled in the past two decades - and even gone backwards in some countries - a new global study suggests.

The situation has been made worse by the Covid pandemic, leaving millions of children unprotected from diseases such as measles, tuberculosis and polio.

The researchers are calling for a concerted effort to provide better and more equal access to vaccines.

Child health experts warn that cuts to international aid budgets that fund vaccination programmes, combined with vaccine scepticism, are creating a "perfect storm".

The global childhood vaccination programme has been a huge success.

Since 1974, more than four billion children have been vaccinated, preventing an estimated 150 million deaths worldwide.

In nearly half a century until 2023, researchers say vaccine coverage doubled.

But since 2010 progress has stagnated, to the extent that there are now wide variations in vaccine coverage around the world.

A study, published in the medical journal The Lancet, says measles vaccinations have declined in nearly 100 countries.

The Covid-19 pandemic made things even worse, because of disruption to vaccine programmes during lockdowns.

By 2023, there were nearly 16 million children who had not had any childhood vaccinations - most of them in sub-Saharan Africa and south Asia.

Study author Dr Jonathan Mosser, from the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation at the University of Washington, in the United States, says large numbers of children remain under-vaccinated and un-vaccinated.

"Routine childhood vaccinations are among the most powerful and cost-effective public health interventions available, but persistent global inequalities, challenges from the Covid pandemic, and the growth of vaccine misinformation and hesitancy have all contributed to faltering immunisation progress," he said.

Dr Mosser said there was now an increased risk of outbreaks of diseases like measles, polio and diphtheria.

All children should benefit from life-saving immunisations, he added.

Wide discrepancies remain between vaccination rates in wealthier and lower-income countries.

But the report's authors warn that vaccination rates have fallen in Europe, the US and other wealthy countries too.

Professor Sir Andrew Pollard, director of the Oxford Vaccine Group, says the findings present a concerning picture.

"More children will be hospitalised, permanently damaged and die from fully preventable diseases if the trend is not reversed.

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"Alas, the cuts in global health funding mean that this situation is set to deteriorate," Prof Pollard said.

Dr David Elliman, from University College London, says many factors have contributed to the current situation.

"Around the world, the increasing number of countries torn apart by civil unrest and wars, combined with the drastic cuts in foreign aid from rich nations, such as USA and UK, makes it difficult to get vaccines to many populations," he said.

"Where it appears that policy is being made on the basis of ill-informed opinion, rather than science, we have a perfect storm," Dr Elliman added.

The researchers recommend that all countries try to strengthen primary healthcare systems and combat misinformation around vaccines to prevent parents being hesitant about getting their children vaccinated.

They also call for a concerted effort to provide better and more equal access to vaccines around the world

Health teams prepare for a surge in births

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The Ministry of Health and Wellness says preparations are under way at Victoria Jubilee Hospital as births are expected to increase in the coming months. Chief Medical Officer Dr Jacqueline Bisasor-McKenzie explained that health teams are working to ensure that facilities and staff are ready to manage a higher number of premature and low birth weight babies.

Dead babies deja vu

Ministry of Health says deaths at Victoria Jubilee due to premature births, not infection

THE MINISTRY of Health and Wellness has sought to calm public concern following reports that 24 newborns have died at the Victoria Jubilee Hospital (VJH) since June 1.

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Two Young Nationals Set to Begin Groundbreaking Technical Training in Germany



PM Drew interacts with Dillon Simmonds (Purple Polo shirt) and Rodison Jeffers

Basseterre, Saint Kitts, July 2, 2025 (PMO) —Two young citizens of St. Kitts and Nevis, Mr. Dillon Simmonds and Mr. Rodison Jeffers, are set to depart this month, July 2025, for Germany where they will embark on an intensive three-year dual vocational training programme in electronics engineering, an unprecedented opportunity born out of a vision championed by Prime Minister Hon. Dr. Terrance Drew long before he took public office.

Both trainees, age 20, have signed employment contracts with German companies in Sylt and Niebüll and will pursue the prestigious ‘Bachelor Professional’ qualification as electronics technicians for energy and building technology. Under Germany’s renowned dual education system, they will combine paid on-the-job training with advanced technical coursework at the Vocational School of the District of Nordfriesland.

Speaking to the young men, Prime Minister Dr. Drew recounted the origins of the initiative. “I went to Germany, in 2020, just before COVID, and I did a tour. I was not in government, but I said, if I were to get in government, I would like our people to come to Germany because Germany has the best scientific method...I still believe they have the best method in the world.”

