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Editorial

A Tragic Loss and a Sobering Reminder

The shooting death of Jermaine 'Chubby' Clarke, a well-known lead vocalist of the Kollision Band, the 2024-2025 Sugar Mas Road March Champion, has sent shockwaves throughout St. Kitts and Nevis. Clarke was not only a musical talent but also a young father whose voice had become closely associated with the vibrancy of the nation's carnival culture and sound of music in general.

In the hours and days following the tragedy, an outpouring of condolences has emerged from across the Federation and the wider Caribbean community. Fellow musicians, government officials, fans, ordinary citizens and others alike have expressed grief at the loss of a young performer-in his 30s-who has helped shape the soundtrack of recent carnival seasons and other year round entertainment events.

Yet beyond the grief lies a deeper concern that cannot be ignored.

Outside of the adult fans, the Kollision Band has long enjoyed a notable large and enthusiastic following among high school students and pre-teens. Their performances, songs and carnival features have made them particularly influential among younger audiences. As such, the news of Clarke's death will undoubtedly affect this demographic in profound ways. Young fans who danced to his music and celebrated his achievements are now confronted with the harsh reality of violence.

In this sense, the tragedy carries a powerful symbolism. Our youths are watching. They are watching how conflicts are handled and how society responds when lives are lost. The example that adults set-whether through words, actions, or silence-helps shape the values of the next generation.

For decades, elders in our communities have urged the peaceful resolution of conflict. Their message has been consistent: disputes should never escalate to violence. Today, that wisdom rings louder than ever. The calls now being heard across the nation-to end gun violence and to place greater value on human life-must not remain mere statements spoken in the wake of tragedy.

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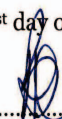
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In the Estate of **Rosalyn Woodburn** late of Shaw's Road, St. James Parish, Nevis, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that an Application has been filed by **KENNETH C. JARVIS** of 210-15 89th Avenue, Queens Village, NY, USA for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is the grandson of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 21st day of December, 1985

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

Dated this 31st day of March, 2026


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Nisbetts, Solicitors

Filed by: Nisbetts, Solicitors, whose address for service is Chapel Street, Charlestown, Nevis

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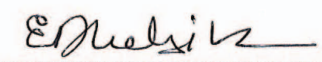
IN THE MATTER OF SECTION 144 OF THE TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT AND LOST CERTIFICATE OF TITLE ISSUED JUNE 15, 2015 REGISTERED IN TSI REGISTER BOOK 2015, FOLIO 5 OF THE SAINT CHRISTOPHER REGISTER OF TITLES

NOTICE OF LOST CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Pavel Shilovskiy of Fl. 204, h 1/21 Dostoevskogo Street, Moscow 127473, Russia, the Registered Proprietor of the Time Share interest contained in the said Certificate of Title being Time Share Interest No. F of Unit 115 of Windswept Residence Club No. 42 has applied to the Registrar of Titles for the issue of a replacement Certificate of Title in lieu of one registered in TSI Register Book 2015, Folio 5 of the Condominium Register of Titles of the Island of St Kitts on the basis that the said Certificate of Title has been irrecoverably lost.

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

Dated this 7th day of April, 2026

Signed 
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M. Elizabeth A. Kelsick, Partner
KELSICK, WILKIN & FERDINAND
Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicant



They must become action.

The loss of Jermaine 'Chubby' Clarke should not only be remembered for the sorrow it brings, but also for the reflection it demands. If the nation truly wishes to honour his memory, then it must also commit itself to building a society where disagreements do not end in gunfire and where the next

generation sees examples of restraint, respect and responsibility.

Because while music can inspire joy and unity, the lessons our society teaches our youth will ultimately determine the future they inherit.

Let this moment be one of mourning-but also one of resolve.

Tributes For Kollision Singer Jermaine 'Chubby' Clarke Highlight His Music Impact

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Wednesday 8th April 2026)- Tributes locally and abroad-highlighting his talent and music impact-continue to pour in for Jermaine 'Chubby' Clarke, lead singer of Kollision Band, who was gunned down while seated in his vehicle on Easter Sunday-5th April 2026.

Clarke, 38, was attacked in Keys Village, and information reaching this media house indicates that it happened shortly after performing at an event. The incident has left many across the Federation expressing shock and sadness, with questions being raised about the circumstances surrounding his death.

Clarke's voice was known for several popular songs from the band, including the 2024-2025 Sugar Mas Road March tune called 'Keys To The City' as well as 'Pressure', 'TMI', and 'Uno.'

Among the tributes has been the National Carnival Committee, in a statement via its official carnival Facebook page, saying:

"It is with deep sadness that we learnt about the tragic passing of Jermaine 'Chubby' Clarke, a vital force behind the Kollision Band International. His relentless dedication and passion for music elevated Kollision to become one of the leading bands in St. Kitts and Nevis. Under his influence, Kollision proudly claimed the title of Sugar Mas Road March Champions for 2024-2025 and the runner-up for Road March 2025-2026.

Chubby's impact extended beyond the stage; he was a devoted father, son, and sibling, always giving back to the community and actively participating in carnival events. His contributions have left an indelible mark on our hearts and the vibrant culture of our carnival.

To the music lovers and the carnival community, we will cherish Chubby's legacy, and his music will forever resonate in our celebration of life and joy.

Rest in peace, Chubby. You will be deeply missed."

Minister of the Creative Economy, Samal Duggins, also expressed condolences, stating:

"It is with profound sadness that I acknowledge the untimely passing of Jermaine Clarke, affectionately known as 'Chubby,' lead singer of the Kollision Band.

Jermaine was more than an artist, he was a spirit, a presence, and a voice that brought joy, energy, and connection to so many. Through his music and his personality, he left an imprint on our culture and in the hearts of all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Today, we mourn not just a talented musician, but a young man who carried and championed the unique sound of our Federation.

I extend my deepest condolences to his family, friends, band members, and his loyal supporters, the Teflon Dons. In this moment of grief, I ask that we keep them in our thoughts and surround them with love and strength.

Moments like these remind us how fragile life truly is. Tomorrow is never promised. Let us hold our loved ones a little closer, speak our love more freely, and cherish the time we are given.

May his soul rest in eternal peace."

President of the St. Kitts Band Association, Gregory Hobson, also issued a statement, saying:

"The sudden and heartbreaking passing of Jermaine 'Chubby' Clarke, a gifted and driven artiste of St. Kitts and Nevis, has cast a deep shadow over our entire music community.

As a proud member of Kollision Band and the St. Kitts Band

Association, Chubby's energy, talent, and spirit enriched every space he entered. His absence will be profoundly felt by all of us who had the privilege of knowing him and sharing in his musical journey. In this moment of grief, the members of the St. Kitts Band Association extend our deepest and most heartfelt condolences to his family, his friends, and his loyal fans. We mourn alongside you.

"Our Federation has lost not only a remarkable singer and musician, but a vibrant soul taken far too soon through the tragedy of gun violence. We stand united in condemning this senseless act."

The St. Kitts Band Association President also called on individuals who may feel drawn to violence saying "we urge you to pause and choose another way a path of peace, of compassion, of forgiveness, and of love Violence leaves no true victors."

Anguish, loss, and lasting pain to families, communities, and our nation as a whole were

highlighted.

The statement further went on to say: "The St. Kitts Band Association remain steadfast in its commitment to fostering a safer, more nurturing environment for our musicians and creatives. We call on every citizen and resident to join us in actively promoting peace and standing against violence in all its forms.

Let us come together in unity to surround Chubby's family and close friends with love; strength, and support during this time of profound loss."

Meanwhile, The Royal St. Christopher and Nevis Police Force is presently investigating Clarke's homicide that reportedly occurred during the early hours of that morning.

Police say officers from the Cayon Police Station responded to a report of a shooting at approximately 12:30 a.m. Initial investigations revealed that Clarke of College Street was seated in his vehicle with a female occupant when he was approached and shot multiple times by one or more armed assailants.

Both individuals were transported to the Joseph N. France General Hospital by private vehicle. Clarke later succumbed to his injuries. The female occupant did not sustain any gunshot injuries but was injured during the incident and is receiving medical care.

Police said the Crime Scene Unit processed the scene and collected items of evidential value. Investigations are ongoing.

The police are appealing to anyone with information that may assist in the investigation to contact the nearest police station or report anonymously via the Crime Stoppers hotline at 707. They also extended condolences to all those affected by the incident.

Front Page Image: Jermaine 'Chubby' Clarke, lead singer of Kollision Band seen during the band's performance at the June 2025 St. Kitts Music Festival (Credit: Facebook/St.Kitts&NevisNationalCarnival)

Lone SKN CARIFTA Medalist Dashes To Success After Third Year Showing

By: Spokesman
Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Thursday 9th April 2026)-The lone medalist for St. Kitts and Nevis at the recently concluded 53rd CARIFTA Games, Kymarni Newton (of Nevis), is being applauded as an example that hard work pays off after capturing bronze in the Under-17 Boys 800m event.

