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Photo: Children of the late SCASPA linesman, 50-year-old Devon 'Rollerz' Hutton-including, from left, Kadeem Hutton, Tadesha 'Taddy' Hutton and Tootsie-gather around his beloved bicycle, a familiar and much-loved part of his daily life, following part one of his funeral service held on Wednesday 12th August 2026, at the Church of God of Prophecy. Hutton, who became a linesman with SCASPA in December 2012, was remembered by his daughter Tadesha and SCASPA's Marine and Passenger Operations Manager Captain Ludell Harvey-Lloyd for his strong work ethic, skill and dedication to the job. (Spokesman Snap). An inset photo shows the late Hutton.

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Editorial

Just in the Nick of Time: Do We Really Know Our National Anthem?

Just in the nick of time, as we prepare to celebrate another Independence Anniversary (19th September), an interesting and somewhat uncomfortable topic has found its way into the national conversation: Do we really know the words to 'O Land of Beauty', our National Anthem?

The question was thrust into the spotlight following a recent incident at the People's Labour Party (PLP) convention, where a young woman, while singing the anthem before a live audience and during a live stream, incorrectly rendered some of the patriotic lyrics. As social media does so efficiently, the footage quickly travelled far beyond those who witnessed it in person. Before long, it was being shared, discussed, joked about and dissected locally.

The reactions have been mixed. Some have been sympathetic, suggesting that what happened was simply a case of human error, perhaps brought on by the pressure of performing before an audience and knowing that cameras were rolling. Others have been far less forgiving, arguing that there should be no excuse for not knowing the words to our National Anthem.

There have certainly been jokes, memes and the usual social media jabs, and while there is nothing wrong with a little humour, perhaps we should pause before the laughter and ask ourselves a more important question: How patriotic are we, really?

One encouraging takeaway from that recent incident is that what happens almost instinctively whenever someone falters while singing the National Anthem. The audience often joins in, helping to carry the lyrics and correct the mistake. That, in itself, is something worth celebrating.

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SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT
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In the Estate of EUNICE ELEANOR RICHARDSON MARTIN
Deceased

NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by THANE MARTIN SR. of the Wilmington, Delaware, USA for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above named deceased who died on the 10th day of November 2022 without revoking a will bearing the date the 19th day of August 2021 wherein the applicant is named sole executor.

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

Dated this 5th day of August 2026



Filed by Hendrickson's Legal Chambers Attorneys-at-Law whose address for service is New Road, St. Peter's, St. Kitts.



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Do we really know the words to 'O Land of Beauty', our National Anthem?

Rather than leaving someone to struggle alone, we step in together to preserve a song that belongs to all of us. It is a quiet but powerful reminder that patriotism is also about helping one another. In fact, that willingness to come together and help each other out is a pretty decent reflection of who we aspire to be as a nation.

Patriotism, however, is not simply the ability to recite the National Anthem without making a mistake. Neither is it putting on a shirt decorated with the national flag, wearing national colours or displaying a flag during Independence celebrations.

Patriotism is supposed to be reflected in how we live.

If we proudly sing about our land being beautiful, peaceful and free, then our conduct should help preserve that beauty, peace and freedom. If we speak of working together and standing proudly as a nation, then our behaviour towards one another should reflect those ideals.

We cannot claim patriotism only when it is convenient.

And perhaps this is where the conversation needs to go beyond one person's mistake with the anthem. We should examine how we treat our country, our communities, our institutions and each other.

Our love for the country must also rise above partisan politics. We cannot love St.

Kitts and Nevis only when the political party we support occupies the government. The country does not change depending on which administration is in office. St. Kitts and Nevis remains our country.

We should therefore resist the temptation to make patriotism partisan. Criticising a government when we believe it is wrong does not make us unpatriotic. Supporting good initiatives because they benefit the country should not depend on the colour of the political party proposing them.

Perhaps this year's Independence theme gives us an important reminder of what that patriotism should look like. 'One People, One Vision, Endless Possibility: Independence 43' is more than a catchy Independence slogan. There is a message in those words that deserves our attention.

As the Government's Independence committee has issued the calendar of events (Saturday 1st August to Sunday 25th October 2026), the countdown to another Independence season has begun. Let us participate, celebrate and proudly display our national symbols but let us also remember what they represent.

And yes, learn the anthem.

But more importantly, live it.

After all patriotism is not merely knowing the words. It is doing the things that make those words mean something.

Devon ‘Rollerz’ Hutton Remembered For Linesman Legacy, Work Reputation

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETTERRE, St. Kitts (Thursday 13th August 2026) - “His reputation spoke for itself. When Daddy was on the job, things got done. His work ethic became a part of a legacy he left behind, and it was something he passed on to his children.”

Those were the words of Tadesha ‘Taddy’ Hutton, daughter of the late 50-year-old Devon ‘Rollerz’ Hutton who joined the St. Christopher Air and Sea Ports Authority (SCASPA) staff as a linesman in December 2012, as she paid tribute as part of the eulogy presentation during his funeral service held on Wednesday 12th August 2026, at the Church of God of Prophecy at Buckley’s Site in Basseterre.

She remembered her father as a hardworking man whose years in the shipping industry earned him a reputation for getting the job done.

“Daddy spent many years working in the shipping industry where he became well known for his hard work and the ability to get the job done,” she said. “He helped offload containers from the cargo vessel, and even if he had his own way of doing things and sometimes causing a little trouble, there was no denying that he was one of the best at what he did.”

As shared by her, his work ethic also became part of the legacy he passed on to his children, all of whom found their own paths within the shipping industry.

“His work ethic became a part of a legacy he left behind, and it was something he passed on to his children. All of us have found our way in the shipping industry in some form, whether hands on or in administrative roles, carrying on a piece of the world he knew so well,” Hutton said.

She recalled being pleased when she began working at the port, joking that it gave her an opportunity to keep tabs on her father.

“I was so glad when I started working at the port just so I could keep tabs on my father,” she said, before adding humorously, “But [you all] can’t tell him I said that.”

Hutton said one of the jobs she saw her father take great pride in was working as a linesman at the cruise port, helping to bring cruise ships safely alongside the dock.

“One of the jobs I saw my father take great pride in is working as a linesman at the cruise port, helping to bring the cruise ships safely alongside the dock, and I’m telling [you all], that is not an easy task, and I know the linesmen would agree with me,” she said.

She recalled watching her father at work from a young age and gaining an appreciation for the demands of the profession.

“When I was younger, I would watch my father at work, and even then, I understood what he was doing wasn’t an easy task but back then, there were fewer linesmen, so you could only imagine. The responsibility on each man was even greater,” she said.

“It required strength, skill, teamwork, and courage. The cruise ships would arrive early in the morning and sometimes leave late in the night but it was demanding work, and he showed up to do it.”

Hutton also spoke about the practical skills her father developed throughout his life and his willingness to take on difficult work.

“If something needed fixing, chances are my father could do it. He might not do it right away, but he will get it done,” she said. “He worked with his hands, learned many skills throughout his life, and wasn’t afraid of hard work.”

She said his workplace was also conveniently located a “stone’s [throw] away” from one of his favourite places to relax with friends, the Ferry Terminal.

“That’s the kind of memory that reminds us of who he was. Not just a working man, but someone who enjoyed life on his terms, laughter, and the company around us,” she said.

While describing his caring ways as a father, for Hutton, there was another part of her father’s daily life that was impossible to leave out - his bicycle.

