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## Editorial

# Protecting Our Peace: Why Mental Health At Work Must Be A Priority

In a world increasingly defined by deadlines, targets and constant demands, one truth must never be forgotten: human beings are not machines. Yet, too often our daily routines suggest that we believe otherwise.

This week's discussion on the programme Power Talk, hosted by St. Kitts Electricity Company Ltd., served as a timely reminder of the importance of mental health in the workplace and in our personal lives. The conversation highlighted the significance of fostering a supportive psychosocial work culture and preventing the growing risks of mental strain, burnout and fatigue among workers.

The topic could not be more relevant.

Across workplaces, communities and households, many individuals quietly carry the heavy burden of stress. Bills must be paid, children must be cared for, work must be completed and responsibilities must be fulfilled. These realities are part of life. However, when the pressures of daily living become overwhelming and continuous, the toll on mental health can be severe.

The danger is that many people do not recognize the early signs of burnout. Long hours, constant worry, lack of rest and emotional strain gradually chip away at a person's well-being. Productivity declines, relationships become strained and the simple joy of living begins to fade.

Ironically, the very effort to remain productive can lead to the opposite result.

The recent discussion on Power Talk correctly underscored the need for workplaces to recognize the psychological well-being of employees as part of occupational safety. Traditionally, safety in the workplace has focused on helmets, gloves and physical hazards. Today, the conversation is evolving to acknowledge that mental health is equally critical.

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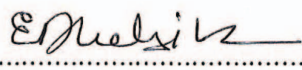
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Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026

Signed   
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A worker who is mentally exhausted cannot perform at their best. A mind burdened by constant stress cannot make clear decisions. And an employee who feels unsupported will inevitably struggle to maintain motivation and focus.

Yet while employers must play their role, individuals must also accept a personal responsibility.

Too often people sacrifice their health in pursuit of job security or financial stability. They skip rest days, work through exhaustion and suppress emotional strain in order to "keep going." But there is a harsh reality that many hesitate to confront: in most workplaces, no matter how valuable one may seem, everyone is ultimately replaceable.

That may sound uncomfortable, but it carries an important lesson.

If a person collapses from burnout tomorrow, the organization will continue. The work will be reassigned. Someone else will step in. Life will move forward.

But for that individual and their loved ones, the consequences may be far more lasting.

Families depend on us not just for financial support but for presence, guidance and love. Our children, partners, parents and friends need healthy, emotionally balanced individuals in their

lives. Protecting our mental health therefore becomes more than a personal act-it becomes a responsibility to those who care about us.

Taking care of our minds does not require grand gestures. Sometimes it simply means knowing when to pause. It means resting when the body demands it, seeking support when the burden becomes heavy, and recognizing that asking for help is not a sign of weakness.

It also means creating moments of joy-spending time with family, engaging in hobbies, enjoying nature or simply disconnecting from the pressures of work.

The message from this week's programme is clear: preventing burnout and promoting mental wellness must become part of our culture, both in the workplace and beyond.

After all, life is meant to be lived-not merely endured.

If we truly want productive workers, strong families and thriving communities, we must start by protecting the one resource that makes all of those things possible: a healthy mind.

# Health, Safety Manager Highlights Importance of Mental Health in the Workplace

By: Precious Mills

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Thursday 16th April 2026)-The importance of protecting workers' mental health in the workplace has been placed in the spotlight as safety officials have emphasized the need for supportive work environments that safeguard not only physical safety but also the psychological well-being of employees.

Speaking on 'Power Talk' by the St. Kitts Electricity Company Ltd (SKELEC)- aired live on ZIZ on Wednesday 15th April 2026 on the topic 'Safe Minds, Strong Minds'- the Health, Safety, Security and Environment Manager at SKELEC Clarissa Langley-Stephens outlined the company's efforts to strengthen workplace safety and mental health awareness.

She appeared on the programme alongside Head of Occupational Safety, Health and Environment within the Ministry of Employment and Labour Junique Eddy.

Langley-Stephens highlighted that the company took a step four years ago so as to address safety culture.

"So we are trying to change a culture. Four years ago, the company made a decision to onboard a safety department, a department specifically zeroing in on matters and issues and policies and processes and procedures that heighten the alertness of staff members when it comes to safety."

During the discussion, Eddy explained that understanding the psychosocial work culture of a workplace is essential to maintaining a healthy and productive workforce.

"Psychosocial work culture can be broken down by simply saying the mental state of our workforce-how stable we are as a people not just physically but emotionally, mentally and psychologically."

He added that this stability plays a crucial role in national productivity.

"Of course this will be massively important to any country as this directly impacts on the type of productivity you get from healthy workers, workers who operate on sound mind, stable workforce, one that is not affected too much by outside of work issues."

Eddy, however, acknowledged that workplaces must recognize the realities employees face in their daily lives.

"But that isn't somewhat a perfect world, and we have to understand that in any undertaking, there must be balance, and that is what we seek to do from a national level by ensuring that enough awareness and programs are there to support the mental state of our workforce and our people."

According to Eddy, the Ministry continues to monitor the labour landscape.

"Our ministry continues to police the world of work closely analyzing trends and patterns as we develop."

Bringing the discussion closer to the operations at SKELEC, Langley-Stephens said that mental wellness forms a central pillar of the company's safety initiatives.

"And I'm smiling because when Mr. Eddy spoke, he spoke about the importance of mental stability, and that's one of the pillars that our 2026 [safety] week of activities would have been hinged on, where we're looking at engaging all employees and to some extent customers in recognizing the true value of having a sound mind, especially when you are at work."

She emphasized that the nature of the work carried out by the electricity company requires workers to remain mentally alert at all times.

"And I mean, if we have to be honest, SKELEC is a high-risk environment, and so we want our workers to be mentally aligned, and we want to know if they are experiencing any challenges."

Langley-Stephens also credited employee Devon Hendrickson for contributing the selected theme dubbed 'Fostering a Supportive Psychosocial Work Culture for Every SKELEC Worker' for the upcoming 2026 Safety Week slated for Sunday 26th April to Friday 1st May.

She said the theme reflects the company's intention to ensure all employees-whether working in administrative roles or technical operations-receive the support necessary to maintain their well-being.

"From what Mr. Eddy says, we've now brought it down to the SKELEC level, understanding the needs of our workers, whether they work administratively or on the technical side, to be able to ensure that all of the parties are able to identify and provide any support that our teams would need."

Langley-Stephens added that psychosocial awareness helps prevent several mental health challenges that can arise in the workplace.

"Just to be able to prevent mental strain, mental burnout, mental fatigue, mental illness and the host of other things because that is what psychosocial covers, the welfare of the mind."

For his part, Eddy highlighted several factors that commonly contribute to workplace stress and psychological strain among employees.

He explained that workers can face a range of pressures including lack of variety in their work, being under-skilled for certain tasks, heavy workloads and tight deadlines. Other issues include understaffing, long or unsocial working hours, limited participation in workplace decisions and poor physical working conditions such as excessive noise or poor ergonomics.

According to Eddy, organizations must take proactive steps to address these issues.

He said employers can create healthier work environments by implementing participatory job design, task rotations, flexible work arrangements and realistic deadlines. Adequate staffing levels, regular breaks and open communication channels are also essential in maintaining a positive workplace culture.

Eddy also emphasized the importance of compliance with occupational safety standards.

Where gaps exist in local legislation, he said the ministry looks to international guidance.

"For places where there is silence in the law, we adhere to international best practices. That's from our partner International Labour Organization [ILO]."