Of note, he clocked 1:55.34, a personal best and new national Under-18 record, securing the Federation's only medal at the regional championships.

Winning that race was St. Maarten's Nahjah Wyatte who crossed the finish line at 1:53.26 followed by Jamaica's Markland Williams in second place at 1:53.60.

Another St. Kitts-Nevis athlete, Najeeb Kelly, has been commended also for finishing fifth at 1:59.74.

When asked to give advice to other aspiring local athletes, Newton has encouraged them to remain committed to their training.

"Just listen to your coaches, stay at it and put in the work



The lone medalist for St. Kitts and Nevis at the recently concluded 53rd CARIFTA Games, Kymarni Newton (Credit: Facebook/St. Kitts and Nevis Athletics)

and you will get there," he said while speaking on Thursday 9th April 2026 at a media briefing and meet-and-greet event hosted by the Ministry of Education, Library Services, Information Technology, Youth and Sports to welcome home the 2026 CARIFTA athletes and the Leeward Islands Under-15 cricketers.

The CARIFTA Games were held from Saturday 4th to Monday 6th April 2026 hosted in Grenada at the Kirani James Athletics (cont'd on next page)

Lone SKN CARIFTA Medalist Dashes To Success...

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Team Unstoppable (Credit: Facebook/St.Kitts and Nevis Athletics)

Stadium in St. George's featuring St.Kitts-Nevis' national athletes dubbed Team Unstoppable.

Vice President of St.Kitts and Nevis Athletics, Dwayne Warner, who is a coach, delegate to congress for the team and also a former athlete supported that message, noting that Newton's medal came after several attempts at the regional championships.

"This is the third time that Kymarni had been to the CARIFTA Games and the first time getting a medal, so he persevered," Warner said.

According to St.Kitts and Nevis Athletics, via a social media post, Newton's bronze medal represents a story of perseverance after years of near-misses at the championships.

His CARIFTA journey began in 2024 in Grenada, where he exited in the preliminary rounds. In 2025 in Trinidad and Tobago, he placed ninth, just one position outside of the finals. In 2026, he returned to Grenada and earned a place on the podium.

Newton also broke the 13-year-old national record of 1:58.03 previously set by Kajon Parris at the CARIFTA Games in Nassau, Bahamas.

The Athletics body noted that the athlete's progression reflects steady improvement over the years, with his times dropping from 2:10.27, to 2:02.22, and finally to the record-breaking 1:55.34.

It was also revealed that Newton's journey to the championships included an unexpected obstacle. The athlete

almost missed the flight from St. Kitts to Grenada after realizing his passport had been left at home, but the situation was resolved and he was able to travel with the team.

Warner, in speaking at this week's media event also highlighted the difficulty of the sport and the significance of the achievement.

"I think most of us would appreciate the hard work that goes into athletics. Training for athletics is one of the hardest things anyone would want to do. That is why most young kids prefer to play football or cricket because athletics training is very challenging, and I commend those who persevere through the training and triumph in the end," he said.

He added that in his experience attending several editions of the CARIFTA Games, it demonstrates how challenging it is to medal at the prestigious junior championships.

"I've been to the last 4 of the last CARIFTAs and this is the first time that a Nevisian athlete has gotten an individual medal. It shows you how hard it is to get a medal at these games, and also I don't want us to underestimate that attending CARIFTA games- which is in its 53rd year- is one of the most prestigious junior championships in our region. It is the highest level that you can reach to which is CARIFTA so I don't want you [athletes] to squander this opportunity..."

The 2026 St. Kitts and Nevis CARIFTA team included athletes

competing in the Under-17 and Under-20 divisions across sprint, field and distance events.

Team officials included Head Coach and Throws Coach Shirmon Caines, Sprints and Relays Coach Adelvin Philip, Jumps Coach Roatter Johnson, Hurdles Coach Royston Queeley, Team Manager Niketa Isles, Physiotherapist Alister James, Safeguarding Officer Nicola Huggins-Parris, Delegates to Congress Corneil Williams and Dwayne Warner, and Team Media Rashid Stanley.

SKN Athletics also extended gratitude to sponsors including the St Kitts Nevis Anguilla National Bank, the Government of St Kitts and Nevis through the Ministry of Sports, and the Nevis Island Administration for supporting the team's participation.

Front Banner Photo: The lone medalist for St. Kitts and Nevis at the recently concluded 53rd CARIFTA Games, Kymarni Newton while speaking on Thursday 9th April 2026 at a media briefing and meet-and-greet event hosted by the Ministry of Education, Library Services, Information Technology, Youth and Sports to welcome home the 2026 CARIFTA athletes and the Leeward Islands Under-15 cricketers (Screenshot credit: Youtube/DepartmentOfEducationNevis)

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE A.D. 2026		
CLAIM NO: SKBHCV2026/0067		
IN THE MATTER of an Application for the issuance of a First Certificate of Title pursuant to Section 12 (1) (a) of the Title by Registration Act, Cap 10.19.		
AND		
IN THE MATTER of an Application by SONIA DOUGLAS also known as SONIA AGATHA HANLEY-DOUGLAS for the issue of a First Certificate of Title in her favour for land hereditaments and premises situated at John England Village in the Parish of Saint Peter in the Island of Saint Christopher.		
SCHEDULE OF APPLICATION		
For Certificates of Title, notings thereon and Caveats for week ending the 3 rd day of April, 2026		
Date of Request	Person Presenting	Nature of request, whether for certificate of title of noting thereon, or caveat
30 th March, 2026	SONIA DOUGLAS also known as SONIA AGATHA HANLEY-DOUGLAS by her Attorney-at-Law Angelina Gracy Sookoo-Bobb of Unit A7 The Sands Complex, Bay Road, Basseterre, Saint Kitts.	ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land situate at John England Village in the Parish of Saint Peter in the Island of Saint Christopher aforesaid and bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On or towards the North by a Public Road 71.32 feet, On or towards the South-East by lands of Uriel Mills 83.71 feet, On or towards the South by lands of E. Jones 56.62 feet and On or towards the West by lands of C. Warner 90.83 feet and containing by admeasurement 5,501 square feet all as the same is delineated and described in the Indenture of Conveyance dated the 30 th day of March, 2012 and recorded in Liber F Volume 8 Folios 1427 to 1438. For the purposes of the Request and Application for First Certificate of Title, the said property was resurveyed by James R. Buchanan licensed Land Surveyor, on the 4 th day of March, 2026 and the description of the lands has now been updated to,
		ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land situated at John England Village in the Parish of Saint Petet in the Island of Saint Christopher bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On or towards the North by a Public Road, 71.32 feet; On or towards the North -East by lands of Uriel Paul, 83.71 feet; On or towards the South by lands of Eloise Jones, 56.62 feet; On or towards the West by lands of Deborah Clarke (deceased), 90.83 feet and containing by admeasurement of 5501 square feet.
Dated the 30 th day of March, 2026.		
		 Registrar of Titles
<small>The Court Office is at S.W. Tapley Seaton Court Annex, East Independence Square Street. Telephone Number: 467-1337, FAX 465-2482. The office is open between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Mondays to Fridays, except on Public Holidays.</small>		
<small>E-FILED on behalf of the Applicant by her Attorney-at-Law, Angelina Gracy Sookoo-Bobb, Principal of SOOKOO BOBB, Unit A7 The Sands Complex, Bay Road, Basseterre, Saint Kitts, Telephone No. (869) 466-2622 [BOBB] or (869) 766-2622 [BOBB]. (Office Email) info@sb-legal.com (Direct Email) asookoo@sb-legal.com.</small>		

Housing Minister Links Regular Mortgage Payments to Boosting Gov't Solution Programme

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Thursday 9th April 2026)-Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Housing and Human Settlements Dr. Geoffrey Hanley is encouraging homeowners and tenants in the government subsidized units to make their regular payments, pointing out that such will allow more persons and families to benefit from the government's ongoing housing programme.

"I want to emphasize that the sustainability of this programme depends on shared responsibility. We are urging homeowners and tenants in government subsidized units to honour their payment obligations in a timely manner so that we can be in a position to help many more persons," he said.

Dr. Hanley made the appeal while appearing on the debut of the programme Progress Report, aired live on Freedom FM on Wednesday 8th April 2026.

The minister, who is also the Parliamentary Representative for St. Christopher One (East Basseterre) outlined several housing developments undertaken over the past three years as part of the government's housing initiative.