“That was daddy- loving, caring, protective and always finding his own way to



Photo: Representatives of the workers representative organisation -the St. Kitts-Nevis Trades and Labour Union (SKNT&LU)- of which the late Devon ‘Rollerz’ Hutton was a member-(From right to left) President Sydney Bridgewater (also a Field Officer), Floor Members Sean Kelly (also a Field Officer) and Eva Henderson, General Secretary Precious Mills and office Senior Clerk Vassil Roberts, pose for a photograph as a mark of respect following part one of Hutton’s funeral service on Wednesday 12th August 2026 at the premises of the Church of God of Prophecy located at Buckley’s Site in Basseterre. (Spokesman Snap)



Photo: Union Shop Stewards for the linesmen membership, Lawson ‘Laba’ Liddie (left end) and Hani Lake (right end), join other unionised linesmen for a photograph at the graveside following the funeral service of the late Devon ‘Rollerz’ Hutton at the Springfield Cemetery on Wednesday 12th August 2026. (Credit: SCASPA)

show his children just how much they meant to him, then there was his bike,” she recalled.

“I don’t think I would forgive myself if I forgot such a huge part of my father’s

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Devon 'Rollerz' Hutton Remembered For Linesman Legacy, Work Reputation

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life. That bike wasn't just his way of getting around; it became part of who he was every single day."

Hutton added: "You could bet your life on seeing Devon riding that bike. He rode it to work, to the ferry terminal to spend time with his friends, and back home. All of us had a turn on that bike with daddy."

Also paying tribute was SCASPA's Marine and Passenger Operations Manager Captain Ludell Harvey-Lloyd, who described Hutton as a highly capable linesman and a valued colleague.

He said he had known Hutton from his younger days in the Newtown area before later encountering him professionally at SCASPA through Hutton's father, Kenneth Hutton, whom he described as "One of the best thing you could ever have when it comes to a linesman."

Harvey-Lloyd recalled that in 2012, Kenneth Hutton expressed his desire for his son Devon to become part of the linesmen team.

"I said, 'You sure he could handle this?' He said, 'Yeah, I can teach him.' I said, 'Okay, no problem, let's do it,' and then Devon became a part of us in 2012," Harvey recalled.

Hutton became a linesman with SCASPA in December 2012 and went on to spend nearly fourteen (14) years with the organisation's marine team.

Harvey remembered Hutton as a worker who was never afraid to speak his mind.

"Devon is not afraid to tell anybody what he got to say," he said, adding that despite disagreements, Hutton never held a grudge.

"But you know the key thing about it? He never kept malice. Never. The very next day, you and he are good to go."

Harvey also recalled Hutton's keen attention to his finances, describing him humorously as someone who could "count very well."

"Anytime you get Devon's

money wrong, just look out," Harvey said.

"And he's not coming empty handed. He's coming with his file and his papers... and he's going to show you from where he started and why you give him extra this time and not the last time."

Turning again to Hutton's professional ability, Harvey described him as a "very strong linesman" who knew his work well and had learned from his father.

"His replacement will have to be somebody really, really, really good," Harvey said.

Harvey extended condolences to Hutton's family and friends on behalf of the SCASPA team, particularly the Marine team with whom he worked.

He also recalled Hutton's distinctive attachment to his bicycle,

which he said was his only means of transportation.

"When I look through the leaflet today, I say one of the pictures that was missing is Devon on his bike," Harvey said.

"His only means of transportation, no matter what type of day it is, whether it's rain...or whatever is coming, Devon is on his bike and he got that from his father."

Harvey concluded his tribute by describing Hutton as "a good man, a very good man," and said his passing would be felt by colleagues across SCASPA.

Representatives of the workers representative organisation the St. Kitts-Nevis Trades and Labour Union (SKNT&LU), of which he was a member, also attended the funeral service.

Among those present were some of the SKNT&LU Executive Committee members, including President Sydney Bridgewater, Second Vice President Nadine Natta, General Secretary Precious Mills and Floor Members Sean Kelly, Eva Henderson and Lloyd Rouse, as well as Senior Clerk Vassil Roberts.

The two Union Shop Stewards for the SCASPA linesmen membership, Lawson 'Laba' Liddie and Hani Lake, also attended the service, along with other unionised linesmen.

The late Devon Hutton was buried at the Springfield cemetery.



The Government of St. Kitts and Nevis Invites Tenderers to Bid on the following Project:

Saddlers Playing Field Fencing Project Tender Documents can be obtained at the Public Works Department, Wellington Road, Basseterre, St Kitts, as of Monday, 24th August, 2026 for a non-refundable fee of EC\$350.00 each.

A site meeting will be convened on Thursday 27th August 2026.

Completed tender shall be delivered in sealed envelope to the office of:

**Director of Public Works Department
Wellington Road, Basseterre St. Kitts
on or before 1:00pm Wednesday 7th October 2026.**

Tenderers or their representatives are invited to the Tender Opening.

Eligibility

It is mandatory that Tenderers be locally registered in the Federation of St. Kitts & Nevis. Business License MUST be presented before receipt of Tender Document.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS ST KITTS



PAM Opens Race for New Political Leader

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Thursday 13th August 2026)-The opposition People’s Action Movement (PAM) has officially opened nominations for its next Political Leader, with interested members having until Tuesday 25th August 2026, to submit their nominations.

The party’s Council announced on Wednesday 12th August that the election of its sixth Political Leader will take place on Tuesday 1st September 2026, at a Special Caucus.

The position became vacant following the resignation of Natasha Grey-Brookes, which became effective on July 31, 2026.

According to PAM, the position is open to all party members who are in good standing and meet the established requirements.

“We encourage any member who wishes to offer themselves for service at this important level of leadership, to take advantage of this opportunity and submit their nomination by the stipulated deadline,” the party said.

Full details regarding the nomination process, requirements and deadlines are available from the Party Secretariat, while the outcome will be announced immediately following the determination of the results.

On the heels of that statement, the party shared an update on its social media highlighting some of its ongoing activities, saying: “Some of PAM’s candidates take the opportunity to gain valuable insights and guidance from former Deputy Prime Minister and Member of Parliament, Hon. Dr. Shawn Richards.”

It added that outgoing Acting National Chairperson Carlene Henry-Morton and incoming National Chairperson Jaqueline Howell were also involved in the session.

“Meanwhile, outgoing Acting National Chairperson Carlene Henry-Morton and incoming National Chairperson Jaqueline Howell brief the team on upcoming major events and key activities as the party continues to strengthen its organization and prepare for the road ahead,” the post stated.

Notably, the outgoing PAM Leader Grey-Brookes did not appear on her weekly

‘Vision Fridays’ programme aired on Freedom FM on Friday 7th August following her resignation as Political Leader.

An audio message from her, however, was played, in which she assured listeners that ‘Vision Fridays’ would continue.

“Leadership titles may change, but purpose and passion never do,” she said.

“Today, I want to reassure you with all my heart Vision Friday is not going anywhere. I am still the same, Natasha Grey-Brookes, who walked your communities, sat in your homes, listened to your heart, and shared in your dreams.”

Grey-Brookes said her commitment to the people was not tied to political office.

“My commitment to you was never tied to a political seat or an official. It was and always will be rooted in a deep, unconditional love for our people and our nation,” she said.

She said ‘Vision Fridays’ was created to “touch lives, elevate our communities, and create real compassionate solutions for families across St. Kitts and Nevis.”

“That vision remains alive, vibrant, and as determined as ever,” she said.

Grey-Brookes also said her focus had shifted toward community action, particularly upcoming back-to-school initiatives.

“The focus of the past several days has already shifted toward tangible community action, particularly organizing upcoming back to school initiatives to ensure that our children receive the supplies and assistance they need for the new academic year.”

Reflecting on her resignation, Grey-Brookes said the decision followed weeks of reflection, prayer and difficult conversations.

“Stepping back from the leadership of the People’s Action Movement was not a swift or light decision. It was the culmination of weeks filled with heavy reflection, continuous prayer, and difficult conversations,” she said.