He emphasized how this experience will prepare them for leadership in the technical fields. “In Germany, when you finish school, you are proficient. They have a well-oiled youth workforce because of the system that is well, well, well oiled.” (cont’d on page 10)

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TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT, CAP. 10.19

A. D. 2025

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IN THE MATTER OF an Application by CABLE & WIRELESS ST. KITTS & NEVIS LIMITED for the issue of a First Certificate of Title to 2.228 Acres of land situate at Needsmust Estate, in the Parish of Saint George in the Island of Saint Christopher.

IN THE MATTER OF Section 12(1)(d) of the Title by Registration Act, Cap. 10.19

SCHEDULE OF APPLICATIONS

for Certificate of Title, and noting thereon, and Caveats, for the week ending the 27th day of June 2025.

Date of Request	Persons presenting	Nature of Request, whether for Certificate of Title, or noting thereon, or Caveat.
October 14, 2024	CABLE & WIRELESS ST. KITTS & NEVIS LIMITED, a limited liability company duly incorporated under the Laws of St. Kitts and Nevis with its registered office at Needsmust Estate, in the Parish of Saint George in the Island of Saint Christopher	First Certificate of Title of ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land hereditaments and premises situate at Needsmust Estate in the Parish of Saint George in the Island of Saint Christopher and bounded and measuring as follows: On or towards the North by Needsmust Estate Yard, 272.40 feet; On or towards by the Southeast by an Estate Road, 449.28; On or towards the Northwest by Cable & Wireless Limited, 300.38 feet; On or towards the Southwest by Cable and Wireless Limited, 282.88 and containing by admeasurement 2.228 acres

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In the Estate of BECK CATHY NANTON late of Meades Pasture St. George Parish, Nevis, deceased

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by CHELSIA REBECCA NANTON-DAVID of Craddock Road Charlestown in the island of Nevis one of the children of the deceased & ELLIOTT BERNARD NANTON of Pump Road St Paul Parish in the island of Nevis for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicants, the deceased having died intestate on the 25th day of June 2024 in the Island of Nevis.

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

Dated this 5th day of June 2025

Patrice D. Nisbett

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Attorney-at-Law for the Applicants

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Health teams prepare for a surge in births

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In a release late Thursday, the South East Regional Health Authority (SERHA), which oversees the hospital, said “data collection indicates that the majority of the affected babies were born prematurely with significant factors that could have predisposed to serious illness”. SERHA also said that there was no outbreak of infection at the facility but that there had been a notable increase in admissions to the special-care nursery when compared to both previous months and the same period last year. This increase reportedly brought with it a higher number of critically ill infants, many of whom were born prematurely or with low birth weight. SERHA added that it activated its surge plan and took all appropriate steps to care for the babies.

SERHA’S statement yesterday came as Jamaicans, reacting to news of deaths, reflected on the deaths of 19 premature babies at The University Hospital of the West Indies in St Andrew and Cornwall Regional Hospital in St James in 2015. Those babies died from bacterial infections. In July 2022, nine newborn babies died from infections during a bacterial outbreak at the VJH. Two deaths were reported in August and two more in September, giving a total of 13. At the time, however, Health Minister Dr Christopher Tufton declared that the 2022 outbreak did not compare to the 2015 scandal that led to Dr Fenton Ferguson being relieved of his position as health minister in the People’s National Party administration. Yesterday, Chief Medical Officer Dr Jacqueline Bisasor-mckenzie also addressed the current situation, stating: “The deaths are not attributed to an outbreak of infections. What we are seeing is an increase in the proportion of critically ill babies. Of the babies who died, 55 per cent were premature, and 65 per cent had low birth weight. This adds significantly to the fragility of these babies.”

