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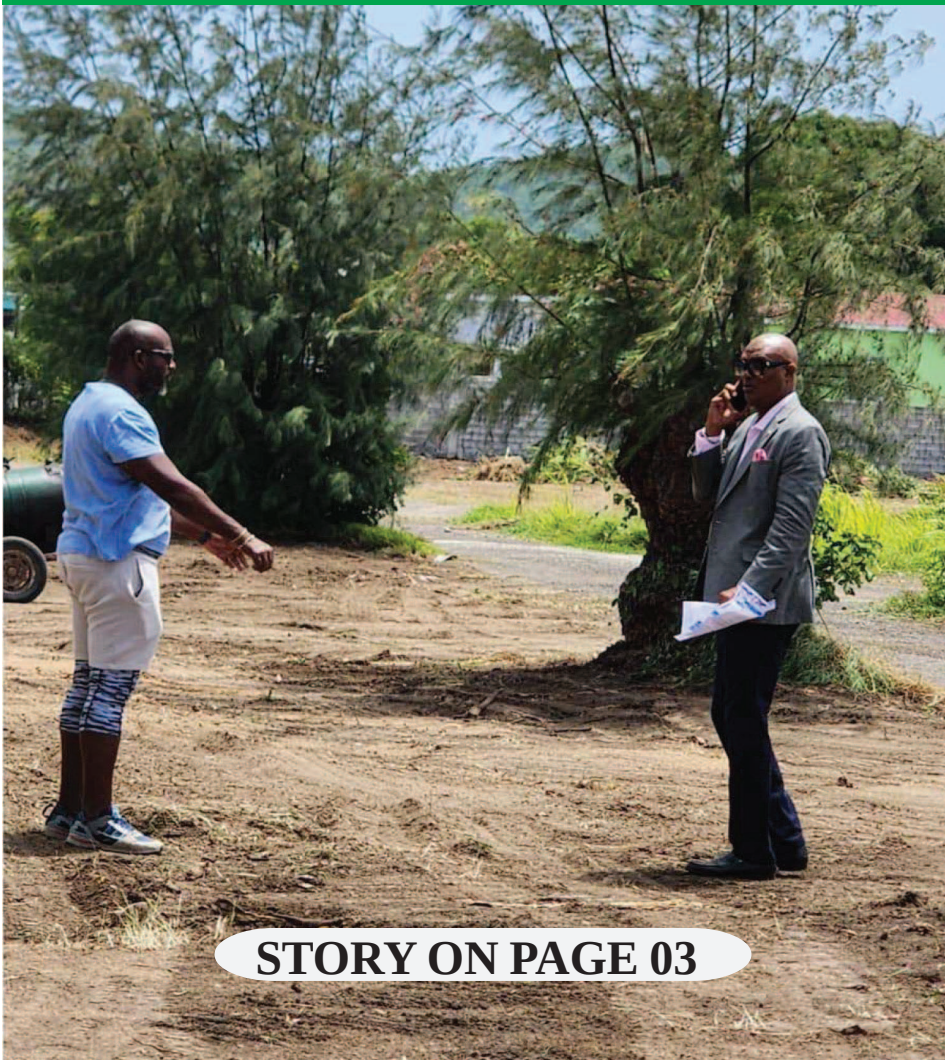
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INTERNATIONAL STATUS

Artiste Virgil Hodge of St. Kitts and Nevis recently returned from a media tour in Jamaica whereby she promoted her latest singles, 'Can't Bring Me Down' and 'Burning Love'. She also performed ambassadorial duties, promoting the Federation as a tourism and music destination, including the upcoming 2025 St. Kitts Music Festival which she is scheduled to take to the stage. On Tuesday 27th May, members of the local media gathered at the Kayan Jet Lounge for a press session. Full details in next week's publication. (Spokesman Snap)

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Editorial

Honouring Fathers: So Many Are Unsung Heroes in Our Lives

As Father's Day approaches (15th June), it is a good occasion for us as a society to pause and reflect on the value and influence of fathers and father figures in our homes and communities.

While Mother's Day often brings a natural outpouring of love and celebration, Father's Day unfortunately tends to be met with less enthusiasm and recognition. This disparity is often chalked up to the presence of absent or neglectful fathers-those 'bad apples' who have, regrettably, cast a shadow over the entire barrel. But it is neither fair nor wise to let a few unfortunate examples overshadow the countless men who show up every single day with love, patience, sacrifice, and strength for their children.

There are many among us-both children and adults-who hold dear the fond memories and lasting lessons imparted by present, dedicated fathers. These are the men who attend school meetings, provide guidance, show up to games and recitals, help with homework, offer a shoulder in tough times, and lead their families with humility and compassion. Some of them do this alongside a partner; others carry the load as single parents. Yes, single fathers exist, and they, too, deserve our full respect and recognition.

Fatherhood is not defined solely by biology. It is defined by presence, effort, consistency, and love. Those who choose to mentor, support, and guide young lives-whether as stepfathers, grandfathers, uncles, teachers, pastors, coaches, or close family friends-are just as worthy of our honour and gratitude.

This June, as we mark both Father's Day and Men's Mental Health Month, let us also

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In the Estate of Esther C. P. Garnette, late of 2855 Western Ave, the City of Park Forest, County of Cook, State of Illinois, United States of America

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an Application has been filed by **GLADWIN GARNETTE** of 21 Glynn Court, Parlin, New Jersey, 08859, United States of America in the Island of Saint Christopher for a Grant of Letters of Administration with the Will annexed to him the Applicant who is **GLADWIN GARNETTE** the lawful Attorney of **GRACE E. MCGIBBON** the sole Executrix named in the Last Will and Testament of **ESTHER C. P. GARNETTE** deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 12th day of August 2019.