“Making a move of that magnitude takes a toll, but it also brings immense clarity.”

She added: “Public leadership, especially as a woman, carries a unique weight.”

Grey-Brookes also spoke about the response to her decision, saying it had come from people across St. Kitts and Nevis, the diaspora and across the political spectrum.

“Since announcing the decision, the response from people across St. Kitts and

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ST. CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

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In the Estate of LLOYD MATTHEW late of #28 Ottley's Village Extension, in the Parish of St. Mary, in the Island of Saint Christopher, deceased.

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by KAYRINA LAWSON of 2900 Rio Court, Unit #1, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada, Personal Support Worker, for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above-named deceased LLOYD MATTHEW who died on April 15, 2024 without revoking a will bearing the date of March 14, 2017 wherein the Applicant is named 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 23rd day of July 2026.



Hadya K. L. Dolphin, Associate
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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In the Estate of GEOFFREY COMISSIONG, late of L'Anse Aux Epines, in the Parish of Saint George, and the State of Grenada, deceased

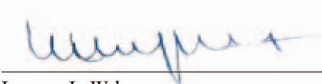
ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR THE RESEALING OF A GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an Application has been filed on behalf of RICHARD VON KURT STRACHAN, by his lawful Attorney, MICHELLE MILLET née COMISSIONG of Egmont, in the Parish of Saint George, in the State of Grenada, for the Resealing of the Grant of Probate in the Estate of GEOFFREY COMISSIONG deceased, in the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Applicant is the Sole Executor named and appointed by the deceased under his Last Will and Testament, the deceased having died testate on the 30th day of June, 2023.

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

Dated this 12th day of August, 2026.



Leonora L. Walwyn
Attorneys-at-Law
WalwynLaw Chambers

Filed by WalwynLaw, Attorneys-at-Law, Walwyn Corporate Offices, Basseterre, St. Kitts for and on behalf of the Applicant whose address for service is that of his Attorneys-at-Law.

PLP Leader Hints Last Candidate " Will Excite Young People"

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETTERRE, St. Kitts (Wednesday 12th August 2026) - The People's Labour Party (PLP) Leader and immediate past Prime Minister Dr. Timothy Harris has hinted that the party's yet-to-be-announced candidate for St. Christopher Six will be a nationally known figure who, he says, will "excite young people and the imagination of the country."

He made the disclosure on Tuesday 11th August 2026, during the PLP-sponsored weekly programme 'The People's Choice', hosted by Jamiella MacPhail on Freedom FM, following the party's convention held on Saturday, 8th August, at the Newtown Paddock in East Basseterre (St. Christopher One).

At the convention, seven of the PLP's eight candidates were formally presented ahead of the next general elections, with the new slate, comprising one female and six males, replacing all but Harris from the party's 2022 line-up.

Asked about the outstanding candidate for Constituency Six, Dr. Harris said the party had already identified its standard-bearer.

"...we had screened candidates for all eight constituencies. And I'm happy to say that no constituency will be left out," Dr. Harris said.

He explained that the party had already identified its candidate for Constituency Six but that the timing had not been suitable for the individual to formally come forward.

"We have, in fact, already identified the person who will be our standard bearer, if you will, for PLP number six. That person is sufficiently known within the executive and elsewhere," Harris said.

"The time window was not opportune for the person to come forward and sign. But the person is still very much active in doing the work of the party."

Dr. Harris said the candidate would be presented at a later date, not only to the constituents of Constituency Six but to the wider country.

"And at a later date, we will present that person, that candidate for number six, not only to the people of number six, but to the people of the country," he said.

Offering further clues about the individual, Dr. Harris said the prospective candidate has a national profile and would appeal particularly to young people.

"It will be somebody with a national profile, and it will be somebody that will excite young people and the imagination of the country that PLP has been able to attract such a broad cross section," Dr. Harris said.

He said the party's slate reflects diversity in talent, gender, age and community connections, with individuals who have already been engaged nationally.

"So they will not be strangers, and that other person would really hit the streets rolling, and you will be happy, I do believe, as all other persons will be."

Pressed for further hints, Dr. Harris reiterated that the candidate has a national profile and wide reach.

"I think it's a good thing for the party to be able to attract these caliber of persons to our fold."

Dr. Harris said he appreciated that the individuals who have joined the PLP had made a deliberate choice to do so.

"I do appreciate that each of them has a choice and they made a choice to come with me. I think that that is an outstanding commendation for the party, and so I owe each of them a debt of gratitude," he stated.

The PLP leader also expressed confidence in the candidates' ability to deliver if elected.

"Our country, in turn, when they are elected, come to see them at work, and I promise they will deliver with the energy and vigor that we have not seen, at least not over the last four years," Harris said.

Harris's comments came as the PLP presented seven of its eight candidates at the convention.

For St. Christopher One, Calvin Pemberton was presented for East Basseterre, taking over from former candidate Jacqueline Bryan who chaired the 2026 candidates unveiling at the convention.

In St. Christopher Two (Central Basseterre), Dameon Lawrence, the party's Deputy Leader, is the candidate, replacing Nubian Greaux who had resigned from the PLP and is presently the candidate for the People's Action Movement (PAM) in that constituency and also one of the two deputy party leaders.

Troy 'Spuddy' Hendrickson was presented for St. Christopher Three (West Basseterre), replacing then Deputy Leader Akilah Nisbett-Byron who had resigned.

Delante Lewis was presented for St. Christopher Four, replacing Kendale Liburd.

Patricia Isles-Cesar was presented for St. Christopher Five, replacing Stachio Williams.

Of note, Dr. Marc Williams was the PLP candidate for St. Christopher Six in the last election.

Dr. Timothy Harris was presented for St. Christopher Seven, while Claudine Saunders was presented for St. Christopher Eight, replacing Andrew 'Talbo' Bass, who had resigned.

Harris also used the convention to project confidence in the PLP's prospects at the polls.

"When PLP speaks, everyone listens because we are the only alternative in this country. No matter what they do or what they say, they know this election will be a contest between the outgoing Labour Party and the incoming People's Labour Party," he told supporters.

Following the August 2022 general elections, the St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party (SKNLP) won six seats while PLP's sole seat was captured by Dr. Harris (St. Christopher Seven) and Shawn Richards, former PAM Leader captured the seat in St. Christopher Five.

Photo: People's Labour Party (PLP) Leader Dr. Timothy Harris addresses supporters during the party's convention held on Saturday, 8th August 2026, at the Newtown Paddock in East Basseterre, where seven of the party's eight candidates were formally presented ahead of the next general elections. Harris has since hinted that the outstanding candidate for St. Christopher Six will be a nationally known figure who will "excite young people and the imagination of the country." (Credit: Youtube.com/PLPOSKN)

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Nevis and throughout the diaspora has been overwhelming," she said. "Outreach has come from all walks of life and across every single political persuasion."

She said that while people held differing views on the transition, the prevailing response had been "one of deep mutual respect for the choice to step aside."

Grey-Brookes did not state in the audio message what her future political plans are or whether she intends to contest the upcoming general election.

Photo: According to the PAM Party, via social media on Thursday 13th August 2026, some of the People's Action Movement (PAM) candidates received guidance from former Deputy Prime Minister and Member of Parliament, Hon. Dr. Shawn Richards (pictured left end), as outgoing Acting National Chairperson Carlene Henry-Morton and incoming National Chairperson Jaqueline Howell brief the team on upcoming major events and key activities as the party continues to



strengthen its organisation and prepare for the road ahead. (Photo: Facebook/PAM-ThePeople'sActionMovement)

Global Employment Trends for Youth 2026

Youth unemployment rises as young people face a harder road to decent work

New ILO report finds global youth unemployment rising, with some of the sharpest increases in higher-income economies and more young people outside employment, education or training.