She added: “Despite the best efforts of the staff, some of these babies have, unfortunately, succumbed to their illnesses. This is deeply saddening, and we extend our sympathies to the families.” She further sought to explain that the country was entering a time when births typically increase, and health teams were working to be ready. “We are at the beginning of the period when we generally see a rise in the number of births. Every effort is being made across the island to prepare our healthcare workers and our facilities to adequately manage all cases.” Meanwhile, SERHA said an ongoing investigation into the recent deaths of babies is being conducted in partnership with the Kingston & St Andrew Health Department and the team at the VJH, with additional support from the Ministry of Health and Wellness. As part of its response, SERHA said it had increased spacing between babies, reinforced infection prevention and control protocols, redeployed staff, and strengthened the monitoring of medical supplies and equipment. Further, SERHA extended condolences to the families who have lost their newborns and committed to providing a full public update once the investigation is complete. The authority reiterated its dedication to ensuring the highest standards of patient care and safety across all its facilities. According to data from the Pan American Health Organization, Jamaica recorded progress in maternal and infant health outcomes between 2006 and 2020. During this period, the infant mortality rate declined from 21.1 to 16.7 deaths per 1,000 live births — a reduction of approximately 20.9 per cent. In addition, the maternal mortality ratio for 2020 was estimated at 98.9 deaths per 100,000 live births, representing a 19.1 per cent decrease compared to the estimated figure for the year 2000.

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IN THE MATTER of the Estate of YVONNE VERONICA RYAN A.K.A. YVONNE RYAN late of 308-3105 Lincoln Avenue, Coquitlam, BC V3B 0E1, Canada, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by GLORIA PATRICIA HARRIS formerly of College Street in the island of Saint Christopher but presently residing 6-7251 Cariboo Drive, Burnaby, BC V3N 4Y3, Canada for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is the sister of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 18th day of May 2020.

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

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In the Estate of Godwin Cuthbert Sharry aka Cuthbert Sharry late of Bourryeaux Village, St. Kitts, deceased

NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by ZAIDENA RAHEEMA SHARRY of Bourryeaux Village, St. Kitts for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above named deceased who died on the to the 17th day of August 2024 without revoking a will bearing the date the 13th day of August 2024 wherein the applicant is named sole executor.

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

Dated the 4th day of July 2025

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St. Kitts and Nevis Seizes Last-Minute Opportunity to Compete in NORCECA U21 Beach Volleyball Qualifier

Basseterre, St. Kitts. July 3, 2025. The St. Kitts & Nevis Amateur Volleyball Association (SKAVA) has confirmed that a men's beach volleyball team is set to represent the nation at the NORCECA U21 World Championship Qualifier, taking place from July 4-6, 2025, in Juan Dolio, Dominican Republic.

SKAVA received a last-minute invitation from the North, Central America and Caribbean Volleyball Confederation (NORCECA) to fill the vacancy. In response, SKAVA selected the pairing of Jedidiah Pencheon and Julian Bristol and, despite the extremely short notice, completed registration and travel arrangements in just over 24 hours.



"SKAVA has been preparing for this qualification event since 2023," said SKAVA President Glenn Quinlan.

"Although this particular pairing came together in late 2024, they've shown impressive growth and are ready to represent the Federation and the country at the highest level," he shared.

Pencheon and Bristol were standout performers at the ECVA Senior Beach Championship in St. Lucia, earning a bronze medal and recording a victory over the eventual U21 champions, proving their ability to compete with the best in the region.

Their participation in the NORCECA qualifier is significant. The top five teams will qualify directly to the Main Draw of the 2025 FIVB U21 Beach Volleyball World Championships in Puebla, Mexico. An additional four teams will advance to the Qualification Tournament, making this a crucial opportunity on the international stage.

Coach Brenda Allen is with the team to provide technical and logistical support.

The Association is also in discussion with the St. Kitts and Nevis Olympic Committee regarding assistance with unplanned travel and participation expenses, given the urgency of the invitation.

"This is a proud and promising moment for St. Kitts and Nevis volleyball. We're thrilled to be competing and doing so with athletes who are rising to the occasion," President Quinlan added.



TDC Group Proudly Sponsors 2025 Runako Morton Primary Schools Cricket Tournament

Primary school cricketers from across Nevis are being given the opportunity to hone and showcase their cricketing skills, as the 2025 Runako Morton TDC sponsored Primary School Cricket Tournament, which bowled off on Monday 23rd June 2025, at the E T W Park in Charlestown..

The annual event, named in honour of the late Nevisian born and West Indies cricketer, Runako Morton, this year brings together bringing together eight (8) participating schools, Charlestown Primary School, Violet O Jeffers-Nicholls Primary School, Elizabeth Pemberton Primary School, St. Thomas' Primary School, Maude Crosse Primary School, St. James' Primary School, Joycelyn Liburd Primary School and Ivor Walters Primary Schools to compete in a spirited display of skill, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

Matches will be played over a four-week period across various community fields and cricket grounds throughout the island, culminating in a grand final and awards ceremony where top performers and outstanding schools will be recognized.