Eddy also pointed out that such standards include frameworks designed to prevent workplace violence, harassment and discrimination while encouraging opportunities for workers to improve their knowledge, attitudes and skills.

**Front Page Photo: Health, Safety, Security and Environment Manager at SKELEC Clarissa Langley-Stephens speaking on 'Power Talk' by the St. Kitts Electricity Company Ltd (SKELEC)- aired live on ZIZ on Wednesday 15th April 2026 on the topic 'Safe Minds, Strong Minds' (Credit: Youtube.com/ZIZonline)**



Photo: (Left) Health, Safety, Security and Environment Manager at SKELEC Clarissa Langley-Stephens and Head of Occupational Safety, Health and Environment within the Ministry of Employment and Labour Junique Eddy while appearing on 'Power Talk' by the St. Kitts Electricity Company Ltd (SKELEC)- aired live on ZIZ on Wednesday 15th April 2026 on the topic 'Safe Minds, Strong Minds'. Programme host- Corporate Communications Officer at SKELEC Geneisha Hendrickson seen at left while in studio. (Credit: Youtube.com/ZIZonline)

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# SKN Visitors Aboard Taiwan Navy Ships Learn About Recycling A Well- Known Hygiene Product

By: Precious Mills

**BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Monday 13th April 2026)** - Local visitors who boarded the Republic of China (Taiwan) Navy fleet during the recent Open Ship Experience at Port Zante in St. Kitts and Nevis (Thursday 9th to Saturday 11th April 2026) not only explored the vessels and interacted with crew members to learn about life at sea, but were also introduced to environmentally friendly products made from recycled diapers using a technology process developed in Taiwan.

Such eco-friendly items include hats, napkins, glasses (shades) and books produced through a recycling process that transforms used diapers into reusable materials.

Speaking exclusively with this media house at the Recycle Diaper exhibit area on Friday 10th April 2026 was crew member David Lin, who explained how Taiwan has developed a system to recycle the significant amount of waste generated from disposable diapers used by both children and adults.

Information displayed at the booth on the subject 'Waste Reborn, Sustainability Renewed' outlined the environmental context behind the initiative and the technology used to repurpose the waste.

According to information provided at the exhibit, Taiwan officially entered a super-aged society in 2025, according to the Ministry of the Interior. As long-term care centres and hospitals continue to expand, the demand for adult diapers has surpassed that of infant diapers.

However, disposable diaper waste has long lacked an effective recycling solution, generating over 1,300 tons of waste daily across Taiwan, resulting in ongoing environmental and ecological damage. A display screen at the booth pointed out that

The display further explained that Yi-Chun Green Technology Co.Ltd. has developed a comprehensive circular recycling system using patented processes to extract and regenerate materials from used diapers. These recovered materials are transformed into new plastic products, giving the waste a second life while advancing the vision of waste regeneration and environmental sustainability.

"All the products here, the hats, the napkins, the glasses, are made by diapers because in Taiwan, we use a lot of diapers for kids, for elders, and the diapers will make a lot of waste. So they figured out a way to recycle it. We collect it and clean it, send it to the factory," Lin told this reporter.

He further explained that the initiative focuses specifically on collecting used diapers which are then processed using specialized technology "and make it into the materials like plastic, the papers, and in the end, we'll make the products like hats, napkins, those things, and even a table, the book is made by diapers."

According to Lin, Taiwan has developed a structured collection system that allows the diapers to be gathered efficiently before they are processed at a recycling facility.

"There is a company. It will send cars to every city. And the diapers, we will throw away the diapers with the bag that is particular for the diapers... for children,

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Visitors seen aboard one of the Republic of China (Taiwan) naval ships learning about the vessel (Spokesman Snap)

EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT  
SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS  
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

APPLICATION NO. SKBHCV 2021/0052

BETWEEN:

THE BANK NEVIS LIMITED  
(successor to the banking business  
of Royal Bank of Canada in St Kitts and Nevis)

Applicant

and

[1] CATHERINE AGATHA WILSON  
[2] RUBELETTE C. D. WILSON

Respondents

## NOTICE OF FILING

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Applicant, THE BANK OF NEVIS LIMITED (successor to the banking business of Royal Bank of Canada in St Kitts and Nevis), on April 14, 2026 filed an Order dated March 19, 2026 and a Notice of Sale by Public Auction dated April 9, 2026 ("The Documents").

The said Documents can be accessed by a formal search conducted at the Registry of the High Court of Justice, Sir Lee L. Moore Judicial and Legal Services Complex, East Independence Square, Basseterre, St Kitts with respect to the captioned High Court matter, opening hours being Monday to Friday between 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Dated April 14, 2025

*Kelsick, Wilkin & Ferdinand*  
Kelsick, Wilkin & Ferdinand  
Attorneys-at-Law

Case Number :SKBHPB2026/0041



IN THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

A.D. 2026

Claim No. SKBHPB2026/

In the matter of the Application of MARANCIA OLIVETTE MARIE ANCRUM for the issue of a Grant of Letters of Administration in the Estate of ALEXANDRINA LEONA LEADER, (deceased) late of Apt. 6B 2215 Bronxwood Avenue, Bronx, New York, United States of America, 10469

and

In the Matter of Rule 13 of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court (Non-Contentious Probate and Administration of Estates) Rules

### ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by MARANCIA OLIVETTE MARIE ANCRUM of 2215 Bronxwood Avenue, Apartment 6B, Bronx, New York in the United States of America for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicant who is the daughter of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2023.

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

Dated the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026

*Charles & Associates*  
CHARLES & ASSOCIATES  
Attorneys-at-Law

Filed by CHARLES & ASSOCIATES, Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicant whose address for service is Unit C20, The Sands Complex, Bay Road, Basseterre, St. Kitts.

Submitted Date:14/04/2026 12:22

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Fees Paid:52.00

# SKN Visitors Aboard Taiwan Navy Ships Learn About Recycling A Well-Known Hygiene Product

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for elders we collect all the diapers together and we were saying that the company will send the cars to collect it into the factory.”

Despite concerns that may arise about sanitation in using the soiled diapers, Lin assured that the diapers undergo a comprehensive cleaning process as part of the recycling technology.

“Yeah, of course. All the diapers they use... any because they will do the cleaning; that's their tech,” he commented during the interview after two local visitors looking on were moved to ask if soiled diapers are used.

The finished products, he informed, are sold by the company.

“The product, just like the book, they [the company] will sell it.

Another question by a local visitor questioned whether food crates are made from the diaper material to which Lin replied no.

When asked by this reporter to talk about the importance of recycling, he reflected on the environmental importance of recycling, particularly from the perspective of someone who travels frequently.

“I'm a traveler. I like to travel around the world, and the best part is the sight. But all these waste, it will attack the environment. So it will be bad. The view will be bad.”

According to the Embassy of the Republic of China (Taiwan) in St. Kitts and Nevis via its official Facebook page, the fleet- officially designated the 2026 Midshipmen and Cruising Training Squadron and led by Chen Ming feng -made its first return to St. Kitts and Nevis in 23 years.

Furthermore, it was highlighted that during the port call in Basseterre, the ships were opened to the public, attracting approximately 1,500 visitors who took the opportunity to tour the vessels and engage with members of the Taiwanese naval delegation.

It was also shared that leading the visit were the naval ships Panshi (AOE 532), Yueh Fei (PFG 1106), and Di Hua (PFG 1206) of the 2026 Midshipmen and Cruising Training Squadron, bringing both maritime expertise and cultural exchange to St. Kitts and Nevis.

The Embassy also highlighted the live cultural showcase held along Bay Road, in front of RAM's Supermarket during the visit.


