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Editorial

Back to Buckley's Uprising: Teaching Ourselves Who We Are

As national conversation recently turned to the Buckley's Uprising and the government's intention to mandate its teaching across all schools as part of the history curriculum, it is worth pausing-not just to applaud the initiative once again but to reflect on its deeper meaning and long-term promise.

Education has always been one of the most powerful tools for empowerment. A people who understand their history are far less likely to be confused about their identity, manipulated in their thinking, or uncertain about their future. When we teach our children who they are, where they come from and the struggles that shaped their present, we are not merely imparting facts-we are cultivating consciousness.

The Buckley's Uprising is not just a historical event to be memorised for an examination. It is a living lesson in courage, resistance, sacrifice and collective action. It tells the story of ordinary working people who, faced with injustice and hardship, dared to challenge an oppressive system and demand dignity. That lesson alone carries immense value in shaping young minds to understand that progress has never been handed to us-it has been fought for.

Mandating the teaching of Buckley's in our schools is therefore not about dwelling in the past. It is about anchoring our future. Such would allow students to see themselves reflected in history-not as passive observers of foreign narratives but as active contributors to their own story. In that sense, learning our local history becomes an essential part of Black history education. It affirms that Black resistance, resilience and intellect did not only happen elsewhere; it happened here, on this soil, among people who looked like us and lived where we



Notice is given that the thirty-seventh Annual General Meeting of The Bank of Nevis Limited ('the Company') will be held at Occasions, Pinneys Bypass Road, Nevis on Thursday 26th February 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

Please note that the record date for shareholders entitled to receive notice of meeting is 26th January 2026.

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One can only imagine the impact if, over time, our history curriculum holistically captured the full essence of who we are as a Black people-our struggles and triumphs, our labour movements, cultural expressions, political awakening and community values. Such an approach would nurture a healthy and normal sense of pride, not rooted in arrogance but in understanding. Pride that shapes how we think, how we act and how we relate to one another as individuals, as a society, and as a nation.

When young people are grounded in their own story, they develop a clearer moral compass. They begin to see citizenship not merely as a legal status, but as a responsibility. They understand that nation-building is not abstract-it is

personal. In that light, the national motto, "Country Above Self," ceases to be a slogan recited on ceremonial occasions and becomes a lived principle, informed by historical context and collective memory.

The move to embed Buckley's Uprising into the education system is therefore a step in the right direction but it should also be the beginning of a broader vision. A vision where education is intentionally used to empower, to heal historical amnesia and to strengthen national identity because a people who know themselves deeply are far better equipped to chart their course boldly.

If we truly want to build a confident, conscious and cohesive society, then teaching our children their own history is not optional-it is essential.



Consultant Warns Young People Against Smoking Cannabis

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Wednesday 4th February 2026)-Consultant to the Medicinal Cannabis Authority, Dr. Machel Emanuel, has cautioned that adolescents should not engage in smoking cannabis, citing research that highlights serious risks to brain development and cognitive function.

He made the remarks during a public medicinal cannabis lecture held on Tuesday 3rd February 2026 at the Department of Agriculture Large Conference Room, where he was asked for his views on the younger generation using cannabis products.

“Adolescents really should not engage in smoking cannabis because research has definitely shown that the issues surrounding with the development of your brain, particularly the frontal cortex, which deals with higher thinking and cognitive

SKELEC Issues Request for Proposals (RFP) for Engineering Consulting Services for Expansion of Needsmust Power Plant

Basseterre, St. Kitts (February 5th, 2026) — The St. Kitts Electricity Company Ltd (SKELEC) announces the launch of an open and competitive tender for engineering consulting services for the Expansion of the Needsmust Power Plant. This project is aimed at bolstering the energy infrastructure of St. Kitts and Nevis by providing a platform to meet the nation's growing energy demand and to support the country’s sustainable energy future.

The project is financed through a loan from the Saudi Fund for Development (SFD). SKELEC now invites qualified consultants to submit bids in response to the RFP.

The project seeks to onboard an Engineering Consultant firm to provide full engineering design and review, preparation of bid documents, procurement support, and construction supervision for the development of the new 18MW hybrid power plant, along with associated electrical infrastructure upgrades and Battery Energy Storage System (BESS).

The consultancy assignment is expected to span 26 months, including:

- 6 months for engineering and tender preparation
- 18 months of construction supervision

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capabilities,” Dr. Emanuel explained.