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

Dated the 30th day of May.

Filed by **S.A.M Legal Services**, Attorney-at-law whose address for service is Berkley Street, Shadwell Housing, Basseterre St. Kitts.

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remember that men, too, face emotional and psychological challenges. Too often, society expects men to be stoic, strong, and unflinching-but rarely allows them the space to be vulnerable, to feel, or to seek help. If we are truly committed to stronger families and healthier communities, then we must begin creating safe, supportive environments where fathers and all men feel empowered to speak up, open up, and ask for support when needed.

Let us use this season to not only

celebrate the fathers who are doing it right, but to encourage those who may be struggling to do better. A supportive word, a helping hand, and community understanding can go a long way in turning trying fathers into thriving ones.

To all the dads, granddads, father figures, and men who show up and give their best: we see you, we thank you, and we honour you.

Happy Father's Day.

Construction Starts On New Basseterre High School

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Thursday 12th June 2025) - Construction has officially begun on the new Basseterre High School at its original site.

The announcement was made by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education Dr. Geoffrey Hanley, via his official Facebook page on Thursday 12th June 2025 through a statement with photo highlights.

According to Dr. Hanley, the start of construction marks the fulfillment of a commitment made to the school community and the wider public. He described the project as a step forward in the country’s education sector.

“It gives me tremendous pride and heartfelt joy to announce that construction has officially commenced on the new Basseterre High School - a transformational step forward in the education landscape of St. Kitts and Nevis,” he stated.

He added that the school is intended to serve as more than a physical structure, noting that it represents “resilience, hope, and our unwavering belief in the power of education to shape lives, build communities, and drive national development.”

Dr. Hanley, who is a former student and educator at Basseterre High School, referenced the legacy of the institution and its contribution to national development. He stated that the new facility would be designed to meet modern educational standards and would include science laboratories, technology infrastructure, areas for co-curricular activities, and environments aimed at supporting student development.

“This new facility will offer modern science laboratories, cutting-edge technology, spaces for co-curricular activities, and safe, inclusive environments designed to nurture the academic and personal growth of every student who enters its gates,” he said.

Dr. Hanley also acknowledged the role of various stakeholders in the process. “I extend sincere thanks to the Prime Minister, Hon. Dr. Terrance Drew, Cabinet, the project teams, and especially the people of Basseterre and the broader school community for their patience, advocacy, and trust throughout this journey.”

He concluded the statement by saying: “We are building more than a school-we are building a future worthy of our children’s dreams. Let us move forward together,

Front Banner Photo: Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Hon. Dr. Geoffrey Hanley (right) seen at the construction site of the new Basseterre High School (Source: Facebook/HonDrGeoffreyHanley)



Photo: Construction activity highlight (Source: Facebook/HonDrGeoffreyHanley) with purpose and pride.”

St. Kitts And Nevis Welcomes UWI Five Islands Campus

Basseterre: St. Kitts, Thursday, June 12, 2025: The Ministry of Education is celebrating a major educational milestone as the University of the West Indies (UWI) officially extends its Five Islands Campus to the twin-island Federation.

In a symbolic ceremony held at the Office of the Minister of Education, officials from the UWI Five Islands Campus in Antigua joined Minister of Education Hon. Dr. Geoffrey Hanley to mark the beginning of a new chapter in tertiary education for the Federation.

Professor Justin Robinson, Principal, University of the West Indies Five Island Campus, shared

“The Five Islands Campus has the potential to be heavily focused on providing relevant research for Eastern Caribbean governments that is targeted towards Eastern Caribbean problems. We want to bring St. Kitts and Nevis fully into our universe as we seek to expand access to education but also access to OECS-relevant solutions.”

Hon. Dr. Geoffrey Hanley, Minister of Education, expressed “It is indeed my privilege and honour as the minister responsible for education to lend my endorsement to the UWI Five Islands Campus. We will do our best to engage our young people and try to direct them to various universities. You will definitely see an increase in enrolment from our end.”



This strategic expansion of the UWI Five Islands Campus reflects the institution’s continued commitment to accessible, high-quality, and regionally relevant education for all Caribbean citizens and the OECS in particular. With growing demand for university-level programs in areas such as climate resilience, technology, and public health, UWI’s presence in St. Kitts and Nevis is expected to help meet national development goals while empowering the next generation of leaders.

Autism Expert Talks About Negative Societal Reactions On Families

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Thursday 12th June 2025)

- "Somebody walked by this family and said 'Do you want me to help you beat them?' and the man said 'Well she has autism, so this is okay, this is how she reacts', and they said, 'That's not how any child should react'."

So said Founder of the St. Kitts Spectrum Services Center Dr. Sheryl Rosin, during an appearance on Freedom FM's 'Issues'™ programme aired on Wednesday 11th June 2025 (with host Austin Edinborough), while sharing a real-life local example about how negative societal reactions towards children impacts families.

Dr. Rosin, an autism specialist and speech-language pathologist with nearly thirty (30) years of experience, called for the need for change in acceptance and awareness of autism spectrum disorder (ASD).

"So I have a little story, you know, somebody here who-and it's a good example of that- their child has autism, and they brought their child into town, and the ice cream store was closed that they wanted to bring the child to and the child had a big negative reaction to the ice cream store being closed and was screaming and was crying and was just having a lot of tantrums," she explained.

"Somebody walked by this family and said 'Do you want me to help you beat them?' and the man said 'Well she has autism, so this is okay, this is how she reacts.' And they said, 'That's not how any child should react.' And then that father stopped taking that child into town or out to see people because he was made to feel ashamed of the child and the disorder and there was no awareness or acceptance-and that needs to change."