11 August 2026

Global Employment Trends for Youth 2026: Back to the future

GENEVA (ILO News) – Global youth unemployment is rising as stagnant economic growth and weak job creation increase barriers to job entry for young people and push more of them outside employment, education or training, according to a new report from the International Labour Organization (ILO).

The Global Employment Trends for Youth 2026: Back to the future report shows that the global youth unemployment rate rose to 12.4 per cent in 2025, equivalent to 67 million unemployed people aged 15 to 24 years. At the same time, the share of young people not in employment, education or training (NEET) increased slightly to 20 per cent, affecting more than 257 million people. Some of the sharpest rises in youth unemployment have been in higher-income economies, frustrating the aspirations of millions of young people at the start of their working lives.

Between 2023 and 2025, youth unemployment rates increased in eight of the world's 11 subregions, as slowing economic growth, weak job creation, geopolitical tensions and rapid technological change push countries toward a new youth jobs crisis.

A generation that cannot find decent work cannot build its future with confidence.

Gilbert F. Hounbo, ILO Director-General

"A generation that cannot find decent work cannot build its future with confidence. When young people are locked out of quality employment, countries lose talent, productivity and social cohesion. Creating decent jobs for young people is not just a social imperative, it is one of the smartest investments a country can make," said Gilbert F. Hounbo, ILO Director-General.

Youth job prospects worsen in higher-income economies

In Northern America, youth unemployment increased sharply, rising from 8.3 per cent in 2023 to 9.8 per cent in 2025. In Northern, Southern and Western Europe, youth unemployment remained high at 15 per cent in 2025, with 20 of the 29 countries in the subregion reporting weaker job opportunities for young people.

The decline of many middle-skilled jobs is making it harder for young people to find stable careers. Jobs that have traditionally provided entry points for young workers – including clerical and administrative roles, service and sales occupations, manufacturing-related jobs and some technical occupations – are shrinking, according to the report.

Too few decent jobs in developing economies

In developing economies, the challenge remains creating enough decent jobs to absorb growing young populations. Low unemployment rates conceal widespread labour market insecurity, as many young people cannot afford to remain unemployed and instead enter informal or unstable work.

Nearly nine in ten young workers aged 15 to 29 in low- and lower-middle-income countries are employed informally, limiting their access to stable incomes and social protection. The report identifies sub-Saharan Africa as the subregion facing especially strong demographic pressures alongside too few decent jobs, resulting in more young people falling into NEET status.

The Arab States and Northern Africa continue to record the world's highest youth unemployment rates. In 2025, youth unemployment stood at 26.2 per cent in the Arab States and 22.6 per cent in Northern Africa. In both subregions, at least one in three young people were NEET.

Technology is reshaping youth employment

The report finds that technological change, including advances in artificial intelligence (AI), is transforming opportunities for young workers.

It estimates that 6.1 per cent of jobs held by young people aged 15 to 29 are in occupations highly exposed to AI-related changes. Many of these overlap with the middle-skilled occupations that have declined in number for young people since 2023, particularly clerical and administrative roles. At the same time, demand continues to grow in some knowledge-based technical occupations in fields like science, health and engineering, highlighting the importance of ensuring that young people have access to the skills that match evolving labour market needs.

"There is increasing noise around AI," said Sukti Dasgupta, ILO Director of the Employment, Skills and Sustainable Enterprises Department. "While the direct impact on jobs is still unclear, we must not be complacent and underestimate the risks. We need to step up our investment in skills, lifelong learning and social protection so that young people can adapt to change and seize new opportunities. Technological progress, including AI, must work for young people, not against them."

Getting back to a future where pathways lead to decent work

The report calls for renewed action to help young people navigate an increasingly uncertain world of work. Key policy measures include:

- adopting a human-centred approach to AI governance, ensuring that innovation creates opportunities rather than deepening inequalities;

- investing in quality education, lifelong learning and apprenticeships; strengthening employment services and labour market institutions to support young people's transitions into work, targeting especially young women;

- expanding social protection and ensuring rights at work, particularly for young people in vulnerable situations; and

- creating more decent job opportunities through supportive macroeconomic and sectoral policies.

The report concludes that the challenge is not only to create more jobs for young people, but to ensure that these jobs provide security, dignity and opportunities for successful transitions into adulthood.

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ROC (Taiwan) Embassy Honours Historic Record Of 37 Scholarship Recipients At 2026 Award Ceremony At Marriott Hotel

On Saturday, August 8, 2026, the Embassy of the Republic of China (Taiwan) hosted the official 2026 MOFA and ICDF Taiwanese Scholarships Awarding Ceremony at the St. Kitts Marriott Resort. The event marked a monumental milestone in bilateral relations, celebrating a historic cohort of 37 Kittitian and Nevisian students awarded full scholarships to pursue tertiary education in Taiwan.

The ceremony brought together top state dignitaries, including Prime Minister Dr. Terrance Drew,



PM Dr. The Hon. Terrance Drew



Resident Ambassador of Taiwan His Excellency Edward Tao



Deputy Prime Minister Dr. Geoffrey Hanley

Deputy Prime Minister Dr. Geoffrey Hanley, Senior Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr. Denzil Douglas, Nevis Premier Mark Brantley, and Resident Ambassador of Taiwan His Excellency Edward Tao, alongside senior government officials, proud families, and scholarship awardees.

Delivering his opening address, Ambassador Edward Tao highlighted the unprecedented growth of the scholarship initiative, pointing out that this year's cohort represents an impressive increase of nine awards over last year—setting a new benchmark in human resource cooperation.

Emphasizing the immediate impact on the Federation's capacity building, Ambassador Tao expressed special pride that nineteen of this year's 37 recipients are active public servants - including two nurses, a JNF General Hospital technician, a high school principal, two education officers, a diplomat, and an officer from the Nevis Disaster Management Department.

Addressing the students directly, Ambassador Tao encouraged them to pursue academic excellence, embrace new cultural experiences, and serve as proud cultural ambassadors of Saint Kitts and Nevis to Taiwan.

Delivering key remarks at the ceremony, Prime Minister Drew expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the Government and people of Taiwan, praising the island nation as a "real partner" to Saint Kitts and

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Nevis since 1983. Prime Minister Drew underscored the broader, tangible benefits of Taiwan's partnership across key developmental sectors, including healthcare, mental health

initiatives, water security, and national infrastructure. He also commended the strong bilateral ties reinforced during his high-level discussions with President Lai Ching-te last year, emphasizing that expanding international educational pathways will build a stronger, more sustainable healthcare workforce for the

future of the Federation. The 2026 scholarship cohort will depart for Taiwan in the coming weeks to begin their academic journeys across various critical disciplines, ranging from engineering and information technology to international business and public health. The ceremony concluded with the

presentation of award certificates, official group photography, and a celebratory reception honoring the students and their families. Scholarship 1Scholarship 7Scholarship 8Scholarship 6Scholarship 5Scholarship 4Scholarship 3Scholarship 2 Photo credits: SKNIS



Senior Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr. Denzil Douglas



Premier of Nevis Hon. Mark Brantley



Attendees - 2026 MOFA and ICDF Taiwanese Scholarships Awarding Ceremony at the St. Kitts Marriott

We're getting mealtimes wrong - here's the best time to have dinner

Melissa Hogenboom
BBC News



Getty Images A family sits around a table enjoying a large pan of seafood paella (Credit: Getty Images) Getty Images (Credit: Getty Images)

It's not only what you eat that matters – your body clock plays an important role in how you metabolise food.

"Have breakfast like a king, lunch like a prince and have dinner like a pauper," my Spanish friend and colleague Javier Hirschfeld told me when I asked about typical Spanish eating habits. It's a saying that has been drilled into him from an early age.