"I remember there was a time when persons were saying they're not seeing anything... and when persons start to drive around, they recognize exactly what is happening. In 2024, over 40 homes were completed plus the apartment that I just spoke about in East Basseterre. In 2025, we had 56 clustered units and an apartment building in both East Street and West Street," he said.

He added that construction activity continues this year.

"In 2026 already, we have 17 homes started; 10 more about to begin and 30 cluster units to start and continue in terms of the apartment building style. I must add as well that what we're doing in East Basseterre urban renewal is also going to be seen in Central Basseterre because we don't have any more lands in our constituencies, so we're using the opportunity to upscale and rebuild the communities by doing these high-rise homes," Hanley stated.

Dr. Hanley noted that the government, through the National Housing Corporation (NHC), has already delivered hundreds of housing opportunities to citizens.

"I can say to you that the government through the National Housing Corporation continues to make strong and measurable progress in delivering its housing mandate. To date we have provided over 820 housing solutions to citizens across the island. These represent real opportunities-families gaining access to safe, secure and affordable homes," he said.

He added that the housing pipeline for 2026 remains active.

"In 2026 alone, the NHC-I want to put in a plug to thank them for their hard work... just this quarter NHC is actively engaging in over 100 housing projects, reflecting one of the most robust housing pipelines we have seen in recent years, and that's a fact; you can go there and get the information," Dr. Hanley said.

The minister also pointed to the government's First-Time Homeowners Policy as a major contributor to increased housing access.

"A key driver to this success has been the government's first-time home ownership policy. Most citizens are now being approved through the Ministry of Finance for duty-free concessions, significantly reducing the cost of home construction and making

home ownership more accessible," he explained.

Housing developments are also being expanded into several communities.


"We are also expanding development across multiple communities including Sandy Point and Buckley's; they're going to be rolled out shortly, and a space in Taylor's and Conaree with additional areas to follow," Dr. Hanley said.

He noted that many of the developments follow a cluster housing model.

"Our approach is deliberate. We are building within communities using a cluster model that promotes cohesion and efficiency in infrastructure development,"

he added, explaining that the model includes developments such as 10 homes being built in one location and also highlighted the 17 homes currently underway in Newtown Ground.

Front Page Photo: Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Housing and Human Settlements Dr. Geoffrey Hanley seen on the construction site of the West Street apartment building in June 2025 while speaking about the government's affordable housing solution progress through the NHC-National Housing Corporation (Credit: Youtube/NHCSt.Kitts)



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REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS

The Government of St Kitts and Nevis through the St Kitts Public Works Department (PWD) hereby requests quotations for the procurement of a 5-Tonne Vibratory Compact Roller and 5-Yard Tipper Truck.

Requester Information	Date of the RFQ	RFQ Closing Date
Department: Public Works	23 rd March 2026	27 th April 2026
Contact Name: Mr. Zekey Hazel		
Telephone: 869-467-1132		
Email: zekey.hazel@gov.kn		

Delivery Address
Please submit all quotations to the Public Works Department, Roads Division, via email to secretary.adminpwd@gov.kn and zekey.hazel@gov.kn or by hardcopy to Ms. Xia-Xiang Claxton, Acting Director of the Public Works Department or Mr. Zekey Hazel, Roads Manager no later than **Monday 27th April, 2026**.

Specifications
Please note that some specifications are listed as a suggestion of range as various models may differ based on brand.


1. **Vibratory Compact Roller - suitable for compaction of asphalt**
NB: Preferred brand – Wirtgen Hamm
 - Tandem Roller with two vibrating drums with all the components for compaction of asphalt pavement
 - Operating Weight – 5, 000 kg (5 tonnes) ± 10%
 - Drum width – 1,300mm – 1,500mm
 - Pressurized water sprinkler system for drum
 - Open cabin
 - Minimum 1-year warranty
2. **Tipper Truck**
 - Load capacity: 5 cubic yards; designed for heavy-duty construction use
 - Manual or automatic transmission
 - Rear tipping configuration; equipped with Power Take-Off (PTO) driven hydraulic system
 - Flat bed dump body
 - Enclosed cabin with air conditioning system, and seating for driver and at least one passenger
 - Minimum 1-year warranty or manufacturer standard

RFQ Terms and Conditions

1. Technical specifications and operational manual
2. Suppliers' response to the RFQ must be sent to the PWD via email to the attention of the requester as specified above.
3. The quotation that is provided by the supplier must include freight in the final cost.
4. Suppliers who submit a proposal to the PWD must be licensed.
5. The PWD reserves the right to request any additional information that it deems necessary to make a decision on any quotation submitted.

Winning bidders will be notified thereafter.

Please note that, solicitations, receipt and consideration of cost quotations **DO NOT** constitute a binding agreement to purchase equipment from any responding party or company.



Zekey Hazel
Roads Manager/Engineer
Public Works Department

CDB Approves Additional US\$12 Million to Secure Completion of Innovative Agriculture Project in Jamaica



BRIDGETOWN, Barbados: The Board of Directors of the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB / the Bank) has approved additional financing of US\$12 million to assist the Government of Jamaica (GOJ) in achieving full completion of the Southern Plains Agricultural Development (SPAD) Project, a flagship investment transforming climate-vulnerable farmland into resilient, productive agricultural hubs.

The supplementary financing comprises a concessional loan from CDB's Special Development Fund (SDF). The support will address cost overruns driven by global supply chain disruptions following the COVID-19 pandemic and the war in Ukraine, as well as the impacts of extreme weather events. It will close this remaining funding gap and enable the SPAD Project to finish by 2028.

Highlighting the significance of the approval, Mr. L. O'Reilly Lewis, CDB's Director of Projects, stated, "This additional financing is essential to safeguard and build on the gains already achieved under the SPAD Project. Completing this innovative initiative will strengthen Jamaica's food security, safeguard rural livelihoods and ensure that climate resilient infrastructure continues to deliver long term benefits for farmers and communities."

The US\$12 million in funding will directly support the final installation and commissioning of irrigation infrastructure at Amity Hall, construction of produce handling and packhouse facilities at Amity Hall in St. Catherine and Parnassus in Clarendon, as well as related engineering, supervision and project management costs. It will also sustain farmer support services, including climate-smart on-farm irrigation equipment through a Matching Grant Scheme, training in Good Agricultural Practices and Climate Smart Agriculture, and systems for long term operation and maintenance.

The SPAD Project, a United Kingdom Caribbean Infrastructure Fund (UKCIF) Programme initiative implemented by CDB, is already delivering tangible results across the Southern Plains, known as one of Jamaica's breadbasket regions. The Project has brought over 790 hectares of farmland under reliable irrigation, rehabilitated 40 kilometres of farm access roads, and enabled small and medium scale farmers, including women and youth, to access land, water, modern irrigation, training and market opportunities.

By replacing outdated flood irrigation with climate resilient water systems, the SPAD Project is helping farmers adapt to

Case Number :SKBHCV2024/0110

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

ST KITTS NEVIS ANGUILLA NATIONAL BANK LIMITED Fees Paid:12.00
Applicant

and

ALEX DUGGINS(Deceased) and STEPHANEY DUGGINS
Respondents

Submitted Date:09/03/2026 15:11

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NOTICE OF SALE

The Property described below will be offered for sale by The Registrar of the Supreme Court by public auction at the Charles Amory Building, Fortlands, Basseterre, St. Kitts, on the **23rd** day of **April**, 2026 at **2:15** o'clock in the afternoon.

The successful bidder will be required to pay at the time of sale a deposit of one fourth of his accepted bid and the balance within one month from the day of sale.

Possession of the property will be given to the purchaser on payment of the deposit. Any taxes due on the said property must be paid by the Purchaser.

The Purchaser will, after payment in full of the purchase price, obtain from the High Court of Justice, A Certificate of Title to the property.


The Property will be available for inspection prior to the date of sale by appointment with the Registrar of the Supreme Court.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land with building thereon situate at Lot No. 62 Bird Rock Housing Development Extension Phase II and bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say: On or toward the North-East by Lot No. 61 - 127.81 feet; On or toward the South-East by Bird Rock Housing Development 113.23 feet; On or toward the South-West by Lot No. 63 - 100.00 feet and On or toward the North-West by Sparrow Crescent 33.64 feet and containing by admeasurement 7,343.50 square feet, all as the same is described in a Certificate of Title dated the 23rd day of October, 1995 and registered in Book U2 Folio 348 of the Register of Titles of the Saint Christopher Circuit in favour of **ALEX DUGGINS** and **STEPHANEY DUGGINS** of New Pond Site, in the town of Basseterre, in the Island of Saint Christopher Registered Proprietors thereof.