Following the three-day visit, the goodwill fleet continued its regional tour with St.Lucia as the next stop.

**Front Page Photo: Crew members aboard one of the Republic of China (Taiwan) naval ships David Lin (right) and Yusan pose for a photo at the Recycle Diaper area booth on Friday**

**10th April 2026 during the Open Ship Experience (Spokesman Snap)**



A close up look at the Republic of China (Taiwan) naval fleet during the port call at Port Zante on Friday 10th April 2026 (Spokesman Snap)



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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.

<b>Requester Information</b>	<b>Date of the RFQ</b>	<b>RFQ Closing Date</b>
Department: Public Works	23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2026	27 <sup>th</sup> April 2026
Contact Name: Mr. Zekey Hazel		
Telephone: 869-467-1132		
Email: <a href="mailto:zekey.hazel@gov.kn">zekey.hazel@gov.kn</a>		

**Delivery Address**  
Please submit all quotations to the Public Works Department, Roads Division, via email to [secretary.adminpwd@gov.kn](mailto:secretary.adminpwd@gov.kn) and [zekey.hazel@gov.kn](mailto: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 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2026**.

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

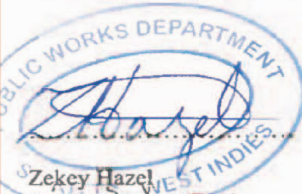
- Vibratory Compact Roller - suitable for compaction of asphalt**  
**NB:** Preferred brand – Wirtgen Hamm
  - Tandem Roller with two vibrating drums with all the components for compaction of asphalt pavement
  - Operating Weight – 5, 000 kg (5 tonnes) ± 10%
  - Drum width – 1,300mm – 1,500mm
  - Pressurized water sprinkler system for drum
  - Open cabin
  - Minimum 1-year warranty
- 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**

- Technical specifications and operational manual
- Suppliers' response to the RFQ must be sent to the PWD via email to the attention of the requester as specified above.
- The quotation that is provided by the supplier must include freight in the final cost.
- Suppliers who submit a proposal to the PWD must be licensed.
- 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

# PM to Business On Relief Measures: “Let those savings reach the people”

By Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Thursday 16th April 2026) -“To our businesses, we ask not for charity, but for fairness. When government reduces taxes, let those savings reach the people at the counter because when our people can breathe, our economy grows and that benefits everyone, including your business.”

So said Prime Minister and Minister of National Security and Finance Dr. Terrance Drew during an address to the nation on Tuesday 14th April 2026, as he announced a series of targeted economic relief measures aimed at easing financial pressure on citizens and stimulating economic activity.

Among the initiatives are a 50 percent reduction in the excise tax on gasoline, lowering it from EC \$1.95 to EC \$0.98 per gallon until July 31, 2026; a cut in the Customs Service Charge on gasoline from 6 percent to 3 percent; expanded tax exemptions on alternative energy equipment such as solar panels, making them free from VAT, Customs Service Charge and import duties until December 31, 2026; the removal of shipping surcharges from customs tax calculations on imports; and the continuation of Discounted VAT Rate Days throughout 2026 during the Easter, Back-to-School and Christmas periods.

Even as he outlined the measures, PM Drew underscored that the government expects the benefits to be felt directly by consumers.

“Effective April 20th, 2026, your government is implementing the following relief measures,” he stated, explaining that the reduction in the fuel excise tax alone represents \$1.2 million in government support aimed at reducing the burden on motorists, households and the cost of transporting goods.

“That is your government absorbing \$1.2 million to ease the burden on motorists, households, and the cost of getting goods to the market,” he said.

As highlighted, the reduction in the Customs Service Charge on gasoline will also see the government absorbing an additional \$600,000 in revenue, another move intended to reduce the cost of fuel for consumers.

“That is your government absorbing \$600,000 so that every fill-up leaves a little more in your pocket,” PM Drew added.

He also highlighted the government’s continued push toward renewable energy, announcing that the Alternative Energy Equipment Policy has been upgraded so that equipment such as solar photovoltaic panels will remain free of VAT, Customs Service Charge and import duty until the end of 2026.

“We want to make it cheaper for you to power your own home,” he said.

Another measure will address the impact of additional charges imposed by shipping companies.

According to the Prime Minister, surcharges from shippers will no longer be included in the customs calculation of taxes and duties on imported goods.

“We will not allow hidden

fees to become hidden taxes. That is your government absorbing those costs so you pay only what is fair, nothing more,” he stated.

As understood, to provide further direct relief to consumers, the government will also maintain Discounted VAT Rate Days throughout the year. The first will occur during the Easter period on Friday, April 17, 2026, followed by the Back-to-School shopping period on August 28 and 29, and two Christmas VAT discount days on December 11 and December 19, with vehicles included among eligible items.

“These are genuine targeted interventions to put money back in your pocket, to keep your lights on, to keep your vehicle moving, and to help you breathe a little easier in a stormy world,” PM. Drew said.

The Finance Minister acknowledged that while global economic conditions remain uncertain, the government will continue monitoring developments closely and taking action where necessary.

“Your government will continue to monitor, assess, and act carefully, responsibly, and always with your well-being at the center. That is our commitment,” he said.

PM Drew called for national unity and collective responsibility as the country navigates global economic challenges.

“Let us go forward together not as spectators but as participants-not as complainers but as builders, not as people who wait for change, but as people who are the change.”

**Front Page Photo: Prime Minister and Minister of National Security and Finance Dr. Terrance Drew speaks during an address to the nation on Tuesday 14th April 2026**



National Caribbean Insurance Company Limited having made sworn deposition that policy number 81551 on the life of Josenda Dorsette has been lost and having made an application to the Directors to grant a special policy, notice is hereby given that unless an objection is raised within one month of the date hereof, the special policy asked for will be issued.

Dated: 14/04/2026

By Order,

Diana Williams-Humphrey  
General Manager

Case Number :SKBHCV2024/0110

EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT  
SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS  
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

CLAIM NO. SKBHCV2024/0110



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

and

ALEX DUGGINS(Deceased) and STEPHANEY DUGGINS  
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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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\$1,049,780.00

Dated the 27 day of February 2026

Registrar of the Supreme Court

# Nevis Participates in High-level Geothermal Dialogue Ahead of Global Sustainable Islands Summit 2026

NIA CHARLESTOWN, NEVIS (April 16, 2026)- Naftalie Errar, Project Coordinator at the Nevis Electricity Company (NEVLEC) and a lead point person for Nevis' Geothermal Energy Project, is part of a three-member delegation from St. Kitts and Nevis participating in high-level energy discussions in Portugal this week, as international interest continues to grow around Nevis' potential to become a regional leader in geothermal power.

Errar's participation forms part of a strategic geothermal study visit under the European Union's Global Gateway initiative, which began in Lisbon with high-level discussions involving Portugal's Secretary of State for Energy, Jean Barroca. The visit continues in the Azores before concluding at the Global Sustainable Islands Summit (GSIS), scheduled for April 20-22 in Gran Canaria, Spain.

The study visit brings together ministers, permanent secretaries, utility leaders, and technical experts from across the Caribbean, including St. Kitts and Nevis, Dominica, Grenada, St. Lucia, Saba, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Regional institutions such as the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS), the Caribbean Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (CCREEE), and the Caribbean Electric Utility Services Corporation (CARILEC) are also participating, reflecting a shared regional priority to advance practical, scalable energy solutions.

Following the Lisbon meetings, the delegation will travel to São Miguel and Terceira in the Azores to engage directly with geothermal operators and institutions. These engagements will provide firsthand insight into operating geothermal plants, including approaches to grid integration, resource management, financing structures, and risk mitigation.