Commenting on the sponsorship, Mr. Ernie France, General Manager, TDC Nevis Limited, stated:

"It is our pleasure to once again give our corporate support to this important initiative that gives our young people a positive outlet to develop their skills and talents both on and off the cricket grounds." Mr. France added, "The Runako Morton Tournament is more than just a cricket competition. This tournament honours Morton's cricket legacy and will also inspire a new generation of cricketers from Nevis, where they will learn the values of teamwork, fair play, integrity, and discipline, all while building school pride."



Picture - Primary School Cricketers competition in the 2024 Runako Morton Primary Schools Cricket Tournament at the E T W Cricket Grounds in Charlestown, Nevis

The tournament is organised in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, the Department of Sports, and local cricket development associations. It has become a fixture on the national youth sports calendar and has consistently produced promising talent for secondary schools and National youth teams.

TDC's support of the Runako Morton Primary Schools Cricket Tournament underscores its wider Corporate Social Responsibility agenda that places strong emphasis on education, youth empowerment, culture, and sports development.

Two Young Nationals Set to Begin Groundbreaking Technical Training in Germany

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PM Drew (centre), Dillon Simmonds from St. Kitts (left) and Rodison Jeffers of Nevis pictured on the right.

Mr. Simmonds and Mr. Jeffers were selected after a rigorous process coordinated by the Clarence Fitzroy Bryant College (CFBC) and the Advanced Vocational Education Centre (AVEC) under a Memorandum of Understanding signed in 2024 with the Chamber of Crafts Flensburg, Germany.

Over the past year, they successfully completed German language training, earning a B1 certificate of proficiency, and participated in preparatory workshops with German experts who travelled to St. Kitts and Nevis to help equip them for the transition.

Prime Minister Drew encouraged them to embrace the opportunity fully and to serve as ambassadors for their peers.

The successful placement of both Simmonds and Jeffers marks the first cohort in what is intended to be a sustainable, long-term partnership, designed not only to build capacity in priority technical areas but to expand cultural exchange and career pathways for Kittitian and Nevisian youth.



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Vybz Kartel Shells Down SKN

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He then decided to shift the mood to “burn out dat bad energy.”

From there, he delivered heartfelt inspiration with ‘God Is the Greatest, singing: “Blessing surround us... The Lord is around us... Me no care who no like me, me just ah go show love. What a journey... Good thing God got me! Satan you fail! ... Far me a come from.”

“Ghetto youth, keep on believing,” Kartel urged.