UPSET PRICE

The Upset price for the above property shall be **EC\$1,049,788.00**
Dated the **27** day of February 2026


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drought, stabilise production, reduce losses and improve incomes—at a time when Jamaica's agriculture sector has been severely impacted by successive climatic shocks, including Hurricanes Melissa and Beryl. Key irrigation systems at Parnassus are fully operational, while works at Amity Hall are nearing

completion.

The additional financing is aligned with CDB's Strategic Plan 2026–2035, supporting the Bank's focus on building economic, social and environmental resilience through climate resilient food systems, strengthened livelihoods, and expanded access to resilient infrastructure that enables communities to better withstand and recover from shocks.

Photo caption: Southern Plains Agricultural Development (SPAD) Project team members observe reservoir implemented under the initiative.

Prime Minister Drew Endorses Reinstatement Of Associate Degree In Nursing Programme At CFBC

Basseterre, Saint Kitts, April 08, 2026 (SKNIS): The Government of Saint Kitts and Nevis has reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening the nation's healthcare system with the reinstatement of the Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) Programme at the Clarence Fitzroy Bryant College (CFBC).

Prime Minister and Minister of Health, the Honourable Dr. Terrance Drew, in a statement released today, April 08, 2026, expressed strong support for the initiative, describing it as a strategic response to the ongoing shortage of locally trained nurses.

"It is with great pride and a deep sense of national purpose that I lend my full support to the reinstatement of the Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) Programme at Clarence Fitzroy Bryant College," said Prime Minister Drew. "This initiative represents a timely and strategic response to one of our most pressing public health challenges, the persistent shortage of locally trained nurses in the Federation."

The prime minister emphasised the importance of building a sustainable, homegrown healthcare workforce, noting that while the nation values the contributions of foreign healthcare professionals, long-term resilience depends on local capacity.

"Healthcare is a fundamental right, and a robust nursing workforce is central to delivering on that promise," he stated. "It is imperative that we invest in building a homegrown workforce — nurses who understand our communities, our culture, and our unique health landscape."

Dr. Drew underscored that the ADN Programme is a forward-thinking solution that complements existing educational pathways. "The ADN Programme is not a step backward; it is a pragmatic and forward-thinking solution," he said. "It offers a competency-based, patient-centred pathway that has historically produced skilled, confident, and compassionate nurses across our region."

The government anticipates that reinstating the Associate Degree in Nursing Programme will increase the annual output of qualified nurses, reduce reliance on overseas recruitment, and create meaningful opportunities for young people.

"My government is firmly committed to strengthening our healthcare infrastructure, and this proposal aligns with our National Health Policy and our vision for universal access to quality care," Dr. Drew noted.

Prime Minister Drew also acknowledged the collaborative efforts that made the initiative possible, commending the Ministry of Health, nursing leadership, the St. Christopher and Nevis Nurses and Midwives Council, and other stakeholders.



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Case Number :SKBHCV2024/0136



EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CLAIM NO. SKBHCV2024/0136

Submitted Date:09/03/2026 15:01

Filed Date:09/03/2026 15:06

ST KITTS NEVIS ANGUILLA NATIONAL BANK LIMITED Fees Paid:12.00
Applicant

and

GOLDEN ROCK DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED
SCOTT CAINES
Respondents

NOTICE OF SALE

The Property described below will be offered for sale by The Registrar of the Supreme Court by public auction at the Charles Amory Building, Fortlands, Basseterre, St Kitts, on the 23rd day of April, 2026 at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

The successful bidder will be required to pay at the time of sale a deposit of one fourth of his accepted bid and the balance within one month from the day of sale.

Possession of the property will be given to the purchaser on payment of the deposit. Any taxes due on the said property must be paid by the Purchaser.

The Purchaser will, after payment in full of the purchase price, obtain from the High Court of Justice, a Certificate of Title to the property.

The Property will be available for inspection prior to the date of sale by appointment with the Registrar of the Supreme Court.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land with building thereon situate at Pond Pasture, in the town of Basseterre, in the Island of Saint Christopher, bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say: On or towards the North by a Public Road 123.38 feet and by an Old Telephone Hut 10.60 feet; On or towards the North East by the junction of two Public Roads 33.26 feet and by a Public Road 110.64 feet; On or towards the South East by the junction of two Public and a Public Road 28.2 feet and 145.82 feet respectively; On or towards the West by lands of the Central Marketing Corporation vested by Act 19 of 1973, 162.29 feet containing by admeasurement 28,566.58 square feet, all as the same is described in a Certificate of Title dated the 5th day of May, 2010 and registered in Book 23 Folio 212 of the Register of Titles of the Saint Christopher Circuit in favour of SCOTT CAINES of Frigate Bay, in the Island of Saint Christopher Registered Proprietor thereof.

UPSET PRICE

The Upset price for the above property shall be EC\$2,750,000.00

Dated the 27 day of February 2026

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Government Calls For Responsible Vending Practices While Supporting Livelihoods

Basseterre, Saint Kitts, April 07, 2026 (SKNIS): Street vendors across Basseterre and its surrounding communities are being encouraged to play a more active role in keeping their business spaces clean, safe, and compliant, as the Government of Saint Kitts and Nevis continues to support their efforts to earn a living while maintaining order and public health.

The Honourable Senator, Dr. Joyelle Clarke, Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment, Climate Action and Constituency Empowerment, highlighted the growing challenges associated with unauthorised vending, including environmental concerns, traffic congestion, and public health risks, during her recent presentation in the National Assembly.



The Honourable Senator, Dr. Joyelle Clarke, Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment, Climate Action and Constituency Empowerment

“We welcome partnership and conversation at the Ministry of Sustainable Development. So for any vendor who has set up on greenspaces without permission, we engage several times to explain to them that this is not a place that is authorised for vending. Either it is going to create an environmental problem or traffic congestion,” said Senator Clarke. “We generally and in most cases, provide persons with alternatives,” she added, underscoring the government’s supportive approach.

Rather than enforcement alone, the ministry has focused on engagement, working with vendors to relocate to approved areas and, where necessary, providing time and guidance to make that transition.

However, Minister Clarke pointed to concerning practices along key corridors, including the improper disposal of waste such as coconut husks, which can contribute to mosquito breeding and wider public health issues.

“What we are saying to the vendors who are deciding to sell, you must take everything with you at the end of the day,” she stressed, calling for greater personal responsibility among vendors.

Dr. Clarke also encouraged individuals to formally engage with the Department of Physical Planning or the Department of Urban Development and Resilience to access designated vending spaces, noting that sustainable livelihoods and orderly development must go hand in hand.



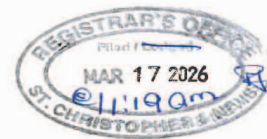
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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

Civil Division

FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

A.D. 2026



SUIT NO. SKBHCV2017/0245

IN THE MATTER of Section 92 of the Title by
Registration Act, Cap. 10.19

and

IN THE MATTER of the sale of the property
comprised in Certificate of Title dated the 28th
day of August, 2006 and registered in **Book
F3 Folio 478** of the Register of Titles of the
Saint Christopher Circuit on **COLETTE B.
LEWIS** now known as **COLETTE B. LEWIS-
MOSES**

BETWEEN:

REPUBLIC BANK (EC) LIMITED

-Applicant

and

COLETTE B. LEWIS now known as COLETTE B. LEWIS-MOSES

-Respondent

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

The Applicant applies to the Court:

1. An Order under Section 92 of the Title by Registration Act fixing a new date of sale of the property of the Respondent **COLETTE B. LEWIS** now known as **COLETTE B. LEWIS-MOSES** comprised in a Certificate of Title dated the 28th day of August, 2006 and registered in **Book F3 Folio 478** of the Register of Titles of the Saint Christopher Circuit being **ALL THAT lot of land known as Lot No. 15 of Soho Housing Development and bounded and measuring as follows:- that is to say:- On the North-West by Lot No. 17, 66.95 feet, On or towards the North- East by Lot No.16, 97.62 feet, On or towards the South-East by a Public Road, 57.87 feet, and On or towards the South-West by a Public Road, 75.82 feet and 15.31 feet and containing by admeasurement 6,087.00 square feet, at a reduced upset price of EC\$202,000.00 and adjusting the announcements of sale and mode of publication thereof, and all other terms of the Articles of Sale settled on the 28th September, 2022 shall remain the same.**

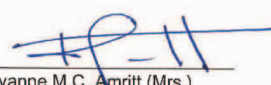
A draft of the Order that I seek is attached.