For Nevis, the relevance is clear. Like many Eastern Caribbean islands, it faces the challenges of a small grid, high energy costs, and vulnerability



Photo caption: (1st from right, front) Naftalie Errar, Project Coordinator at the Nevis Electricity Company (NEVLEC), among other Caribbean energy officials participating in a geothermal study visit in Portugal (photo credit: James Ellsmoor)

to external shocks. The Azores offer a proven model of how geothermal energy can be successfully integrated into an island system in a way that is both technically and economically viable.

The experience gained will directly inform Nevis' ongoing efforts to advance its geothermal project from development to full-scale production. The project represents a critical step toward long-term energy stability, reduced electricity costs, and enhanced economic resilience.

The study visit will culminate at GSIS 2026 with a high-level EU-Caribbean roundtable focused on energy and infrastructure partnerships. This engagement will connect Caribbean decision-makers with European public and private sector partners to explore financing opportunities, policy frameworks, and implementation strategies.

As global momentum builds around sustainable island development, Nevis- through its geothermal project and active representation at high-level forums- is positioning itself as a key player in shaping the future of clean energy in the Caribbean. Its geothermal ambitions extend beyond national benefits, with the potential to serve as a blueprint for renewable baseload energy and to create opportunities for inter-island collaboration, including the export of surplus power.

**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

**ST KITTS NEVIS ANGUILLA NATIONAL BANK LIMITED**  
and  
**GOLDEN ROCK DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED**  
SCOTT CAINES

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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

Registrar of the Supreme Court

**FILED**  
HIGH COURT  
ST. CHRISTOPHER / NEVIS  
ST. KITTS CIRCUIT

**Submitted Date: 09/03/2026 15:01**

**Filed Date: 09/03/2026 15:06**

**Fees Paid: 12.00**  
Applicant

Respondents

18 March 2026



KINGSTON, Jamaica (ILO News) – On 15 March, 2026, the Jamaica Household Workers' Union (JHWU) marked its 35th anniversary of resilience, advocacy and progress for domestic workers. The Grand Gala and Awards ceremony hosted by the JHWU on 16 March under the theme "35 Years of Strength, Dignity, and Solidarity," brought together union members, government representatives and social partners to reflect on decades of progress. Among the honourees of the evening, the ILO Caribbean Office was presented with the Helping Hands Award in recognition of its sustained partnership with the Union.

In a video message delivered for the occasion, ILO Director Joni Musabayana highlighted the union's enduring impact noting that, "for more than three decades, the JHWU has given voice and visibility to women and men whose work has historically been hidden behind the doors of private homes... yet whose contribution is essential to the fabric of our societies."

He added that the award reflects a shared commitment. "The Helping Hands Award is a valued affirmation of the longstanding partnership and our shared commitment to advancing decent work, dignity and social justice for

## ILO News

# The Jamaica Household Workers' Union marks 35 years of progress

The Jamaica Household Workers' Union celebrates 35 years of advocacy for domestic workers, marking the milestone with recognition of its longstanding partnership with the ILO.

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EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT  
SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS  
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

APPLICATION NO. SKBHCV 2021/0052

BETWEEN:

**THE BANK NEVIS LIMITED**  
(successor to the banking business  
of Royal Bank of Canada in St Kitts and Nevis)

*Applicant*

and

[1] CATHERINE AGATHA WILSON  
[2] RUBELETTE C. D. WILSON

*Respondents*

### NOTICE OF FILING

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Applicant, THE BANK OF NEVIS LIMITED (successor to the banking business of Royal Bank of Canada in St Kitts and Nevis), on April 14, 2025 filed an Order dated March 19, 2026 and a Notice of Sale by Public Auction dated April 9, 2026 ("The Documents").

The said Documents can be accessed by a formal search conducted at the Registry of the High Court of Justice, Sir Lee L. Moore Judicial and Legal Services Complex, East Independence Square, Basseterre, St Kitts with respect to the captioned High Court matter, opening hours being Monday to Friday between 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Dated April 14, 2025

*Kelsick, Wilkin & Ferdinand*  
Kelsick, Wilkin & Ferdinand  
Attorneys-at-Law

Case Number :SKBHPB2026/0043

**FILED**  
HIGH COURT  
ST. CHRISTOPHER / NEVIS  
(ST. KITTS CIRCUIT)

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT  
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER & NEVIS  
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT  
(PROBATE)

Submitted Date: 15/04/2026 10:27

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In the Estate of **MARY ANNA THRALL**, late of 32475 County Road 61½, Gill, Weld, Colorado, in the United States of America, Deceased

Fees Paid: \$100

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **CLARISSA CATHERINE FREEMYER** of 901 Welsh Ave, Berthoud, Colorado, 80513 in the United States of America, for a Grant of Probate of the Will of **MARY ANNA THRALL** who died on July 14, 2024 without revoking a will bearing the date May 16, 2023 wherein the applicant is named the Executrix.

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

Dated the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.

*Hadya K. L. Dolphin*  
HADYA K. L. DOLPHIN, Associate  
KELSICK, WILKIN & FERDINAND  
Attorneys-at-Law

Filed by: KELSICK, WILKIN & FERDINAND, Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicants, whose address for service is Fred Kelsick Building, Independence Square South, Basseterre, St. Kitts. Tel: +1.869.465.2645; Fax: +1.869.466.7808; Email: Law@kwfonline.com

# The Jamaica Household Workers' Union marks 35 years of progress

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domestic workers in Jamaica and across the Caribbean.”



© Jamaica Household Workers Union  
UN Resident Coordinator, Dennis Zulu, accepts Helping Hands award on behalf of the ILO

## Strengthening rights through partnership

Over the past two years, the ILO Caribbean office and ILO Bureau for Workers

Activities (ACTRAV) have provided support to the Union for certified training in industrial relations, strengthened the Union's engagement on freedom of association and for the prevention and elimination of child labour in the domestic work sector and empowered its participation in national mechanisms addressing Just Transition.

ILO Caribbean office Workers' Activities Specialist Vera Guseva emphasized the importance of sustained technical support and social dialogue saying, "the JHWU's commitment to building its members' capacity through social dialogue and various types of training programmes and targeted assistance is exactly the kind of movement-building that delivers lasting change. We have been proud to accompany the Union as it strengthens both its internal governance and its voice in national policy spaces."

The ILO's collaboration also complemented the Union's engagement with the Ministry of Labour and Social Security (MLSS). These efforts culminated in the signing of a historic memorandum of understanding (MoU) between the MLSS and the JHWU on 17 March 2026, formalizing collaboration on labour rights training, freedom of association, occupational safety and health, and the identification and prevention of child labour in line with the Child Care and Protection Act.

## Advancing decent work for domestic workers

The anniversary celebrations provided an opportunity to reflect on broader gains for domestic workers in Jamaica, including the country's ratification of the Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189), a milestone achieved through persistent advocacy by the JHWU and its partners.

Building on this legacy, the Union has continued to advocate for the ratification of the ILO's Violence and Harassment Convention, 2019 (No. 190), which recognizes the right of all workers to a world of work free from violence and harassment. Through passionate awareness-raising and engagement with policymakers, the JHWU has kept the issue firmly on the national agenda, highlighting the particular risks faced by domestic workers, especially women, in private households. The ILO stands ready to continue supporting these efforts, working closely with the JHWU, the Government of Jamaica and social partners to advance the ratification and effective implementation of Convention No. 190.