In Spain, it's common for lunch to be your biggest meal of the day while evening meals tend to consist of light bites. "Some people skip dinner altogether or have a piece of fruit and yoghurt," he says.

In the UK and US, it's more usual to have a light lunch followed by a bigger meal in the evening. But we may have got things backwards – that's according to an emerging scientific discipline, chrononutrition. It suggests that healthy eating is not only about what we eat, but also when we eat it.

From reducing obesity to preventing cardiovascular disease, numerous studies now show that our internal body clock, or circadian rhythm, plays a powerful role in how we process food – and our overall health. Here's why – and how to schedule your meals to capitalise on it.

Set your clock to the right 'time'

Marta Garaulet, from the University of Murcia in Spain, first became interested in the impact of meal timings after making observations in her weight-loss clinic. Over a decade ago, she observed two patients who experienced different weight-loss results, despite living together and following the exact same diet.

We're not the same person in the morning and the evening from a biological point of view – Frank Scheer

One had lunch around 13:00, while the other could only eat later because of her class schedule. "That was the only difference," says Garaulet. The student eating an earlier lunch had lost much more weight after six-weeks. This led her to investigate the intriguing possibility that meal timing itself could have a huge influence on weight loss.

Together with colleagues from the University of Murcia, Garaulet followed 420 adults in Spain who took part in the same weight-loss programme over 20 weeks to find that those who ate an earlier lunch lost more weight and lost it more quickly compared to those who chose to eat lunch later in the day.

Similarly, in a small randomised controlled trial, 32 healthy women ate the

same meals for two weeks. Those who ate a later lunch showed poorer blood sugar control and burned fewer carbohydrates. Numerous studies have since found that our circadian rhythm influences our hunger, digestion and metabolism.

But why should eating the exact same food at a different time of day have such a powerful effect? When I asked this question to Frank Scheer, a professor of medicine and neuroscientist at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts, he told me that it's because "we're not the same person in the morning and the evening from a biological point of view." Our internal body clock regulates almost all aspects of our physiology, he says.

That's because eating at a time when our body clock suggests it's time for sleep could create a biological mismatch called "circadian misalignment."

One example of this can be seen in how we regulate blood sugar. In a 2022 study of more than 800 adults, researchers gave each one a glucose drink designed to mimic the carbohydrate content of a typical evening meal. They found that participants processed it less efficiently when they consumed it one hour before bedtime rather than four hours earlier.

Those who drank it closer to bedtime had higher blood sugar levels and produced less insulin, the hormone that helps to regulate our blood sugar. Researchers believe melatonin, which rises as the body prepares for sleep, plays a key role in this process.



Getty Images Eating dinner earlier can change how our bodies metabolise the food (Credit: Getty Images) Getty Images

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"If you eat when melatonin is elevated in the evening, your glucose control is going to be impaired," says Scheer, who was also involved with the study. The effect was even greater in people carrying a common variant of the MTNR1B gene, which has been associated with an increased risk of type 2 diabetes. Over time, later eating could therefore increase the risk of developing the condition, which has steadily been increasing worldwide.

Eat earlier to be less hungry

The effects of later eating may extend beyond blood sugar control. Research has found that later eating made participants feel hungrier the next day by disrupting the hormones that regulate appetite and satiety. Those who ate later produced less leptin, a hormone that tells our brains when we're full.

At the same time, meal timing influences how our bodies store fat. Instead of breaking fat down, later eating can lead our cells to store fat. Over time, this could make it more difficult for the body to stay at a healthy weight.

Meal timing may therefore be especially important for people who carry genetic variants that make them more likely to put on weight. In a study of nearly 1,200 adults, an international team of researchers – including Scheer – found that later eating was linked to a higher body mass index among individuals with higher risk of obesity, while eating earlier reduced this risk.

Eat a big breakfast for better heart health

There may be heart health benefits to earlier eating too. In a study of more than 100,000 people in France, those who ate breakfast later had a higher risk of cardiovascular disease. The researchers also found that a longer overnight

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Therapy dogs help stroke patients move more and engage in their rehabilitation



• A Mayo Clinic study found that the presence of therapy animals may increase patient engagement, physical activity and mobility during stroke rehabilitation.

August, 2026 — A visit from a therapy animal may do more than lift spirits. A new study in Mayo Clinic Proceedings highlights how animal-assisted treatment can support inpatient stroke rehabilitation. Patients who interacted with therapy animals showed greater engagement in their treatment, increased physical activity and longer mobility compared

with those who did not.

The findings suggest a promising approach to addressing common barriers patients face with stroke recovery, including limited motivation, reduced energy, lack of companionship and decreased interest in therapy activities. By incorporating trained therapy dog-handler teams into rehabilitation care, patients can do a variety of activities including walking, playing fetch, and petting or brushing the dog.

"The presence of a therapy dog can change the entire dynamic of a rehabilitation session," says Whitney Romine, manager of animal-assisted services at Mayo Clinic. "Patients often share that they feel more grounded, safe and empowered to engage in therapy activities, which can make a meaningful difference in their recovery experience."

The paper, "The Impact of Animal-Assisted Treatment on Inpatient Stroke Rehabilitation," shows how patient care could be improved using a clinical care delivery model that includes qualified animal handler teams. The study also explores how these changes could be applied across a variety of medical specialties and patient populations.

"Stroke recovery can be challenging, particularly when patients face barriers such as low motivation or limited energy," says Brent Bauer, M.D., a physician in internal medicine at Mayo Clinic. "This research demonstrates that animal-assisted treatment may offer a practical and effective way to enhance engagement and support better rehabilitation outcomes."

This research was conducted in collaboration with Nestlé Purina PetCare. For a complete list of authors, disclosures and funding, review the study.

We're getting mealtimes wrong - here's the best time to have dinner

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fast, achieved by eating earlier in the evening rather than delaying breakfast, was associated with better heart health.

This may be particularly relevant for shift workers, as well as other groups vulnerable to "circadian disruption," researchers note. For those who do work at night, the advice is therefore to limit food intake to the daytime where possible – though this may not be safe for everyone (eg health workers may need to eat to keep their energy levels up).

If you do get hungry, stick to smaller protein-rich snacks and try to delay eating breakfast to the morning, if it fits your schedule.

Be mindful of whether you are a 'lark' or 'owl'

Of course, when we eat isn't entirely within our conscious control. Our chronotype – the concept that some of us are morning larks or night owls – has been found to influence our mealtimes.

Morning types are more likely to follow a Mediterranean

diet, whereas evening types are more likely to delay meals and eat more energy-dense foods later, says Giovanna Muscogiuri, an assistant professor at the University of Naples Federico II in Italy.

Crucially, our chronotype also influences how our bodies respond to food. Morning types tend to have earlier peaks in insulin sensitivity as well as an earlier release of melatonin than evening types, who as a result of later eating, are more vulnerable to poorer glucose control and weight gain.

She therefore says that we should be more mindful of our "lark" or "owl" predisposition and that later eaters would benefit from gradually adopting earlier evening meals.

Then we also need to consider that the duration and quality of our sleep affect our hunger and cravings. If we are sleep-deprived we are more likely to overeat and choose energy-dense foods, which might lead to weight gain over time, says Muscogiuri.

How to eat smarter

The practical advice is relatively simple. Aim to eat at regular times and eat fibre-rich carbohydrates such as whole grains, legumes (beans, peas and lentils) as well as fruit, earlier in the day when the body is better able to process them. In the evening, opt for a lighter meal, ideally one rich in protein.

In a recent review Muscogiuri also recommends that in the evening, it would benefit us to include foods that help to support sleep, such as nuts and seeds, as well as tryptophan-rich sources of protein, such as chicken, salmon and tuna, as tryptophan has been shown to improve sleep quality.