The grounds for the application are:-

1. That pursuant to an Order of this Honourable Court dated 28th day of September, 2022, on the 23rd day of March, 2023, the Honourable Court attempted to sell by public auction the property of the Respondent all as the same is described in the abovementioned Certificate of Title dated the 28th day of August, 2006. That the sale could not take place and was adjourned as no prospective purchasers attended the sale.
2. That pursuant to an Order of this Honourable Court dated 26th September, 2023 and entered the 4th day of October, 2023, the upset price was reduced to EC\$240,000.00. On the 25th January, 2024, this Honourable Court attempted to sell again by public auction the said property of the Respondent but no sale could take place and it was adjourned as no prospective purchasers attended the sale.
3. That pursuant to an Order of this Honourable Court dated 11th December, 2024 and entered the 13th day of January, 2025, the upset price was reduced to EC\$224,473.50. On the 24th April, 2025, this Honourable Court attempted to sell again by public auction the said property of the Respondent but no sale could take place and it was adjourned as no prospective purchasers attended the sale.
4. That there are persons interested in purchasing the property.
5. Valuation Report dated 13th day of March, 2024, indicates that the force sale value of the property is EC\$179,578.40, and accordingly an upset price of EC\$202,000.00 is higher than the aforesaid forced sale value.
6. The mortgage debt due by the Respondent to the Applicant is still outstanding.
7. That sale of the property is the only means of liquidating the debt owed by the Respondent to the Applicant.

Affidavit in supports accompanies this application.

Dated the 10th day of March, 2026.


Kerryanne M.C. Amritt (Mrs.)
Solicitors for the Applicant

NOTICE

This application will be heard by **Master Yuri Saunders** on the **Wednesday**
29th day of **April**, 2026 at **9:00** am/pm-at the
Master's Chambers via zoom, Basseterre, St. Kitts.

If you do not attend this hearing an order may be made in your absence.

NB. This notice of Application must be served as quickly as possible on the Respondent to the application.

The Court Office is at East Independence Square Street, Basseterre, St. Kitts.

Telephone No. 467-1102. The office is open between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Mondays to

Fridays except Public Holidays.



"Environment For Everyone" Campaign Tackles Illegal Dumping And Community Responsibility

Basseterre, Saint Kitts, April 07, 2026 (SKNIS): A renewed national push to protect the environment is gaining momentum, as the Ministry of Environment intensifies its "Environment for Everyone" campaign to combat illegal dumping and promote shared responsibility.

The Honourable Senator, Dr. Joyelle Clarke, Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment, Climate Action and Constituency Empowerment, described the initiative as a powerful collaboration across multiple agencies, including Parks and Beaches Unit; the Solid Waste Management Corporation; S.T.E.P; His Majesty's Prison; the Department of Public Infrastructure; Ministry of Health; St. Kitts Electricity Company Ltd.; Traffic Department; and the Ministry of



Environment, Climate Action and Constituency Empowerment. "Our environment for everyone campaign has been ramping up its work. This is a branch off from our Annual Christmas Cleanup, which has become a movement which couples public service, volunteerism and personal accountability," said Senator Clarke. "Bringing all these ministries together, we have taken on the eyesore of garbage and illegal dumping."

Recent cleanup efforts in the Beacon Heights area revealed the scale of the challenge, with teams removing large volumes of waste, including mattresses,



The Honourable Senator, Dr. Joyelle Clarke, Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment, Climate Action and Constituency Empowerment

appliances, and plastic debris, items deliberately discarded in public spaces. Minister Clarke questioned the behaviour behind such actions, highlighting the unnecessary burden it places on communities and the environment.

"Why would you go through the hassle and offload these goods there when solid waste has the lowest tipping fees, and it costs you next to nothing as a trucker to take the waste where it belongs?" she asked. "So, we really have to continue education and sharing knowledge about the impact of illegal dumping. Littering scars our environment, and it really takes away from our natural beauty. And if our national tourism campaign is 'Venture Deeper', then we have to protect the environment. It is not just about the beaches, it is about every single green space, every area in Saint Kitts and Nevis," Senator Clarke added.

The campaign, supported by new legislative authority through the Community Beautification and Safety Bill, is expanding across constituencies and relies heavily on citizen participation. According to Dr. Clarke, the message is clear: protecting the environment is not just a government responsibility; it belongs to everyone.

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Dated 30th March, 2026

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Corporate Secretary

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Petrol and diesel prices rise again as concerns grow over ceasefire

Osmond Chia and Nick Edser, Business reporters
BBC Business



Shutterstock A woman pumps gas at an Exxon station in Washington, D.C. on April 7, 2026. Shutterstock

The cost of petrol and diesel has continued to rise as motorists wait to see if the US-Iran ceasefire leads to cheaper prices at the pump.

Oil prices had plunged initially after an agreement to pause the conflict was announced, but rose on Thursday due to concerns over whether the ceasefire would hold.

The price of oil remains much higher than pre-war levels and drivers have been warned not to expect a significant drop in costs soon.

However, one motoring group has said fuel prices could start to fall over the next couple of weeks as long as the ceasefire is maintained.

Doubts over the durability of the US-Iran ceasefire emerged after Israel launched a wave of strikes on Lebanon.

This led Tehran to warn of a "regret-inducing response" if they continue, while US President Donald Trump has said the country's forces will remain in the region until Iran complies with the "real" ceasefire agreement.

One of the conditions of the ceasefire agreement was that ships would be able to safely use the Strait of Hormuz - a key shipping route for global oil and gas supplies.

But reports that Iran will keep the crucial shipping route closed because of the Israeli strikes has renewed fears of a lengthy disruption to energy supplies, which would keep fuel prices high.

The price of a barrel of Brent crude rose more than 3.5% to above \$98 on Thursday as pressure mounted on what US Vice President JD Vance described as a "fragile truce".

Since the war began on 28 February, wholesale oil prices have jumped by 35%.

Crude oil is a key ingredient in petrol and diesel, so its price has a big influence on the cost of filling up a car.

According to data from UK motoring group the RAC, the average petrol price was 158.03p a litre on Thursday while diesel was 191.11p - both slightly higher than the previous day.

A tank of petrol is now £13.86 more expensive than it was at the beginning of the conflict at £86.92, the RAC said.

A full tank of diesel now costs £26.80 more at £105.11.

The RAC has said drivers should not expect a big fall in pump prices soon, although rival group the AA said wholesale fuel costs were now lower than they were at the start of the week.

"Based on the fuel industry's rule of thumb of a 10 to 14-day lag between wholesale cost movements and those at the pump, drivers should expect prices on forecourts to level by next weekend and then fall - providing the ceasefire holds," said Luke Bosdet, the AA's spokesman on pump prices.

Stock markets reversed some of the major gains they made on Wednesday. Japan's

Nikkei 225 index closed down 0.7%, while in Europe the UK's FTSE 100 slipped 0.3%, Germany's Dax index was 1.2% lower and France's Cac was down 0.6%. In the US, the Dow slipped 0.2% in early trade, while the S&P 500 and Nasdaq were roughly flat.

"I think there's a little bit of nervousness in global markets," said Victoria Scholar, head of investment at Interactive Investor.

"Markets are giving back some gains... and I think that reflects a lot of uncertainty over whether the Strait of Hormuz is actually open."

Ships in the Gulf have received a warning from Iran's navy that any vessels seeking to cross the strait without permission "will be targeted and destroyed", shipping brokerage firm SSY has confirmed to BBC Verify.

Iran's deputy foreign minister, Saeed Khatibzadeh, told the BBC that the country would "provide security for safe passage" through the Strait of Hormuz.

However, he said the reopening would only happen "after the United States actually withdraw this aggression", seemingly referring to Israel's attacks on Lebanon.

There is disagreement over whether Lebanon is included in the ceasefire.

Vance is due to take part in negotiations with Iran in Pakistan on Saturday.

Only a handful of ships have passed through the Strait of Hormuz since the deal was announced - well below the rate of some 130 vessels that transited daily before the war.

It will take a minimum of 10 days to clear the existing backlog of vessels, even if the strait resumes its usual volume of shipping, according to maritime tracking firm Pole Star Global.

Shipping through the Strait of Hormuz has been "unchanged in risk profile and numbers transiting" since the announcement of the ceasefire, according to maritime intelligence firm Windward.

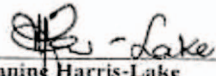
The company added that even under a best-case scenario, "weeks are required to move stranded gas and oil cargoes, and months for global trade to approach pre-crisis levels".

In recent weeks, some countries, including Malaysia, India and the Philippines - have negotiated safe passage for its ships.

Nils Haupt from container shipping firm Hapag-Lloyd, which still has six ships in the Persian Gulf, told the BBC's Today programme that it was "very difficult to plan because every day you get very different news".

Haupt said they were still waiting for official information on whether there will be fees to pass through the Strait of Hormuz, but warned that if there were it could have a major impact.

"If this means that for the coming years there will be a fee for the Strait of Hormuz of millions which is double, triple the price of crossing the Panama Canal or the Suez Canal it would be quite ridiculous for the entire industry."