Dr. Rosin emphasized that such public shaming not only isolates families but also prevents children with autism from accessing vital experiences that support their



Photo: Autism specialist and speech-language pathologist Dr. Sheryl Rosin, founder of the St. Kitts Spectrum Services Center (Credit: LinkedIn)

development.

"If somebody has a negative feeling or reaction to that child, the child and the family is going to isolate, and that is going to stop inclusion, collaboration and awareness, and understanding that these children have amazing gifts that we need to tap into and see the potential within," she stated. "We don't want to provide negative thoughts and feelings. We want to encourage and embrace the individual for who they are because that is what is going to help them continue to develop and to gain the critical skills for their future potential."

During the programme, Dr. Rosin and school psychologist Sloane Rosin provided details on ASD and the importance of early diagnosis and intervention.

"So autism is a neurodevelopmental disorder, which means it affects the brain, the neurology, and the development of the child. So what happens is, early on, you start to see deficits in three different areas. Deficits in speech and language, which we would call communication. Deficits in social, emotional reciprocity, that back and forth interaction, social skills. And we see some types of behavior we would call restrictive or repetitive behavior where we like sameness and we like to do things over and over again, which affects our play and which affects our sensory system, which can be one of

seven different things," Dr. Rosin stated.

She continued: "So we may be over or under sensitive to hearing, to sight, to taste, to smells, to touch, and to two other sensory systems. One is called the vestibular system, which is movement, and the proprioceptive system, which is our input to our joints and our muscles and kind of knowing where our body is in space and so autism is a spectrum disorder. Hence why it is called autism spectrum disorder and can affect people in a variety of different ways but the core deficit in autism is in social emotional reciprocity; those social skills and that ability to relate to people in functional ways. The quality of their social interaction is different."

Sloane Rosin highlighted the vital importance of identifying autism as early as possible.

"The earlier we can diagnose, the better, because early intervention really matters. And when we can work with students or children as young as possible, they have the potential to grow and to really learn those skills early on," she said.

Dr. Rosin also emphasized the role of pediatricians in this process.

"You can see the signs of the disorder as early as when the child starts to develop some crucial social milestones, like a social smile at three months of age and a response to their

Environment Officer Advises: Follow That 'Do Not Microwave' Instruction For Health Reasons

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Thursday 12th June 2025)- Senior Environment Officer Dr. Elrick Francis is sounding the alarm on the health dangers of using Styrofoam containers, particularly when reheated in a microwave, warning that the chemicals released during this process can be harmful to the human body.

"Plastic contains hormonal disruptors and so when you have a lot of people saying, 'Well, why is there so much cancers going on?' and they don't understand that it could be that the food-just the container that you're consuming your food in..."

Dr. Francis issued the warning during an appearance on the government's weekly 'In Focus' programme aired live on Wednesday 11th June 2025, with host Ian Richards of the St. Kitts-Nevis Information Service (SKNIS), surrounding the theme "Empowering Change for a Sustainable Future."

He highlighted the common practice of reheating food in Styrofoam containers without awareness of the health risks involved.

"A lot of people... have the Styrofoam container; like they had the food in it and they take it out the fridge, put it in the microwave, heat it up-and so they don't understand the health implications of that," he stated.

Dr. Francis went on to explain the science behind his concerns: "Plastic contains hormonal disruptors and so when you have a lot of people saying, 'Well, why is there so much cancers going on?' and they don't understand that it could be that the food-just the container that you're consuming your food in... Matter of fact, if you look at the packaging, a lot of people don't read the packaging. Read the bottom of the package where it says, do not microwave. There is a reason why they tell you do not microwave and it's not just for the integrity of the container. It's because chemicals will leach out of the plastic into your food, you ingest that food, and now it messes up your insides."

During the programme, Richards added that many people

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name. Most of the visits that you're going to have with your child at that young age are going to be with a pediatrician, and the pediatrician should be aware of red flags, the early signs of autism, and ask those critical questions to parents and families."

As gathered, Dr. Rosin is currently based in Florida where she runs a private practice for children with autism. She also operates in Boston and founded the St. Kitts Spectrum Services Center in Basseterre, where she previously served as consulting director. In addition, she works as a research professor and adjunct lecturer at multiple universities, focusing on evidence-based practices for autism.

The center was opened in September 2018. It is located at the Industrial Site in Basseterre.

Front Page Photo: Used for illustration purposes only, images depicts a child being comforted (Credit: Childmind.org via the Autism category)

Environment Officer Advises: Follow That ‘Do Not Microwave’ Instruction For Health Reasons

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are unaware that plastic is derived from oil and contains harmful toxins. Dr. Francis affirmed, “Right, yes,” before turning attention to more activities planned for Environment Month.

In discussing the Ministry’s public education efforts during Environment Month, Dr. Francis said the team is engaging residents across the island with direct community outreach.

“We have community walkthrough sensitizations and so we go out into the several communities because it’s not just Basseterre where people are. So you have to go out where people work, where people live and you have to engage the public, and to get their feedback because what you realize when you have conversations with people is that... plastic is a very useful material but a lot of people don’t know how to properly utilize it.”

Joining the conversation was Environment Officer Sherverne Gardener, who also emphasized the far-reaching impact of plastics, particularly micro plastics.

“Definitely, that is one of the main talking points I have to bring up when I’m speaking to persons, because a lot of persons, they are not quite aware of the benefits-and one of the benefits deals with health, and as time goes by, more research-we keep finding that the plastic simply breaks down into smaller particles which we probably don’t have the capacity to see right now with the naked eye and based on research, microscopic plastic are being found. It’s everywhere right now, it’s in the air, it’s all over

and this can be a major issue if we do not resolve it right now. And I’m speaking to the future health and prosperity of the Federation.”