The ILO congratulates the Jamaica Household Workers' Union on its 35 years of dedicated advocacy and reaffirms its commitment to continued collaboration to achieve lasting improvements in the lives and working conditions of domestic workers.

Case Number :SKBHPB2026/0032

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT  
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERATION OF ST. CHRISTOPHER & NEVIS  
ST. CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT  
(PROBATE)

In the Estate of JOAN ALLISON STEPHEN  
late of No. 6 Ocean Gardens, Camps Estate in  
the Island of Saint Christopher, deceased.

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by SHERYL-ANN STEPHEN of 4140 Huntsman Dr, Zionsville, Indiana 46077 in the United States of America, for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above-named deceased JOAN ALLISON STEPHEN who died on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025 without revoking a will bearing the date of the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2025 wherein the Applicant is named Sole Executrix.

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

Dated the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026.

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

Filed by: KELSICK, WILKIN & FERDINAND, Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicants, whose address for service is Fred Kelsick Building, Independence Square South, Basseterre, St. Kitts. Tel: +1.869.465.2645; Fax: +1.869.466.7808; Email: Law@kwfonline.com

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THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT  
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS  
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT  
A. D. 2026

(PROBATE)

CLAIM NO: SKBHPB2026/0040

In the Estate of STANLEY FREDERICK WYATT PAYNE also known as STANLEY FREDERICK WYATT and STANLEY WYATT late of Tabernacle Village, in the Island of St. Christopher, deceased

**ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR  
GRANT OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION WITH WILL ANNEXED**

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by ANETTA WYATT FERGUSON of the Island of Saint Christopher but presently residing at 533 Victory Circle, Loganville, Georgia, 30052 United States of America for a Grant of Letters of Administration with Will Annexed to the Applicant who is the daughter and a beneficiary of the deceased STANLEY FREDERICK WYATT PAYNE also known as STANLEY FREDERICK WYATT and STANLEY WYATT late of Tabernacle Village, in the Island of St. Christopher, the deceased having died intestate on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June 2003 in the Parish of St. George in the Island of Saint Christopher.

Any person having an objection to the Grant of Letters of Administration with Will Annexed shall file an objection within fourteen (14) days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026

Filed by

Vaughan H. Henderson  
Attorney-at-Law for the Estate of Stanley Frederick Wyatt Payne  
also known as Stanley Frederick Wyatt and Stanley Wyatt

Filed by Vaughan H Henderson Law, Attorney-at-Law, whose address for service is Advantage Capital Management, The Circus, Basseterre, St. Kitts. Tel No: 869-466-4829 or 660-4828, Email: info@vhhlaw.com



## MEET OUR NEW GOVERNING BOARD



**Dr. Kerdis Clarke**  
President



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Vice-President (Nevis)



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Legal Advisor



**Timothy Martin**  
Disaster Coordinator



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Floor Member (Nevis)



**Philicia Walters**  
Floor Member (Nevis)



**Corlis Hyligar**  
Floor Member (St. Kitts)



**Kerine Warner**  
Floor Member (St. Kitts)

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

# St. Kitts & Nevis Red Cross Society Announces New Governing Board Leadership

**BASSETERRE, ST. KITTS** – The St. Kitts & Nevis Red Cross Society (SKNRCS) is pleased to officially announce the election and appointment of its Governing Board following the General Assembly held on Sunday, October 19, 2025.

The newly constituted board will lead the National Society for a two-year term, overseeing the organization's mission to prevent and alleviate human suffering across the federation. Leading the Society is President Dr. Kerdis Clarke, supported by a diverse team of dedicated professionals and volunteers from both St. Kitts and Nevis.

The Governing Board members for the 2025–2027 term are:

- President: Dr. Kerdis Clarke
- Vice President (St. Kitts): Mrs. Vercelette Molyneaux
- Vice President (Nevis): Mrs. Georgette Hanley
- Treasurer: Mrs. Vernesia Walters
- Youth Director: Mr. Za Meire GiVace
- Floor Members (St. Kitts): Mrs. Corlis Hyligar & Ms. Kerine Warner

• Floor Members (Nevis): Ms. Pearl Bartlette & Ms. Philicia Walters

The Board also includes Branch Directors elected during their respective 2025 Branch Assemblies: Mrs. Shantell Pemberton-Chumney (St. Kitts) and Mr. Chris Clarke (Nevis), alongside appointed specialists Mrs. Shyra Manners (Legal Advisor) and Mr. Timothy Martin (Disaster Coordinator).

"We are entering a season of renewed commitment to our communities," said Dr. Clarke. "This board represents a blend of experienced leadership and fresh perspectives, all united by the fundamental principles of the Red Cross."

The St. Kitts & Nevis Red Cross Society extends its gratitude to its partners and the public for their continued support as the new leadership begins its tenure.

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### SAGICOR LIFE (EASTERN CARIBBEAN) INC.

**Shirletta Buchanan-Byron** of Ramsbury Site, Charlestown, Nevis, having made sworn deposition that Policy No. 055401736 issued by Sagikor Life Inc. and assumed by Sagikor Life (Eastern Caribbean) Inc. on her life has been lost and having made application to the Directors to grant a duplicate of the same, notice is hereby given that unless objection is raised within one month of the date hereof, the duplicate policy asked for will be issued.

Dated 08<sup>th</sup> April, 2026

By Order

**Andrew Greaves**  
Corporate Secretary



Wise Financial Thinking for Life

Sagicor Life (Eastern Caribbe-

### SAGICOR LIFE (EASTERN CARIBBEAN) INC.

**Cleon Prince** of Ramsbury Housing, St. Paul's Parish, Charlestown, Nevis, having made sworn deposition that Policy No. 055401335 issued by Sagikor Life Inc and assumed by Sagikor Life (Eastern Caribbean) Inc. on his life has been lost and having made application to the Directors to grant a duplicate of the same, notice is hereby given that unless objection is raised within one month of the date hereof, the duplicate policy asked for will be issued.

Dated: 09<sup>th</sup> April, 2026

By Order

**Andrew Greaves**  
Corporate Secretary



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### SAGICOR LIFE (EASTERN CARIBBEAN) INC.

**Stephanie Morton** of Lower Farms Estate, St. John's Parish, Nevis, having made sworn deposition that Policy No. 055401283 issued by Sagikor Life Inc and assumed by Sagikor Life (Eastern Caribbean) Inc on her life has been lost and having made application to the Directors to grant a duplicate of the same, notice is hereby given that unless objection is raised within one month of the date hereof, the duplicate policy asked for will be issued.

Dated: 07<sup>th</sup> April, 2026

By Order

**Andrew Greaves**  
Corporate Secretary



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# Chinese national given one year in prison for smuggling ants out of Kenya

Hafsa Khalil  
BBC News

The man was found with a large consignment of live ants in his luggage bound for China in March

A Chinese national has been sentenced to a year in prison for attempting to smuggle thousands of live queen garden ants out of Kenya.

The court in Nairobi on Wednesday also fined Zhang Kequn 1m Kenyan shillings (£5,713; \$7,737). Judge Irene Gichobi described Zhang as not "entirely honest" and lacking in remorse.

Last month, he was charged with illegally dealing in wildlife species after being arrested at Nairobi's main airport while attempting to travel to China with more than 2,000 ants in his luggage.

Kenyan authorities have warned of a growing demand for the ants in Europe and Asia, where they are prized by collectors. They can be worth around \$220 (£170) each.

"There is need for a stiff deterrent sentence," Judge Gichobi said, noting the "rising cases of dealing in large quantities of garden ants and the negative ecological side effects".

After serving his year in prison, Zhang will be "referred to his home country", she added.