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ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION	
<p>TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by HAROLD MORTON of Hillcrest Avenue, Leeds, West Yorkshire, United Kingdom, for a Grant of Letters of Administration the applicant who is the son of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 26th day of October, 2010.</p> <p>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.</p>	
Dated this 30 th day of March, 2026	
Filed by:	 Janine Harris-Lake Attorney-at-Law/Director St. Kitts Nevis Legal Aid and Advice Centre West Independence Square Street Basseterre St. Kitts

The US refinery now processing Venezuelan oil

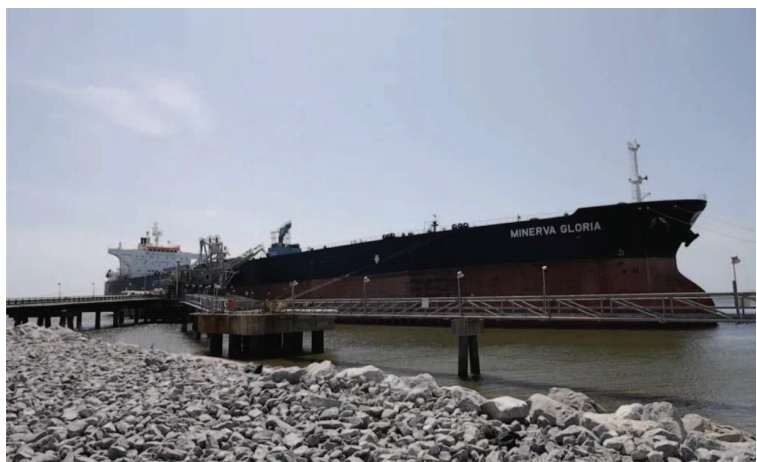
Samira Hussain, Business correspondent and Nathalie Jimenez, Pascagoula, Mississippi
BBC Business

The Minerva Gloria is docked at a wharf in the Mississippi Sound, not far from the US's vast oil reserves in the Gulf of Mexico.

The ship, 820ft (250m) long, painted navy and burgundy, is carrying precious cargo from Venezuela that, just six months ago, would have been impossible to bring to the US - 400,000 barrels of crude oil.

Venezuela has the world's largest oil reserves. Under Venezuela's former president Nicholas Maduro oil exports had dropped significantly, due to a lack of investment. Then came US sanctions against any imports from the Latin American country.

But US President Donald Trump vowed to tap those reserves after the US military captured Maduro in a surprise, night-time raid in January.



James Cooke/BBC The vast Minerva Gloria oil tanker docked at a wharf in the Mississippi Sound James Cooke/BBC

The vast Minerva Gloria oil tanker transported 400,000 barrels of Venezuelan crude to the US

Trump eyes Venezuela visit – but obstacles to his oil plan remain
US lifts sanctions on Venezuelan interim leader Delcy Rodríguez

Why the Strait of Hormuz matters so much in the Iran war
Now the oil is flowing again in Venezuela. In March, the country's monthly crude exports surpassed one million barrels per day. The first time since September.

As the world reels from the impact on global energy prices caused by Iran blocking the Strait of Hormuz, big oil and gas companies like Chevron are now importing Venezuelan crude oil by the shipload.

"It's a big deal not only for Chevron but the entire Gulf region," says Tim Potter. He is the director for Chevron's oil refinery in Pascagoula, Mississippi, the company's largest operation in the US. It is also the only major US oil company currently operating in Venezuela.

Together this means that Chevron can extract its own Venezuelan oil, process it itself, and get it directly to the US consumer.

"It's a pretty big incentive for us to run it," Potter says. "The refinery was really designed, and we invested in the refinery, to run heavy oils like from Venezuela."

Chevron director Tim Potter says that Venezuelan oil will eventually mean a fall in the price of US gasoline

Venezuelan crude oil is relatively cheap to buy because it is much more difficult to process. It is very heavy, thick, dark and high in sulfur, often called a sour oil. It is used to make diesel, gasoline (petrol), jet fuel and other products.

Chevron now imports the equivalent of 250,000 barrels of Venezuelan crude oil per day, on average, says Andy Walz, president of downstream, midstream and chemicals at Chevron.



James Cooke/BBC Chevron director Tim Potter looks at the camera while wearing a hard hat James Cooke/BBC

"We think we can take that up another 50% so call it somewhere around 350,000 to 400,000 barrels a day of just the Chevron share of our position in Venezuela."

What Walz means by the US's "position in Venezuela" is that while Chevron is the only US company that has extracting capabilities in the country, others are buying Venezuelan oil from domestic producers.

Chevron is also not the only player when it comes to oil refining in the US. There are 132 refineries in the US that run on a mix of crude oils. And nearly 70% of US refining capacity runs most efficiently with heavier crude.

The US imports very little oil from the Middle East, roughly 8% in 2025. The increase in imports from Venezuela means there is more oil available, which should translate to cheaper gasoline prices for US drivers.

"The United States imports almost no oil through the Hormuz Strait, and won't be taking any in the future, we don't need it," said US President Donald Trump in his primetime address last week.

James Cooke/BBC Chevron's oil refinery in Pascagoula,



Mississippi James Cooke/BBC

Chevron's oil refinery in Pascagoula, Mississippi, was designed to process the heavy oil found in Venezuela

But just a few miles from the Chevron refinery, at a Chevron fuel station, prices at the pumps continue to increase.

"I hate it," says David McQueen, retired Vietnam veteran who depends on social security for his livelihood. "The price has got to go down because I'm going down with it."

When asked why he still pays so much to fill up his car despite being surrounded by the US's vast oil reserves, McQueen believes the government is sitting on it "to keep the prices up." He adds: "We've got plenty of gas."



James Cooke/BBC American driver Donna being interviewed as she fills her car with fuel James Cooke/BBC

One pump over, Donna fills her tank with \$30 (£23) worth of fuel. "I'm driving less and spending less on other things." Her

grandchildren live a few hours away, but she doesn't see them as often because it has become too costly. "You gotta do what you gotta do."

The average price for a gallon of gasoline in this part of Mississippi is still cheaper than the national average, according to the American Automobile Association motoring organization. Before the war in Iran, gas was almost \$1 cheaper.

Donna says the high price of fuel means she is having to see her grandchildren less

In that same evening address, President Trump extolled the US's oil producing capabilities. "We are the number one producer of oil and gas on the planet, not to mention the millions of barrels we are getting from Venezuela."

But access to those vast oil reserves hasn't yet meant lower prices for Americans. That's because the US is just as susceptible to global oil market fluctuations as other countries.

"While we're able to still get crude available here to this refinery because of our relatively local supply, the overall pricing of that crude has gone up because it's based off of world markets," says Potter.

But Chevron believes its bet on Venezuelan crude will end up benefitting consumers. The Iran war is just currently masking the gains.

"When things do get back to normal, that additional supply out of Venezuela will actually translate to lower prices for Americans. So it will in the future, but it isn't having an impact now," says Walz.

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West Indies Championship Preview: Leeward Islands Hurricanes Vs Trinidad & Tobago Red Force

9 April 2026

ST JOHN'S, Antigua- Three fiercely contested matches are expected as the Leeward Islands Hurricanes take on the Trinidad and Tobago Red Force in their bilateral series in Antigua when the 2026 West Indies Championship gets underway on Sunday.

The Coolidge Cricket Ground will host the opening match, where the Hurricanes will take the field under new leadership, with Barbadian all-rounder Justin Greaves captaining the side for the first time.

The 32-year-old Greaves views the responsibility bestowed upon him as a great honour, having made the switch to represent the franchise three years ago.

“Obviously it is an honour to be entrusted by the people of the Leeward Islands to lead the team this season. I’m looking forward to it and I’m sure I will get help from the senior guys around me.” Greaves said. “Coming through the ranks I always viewed myself as a leader, and now being given the responsibility of captain, I will look to lead from the front.”



Last season’s encounter between the two teams ended in a high-scoring draw, with over 1,100 runs scored. Joshua Da Silva notched centuries in both innings, supporting a double century from veteran Jason Mohammed.

The Hurricanes responded with a double-century opening partnership between Mikyle Louis and Kadeem Henry, who both registered centuries. Both players return to the 13-man squad, which also includes Jewel Andrew, who cracked a double century in one of the trial matches, as well as Karima Gore, who found himself among the runs with a century in the preparation matches.



The composition of the squad gives Greaves confidence that the team is equipped to be competitive and play quality cricket for extended periods throughout the bilateral series.

“Across the bilateral series, you want to improve in every single game, so this is a case of being disciplined throughout, overcoming individual matchups and getting better as the series goes on.”

The Red Force have nine players in their squad with international experience and that is enough evidence for the hosts to be wary of their prowess according to the newly minted captain.