Gardener went on to say: “That is one of the main things we’re looking at. We’re looking at human resources when we were looking at banning some single-use plastic. And that is one of the main reasons and one of the main things I try to drive home when speaking to the community and show them how they personally and individually will benefit from such an initiative.”

Front Page Image: Used for illustration purposes only, this image shows a Styrofoam container inside a microwave (Credit: www.tasteofhome.com)



Photo: (left to right) Senior Environment Officer Dr. Elrick Francis and Environment Officer Sherverne Gardener seen during an appearance on the government’s weekly In Focus programme aired live on Wednesday 11th June 2025 with host Ian Richards of the St. Kitts-Nevis Information Service (SKNIS), surrounding the theme “Empowering Change for a Sustainable Future.” (Screenshot via Youtube/ SKNISMedia)

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(ST. KITTS CIRCUIT)

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
(PROBATE)
SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT
CLAIM NO: SKBHPB2025/0066**

**Submitted Date:04/06/2025 15:36
Filed Date:04/06/2025 15:36
Fees Paid:12.00**

**IN THE ESTATE OF PRISCA MIRIAM HYLIGAR ALSO KNOWN AS PRISCA
MIRIAM HYLIGER, LATE OF THE ALLEY, SANDY POINT IN THE PARISH OF
ST. ANNE, IN THE ISLAND OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER**

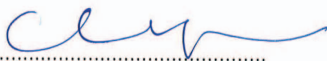
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ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **PERSIS PRISCILLA
HYLIGER-CARTY** and **URIEL MANASSAH HYLIGAR**, both of Romney Ground,
Sandy Point, in the parish of St. Anne, in the Island of St. Kitts, for a Grant of
Letters of Administration to the Applicants, who are the lawful whole blood
siblings of the deceased, the deceased having died unmarried, intestate and
without issue or living parents on September 25, 2024.

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

Dated: this 23rd day of May, 2025


Chanté W.M. Francis
Kelsick, Wilkin and Ferdinand Law Firm (SKB)
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FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT
A.D. 2025**

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Filed Date:12/06/2025 08:30

Fees Paid:12.00

[PROBATE]

Application No. SKBHPB2025/

In the Estate of **Eric Samuel Jeffers**, late of No. 45 Saddlers Park
Housing Development, Saddlers Village, in the Island of Saint
Christopher.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF PROBATE

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **PATRICIA ORETHA JEFFERS** a
Finance Assistant of 3 Wyndhurst Road, Stechford, Birmingham, Midland, England, United
Kingdom for a Grant of:

Probate of the Will, for the estate in St. Kitts, of the above-named deceased who died
on the 2nd day of September 2014 without revoking a Will bearing the date of 1st day of
November 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 11th day of June 2025.

Filed by: **MICHELLA ADRIEN
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
MICHELLA ADRIEN LAW OFFICES
SOUTH INDEPENDENCE SQUARE STREET
BASSETTERRE,
ST. KITTS**

SKMF Tickets are Moving Swiftly at Physical Outlets

DATE: June 11, 2025

The buzz surrounding the St. Kitts Music Festival has just gotten louder, as physical tickets are now available. Local patrons have been eagerly awaiting this release, and tickets are selling rapidly, further underscoring the significance of this musical extravaganza.

The festival team is anticipating the largest crowds ever on all three nights, and as a result, is encouraging patrons to avoid long lines by purchasing their tickets before they are sold out. So far, all physical ticket outlets are reporting rapid sales for this unimaginable island experience.

Horsford's Value Mart and Caribbean Lotto, both in St Kitts and Nevis, are two outlets where physical tickets can be purchased during their opening hours. Tickets are also available at The Cable in St Kitts and the Ministry of Tourism, Pelican Mall, from 9am to 3pm, through Saturday, June 28, 2025.

The St Kitts Marriott Resort will open its outlet on Monday, June 23, through the last day of the festival, Saturday, June 28, from 10am to 5pm. On Thursday 26, Friday 27 and Saturday 28 June, the Football ticket booth on Victoria Road will be available for last-minute ticket purchases from 5pm daily.

Patrons are encouraged to grab their tickets for the top music festival in the entire Caribbean as soon as possible to ensure they are not left out of the most diverse musical island experience. This year's festival promises to be record-breaking and will transform Warner Park into a vibrant hub of music, culture and unity.

To get more information on physical ticket outlets, log on to the festival's website at stkittsmusicfestival.com to view further updates and explore additional festival details.



st. kitts music festival

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Premier of Nevis, the Honourable Mark Brantley, signs a Letter of Intent for the Gustavia Appeal on regional collaboration in waste management on the margins of the 7th Annual CARIBAVIA Conference held in St. Barths

Nevis Signs Onto the Gustavia Appeal in Support of Regional Cooperation in Waste Management

NIA CHARLESTOWN NEVIS (June 12, 2025) - The Premier of Nevis, the Honourable Mark Brantley, has reaffirmed the island's commitment to environmental sustainability and regional solidarity by signing the Gustavia Appeal—an initiative aimed at fostering collective action in waste management across Caribbean island territories.

Premier Brantley signed the Letter of Intent during the 7th Annual CARIBAVIA Conference held in St. Barths from June 10-12, 2025. The conference gathered



(l-r) Premier of Nevis, the Honourable Mark Brantley with President Xavier Ledee of St. Barths (r) after signing a Letter of Intent for the Gustavia Appeal on regional collaboration in waste management on the margins of the 7th Annual CARIBAVIA Conference held in St. Barths

regional leaders, environmental advocates, and aviation stakeholders to address shared challenges and explore cooperative opportunities.

“This signing underscores the need for us in the subregion to collaborate more closely on issues affecting us all. Protecting our environment, dealing with waste disposal, addressing mitigation and adaptation efforts for climate change are all critical challenges that are common to small islands in our region. Sharing ideas and learning from each other are critical if we are to achieve sustainability for our region,” Premier Brantley stated.