I'm certainly going to pay closer attention to my internal body clock in future. The Spanish habit of making lunch the largest meal is particularly appealing – one thing I might try is cooking in the morning before my work day begins. Perhaps I'll even have a paella.

So, what time is the best time to have dinner? Well, there isn't really a best time – but ideally we should eat our largest meal earlier in the day, and have our evening meal at least three hours before we go to bed.

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August 10, 2026

CDB Approves USD 1 Million Contribution to the Fund for the Recovery and Reconstruction of Venezuela

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados: The Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) and CAF – Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean today announced a landmark USD 1 million contribution by CDB to CAF's Fund for the Recovery and Reconstruction of Venezuela, following approval by CDB's Board of Directors.

The contribution will support recovery and reconstruction efforts in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela following the devastating earthquakes of June 24, 2026, which caused significant loss of life, widespread displacement and extensive damage to critical infrastructure across several regions of the country.

CAF established the Fund for the Recovery and Reconstruction of Venezuela on June 26, 2026, to mobilise and coordinate international support for emergency response, rehabilitation, recovery and reconstruction activities identified as priorities by the Government of Venezuela. The Fund provides a transparent and accountable mechanism through which governments, institutions and development partners can contribute to the country's recovery effort. CDB's contribution reflects the value of multilateral partnership, with regional and international development institutions working together to support recovery and reconstruction while advancing a shared commitment to resilience and solidarity. efforts.

CDB President Daniel M. Best said, "In the immediate aftermath of this tragedy, the Caribbean Development Bank determined that we had to respond. Venezuela is a longstanding member of our institution and a country that has consistently and meaningfully supported the people and nations of the Caribbean over many decades. At this moment of profound loss and hardship, it is important that we stand in solidarity with the Government and people of Venezuela and provide support as they begin the challenging process of rebuilding."

He added, "We are grateful to our Board of Directors for their unwavering support in approving this contribution. Our collaboration with CAF through their recovery mechanism demonstrates how multilateral institutions can work together innovatively to respond effectively to humanitarian crises and support long-term recovery. Equally important, this initiative provides an opportunity for the Bank to support a regional non-borrowing member in its time of greatest need, reaffirming that regional solidarity extends beyond traditional financing relationships."

"We deeply welcome and thank the Caribbean Development Bank for this historic USD 1 million contribution to our Recovery and Reconstruction Fund. This contribution will directly support priority recovery efforts, and we hope it inspires other partners to join this collective endeavour. Our commitment is to ensure that every dollar entrusted to this Fund translates into tangible relief and lasting reconstruction for the Venezuelan people," said Sergio Díaz-Granados, CAF Executive President.

CDB's Governor for Venezuela, Ambassador Raúl Octavio Li Causi Perez said, "As Governor of the Caribbean Development Bank for Venezuela, I wish to express our sincere appreciation to the Bank's Board of Directors, its President, and all CDB member countries for this extraordinary demonstration of solidarity with the people of Venezuela. This contribution reaffirms that regional cooperation and integration are at their strongest when they respond to moments of greatest need."

He added, "Venezuela deeply values this expression of confidence and support, which will contribute to the recovery and reconstruction of the affected communities. We receive it with gratitude and with the conviction that, together with our Caribbean partners and institutions such as the Caribbean Development Bank and CAF, we will continue advancing a shared agenda founded on solidarity, resilience, and sustainable regional development."

CAF's Fund for the Recovery and Reconstruction of Venezuela will support emergency and humanitarian response; rehabilitation of essential services and infrastructure; and interventions to accelerate recovery, reconstruction and resilience-building.

Historic Debut at the 30th Goodwill Swimming Championships

The St. Kitts & Nevis Aquatics Federation (SKNAF) is proud to announce the national team selected to represent St. Kitts & Nevis at the 30th Goodwill Swimming Championships, taking place from 14–16 August 2026 at the National Aquatics Centre in Balmain, Couva, Trinidad & Tobago.

This competition marks a historic first for St. Kitts & Nevis, as SKNAF will participate in the Goodwill Swimming Championships for the first time. The Federation received an invitation to participate from the Aquatics Sports Association of Trinidad and Tobago (ASATT) as part of the 30th annual staging of the championships. Goodwill 2026 - Summons.pdf

The Goodwill Swimming Championships bring together young swimmers from across the Caribbean and provide an important platform for developing athletes to gain valuable experience in regional competition. The 2026 championships will feature swimmers competing across age groups from 8 & Under through 15–17, with events including freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke, butterfly, individual medley and relays.

The St. Kitts & Nevis delegation selected for the championships includes:

Boys 9–10

* Gaj Leonce * Rhaejaan Jacobs

Boys 11–12

* Valentino Esposito * Teadrian Tross
* Saulo Sahely * Greyson Burrell

Girls 15–17

* Jazzelle Connor

Team Officials

* Kyle McEachnie – Head Coach & Team Manager
* Annelise Leibbrandt – Assistant Coach & Chaperone

Greyson Burrell was selected to the national team but will unfortunately be unable to participate in the championships due to unforeseen circumstances. The Federation is pleased to recognize Greyson as a member of this historic first SKN Goodwill team and congratulates him on his selection.

For SKNAF, participation in the Goodwill Swimming Championships represents another important milestone in the Federation's long-term athlete development pathway.

Competing at a regional championship of this nature provides young swimmers with the opportunity to race against athletes from across the Caribbean, gain valuable international competition experience, and develop the confidence and skills required as they progress toward future regional and international competitions.

The experience gained at Goodwill will form part of the broader development pathway for St. Kitts & Nevis swimmers as they work toward competitions such as CARIFTA and other international championships, while contributing to the continued growth of competitive swimming within the Federation.

The 30th Goodwill Swimming Championships will officially begin with the Opening Ceremony on Friday, 14 August at 4:30 p.m., followed by competition at 5:15 p.m. The meet continues on Saturday, 15 August and Sunday, 16 August, with competition beginning at 9:00 a.m. each day.

SKNAF President Eldon Thomas expressed his pride in the team's historic participation:

"This is a proud moment for the St. Kitts & Nevis Aquatics Federation. Participating in the Goodwill Swimming Championships for the first time represents another important step in the development of aquatics in St. Kitts and Nevis. We are extremely proud of the athletes who have been selected to represent our Federation and our nation. For these young swimmers, this is about more than competing. It is about gaining experience, building confidence, developing friendships across the region and laying the foundation for their future in the sport. We encourage each athlete to compete with determination, pride and sportsmanship and to make the most of this opportunity."

SKNAF extends its sincere appreciation to the athletes' families, coaches, clubs, volunteers and supporters who continue to invest their time, energy and resources in the development of swimming in St. Kitts & Nevis.

As Team SKN prepares for its historic debut, the St. Kitts & Nevis Aquatics Federation invites the nation to rally behind our young athletes as they proudly wear the national colours and represent St. Kitts & Nevis on the regional stage



SKNFA Confirms Disbursement Of 2025-2026 Prize Monies To All Clubs

The St. Kitts and Nevis Football Association (SKNFA) is pleased to confirm that all prize monies for the 2025–2026 domestic football season have been fully disbursed to all eligible clubs in both the Premier Division and Division One.

The distribution of these funds reflects the Association’s continued commitment to supporting its member clubs, rewarding on-field success, and promoting the sustainable development of football throughout the Federation.