“They have several senior guys, including senior West Indies fast bowlers, so this is a good chance for us as well to express ourselves. We see ourselves as one of the better teams in the Caribbean, so we need to just have that belief and execute.”

It has been 20 years since Trinidad & Tobago Red Force last found themselves at the top of the table in the Regional Four-Day Championship, and they will be hoping that 2026 presents the perfect opportunity to return to the summit. They came within touching distance last season but suffered a setback in the penultimate



round, losing to the Jamaica Scorpions, a result that dented their title hopes.

This serves as a stark reminder to captain Joshua Da Silva that every session is crucial.

“Coming into this year is about starting over and starting on a good note because there are only three games and we don’t want to fall behind at any time at all.” Da Silva explained. “We have a very well-balanced team, we are covered in all areas, experienced in the batting to go with our senior West Indies fast bowlers and our spinners who have been doing well for us.”

The Red Force have drawn on the services of experienced Evin Lewis who will be playing first class cricket for the first time in close to ten years. For Da Silva, this is an asset for his team.

“We have seen a very different attitude in Evin, which I’m very happy to see. He’s batting well, training hard, doing the right things and we are all excited to see what he will do in first class cricket and how the team will be bolstered by his experience in the dressing room because he really brings us together.”

The Hurricanes hold a favourable matchup in the recent meetings with two wins in the last four meetings which include two drawn results. However, the upcoming series is a chance for the Red Force to start a strong run of performances against their opponents.

“At the end of the day we are preparing to play the cricket that we can play. The game isn’t played by lingering on what happened in the past because we must go out there and do the right things for long periods while doing the basics continuously”

As the tournament edges closer to the start date and with everything on the line, both teams enter a fiercely contested battle for championship honours.

Leeward Islands Hurricanes Squad

Justin Greaves (Captain)

Jewel Andrew

Keacy Carty

Rahkeem Cornwall

Daniel Doram

Nathan Edward

Karima Gore

Jahmar Hamilton

Kadeem Henry

Jeremiah Louis

Mikyle Louis

Kelvin Pitman

Oshane Thomas

Trinidad & Tobago Red Force Squad

Joshua Da Silva (Captain)

Yannic Cariah

Bryan Charles

Cephas Cooper

Jyd Goolie

Terrence Hinds

Joshua James

Amir Jangoo

Evin Lewis

Jason Mohammed

Anderson Phillip

Khary Pierre

Jayden Seales

West Indies Championship Bilateral Fixtures Leeward Islands Hurricanes vs Trinidad & Tobago Red Force

Match 1: April 12-15, 2026 - Leeward Islands Hurricanes vs Trinidad & Tobago Red Force @ Coolidge Cricket Ground, Antigua

Match 2: April 19- 22, 2026 - Leeward Islands Hurricanes vs Trinidad & Tobago Red Force @ Sir Vivian Richards Stadium, Antigua

Match 3: April 26-29, 2026 - Leeward Islands Hurricanes vs Trinidad & Tobago Red Force @ Antigua Recreation Ground, Antigua

Sustainability v safety - Paris Marathon's water dilemma



Discarded plastic bottles on the side of a marathon course
Image source, Getty Images
This scene will not be witnessed at the Paris Marathon this year

By Sarah Dawkins
BBC Sport Senior Journalist

Every long-distance runner will relate to the relief of a hydration station appearing in the distance. The trail they leave behind - a sea of thousands of discarded cups and bottles - is however less idyllic.

Litter-strewn courses are synonymous with marathons, but could that be about to change?

All eyes in the running world will be on the French capital this weekend as single-use cups and plastic bottles will not be available at the Paris Marathon on Sunday - the first time it has happened at a mass participation event.

Instead, runners will be required to carry their own hydration container - whether that's a soft flask, collapsible cup, or hydration pack on their back - that they will be able to refill at water points along the course.

The decision has divided the road-running community, with some runners abandoning their personal best attempts and others celebrating the shift towards sustainability.

Organisers say the decision will not affect performance and this is the future of mass participation events.

BBC Sport understands representatives from the London, New York and Chicago marathons, which are all on a similar scale to Paris, will be on the ground to observe how the system works.

BBC Sport speaks to two runners taking part in Paris.

'It's going to impact my time'

Cari Brown is hooked on marathons and is preparing to compete in her 11th on Sunday.

After learning of the changes, she felt forced to abandon her plans to run a personal best in Paris and entered a different race to chase her goal.

"Unfortunately, it's not going to be my goal marathon. Any runner who has to stop and start to get water, it's going to affect your time and it's going to affect your cadence," Brown said.

Her biggest disappointment, though, is the decision to allow pre-filled personal water bottles on the course for runners targeting a time under two hours and 50 minutes.

It is a common practice in elite races to avoid athletes losing time at hydration stations, but generally not a luxury extended to those in the wider event.

"That is a massive advantage to generally younger male runners, as on average their marathon times are quicker. It also gives recognition to the fact that it [stopping for water] does affect your time," Brown adds.

The IT manager from Woking will be running the streets of Paris with a hydration

backpack. It is a tried-and-tested method for trail runners, but is less familiar for road runners who generally prefer to keep their kit as light as possible and rely on water provided along the course.

That causes concern for Brown who, while acknowledging plastic waste is an issue, believes having no water available at all in single-use paper cups on a potentially warm day is a big "risk factor", with runners likely to skip stations if they are busy and put themselves at risk of dehydration.

Organisers insist this will not be the case, with the number of aid stations increased from eight to 13 and water spray systems in operation in case of hot weather.

Thomas Delpuch, director of the Paris Marathon, told BBC Sport that while the system is a "significant change", it is "successful and efficient" after a trial at the city's half marathon last month.

Prompted by a city-wide ban two years ago on single-use plastics at all Parisian races, it is hoped this change to the marathon will eliminate waste equivalent to 660,000 plastic bottles.

"Plastic is everywhere in our life and we need strong decisions to break free. Runners have appreciated bottles and cups for years for their practicality, but things are changing now," Delpuch adds.



Tina Muir is wearing a running skirt made out of rubbish at a race
Image source, New York Road Runners
Tina Muir plans to run a two hour 50 minute marathon in London with a refillable bottle to show running fast and refilling is possible

'Individual choices can make a big difference'

Tina Muir is a runner on a mission.

After the high of representing Great Britain at the World Half Marathon Championships in 2016, she fell out of love with running.

Now, the 37-year-old has returned with what she describes a "new purpose" to promote more sustainable practices in running and this move by Paris organisers is exactly what she has been hoping for.

"I had a feeling this was coming and I was so excited to see a race as big as Paris be so bold to do it," Muir said.

Since establishing campaign group 'Racing for Sustainability' last year, she has worked with organisers of some of the biggest races in the world to try to eliminate the cups used at these events, which is estimated to be between one and two million in number.

Muir has lived in the USA since her college years and is now famous for running in skirts made of rubbish.

After overhauling her habits as a runner, she now wants others to follow suit and take "personal accountability" by embracing these changes.

"I come from a place of imperfect attempts, imperfect action. I'm not saying 'never use a gel again because it comes in a plastic container'," Muir said.

"This is a small step that we can all take - I think if it is given a chance, runners will find it's actually not as bad as they think, or maybe even better than they think," she adds.

"This could be easily adapted and taken on by other races. I think it can be a blueprint. We just have to get runners to trust that change is okay".

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Nevis' Kymarni Newton secures Team SKN's lone medal at CARIFTA 2026