By signing onto the Gustavia Appeal and the “Zero Waste in the Caribbean” initiative, Nevis joins other island governments in acknowledging the pressing environmental, social, cultural, economic, and public health impacts of waste. The Letter of Intent emphasizes the importance of creating a structured and sustained framework for collaboration to address these challenges.

The cooperation envisioned through the Gustavia Appeal will be grounded in mutual respect and regional solidarity, including regular, transparent sharing of technical data, ongoing projects, strategies, studies, technologies, and practical feedback on waste reduction and disposal methods. Each participating territory commits to this exchange to strengthen regional capacity and effectiveness in public policymaking.

This regional framework aims to generate practical, context-sensitive solutions tailored to the unique realities of island states, while fostering synergies that serve the wider Caribbean.

Through this historic joint commitment, Nevis and its regional partners affirm their shared dedication to shaping an environmentally sustainable future rooted in trust, transparency, and cooperative action.

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Ministry Of Education Concludes In-Service Training 2024-2025

Basseterre, St. Kitts, Wednesday, June 11, 2025: The Ministry of Education concluded its 2024 - 2025 In-service Training Programme with a ceremony held under the theme “Transforming Education Through Self-Renewal, Holistic Partnerships, and Digital Solutions” on Tuesday, June 10.

Chief Education Officer, Francil Morris, commended teachers for their commitment and growth.

“This In-Service

Programme was far more than just a requirement. It’s a powerful testament to your unwavering dedication to personal and professional growth. It is my hope that over the last year, you have been equipped with not only the essential strategies and knowledge but also the critical confidence to truly make an impact in your classrooms. I wholeheartedly believe that you are the champions that our children deserve.”

Dr. Joycelyn Archibald -

Pennyfeather, Educator Extraordinaire, encouraged teachers to become transformative forces in education.

“Today marks the beginning of a new chapter in your journey. As you step into your classrooms, remember that you are not merely imparting knowledge. You are igniting dreams and shaping destinies. Let self-renewal keep you grounded. Let holistic partnerships guide you, and let digital solutions drive your

innovation and your motivation. Together, these pillars will enable you to transform education in ways that will echo for generations to come.”

Mr. Jason Daisy, Teacher at Charles E. Mills Secondary School, shared his experiences.

“...we were reminded that this is more than just a profession; it is a calling. Each facilitator brought their expertise with clarity, purpose, and a deep sense of passion. We delved into a variety of critical areas, from effective

student communication and appropriate interactions to mastering lesson planning, record keeping, and understanding how to use behavioural management strategies that foster respect and cooperation.”

The closing ceremony celebrated a key achievement in the Ministry of Education’s drive to revolutionize education with cutting-edge practices and strategies.



ILO/UNICEF

Despite progress, child labour still affects 138 million children globally

New report shows an almost 50 per cent reduction since start of century, but world fails to reach elimination targets.

11 June 2025



ILO-UNICEF joint report provides an overview of child labour patterns and trends.

GENEVA/NEW YORK (ILO News) - Nearly 138 million children were engaged in child labour in 2024, including around 54 million in hazardous work likely to jeopardize their health, safety, or development, according to new estimates released today by the ILO and UNICEF.

The latest data show a total reduction of over 22 million children since 2020, reversing an alarming spike between 2016 and 2020. Despite this positive trend, the world has missed its target of eliminating child labour by 2025.

The report, titled *Child Labour: Global estimates 2024, trends and the road forward*, released one day ahead of the World Day Against Child Labour and on International Day of Play, underscores a stark reality that while gains have been made, millions of children are still being denied their right to learn, play, and simply be children.

“The findings of our report offer hope and show that progress is possible. Children belong in school, not in work. Parents must themselves be supported and have access to decent work so that they can afford to ensure that their children are in classrooms and not selling things in markets or working in family farms to help support their family. But we must not be blindsided, we still have a long way to go before we achieve our goal of eliminating child labour,” said the ILO’s Director-General, Gilbert F. Houngbo.

According to the data, agriculture remains the largest sector for child labour, accounting for 61 per cent of all cases, followed by services (27 per cent), like domestic work and selling goods in markets, and industry (13 per cent), including mining and manufacturing.

Asia and the Pacific achieved the most significant reduction in prevalence since 2020, with the child labour rate dropping from 5.6 per cent to 3.1 per cent (from 49 million to 28 million children). Latin America and the Caribbean achieved an 8 per cent relative reduction in prevalence and an 11 per cent decline in total numbers, the report notes.

Sub-Saharan Africa continues to carry the heaviest burden, accounting for nearly two-thirds of all children in child labour - around 87 million. While prevalence fell from 23.9 to 21.5 per cent, the total number has remained stagnant against the backdrop of population growth.

“The world has made significant progress in reducing the number of children forced into labour. Yet far too many children continue to toil in mines, factories or fields, often doing

hazardous work to survive,” said Catherine Russell, UNICEF’s Executive Director. “We know that progress towards ending child labour is possible by applying legal safeguards, expanded social protection, investment in free, quality education, and better access to decent work for adults. Global funding cuts threaten to roll back hard-earned gains. We must recommit to ensuring that children are in classrooms and playgrounds, not at work.”

Sustained and increased funding - both global and domestic - is needed more than ever if recent gains are to be maintained, warn the agencies. Reductions in support for education, social protection, and livelihoods can push already vulnerable families to the brink, forcing some to send their children to work. Meanwhile, shrinking investment in data collection will make it harder to see and address the issue.

Child labour compromises children’s education, limiting their rights and their future opportunities, and putting them at risk of physical and mental harm. It is also a consequence of poverty and lack of access to quality education, pushing families to send their children to work and perpetuating inter-generational cycles of deprivation.