He has 14 days to appeal against the sentence, which his lawyer says he will do.

He initially pleaded not guilty to the charges - including dealing in live wildlife - but later changed his plea to guilty.

Following Zhang's arrest at Nairobi's international airport on 10 March, the court heard he had bought the ants from Kenyan national Charles Mwangi at 10,000 Kenyan shillings (£58; \$77) for every 100 of them.

Mwangi was also charged and is currently out on bail.

In May last year, a Kenyan court sentenced four men - two Belgians, a Vietnamese and a Kenyan - to one year in prison or a fine of \$7,700 (£5,800) for trying to smuggle thousands of live queen ants out of the country.

The insects were reportedly destined for collectors in Europe and Asia.



Kenya Wildlife Service Garden ants each individually packed in test tubes Kenya Wildlife Service

FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS  
ISLAND OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER  
TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT  
A.D. 2026

ACT OF SEIZURE  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 73

BE IT KNOWN TO ALL MEN THAT, by virtue of powers on me conferred by CIBC Caribbean Bank (Barbados) Limited (formerly FirstCaribbean International Bank (Barbados) Limited), a body duly incorporated under the Companies Act of Barbados and duly registered under the laws of the Federation of Saint Christopher and Nevis ("the Mortgagee") having a place of business at Bank Street, in the Town of Basseterre in the Island of Saint Christopher,

I, **ANDREW KENNETH LIBURD**, Bailiff of the High Court of Justice,  
on the <sup>9th</sup>..... day of April 2026,

did proceed to the lands of **JENNIFER RICHARDS** (formerly known as **Jennifer Francis**) of New Road Housing Development Extension in the Island of St Christopher, and, there being

at <sup>4:35 pm</sup>..... o'clock on the day and date above written,

did seize ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land known as ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land being Lot No. 180 of New Road Housing Development Extension in the Parish of St. George in the Island of St. Christopher containing by admeasurement 4,002.31 square feet and bounded and measuring as follows:- On the North by Lot No. 179, 50.01 feet; On the East by Lot No. 182, 80.05 feet; On the South by a public road, 50.00 feet and On the West by Lot No. 178, 80.07 (hereinafter "the Lands"); all as the same is described in a Certificate of Title dated June 2, 2014 registered in Book N3 Folio 235 of the Register of Titles for the Island of Saint Christopher,

the said land to be held for sale in due course of law (leaving the said **JENNIFER RICHARDS** (formerly known as **Jennifer Francis**) in charge of the above described property until it is sold or until a receiver be appointed by the High Court, whichever be sooner) for non-payment of the total sums as follows:-

**Loan No. 1:** the sum of EC\$376,287.61, the balance due and owing as at January 6, 2026 (consisting of the principal balance in the sum of EC\$319,037.50 and interest in the sum of EC\$57,250.11) with interest continuing at the effective current rate of 4% per annum from January 6, 2026, being a per diem of EC\$34.96, until payment in full; and

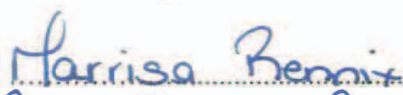
**Loan No. 2:** the sum of EC\$72,292.39, the balance due and owing as at January 6, 2026 (consisting of the principal balance in the sum of EC\$38,716.33 and interest in the sum of EC\$33,576.06) with interest continuing at the effective current rate of 17.00% per annum from January 6, 2026, being a per diem of EC\$18.28, until payment in full

due to the said CIBC CARIBBEAN BANK (BARBADOS) LIMITED by virtue of a Mortgage duly noted with effect on August 31, 2020 upon the Certificate of Title dated June 2, 2014 and registered in Register Book N3 Folio 235 of the Register of Titles for the Island of St Kitts of which seizure I do, by this Act, give notice to you the said **JENNIFER RICHARDS** (formerly known as **Jennifer Francis**) and to all concerned.

DONE by me at Lot No. 180 of New Road Housing Development Extension, in the Parish of St George, in the Island of St Kitts on the day and date above written, before and in the presence of the witness who subscribed this Act of Seizure with me.

  
BAILIFF

Done in the presence of:-

  
Case Manager Coordinator



Save the Environment  
Carry a  
SHOPPING BAG  
when going out shopping

# Australia's richest person must share part of her mining fortunes, court rules

Lana Lam - Sydney  
BBC News



Reuters Gina Rinehart speaking at an Australia Day event in 2025, pictured with the Australian flag behind her Reuters  
Gina Rinehart was sued by a rival mining family over a decades-old agreement

Australia's wealthiest person Gina Rinehart must part with some of her riches, a court has ruled in a high-profile dispute over her mining empire.

Worth an estimated A\$38bn (£20bn; \$27bn), Rinehart inherited

the iron ore ventures of her father in 1992, before going on to develop mines in the mineral-rich Pilbara region of Western Australia (WA).

Two of her children and the heirs of her late father's business partners argued they were entitled to a significant share of royalties and mining rights.

On Wednesday, more than 13 years after the legal battle began, a Supreme Court judge ruled that Rinehart must pay past and future royalties to her rival heirs but that the mining rights remain hers.

The legal battle centres around Hope Downs, one of Australia's largest and most lucrative iron ore projects.

The court heard Rinehart's father Lang Hancock and his business partner Peter Wright - who were considered iron ore pioneers in WA - drew up an

agreement to manage their joint interests under a business called Hanwright.

During the 51-day trial in 2023, Wright's children argued that Rinehart had breached that agreement, and owed them mining rights and royalties stemming from Hope Downs.

The site is jointly operated by global mining giant Rio Tinto and Hancock Prospecting, and last year tipped A\$832m into Rinehart's company's coffers.

Rio Tinto pays 2.5% in royalties to Hancock Prospecting, with Justice Jennifer Smith ruling half belongs to the Wright family.

"Wright Prospecting won half of its case, lost half of its case, and Hancock Prospecting... has won and lost half of its case," Smith said.

The legal case also involved two of Rinehart's children - Bianca Rinehart and John Hancock - who claimed that their mother had moved lucrative mining rights out of a family trust to a part of the business they couldn't touch.

The pair said their grandfather had intended to share the wealth from the mines at Hope Downs with them but Rinehart had deliberately denied them access to the fortune.

Rinehart's lawyers argued she had moved the mining rights out of the family trust after growing suspicious of her father's business dealings, but her children argued she did it to keep money from his second wife and former housekeeper Rose Porteous.

Though Rinehart's children's claims over the rights was denied, another bid for royalties from Hope Downs by the family of late engineer Don Rhodes was partially granted.

Hancock Prospecting executive director Jay Newby welcomed the court's decision, saying it confirmed the company's ownership of Hope Downs and "firmly rejecting" the claims by Wright's family and two of Rinehart's children.

A spokesman for Wright Prospecting also welcomed the decision, saying it was "pleased to finally receive a result in our favour".

Rinehart is one of Australia's biggest private donors to sports, charities and conservative political parties.

Case Number :NEVHPB2026/0025



IN THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT  
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS  
NEVIS CIRCUIT  
A.D. 2026  
(PROBATE)

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NEVHPB2026/0025

*In the Estate of STERLING JERENO HEYLIGER late of Zion Village  
in the parish of St. George in the island of Nevis, deceased*

#### ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF PROBATE

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **DAWN CAZE** of Zion Village in the Parish of St. George in the island of Nevis residing in New York and **SHERLOCK QUEELEY** of Frigate Bay in the island of St. Christopher for a Grant of:-

- (a) Probate of the Will of the above-named deceased who died on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026 without revoking a will bearing the date of wherein the applicants are the named executors.