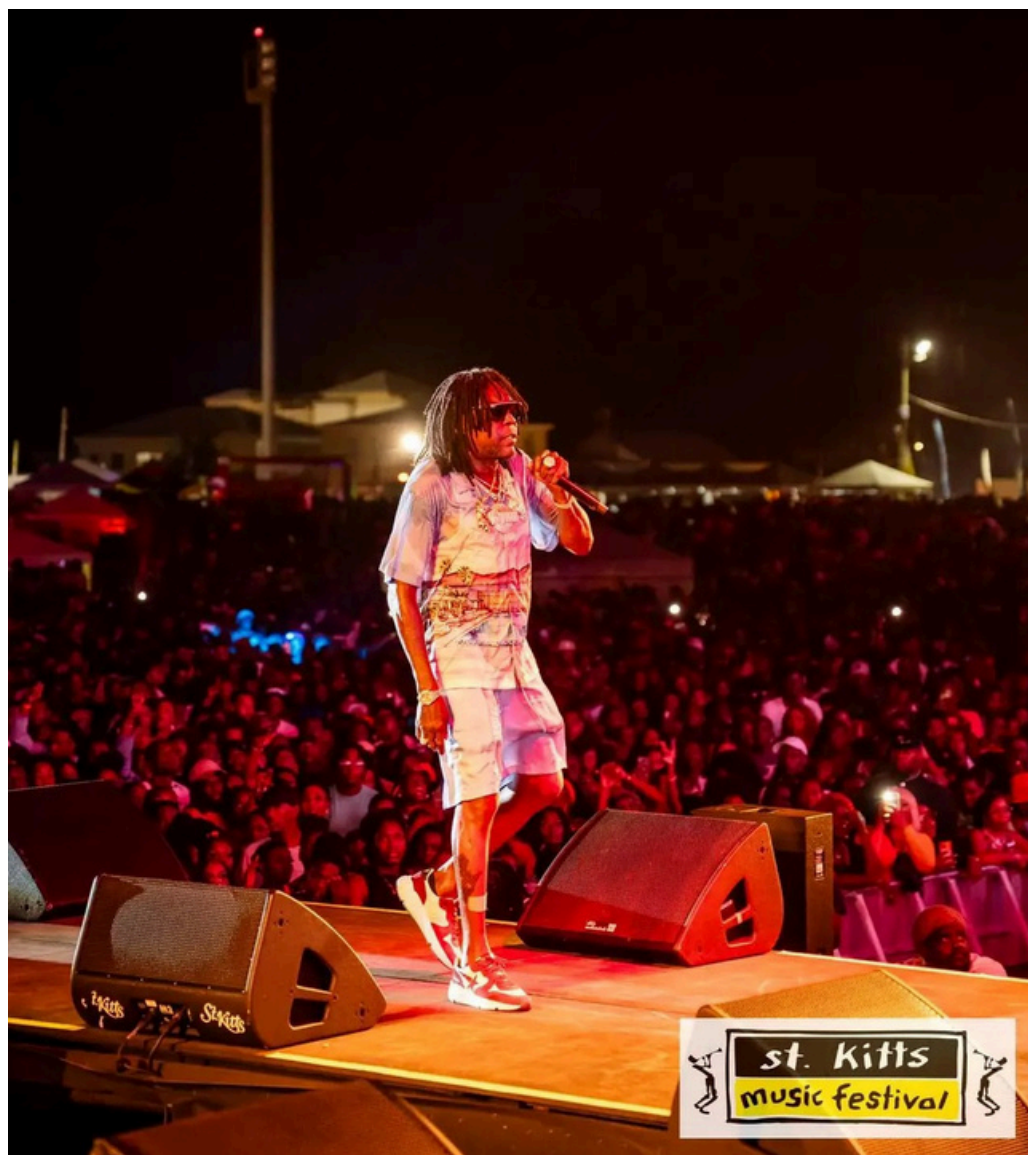
He went on singing: “Ooh life is so rough sometimes, Heaven hear me cry. I haffi do something with my life... Jesus is around us and his blessings surround us.”

Talking to the audience, he reflected emotionally: “People me been through a lot in life. Me ah 49 years old and God tek me out ah de dungeon like Daniel and say ‘Gwaan a road yout cause me believe inna you’... When me talk dem tings ya, tears come inna me eye. Positivity we a deal wid bredda.”

Of note, Kartel spent thirteen (13) years in prison before his release on 13th July 2024 after his murder conviction was overturned by the Privy Council. The day of his release created a frenzy for fans in Jamaica as well as others alike who celebrated social media style.



(Official Festival Photos)



Kartel also proudly introduced his mega-hit 'Summertime' telling the crowd: “It just get silver inna England.”

According to iriefm.net, 'Summertime'-originally released in 2011-was officially certified Silver in the UK by the British Phonographic Industry (BPI) on June 27, 2025, after surpassing 200,000 sales and streams. The milestone marks his second UK certification, following Fever (2016).

Apart from the star-quality aspect of the artiste, with it being public knowledge that Kartel suffers from Graves' disease-a chronic autoimmune disorder which leads to other health issues including a heart condition-many have been closely monitoring his ability to execute. And according to fans, his energy, stamina and vocal command during the performance sent a clear message from his St.Kitts Music Festival showing. Following the performance, Kartel in a Tik Tok video says in part: “Just shell down St.Kitts....member God ah de greatest. Positivity we ah deal wid and good vibes. St.Kitts, a time was had, and wha we haffi do now?-Continue praising God.” Meanwhile, Nuffy, via a TikTok post, applauded the high energy and infectious vibe of the St. Kitts audience, saying: “...Throughout de Caribbean way we travel... St. Kitts, unno tek a pinch a lead...”

Reviews have since flooded social media and regional entertainment sites, with many calling this his best live performance to date. Fans and commentators alike have cheered his energy, commanding stage presence, and strong vocal delivery, noting that the clarity of his voice and power in performance were on par.

Many fans are of the view that Vybz Kartel has left his mark on the twin-island nation with a show that will be talked about for years to come.

Others entertainers that night included Barrigton Levy, Chronic Law, Dejour, St.Kitts Steel Orchestra (SKSO), DJ Tero, Ideli Napi and Collin Wyatt.



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