Boys are more likely than girls to be involved in child labour at every age, but when unpaid household chores of 21 hours or more per week are included, the gender gap reverses, the report notes.

Since 2000, child labour has almost halved, from 246 million to 138 million, yet current rates remain too slow, and the world has fallen short of reaching the 2025 global elimination target. To end it within the next five years, current rates of progress would need to be 11 times faster.

To accelerate progress, UNICEF and ILO are calling for governments to:

Invest in social protection systems, especially for vulnerable households, including universal child benefits, so families do not resort to child labour.

Strengthen child protection systems to identify, prevent, and respond to children at risk, especially those facing the worst forms of child labour.

Provide universal access to quality education, especially in rural and crisis-affected areas, so every child can learn.

Ensure decent work for adults and youth, including workers’ rights to organize and defend their interests.

Enforce laws and business accountability to end exploitation and protect children across supply chains.

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CDB President Calls for Stronger Institutions to Drive Caribbean Resilience



June 13, 2025 - BRASILIA, Brazil - At a defining moment for the region, President of the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB), Mr. Daniel Best, underscored the urgent need to build stronger, more adaptive institutions to help Borrowing Member Countries (BMCs) withstand global disruptions and shape their own development future.

Delivering his inaugural address at the 55th Annual Meeting of the CDB Board of Governors on June 11 in Brasilia, President Best shared that “Resilience, in today’s world, means empowering institutions to adapt in real-time to an increasingly uncertain global landscape, shaped by geopolitical fragmentation, shifting international policies, and economic shocks. These forces demand that we protect and support our institutions, not just as safeguards, but as the mechanisms that enable us to have a seat at the table, a voice in defining our future, and control over our destiny.”

The President pointed to recent achievements to strengthen the Bank’s presence in the region, including the launch of the US\$58.5 million SuRGE Programme, a just energy transition initiative supported by Canada, and a significant increase in the Bank’s Green Climate Fund accreditation - from US\$50 million to US\$250 million—unlocking new resources for climate adaptation and resilience. The Bank is also advancing innovations under its Balance Sheet Optimisation Framework to expand lending capacity, and a recent Exposure Exchange Agreement with the Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI) will unlock additional resources for the region’s sustainable development agenda.

Framed by the Annual Meeting’s theme, “Building the Future: Resilient Institutions for a Greener, Stronger, and Inclusive Caribbean,” the President’s address also outlined a bold, forward-looking vision for reshaping the region’s development trajectory. At the core of this vision is what he described as the “Rebirth of the Bank”, a transformation of CDB itself into a more agile, responsive, and catalytic institution capable of tackling the Caribbean’s most urgent challenges.

President Best revealed that consistent with his vision, the Bank is working on a new 10-year Strategic Plan that will guide CDB’s priorities in the near and medium term. The forthcoming plan will redefine the region’s development path, with key priorities including:

- Embedding climate resilience as a cornerstone of security and prosperity.
- Incentivising sustainable governance through smart fiscal reform.
- Leveraging digital infrastructure for inclusive economic growth.
- Making gender equality and social inclusion pillars of progress.
- Unlocking the private sector’s full potential as a partner in development

The CDB’s 55th Annual Meeting concluded on June 12, 2025. Discussions this week have underscored the Bank’s commitment to bold, future-oriented action that responds to the needs of its Borrowing Member Countries.



Senior officials of the Government of Brazil and the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB), pose at the opening ceremony of the Bank’s 55th Annual Meeting, held from June 9 - 12 in Brasilia, Brazil. From left, Mr. Ian Durant, Vice President, Finance and Corporate Services, (Ag) CDB, Mr. Daniel Best, President, CDB, Honourable Simone Tebet, Minister of Planning and Budget, Brazil, Ms. Viviane Vecchi Mendes Muller, Chair of the CDB’s Board of Governors and Deputy Secretary for International Affairs and Development, Ministry of Planning and Budget, Mr. Isaac Solomon, Vice President, Operations, CDB and Ms. Alana Goodman, Bank Secretary (Ag), CDB.

Global oil prices soar after Israel attacks Iran

Peter Hoskins
Business reporter, BBC News



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Global oil prices have jumped after Israel said it had struck Iran, in a dramatic escalation of tensions in the Middle East.

The price of the benchmark Brent crude was up by more than 10% shortly after the news emerged, reaching its highest level since January.

Traders are concerned that a conflict between Iran and Israel could disrupt supplies coming from the energy-rich region.

The cost of crude oil affects everything from how much it costs to fill up your car to the price of food at the supermarket.

After the initial jump, oil prices eased a little. But Brent crude was still more than 5% higher than Thursday’s closing price, trading at about \$74.47 a barrel.

Despite Friday’s moves, oil prices are still more than 10% lower than where they were at the same point last year. They are also well below the peaks seen in early 2022 following Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, when the price of crude soared well above \$100 a barrel.

Share prices fell across Asia and Europe on Friday. Japan’s Nikkei share index ended the day down 0.9%, while the UK’s FTSE 100 index was down 0.3% by lunchtime.

Stock markets in the US also opened lower. The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 1.5% while the S&P 500 was down 0.8%.

So-called “safe haven” assets such as gold and the Swiss franc made gains. Some investors see these assets as more reliable investments in times of uncertainty.

The gold price hit its highest level for nearly two months, rising 1.2% to \$3,423.30 an ounce.

Live: Israel targets Iran’s nuclear sites and military commanders in major attack

Following Israel’s attack, Israeli Defence Forces (IDF) said Iran had launched around 100 drones towards the country.

Analysts have told the BBC that energy traders will now be watching how much the conflict worsens in the coming days.