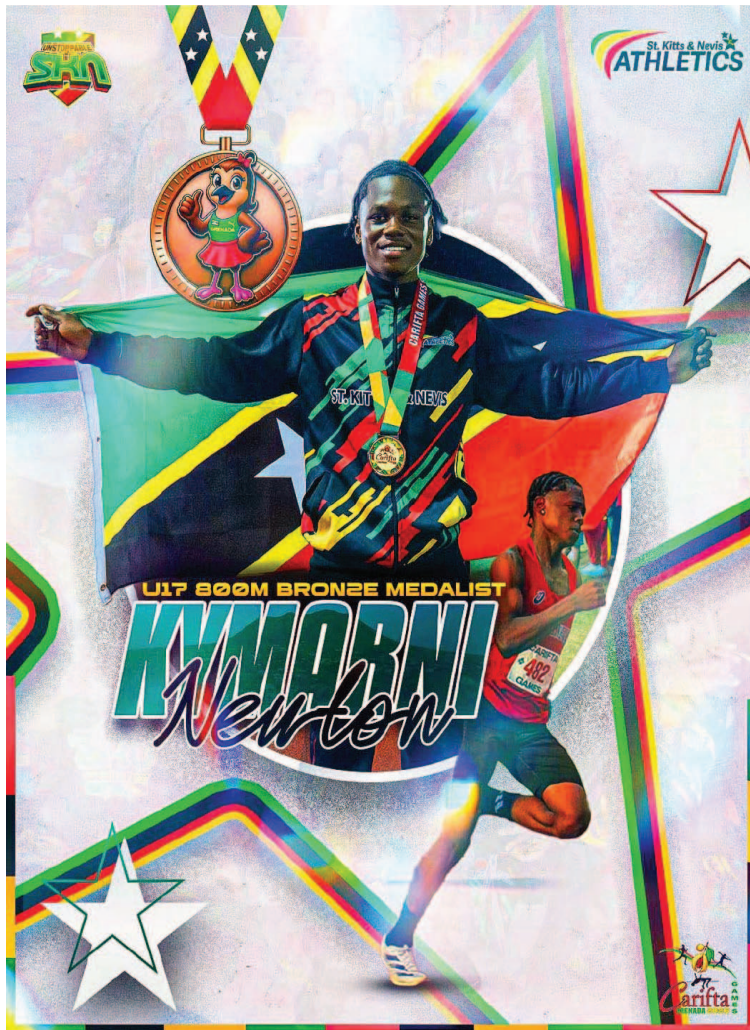
NIA CHARLESTOWN, NEVIS (April 07, 2026)- Nevisian athlete Kymarni Newton delivered a standout performance at the 2026 CARIFTA Games in Grenada over the Easter weekend, capturing the only medal for Team St. Kitts and Nevis.

Competing in the Under-17 Boys 800 metres, Newton earned bronze in a personal best time of 1:55.34, setting a new St. Kitts and Nevis Under-18 national record and securing a place on the podium.

Newton was among 11 athletes from Nevis who qualified for this year's CARIFTA Games, with 10 ultimately participating. His achievement marks a significant milestone in his CARIFTA journey, having first competed at the Games in Grenada in 2024 and narrowly missing the finals in Trinidad in 2025.

In a congratulatory message, St. Kitts and Nevis Athletics Association (SKN Athletics) highlighted the determination behind Newton's success, noting that his achievement came despite early challenges.

"In a twist that perfectly captures his weekend of overcoming, Kymarni almost missed the flight from St. Kitts



to Grenada after realising his passport was still at home! Newton's story went from frantic to historic. Kymarni has proven that no hurdle, on or off the track, is too high."

Minister of Youth and Sports in the Nevis Island Administration (NIA), the Honourable Troy Liburd, also extended congratulations, commending Newton for making his community of Cherry Gardens, the Charlestown Secondary School, and the island of Nevis proud.

Newton's performance underscores the continued strength and promise of Nevis' young athletes on the regional stage.



Kymarni Newton of Nevis, Under-17 Boys 800m bronze medalist for Team St. Kitts and Nevis at the 2026 CARIFTA Games

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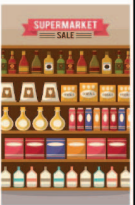
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Basseterre, St. Kitts & Nevis – April 2026 – The St. Kitts & Nevis Handball Association (SKNHBA), in collaboration with the International Handball Federation (IHF) and the North America and Caribbean Handball Confederation (NACHC), proudly announces the upcoming 2026 IHF Trophy NACHC Beach Handball Championship. This prestigious international sporting event will take place from April 24th – 26th, 2026, at North Frigate Bay, behind the Marriott Hotel in St. Kitts & Nevis.

From 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM daily, spectators will witness thrilling matches as ten nations compete for the championship title. Participating countries include: St. Kitts & Nevis, Canada, USA, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Cuba, Antigua & Barbuda, Dominica, Trinidad & Tobago, and Haiti.

A Celebration of Sport and Culture

The championship promises to be more than just a competition. With the stunning backdrop of Frigate Bay's tropical beach, the event will showcase the spirit of unity, athleticism, and cultural pride across the region. Fans can expect high-energy performances, vibrant national displays, and the excitement of beach handball at its finest.

Organized by SKNHBA

The St. Kitts & Nevis Handball Association (SKNHBA) is committed to promoting handball as a dynamic sport that unites communities and inspires youth. With support from the IHF and NACHC, this championship represents a milestone in the growth of beach handball in the Caribbean.

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Join us at North Frigate Bay, behind the Marriott Hotel in for three days of unforgettable competition, camaraderie, and celebration. Ten countries. One champion.

Cardoso takes record nine wickets in T20 international



Laura Cardoso holding a white ball while wearing a Brazil cricket kit

Image source, Cricket Brasil

Laura Cardoso previously took a hat-trick for Brazil in a T20 World Cup qualifier against Canada in 2021

By **Mike Peter**, BBC Sport journalist and **Timothy Abraham**, BBC Sport Journalist
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Brazil's Laura Cardoso has become the first player ever to take nine wickets

in a T20 international, recording figures of 9-4 against Lesotho.

The seamer achieved the feat in three overs as Lesotho were bowled

out for 13 in 6.2 overs, chasing 203.

The 21-year-old now has the best figures in the format, besting the previous record held by Bhutan's Sonam Yeshey, who took eight wickets for seven runs against Myanmar in a men's T20 international in 2025.

In women's cricket, Cardoso surpassed Indonesia's Rohmalia Rohmalia's figures of 7-0 against Mongolia in 2024.

Cricket Brasil president Roberta Moretti, who witnessed all of Cardoso's dismissals from her position at first slip, said her team-mate is a player with huge potential.

"I don't think this is the end. She's still only 21 and I believe Laura is someone who can one day play at the elite level in England and Australia," she told BBC Sport.

"For me it's a joy to see an athlete like Laura becoming the cricketer she is, with her work ethic and passion for the game.

"She came from one of our grassroots programmes and through all of the pathways and is one of the greatest cricketers Brazil has produced."

Cardoso started her remarkable run of dismissals by taking wickets with five consecutive deliveries, spanning the last three balls of the second over and first two of the fourth to leave Lesotho sprawling on 8-5.

She took two further wickets in the remainder of the over, recording a second maiden, then removed another pair of batters in the fifth over.

However she was denied a 10-wicket haul when Marianne Artur had Lindiwe Polaki, one of only three Lesotho batters to score a run, stumped to conclude the match.

Brazil are unbeaten in five matches at the six-team Kalahari Women's T20 tournament, which is being staged entirely in Gaborone, the capital of Botswana.

Ex-Australia batter Warner charged with drink-driving



David Warner wearing an Australia cap

Image source, Getty Images

Warner made 383 appearances in all formats for Australia between 2009 and 2024

Former Australia batter David Warner has been charged with drink-driving in Sydney.

New South Wales Police confirmed a 39-year-old man was arrested on Sunday after returning a positive result following a random breath test in Maroubra in east Sydney.

Warner recorded a second positive test at a police station, which was reported at more than twice the legal blood alcohol concentration limit permitted in New South Wales.

"A van was seen to allegedly stop short of the testing site and park," NSW Police said in a statement.

"Officers attached to Traffic and Highway Patrol Command approached the vehicle and subjected the driver – a

39-year-old man – to roadside testing which returned a positive result.

"He was arrested and taken to Maroubra Police Station where a second test allegedly returned a reading of 0.104."

Warner has been charged with a mid-range prescribed concentration of alcohol, which applies to drivers in New South Wales with a blood alcohol concentration between 0.08 and 0.149.

He will appear in court on 7 May. Warner, who retired from international cricket in 2024, is currently captain of Pakistan Super League side Karachi Kings.

Their next match is against Peshawar Zalmi on 9 April.

Doha Diamond League meeting postponed until June

By **Harry Poole**, BBC Sport journalist

The Diamond League's season-opening event in Doha has been postponed until June amid the ongoing conflict in the Middle East.

The meeting, the first of 15 stops on the Diamond League circuit this season, was set to be held at the Qatar Sports Club on 8 May but will instead take place at the Khalifa International Stadium on 19 June "should conditions allow".

It comes after conflict was sparked across the Middle East when the US and Israel launched wide-ranging strikes on Iran in February.

This year's Diamond League series will now begin on 16 May in Keqiao, China. The decision to also change the venue of the Doha meeting was taken because of Qatar's scorching summer temperatures, which can exceed 40C in June.

The Khalifa International Stadium, which hosted the World Athletics Championships in 2019, is temperature regulated to allow for safe competition.

The new date of the Doha event will fall between the Oslo (10 June) and Paris (28 June) Diamond League meetings, making it the eighth leg of this year's series.

Diamond League organisers said they would "continue to monitor developments in the Middle East in the coming weeks".

"The series and meeting organisers remain committed to delivering the highest level of safe and secure competition for athletes, media and spectators," they added in a statement on Wednesday.

Several high-profile sporting events have been affected by the crisis in the Middle East, including the cancellation of Formula 1 Grand Prix weekends in Bahrain and Saudi Arabia in April.