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

Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2026.

Leonora L. Walwyn

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

[FIRST / PUBLICATION]

Case Number :NEVHPB2026/0029



THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT  
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERATION OF ST. CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS  
NEVIS CIRCUIT  
A. D. 2026

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*In the Estate of PHILLIP SIMEON WALWYN  
aka SIMON PHILLIP WALWYN late of  
Cane Garden Road, in the Parish of  
St. John, in the island of Nevis, deceased.*

#### ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF PROBATE OF WILL

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Brenda Walwyn-Bertram of Cane Garden Road, Brown Hill, in the Parish of St. John, in the island of Nevis, currently residing at Silver Bank 17, Oakwell Mount, Roundhay, in the City of Leeds, in the United Kingdom, for of Grant of Probate of Will to the applicant who is the *daughter and named Executrix* of the deceased, the deceased having died Testate on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2012.

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

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026.

Leonora L. Walwyn

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Filed by Leonora Walwyn, WalwynLaw, D. R. Walwyn Square, Charlestown, Nevis. Attorneys-at-Law The Registry is at Prince William Street, Charlestown in the island of Nevis Federation of St. Christopher and Nevis, telephone number 869 469 0504. The office is open between 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Mondays to Fridays except Public Holidays.

# Europe has 'maybe six weeks of jet fuel left', energy boss warns



Theo Leggett, Transport Correspondent and Jemma Crew, Business reporter

Getty Images A woman with luggage stands with her back to the camera looking at a plane through a window. Getty Images

Europe has "maybe six weeks of jet fuel left", the head of the International Energy Agency (IEA) has warned.

Stocks would reach a tipping point in June if Europe was unable to replace at least half of its imports from the Middle East, the organisation said in a report this week.

The Strait of Hormuz, a key route for jet fuel out of the Gulf, has been effectively closed by Iran for more than six weeks in response to US and Israeli attacks, sending the price rocketing and prompting fears of shortages.

IEA executive director Fatih Birol told AP there could soon be flight cancellations if supplies remained blocked.

In its monthly oil market report, the IEA - which advises 32 member countries on energy supply and security - said exports from the Gulf region were the largest source of jet fuel to the global market.

Refineries in other major exporting countries, such as Korea,

India and China were themselves highly dependent on crude oil imports from the Middle East.

As a result, the crisis "has thrown a proverbial wrench into the inner workings of the aviation fuel markets", it said.

A spokesperson for the UK government told the BBC that it was working with fuel suppliers and airlines to "ensure people keep moving and businesses are supported".

"UK airlines are clear that they are currently not seeing disruption to supply," they said.

Airlines UK, which represents the industry, said while it was not seeing disruption to UK jet fuel supply, it was talking to the government about "crucial measures" that would be needed to support the aviation industry in the event of fuel disruption "including reducing regulatory burdens, to protect consumers, trade, and the UK's competitiveness".

In the past, Europe has relied on the Middle East for about 75% of its jet fuel

imports, the IEA noted.

At the moment, European countries are scrambling to replace supplies from the Gulf with imports from elsewhere. Analysts say this is coming from the US and Nigeria.

The IEA said there had been a rapid acceleration in US jet fuel exports in recent weeks.

However, it warned in its report that even if these shipments were all destined for Europe, they would only replace a little over half of the lost supplies.

Analysing different scenarios, it said that if Europe was unable to replace more than 50% of its Middle Eastern imports, "physical shortages may emerge at select airports, resulting in flight cancellations, and demand destruction".

If three-quarters of supplies could be replaced, the same situation could still arise, but not until August.

"Consequently, for now, it would appear that European markets will need to work harder to attract further replacement cargoes from elsewhere if sufficient inventory is to be maintained over the summer months," it said.

Amaar Khan, head of European jet fuel pricing at Argus Media, believes that even if supplies from the Gulf resume in the near future, there could still be shortages in the run-up to the summer travel peak.

"It's not a certainty, but still, it's looking more and more likely that there will be a shortage of some extent in some areas of Europe.

"Of course, somewhere like Heathrow is probably going to be prioritized over other smaller airports, or smaller demand hubs. But yes, even if that supply does come on, it will take five to six weeks," he said.

EU airline industry warns of fuel shortages if Strait of Hormuz stays closed

Many airlines around the world have had to take emergency measures to counter the rising cost of fuel, which typically makes up 20-40% of their operating costs.

The benchmark European jet fuel price hit an all-time high of \$1,838 (£1,387) per tonne at the start of April, compared with \$831 before the war began.

Earlier this week, the European Commission said there was "no evidence of fuel shortages" in the European Union, but acknowledged there could be supply issues "in the near future".

A spokesperson told a press briefing crude oil supplies to EU refineries were "stable with no need for additional stock releases at present".

The Commission said oil and gas coordination groups were meeting weekly, and energy measures would be announced by the Commission president next week.

Last week the trade body for European airports, the Airports Council International, wrote to the Commission warning the continent could see jet fuel shortages if the Strait of Hormuz does not reopen in the next three weeks.

Industry group Airlines for Europe has called on the EU to clarify its passenger compensation rules to ensure that fuel shortages or airspace closures that result from the conflict are treated as "extraordinary circumstances".

This would mean that when they result in cancellations, airlines do not have to make significant compensation payments.

In a trading update earlier on Thursday, EasyJet said it had experienced £25m of additional fuel costs in March due to the Middle East conflict.

This was despite the airline having secured more than three-quarters of its jet fuel at a fixed price before costs rose due to the current conflict - a process known as hedging.

It said the conflict had prompted "near-term uncertainty around fuel costs and customer demand".

Dutch airline KLM said it will cancel 160 flights in Europe in the coming month due to rising fuel costs.

It said this was less than 1% of its European flights, adding it was not experiencing a shortage of jet fuel.

Additional reporting by Oliver Smith.

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS  
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In the Estate of ANTHONY DANIEL late of Liburd Hill in the Parish of St. James in the island of Nevis deceased

**ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION**

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **ELNORA LIDIA DANIEL** of Maddens Estate in the parish of St. James, in the island of Nevis, currently residing St. Maarten Netherland Antilles for a of Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is the wife of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

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

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026.

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# Taiwan Navy's "Friendship Flotilla" Concludes Landmark Visit to Saint Kitts and Nevis after 23-Year Hiatus

The Republic of China (Taiwan) Navy's 2026 Midshipmen Cruising and Training Squadron (MCTS) successfully concluded a three-day goodwill visit to the Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis from April 9 to 11. The visit, marking the fleet's first return to the Federation in 23 years, was characterized by high-level official engagements,



cultural exchanges, and overwhelming public support.

## Official Welcome and State Reception

The Government of Saint Kitts and Nevis held a formal welcoming ceremony at Port Zante on the morning of April 10 to receive the visiting squadron. Commanded by Rear Admiral Chen Ming-feng, the three-ship squadron was greeted by a high-level delegation led by Her Excellency Governor-General Dame Marcella Liburd and the Honourable Prime Minister Dr. Terrance Drew, alongside Deputy Governor-General Her Honour Hyleeta Liburd and the Premier of Nevis, the Honourable Mark Brantley and other senior officials.

In his address, Prime Minister Drew remarked that the visit underscores the profound and enduring diplomatic bond between the two nations. He emphasized that "true partnership is rooted in the interaction between our peoples" and encouraged the visiting sailors to immerse themselves in the Federation's rich cultural heritage.

Following the ceremony, Governor-General Liburd was escorted aboard the flagship *Panshi* to tour the "MCTS' Exhibition," showcasing Taiwan's technological and cultural advancements.