“It’s an explosive situation, albeit one that could be defused quickly as we saw in April and October last year, when Israel and Iran struck each other directly,” Vandana Hari of Vanda Insights told the BBC.

“It could also spiral out into a bigger war that disrupts Mideast oil supply,” she added.

Analysts at Capital Economics said that if Iran’s oil production and export facilities were targeted, the price of Brent crude could jump to around \$80-\$100 a barrel.

However, they added that such a spike in prices would encourage other oil producers to increase output, ultimately limiting the price rise and the knock-on effect on inflation.

soon” to say what impact the latest rise in oil would have on petrol prices.

“There are two key factors at play: whether higher wholesale fuel prices are sustained over the coming days and, crucially, the sort of margin retailers decide to take,” he said.

What we know about Israel’s attacks on Iran’s nuclear sites and military commanders

Israel has inflicted unprecedented damage on Iran’s elite - why now?

In an extreme scenario, Iran could disrupt supplies of millions of barrels of oil a day if it targets infrastructure or shipping in the Strait of Hormuz.

The strait is one of the world’s most important shipping routes, with about a fifth of the world’s oil passing through it.

At any one time, there are several dozen tankers on their way to the Strait of Hormuz, or leaving it, as major oil and gas producers in the Middle East and their customers transport energy from the region.

Bounded to the north by Iran and to the south by Oman and the United Arab Emirates (UAE), the Strait of Hormuz connects the Gulf with the Arabian Sea.

“What we see now is very initial risk-on reaction. But over the next day or two, the market will need to factor in where this could escalate to,” Saul Kavonic, head of energy research at MST Financial said.

Additional reporting by Katie Silver

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Pakistan legend Akram praises statue despite mocking



Statue of Wasim Akram at the Niaz Stadium, Hyderabad

Image source, Getty Images

The statue was unveiled at the Niaz Stadium in Hyderabad

Published BBC Sport

Legendary Pakistan fast bowler Wasim Akram praised the “effort” that went into his newly unveiled statue, despite it being mocked on social media.

The statue is situated outside the Niaz Stadium in Hyderabad and depicts Akram in Pakistan’s 1999 World Cup kit, where they were runners-up.

It captures Akram in his slinging bowling action but his facial features and hair have drawn criticism online.

Some said it had more of a resemblance to actor Sylvester Stallone while another described it as “10% cement, 90% disappointment”.

But Akram responded on X with his thanks and appreciation for the sculptor’s effort.

“Lots of talk about my sculpture being erected at Niaz Stadium, Hyderabad. Mine is definitely better than the tiger,” he posted, referencing another statue near his own.

“It’s the idea that matters. Credit to the creators, full marks for the effort and thanks to everyone involved.”

The stadium’s chief Shiraz Leghari added: “The artist did his best effort, but accepts it doesn’t resemble (Akram) a hundred per cent.”

Akram, a World Cup winner in 1992, is one of Pakistan’s greatest cricketers, having taken 414 wickets in 104 Tests and 502 scalps in 356 one-day internationals.



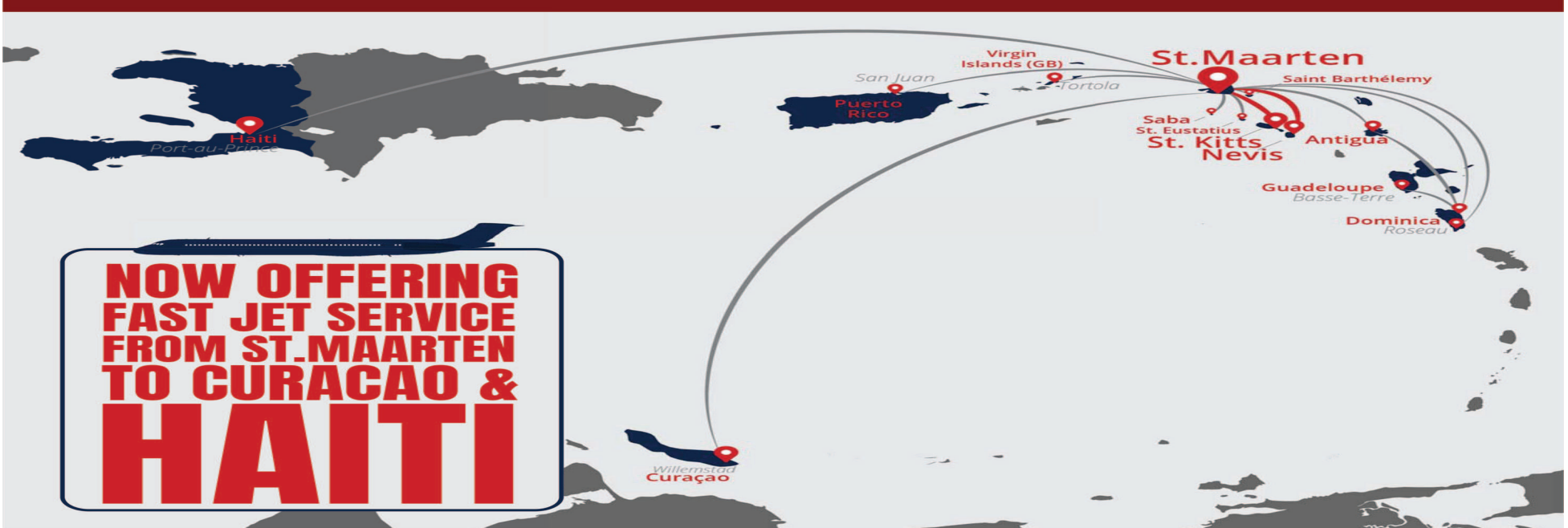
Wasim Akram stands alongside Javed Miandad

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Wasim Akram, left, also played county cricket for Lancashire

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Cricket West Indies Announces Historic T20I Series Against Emerging Nation, Nepal

Cricket West Indies (CWI) is pleased to announce the region's participation in a historic three-match T20 International series against the Asian nation of Nepal, the first-ever bilateral series between the two teams, marking a significant milestone in the ongoing mission to grow and globalize the game of cricket.