Premier Division

Position	Club	Prize Money
1st	Old Road Jets FC	EC\$50,000.00
2nd	St. Peter’s FC	EC\$20,000.00
3rd	Cayon FC	EC\$8,000.00

4th	Newtown United	FC EC\$6,000.00
5th	Village Superstars	FC EC\$1,000.00
6th	St. Paul’s United FC	EC\$1,000.00
7th	Conaree FC	EC\$1,000.00
8th	Dieppe Bay Eagles	FC EC\$1,000.00
9th	Sandy Point FC	EC\$1,000.00
10th	Bath United FC	EC\$1,000.00
Total Premier Division Prize Money: EC\$90,000.00		

Division One

Position	Club Prize	Money
1st	Lodge Patriots FC	EC\$20,000.00
2nd	Garden Hotspurs FC	EC\$10,000.00
3rd	Trafalgar Southstars FC	EC\$5,000.00
4th	Trinity/Challengers FC	EC\$1,500.00
5th	Tabernacle FC	EC\$500.00
6th	Molineux FC	EC\$400.00
7th	Saddlers FC	EC\$200.00
8th	Security Forces FC	EC\$200.00
9th	Conaree Fireball FC	EC\$200.00
10th	Rivers FC	EC\$200.00

Total Division One Prize Money: EC\$38,200.00

A total of EC\$128,200.00 was distributed in prize monies across both divisions for the 2025–2026 season.

The SKNFA congratulates all clubs for their participation and achievements throughout the season and thanks them for their continued commitment to the development of football in St. Kitts and Nevis. The Association remains dedicated to strengthening the domestic game through sound governance, financial accountability, and meaningful investment in its member clubs.

As part of its continued commitment to raising the standard of domestic football, the SKNFA is also pleased to announce that the 2026–2027 SKNFA Premier League Champions will receive a record EC\$100,000.00 in prize money, doubling the previous first-place award. This significant increase demonstrates the Association’s ongoing investment in local football and its determination to create greater incentives for excellence, professionalism, and competitiveness throughout the Premier League.

SKNFA Confirms Participation In 2026 FIFA U-15 Boys' World Cup And Festival

The St. Kitts and Nevis Football Association (SKNFA) is pleased to confirm its participation in the 2026 FIFA U-15 Boys’ World Cup and Festival, which will be held in Azerbaijan in October 2026.

The tournament presents a unique opportunity for the nation’s emerging young footballers to compete against some of the world’s best talent while experiencing an international football environment that supports both athletic and personal development.

SKNFA President Atiba Harris welcomed the announcement, emphasizing the importance of the competition in the Association’s long-term player development strategy.

“This is a tremendous opportunity for our young boys to showcase their talent and gain valuable international experience as they continue to develop and grow. Participating in a FIFA competition of this magnitude reflects our commitment to investing in youth football and creating pathways for our young players to reach their full potential,” said President Harris.

The SKNFA remains committed to strengthening its youth development programme and providing opportunities for players to compete at the highest levels. Participation in the FIFA U-15 Boys’ World Cup and Festival is another significant milestone in the Association’s ongoing efforts to develop the next generation of footballers in St. Kitts

and Nevis.

Further details regarding the team’s preparation and squad

selection will be announced in due course.



School Bus Fleet Strengthened Ahead Of New Academic Year

Basseterre, St. Kitts, Thursday, August 13, 2026: When students return to school on Sept. 07, they will do so with a much improved fleet of school buses, as the Ministry of Education continues its efforts to enhance transportation services for students across St. Kitts.

A major development ahead of the new school year is the return of the Ministry's largest school bus, which was out of service for much of the last academic year.

The yellow Blue Bird school bus experienced a mechanical problem last school year, rendering it immobile. Following extensive investigation and collaboration with Elhydro, a Jamaican-based company, the cause of the problem was identified, and the necessary repairs completed, allowing the bus to return to service.

The Ministry has also received a significant boost to its transportation fleet through the Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan), which gifted two electric buses to the Ministry of Education through the Government of St. Kitts and Nevis.

The electric buses are equipped to accommodate persons with disabilities. They will primarily provide transportation for students of the Cotton-Thomas Comprehensive School (CTCS), while also being available to serve the wider community when necessary.

Mrs. Lisa-Romayne Pistana, Permanent Secretary, said the Ministry's fleet enhancement

programme forms part of a broader effort to strengthen the safety and efficiency of student transportation.

"The Ministry is also looking ahead to further improvements, with plans to replace two additional buses by next year. We are committed to ensuring

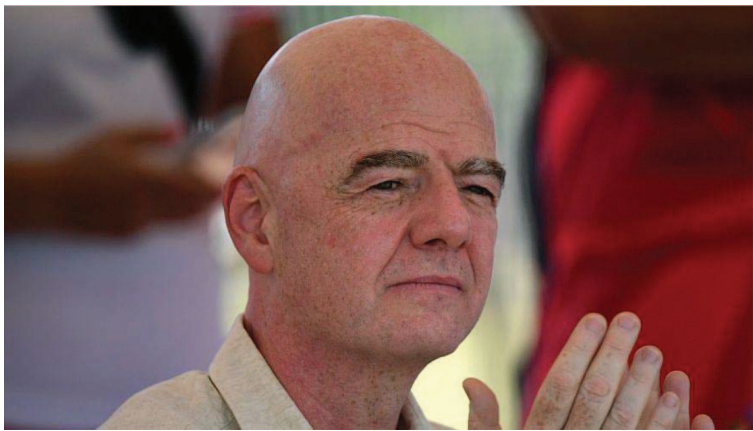
that our transportation services keep pace with the needs of our students and the wider education sector. As part of this ongoing effort, we are also exploring the introduction of a monitoring system that will enhance student and driver safety while providing greater oversight of the fleet."

The Ministry's continued investment

in its school bus fleet is expected to provide students with more reliable transportation as the new school year begins, while the addition of the electric buses represents a step toward more accessible and sustainable transportation within the education sector.



FAI withdraws Infantino support as IFA backs Uefa



Gianni Infantino - Image source, Getty Images
Infantino is under fire following an attempt to sell a stake in Fifa's commercial operations to a private investment company

By David Mohan

BBC Sport NI journalist

The Football Association of Ireland [FAI] has officially withdrawn support for under-fire Fifa president Gianni Infantino, while the Irish Football Association has confirmed it is backing Uefa's stance.

On Monday, European football's governing body Uefa signed an open letter along with Concacaf and the Asian Football Confederation, accusing Infantino of breaking trust "through deception".

It follows an attempt by Infantino to sell a stake in Fifa's commercial operations to a private investment company - since abandoned - which has left his bid for a fourth term at top of world football in a perilous state.

Last week, the Welsh FA became the first home nation to withdraw support with the FA following days later.

The FAI - governing body for football in the Republic of Ireland - has confirmed it has also withdrawn support for Infantino in a letter to Fifa, having previously indicated its support prior to the post-World Cup controversy.

"Following an FAI board meeting, the decision was taken to rescind the letter of support that the Association supplied earlier this year," it confirmed.

"It has since written to Fifa to explain its reasoning.

"The Association is grateful for the support that Fifa provides

to Irish football, but recent events have raised significant concerns regarding governance, transparency and the lack of meaningful consultation.

"Considering the governance challenges that the FAI has had to overcome in recent years, the Association feels a particular obligation to advocate for and uphold best practice."

Northern Ireland's body [the IFA] noted the "wider concerns" of those in football regarding Infantino and while it has not gone so far as to formally withdraw support, it is backing Uefa's stance.

"We take our responsibilities as a member association of both Uefa and Fifa seriously," said an IFA spokesperson.

"We support the current Uefa position on the matter and will continue to engage constructively on issues relating to football governance.

"We are of course aware of the recent developments and wider concerns within the football community. We are considering these matters carefully and will continue to engage through the appropriate governance structures and channels.

"At this stage, we have no further comment."

Bangladesh dominated Australia on day one of the first Test, despite Steve Smith benefitting from being given not out on review to a ball he later said he nicked.