At noon on the 10th, Prime Minister Drew and Lady Drew hosted a formal luncheon for the High Command of the Taiwan Navy squadron. Later that evening, the Squadron hosted a grand reception aboard the flagship *Panshi*. Governor-General Liburd led a delegation of senior government officials in attendance, joining the officers and sailors for an evening of camaraderie and authentic Taiwanese cuisine. To honour the visiting naval personnel, the Kittitian hosts also organized a

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traditional 'Masquerade Dance' performance, celebrating the arrival of their guests from afar.

The squadron's visit drew significant public interest, with approximately 1,500 citizens boarding the vessels for public tours. In the heart of the capital, a massive street performance on Bay Road featured a joint display by the St. Kitts and Nevis Defence Force Band and Taiwan's elite military units. The ROC Naval Academy Drum and Bugle Corps, the Marine Corps Honour Guard, and the Chikwondo Team earned standing ovations for their precision drills and martial arts displays.

The spirit of camaraderie extended to the athletic field and the community:

- Sporting Diplomacy: A friendly basketball match was held between the Taiwan Navy crew and the SKN Defence Force.
- Commemorative Art: A friendship mural was unveiled on the exterior wall of Warner Park Sporting Complex, blending the



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**LIQUOR LICENCES  
ORDIANANCES, 1906  
SCHEDULE A**

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

To the Superintendent of Police.

I, **Ram's Trading** now residing in **Atlantic View Plaza, Frigate Bay** in the town of **Basseterre** do hereby give you notice that it is my intention to apply on **04th day of January, 2026**, to the **District Magistrate** at **Basseterre** for a **Wholesale Liquor Licence** in respect of my premises **Atlantic View Plaza** in **Basseterre**.

Dated this  
**15th day of April, 2026.**

Signed: *Rege Randolph*

**LIQUOR LICENCES  
ORDIANANCES, 1906  
SCHEDULE A**

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

To the Superintendent of Police.

I, **Le'Ricola Daniel** now residing in **Central Alley** in the village of **Cayon** do hereby give you notice that it is my intention to apply on **11th day of February, 2026**, to the **District Magistrate** at **Basseterre** for a **Retail Liquor Licence** in respect of my premises **Encore** in **Main Street** in **Cayon**.

Dated this  
**15th day of April, 2026.**

Signed: **Le'Ricola Daniel**

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# 2026 West Indies Championship: Round 1 Recap

**Wickham, Jango and Jamaican openers share the Spotlight with the bat, while Motie led the way with the ball in the opening round of the 2026 West Indies Championship.**

16 April 2026

**ST JOHN'S, Antigua-** The West Indies Championship returned with an enthralling opening round, with matches played in Antigua and at Chedwin Park in Jamaica. The round produced seven centuries, three five-wicket hauls, and a remarkable ten-wicket match haul, all setting the tone for an exciting regional tournament.

Barbadian Kevin Wickham etched his name into regional folklore with scintillating centuries in both innings for Barbados Pride against the Jamaica Scorpions. However, his efforts were rivalled by magnificent hundreds from openers John Campbell and Kirk McKenzie.



Wickham excelled in both innings, becoming just the third Barbadian this century to score twin hundreds in a regional match, joining Kraigg Brathwaite (102 & 122 vs Guyana, 2015) and Ryan Hinds (168 & 150 vs Leeward Islands, 2006).

The elegant right-hander struck six fours and 12 towering sixes in a dominant first-innings score of 153, before following up with a sparkling unbeaten 108.

“My mindset was just to play straight. It was about getting in on this wicket and batting for a long period. Once I was there, I knew the runs would come. The pitch was tough, but I backed my game,” Wickham said.

However, not to be outdone, Jamaica Scorpions captain John Campbell and his left-handed opening partner Kirk McKenzie launched a superb counterattack in the final innings, putting on a commanding 242-run opening stand in the chase. Their efforts propelled the Scorpions to a convincing seven-wicket victory as they successfully hunted down a challenging target of 324.

Campbell struck 126, laced with 11 fours and six sixes, to register his 11th century at this level. Meanwhile, McKenzie compiled a composed and well-crafted unbeaten 135, his third first-class hundred, to calmly steer the hosts to victory and secure maximum points.

In Antigua, defending champions Guyana Harpy Eagles overcame a first-innings deficit to secure victory against the Windward Islands Volcanoes at Sir Vivian Richards Stadium.



Player of the match Gudakesh Motie delivered a match-winning performance with the ball, claiming figures of 10 for 119 to spin his team into a commanding position and set up a comfortable four-wicket win shortly after tea.



Sunil Ambris kept the Volcanoes in contention with an unbeaten 107, his 10th first-class century, before being bowled out for 209 in their second innings, setting the Harpy Eagles a target of 233.

Captain Tevin Imlach led the chase with a characteristically gritty 82, bringing his side within touching distance of victory. Matthew Nandu provided solid support with 58, before Motie fittingly sealed the win with a flurry of boundaries, guiding his team to 233 for 6.

“We were good for most parts, well at the back end because they won most of the sessions in the first innings. I thought they bowled better than us in the first innings, but I think a bit of experience came into play in the end,” Imlach expressed. “We had some good performances from some of the batters and Motie was brilliant, to see him get ten wickets for us was great.”

In the round's other clash, Trinidad & Tobago Red Force recorded an emphatic innings and 271 run triumph over the Leeward Islands Hurricanes at the Coolidge Cricket Ground in Antigua.

The Red Force, after blowing away the Hurricanes for a paltry 138 on the opening day, watched as Amir Jango sparked with a flawless double century to engineer the statement win.



The left-hander stroked 16 fours and five sixes in his unbeaten knock of 203 to record his second first class ton, interestingly his first was also a double century. ?

Jango reflected on his batting marathon which was fifteen

minutes shy of eight hours at the crease.

“I think it was a pretty difficult time to start, Oshane Thomas and Justin greaves bowled well, thankfully Josh and Terrance took some pressure off me because they scored freely which got me into my innings so all I had to do was put away the bad balls and rotate as much as possible and ensure I cashed in at the end,” Jango said. “The innings was more about kicking on from my start because for my whole career I haven't made use of my starts, 17 fifties and one hundred before this, so happy to convert from this fifty and looking for many more.”

Jango also shared in an unbroken 253-run sixth-wicket partnership with Terrance Hinds who recorded his second century at this level to help the Red Force post a mammoth total of 507 for 5 declared.

Faced with an imposing first innings deficit of 369, the hosts found themselves reeling at 46 for 5 and despite a fighting 56 not out from captain Justin Greaves, the Hurricanes folded for 98.

Khary Pierre was the pick of the bowlers with 4 for 37, and Captain Joshua Da Silva heaped praises on his team for what he termed as a perfect performance to begin their hunt for a first title in over 20 years.

“Overall, we had a good three days, we started off well with the ball and that set the momentum for us, which we followed up the bat with outstanding knocks from Jango and Hinds. All in all, we had a great three days and even though we didn't expect to get the ten wickets so quickly, we were patient enough for long periods and that helped us.”

The second round of matches bowl off on Sunday April 19.

## Opening Round Results from the 2026 West Indies Championship

Leeward Islands Hurricanes vs Trinidad & Tobago Red Force:

Trinidad & Tobago Red Force won by an innings and 271 runs

Windward Islands Volcanoes vs Guyana Harpy Eagles:

Guyana Harpy Eagles won by four wickets

Jamaica Scorpions vs Barbados Pride:

Jamaica Scorpions won by seven wicketsts