Taking place in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates on September 27, 28, and 30, 2025, the series is being hosted by the Cricket Association of Nepal (CAN) and represents a landmark opportunity for Nepal as it gears up for the ICC Men's T20 World Cup Asia Qualifier later this year.

For CWI, the engagement reflects its strong commitment to supporting the development of cricket in emerging nations and fostering meaningful partnerships with fellow cricketing boards

worldwide.

Speaking on the importance of this occasion, CWI CEO Chris Dehring stated:

"This series is more than just a set of international matches - it's a celebration of the game's expanding global footprint and a testament to what cricket represents: pride, purpose, and the power of unity. As a full-member nation, we see it as part of our responsibility to contribute to the development of cricket beyond our borders. Supporting Nepal in this key phase of their cricketing journey not only builds the sport at the grassroots and international levels but also reminds us of the deep pride and honour associated with representing our nation and wearing our national colours. We are proud to stand with Nepal at this moment in their

history and look forward to exciting and competitive cricket in Sharjah.â€

The West Indies team, known for its rich legacy and dynamic style of play, is expected to field a competitive squad that will offer Nepal critical exposure ahead of their World Cup qualifying campaign. The series also provides an opportunity for players and fans alike to experience the spirit of international cricket in a vibrant, neutral venue.

Cricket West Indies extends its sincere thanks to the Cricket Association of Nepal and the Emirates Cricket Board for their collaboration in organizing the series and looks forward to continuing to work together towards advancing the global growth and accessibility of the game of cricket.

Match Schedule (All Matches @Sharjah, UAE):

1st T20I - September 27, 2025

2nd T20I - September 28, 2025

3rd T20I - September 30, 2025



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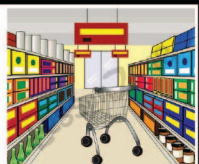
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Four-time Olympic champion Michael Johnson is the main public face of Grand Slam Track

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The final leg of Grand Slam Track - the athletics competition backed by Olympic great Michael Johnson - has been cancelled because of economic concerns.

The fourth event in the inaugural GST season was set to take place in Los Angeles from 27-29 June.

But Johnson said on Thursday that organisers will instead concentrate on next season's programme.

"The global economic landscape has shifted dramatically in the past year, and this business decision has been made to ensure our long-term stability as the world's premier track league," said the GST founder and commissioner. "Our attention is now on 2026."

The GST season began in the Jamaican capital of Kingston - which had low ticket sales throughout - and was followed by events in the US cities of Miami and Philadelphia.

Although the final leg at Drake Stadium will not go ahead, organisers consider the three meetings that took place a success. It is understood they are set to announce new investors to help fund GST's second season.

Johnson, 57, said the decision "is not taken lightly, but one rooted

in a belief that we have successfully achieved the objectives we set out to in this pilot season".

The four-time Olympic champion added: "We launched with a bold vision to reimagine professional track racing and we could not be more excited about what we have accomplished so far.

"As we've said all along, we were going to have learnings, make adjustments, and continue to improve.

"Sometimes we have to make moves that aren't comfortable, but what's most important is the future and sustainability of the league."

The competition featured a host of well-known athletes, including British Olympic sprinters Daryll Neita and Matthew Hudson-Smith, and 1500m world champion Josh Kerr.

Male and female competitors are subdivided into six categories - each containing eight athletes - such as Short Sprints, with the eight featuring in that group competing in the 100m and 200m each weekend.

It offered significant financial incentives, with up to \$100,000 (£73,600) on offer for the winners of race categories, as well as salaries for contracted athletes.

GST has suffered controversies in its maiden year. American three-time Olympic champion Gabby Thomas was allegedly abused during the meet in Philadelphia, where the programme was cut from three days to two.

And Johnson himself admitted he would "love to see more spectators" after the opening event in Kingston was poorly attended in April.

British middle-distance runner Elliot Giles took part in the Philadelphia leg of the competition and told BBC Sport it was a "phenomenal" event.

"The actual experience, the set-up, the hype, the marketing, was brilliant," Giles said.

"I'd love to see it again. Competition is what we need in our sport.

"It's the same as what's happening in boxing now. You get other people involved, new promoters, new people, venture capitalists putting into it, and the sport explodes and then performances come and everything else follows."

American sprinters Kenny Bednarek and Melissa Jefferson-Wooden have been named the GST Racers of the Year having won their respective Slam Championship at all three events.

Wimbledon prize pot increases to record £53.5m



Carlos Alcaraz holds the Wimbledon men's singles trophy

Image source, Getty Images

Carlos Alcaraz won the 2024 Wimbledon men's singles title

Sean Kearns

BBC Sport

Total prize money at this year's Wimbledon will increase by 7% to a record £53.5m.

The prize pot, worth £50m in 2024, is double the £26.5m on offer in 2015.

Carlos Alcaraz and Barbora Krejčíková each took home £2.7m for winning the men's and women's singles titles respectively last year.

This year's winners will receive £3m, an increase of 11%.

Players knocked out in the first round will receive £66,000, an increase of 10%.

There will be a 4% increase for the men's and women's doubles winners, who will earn £680,000, and a 3% increase for the mixed doubles winners, to £135,000.

The All England Lawn Tennis Club also confirmed the full introduction of live electronic line calling.

The technology, trialled in part last year, will end Wimbledon's 147-year use of line judges.

More than 400 cameras have been installed across the courts.

Wimbledon runs from 30 June to 13 July.

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