Smith was on seven when the Tigers appealed for caught behind off Ebadot Hossain, but umpire Kumar Dharmasena was unmoved.

The tourists reviewed the decision and Smith appeared to start to walk off, only for the Snicko technology to show a flat line as the ball passed the bat and so the not out decision stood.

Smith went on to make 71 but his team-mates otherwise struggled in Darwin as Tigers fast bowler Hasan Mahmud took a career-best 6-55 to help dismiss the hosts for 198.

Bangladesh reached 96-1 at the close, trailing by 102 runs.

When asked if he thought he

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Bangladesh dominate Australia despite Smith reprieve

By Jack Skelton - BBC Sport senior journalist



Bangladesh bowler Ebadot Hossain was sure he had dismissed Steve Smith only for the Australia batter to be reprieved by the Snicko technology - Image source, EPA

First Test, Darwin (day one of five)

Australia 198: Smith 71; Mahmud 6-55

Bangladesh 96-1: Mominul 35*, Tanzid 32*

Bangladesh trail by 102 runs

had edged the ball, Smith said: "I think so, yeah. I was lucky? Yeah, it seems that way. You got to take it sometimes.

"Maybe I didn't nick it. I don't know. But I certainly felt something. If I'd been given out, I was going to walk off. But yeah, technology saved me today, I guess."

Snicko was the source of several controversies during the last Ashes series in Australia - host wicketkeeper Alex Carey was given a reprieve after a mistake by the operator of the technology, while England wicketkeeper Jamie Smith was twice involved in contentious decisions.

However, those issues related to images and audio spikes not appearing to line up properly, rather than a flat line throughout.

Regardless of Smith, who was also dropped on two,

adding crucial extra runs until he skied Mahmud, this was a fine effort by Bangladesh after Australia won the toss and elected to bat.

Despite the top and middle orders again failing to convince, the hosts battled to 152-5 before fast bowler Taskin Ahmed bowled Beau Webster and Australia lost their last five wickets for just 46 runs.

In reply, opener Shadman Islam nicked Mitchell Starc to gully off a leading edge but Tanzid Hasan Tamim, who is unbeaten on 32, and Mominul Haque, who is 35 not out, steered the Tigers to the close with no further loss.

Australia have never lost a home Test to Bangladesh, only losing once to the Tigers in six previous Tests - at Mirpur in 2017.

This is the first of a two-Test series.

LA Lakers to be sold in record \$12.5bn deal



LA Lakers star Luka Dončić - Image source, Getty Images
Luka Dončić is the LA Lakers' star player

By Mandeep Sanghera
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The Los Angeles Lakers are to be sold for a reported record-breaking \$12.5bn, external (£9.3bn) - less than a year after Mark Walter took a majority stake in the NBA franchise.

Josh Kushner, the brother of US President Donald Trump's son-in-law Jared, and former Disney chief executive Bob Iger are buying the controlling interest in one of the world's most iconic sports teams.

Walter bought his share, reportedly worth an estimated \$10bn (£7.45bn) - a previous record - from the Buss family in a deal that was unanimously approved by the NBA Board of Governors in October 2025.

Kushner and Iger said in a statement: "As lifelong NBA fans, we are deeply honoured for the opportunity to become stewards of the Los Angeles Lakers, one of the most iconic sports franchises in the world.

"We have immense respect for the leadership and vision of Jerry and Jeanie Buss.

"Our long-term commitment is to build on that foundation, compete at the highest level, and serve this extraordinary team, its fans, and the city of Los Angeles."

Jerry Buss bought the Lakers in a \$67.5m deal (£50m) in 1979 that included the Los Angeles Kings hockey team and a Los Angeles arena, known as the Kia Forum.

After he died in 2013, ownership was passed to his six children in a Trust before a deal was completed with Walter, who also owns a stake in the LA Dodgers with Todd Boehly.

"Owning the Los Angeles Lakers has been one of the great honours of my

life," said Walter.

"It has been an extraordinary investment, but what I will carry with me is the community, the fans, and a city that treats this team as family.

"I am grateful to Jeanie Buss, the Buss family, the players, and the staff for welcoming me into this chapter. The Lakers belong to Los Angeles, and I have every confidence the best is still ahead."

The LA Lakers have 17 NBA titles - one less than the record of 18 held by the Boston Celtics.

The deal involving Kushner comes after he was part of the recent controversy surrounding Fifa president Gianni Infantino and an aborted plan to sell off stakes in the governing body's competitions to private investors.

Thrive Eternal, an American venture capital firm founded by Kushner, was expected to lead the proposed investor group for the Fifa Forward Enterprise (FFE) proposal.

The Lakers lost LeBron James, the highest points scorer in the history of the NBA, in the summer as the 41-year-old joined the Philadelphia 76ers.

That left Luka Dončić, who arrived from the Dallas Mavericks in February 2025, as the team's main star and he welcomed the takeover.

"Being a Laker means everything to me, and I'm excited to get back on the court and bring a championship to LA," he said in a message on social media., external

"I've gotten used to big changes over these last few years, but I know that no matter what, there is no limit to the potential of this iconic franchise.

"I look forward to meeting Josh and Bob so we can get to work building something special in LA together."

Golfer admits 'stupidity' after faking hole-in-one



A general view of a golf ball sitting near a hole

Image source, Getty Images

WingHaven Country Club said in a statement the incident involving Zach Holland has been resolved and they now consider the matter closed

By Lorraine McKenna - BBC Sport Journalist

An amateur golfer says he has "completely made a fool" of himself after admitting he faked making a hole-in-one at a tournament in the United States.

Zach Holland was due to play in a two-person team competition at WingHaven Country Club in Missouri when he fraudulently placed the ball in the cup at the fourth hole earlier in the morning, before his round.

Holland, who is a plus-two handicap, had completed the first three holes when he told his group he was going to have to take a phone call as his grandmother was ill, so he would run ahead to the next tee and hit his shot first to keep up with the pace of play.

When the rest of the group arrived at the par-three fourth, Holland said he had taken his shot, but claimed not to know where the ball had ended up.

When they found it in the cup, the group celebrated what they thought was a hole-in-one.

Speaking to radio station 101 ESPN, external in St Louis, Holland, who has now resigned his membership, said: "You do something as dumb as I did, there are consequences for that."

The member-member tournament - where both players must be official members of the same golf club or organisation - includes a hole-in-one prize pot.

When asked what the motivation was, Holland replied: "I don't really know. I've talked to people and there really is no motivation, just complete stupidity.

"We were giving two shots back to the field - and that's not an excuse, there is no excuse for what happened. But to answer your question, we were giving two shots back to the field, and I went about it just completely and utterly the wrong way."

Nathan Charnes, the acting PGA of America president and general manager at WingHaven, said in a statement to Golf.com, external the club had "promptly addressed the matter", adding they "care deeply about the integrity of the game and the experience we provide for our members and guests".

Holland's achievement drew scepticism in the clubhouse, as there were no witnesses who saw him do it. He finally admitted to what he had done when confronted by staff, who had security footage of him driving a car near the fourth hole before his tee time.

He did confirm, however, there was no footage of him actually placing the ball in the cup.

Holland, who is a former college golfer, continued: "I made a terrible mistake, the lack of moral character. I can take the banter and the chatter because I deserve that from a golf perspective.

"But what I am most worried about is my family, breaking trust with a marriage I have had for five years next month.

"We have two kids that are under three and you know, it's not fair to them for me to put them in that situation where they walk in a room, there is a stigma there that your dad [is a cheater]."

Holland was also asked had he ever done anything like this before. "No, not to this extent," he said.

When pushed to explain what he meant, he replied: "I'm not a cheater on the golf course. I made a bad decision and I have to suffer the consequences", before adding he was trying to move forward and protect his family.