He further warned that modern cultivation practices have intensified the risks, noting, “particularly with the new age of the sort of breeding, selective breeding that has taken place where we see the psychoactive component of cannabis has been inflated extremely high.”

According to Dr. Emanuel, these developments could have lasting consequences for young people, especially those who are still forming their identity and sense of purpose.

“And this could cause serious detrimental effects, particularly to an adolescent person who has not developed purpose in life. You know, I always say if an adolescent becomes dependent on money or cannabis, that poses a serious problem - that every activity that they want to partake in, they believe they have to be under the influence of cannabis to actually do that,” he said.

He stressed that maturity and responsibility play a critical role in cannabis use, adding, “so that’s why becoming an adult and having responsibilities allows you to develop a sort of responsible use and a sort of cannabis ethic based on how you use cannabis, where you get your cannabis from, and times of day that you will generally consume cannabis for.”

Dr. Emanuel emphasized that adolescents require particular protection, given the nature of the substance.

“So in terms of the adolescent population, they need to be protected because we know cannabis is a psychotropic substance and it can bring about dependency,” he stated.

However, he also made it clear that this position does not negate the medically regulated use of cannabis for young people under strict guidelines.

“But just to note, research has definitely shown that under particular channels through the regulatory framework, adolescents also need to have access to medicinal cannabis products [for conditions] such as epilepsy, such as ADA, such as various conditions that adolescents may face. Cannabis has shown and proven to provide alleviation to certain symptoms and allow that individual to live a more normal life without cannabis medicine,” Dr. Emanuel said.

Front Page Image used for illustration purposes only shows a young person lighting a spliff (Source: Canva)

Photo: Consultant to the Medicinal Cannabis Authority Dr. Machel Emanuel speaking at the public medicinal cannabis lecture held on Tuesday 3rd February 2026 at the Department of Agriculture Large Conference Room

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In the estate of **WILFRED RICHARDS**, late of No. 57 New Road Housing, St. Peter, in the Island of Saint Christopher, deceased

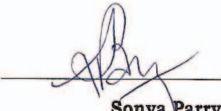
NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **SHEILA RICHARDS** and **ERICKSON RICHARDS** both of No. 57 New Road Housing, St. Peter, in the Island of Saint Christopher, Retiree and Teacher respectively, for a Grant of

(a) Letters of Administration to the applicants who are the widow and son of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 10th day of September, 2025.

ANY PERSON having any objection to the grant of Letters of Administration to the applicants shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

DATED this 5th day of February, 2026.



Sonya Parry

Attorney-at-Law

GONSALVES PARRY

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Government of St. Kitts and Nevis Support for Taiwan's participation in the World Health Organisation (WHO)

The Government of St. Kitts and Nevis reaffirms its principled support for the meaningful participation of Taiwan in the work and meetings of the World Health Organisation (WHO), including the 158th Session of the WHO Executive Board.

As a Federation, we firmly believe that global health challenges transcend borders and politics. Issues such as communicable and non-communicable diseases, pandemic preparedness, mental health, maternal and child nutrition, and universal health coverage require inclusive cooperation and the collective engagement of all capable partners. The exclusion of any responsible and technologically advanced health system from international health discussions undermines the effectiveness of the global public health architecture.

Taiwan has consistently demonstrated its commitment to advancing public health, strengthening healthcare delivery systems, promoting innovation in digital health, and contributing expertise and resources to international humanitarian and medical initiatives. Its experience in disease prevention, universal health coverage, and health technology innovation represents valuable knowledge that can benefit the wider international community.

St Kitts and Nevis therefore supports Taiwan's meaningful participation in the WHO and related mechanisms in a practical and constructive manner that allows for the sharing of expertise, data, and best practices. Such participation is not only consistent with the universal right to health but also aligns with the shared global objective of ensuring health security and well-being for all peoples.

The Government of St. Kitts and Nevis reiterates its longstanding position that international cooperation in health must remain inclusive, people-centered, and guided by the common good. At a time when the world continues to confront complex and evolving health threats, unity and collaboration remain indispensable.

St. Kitts and Nevis stands ready to work with all partners in the international community to advance a resilient, equitable, and effective global health system in which no capable contributor is left unheard.

SKELEC Issues Request for Proposals (RFP) for Engineering Consulting Services for Expansion of Needsmust Power Plant

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- 2 months for project finalization

Eligible consultants are invited to indicate their interest and demonstrate relevant experience, including prior supervision of hybrid or thermal power plants, as well as adequate technical and financial capacity.

Proposals must be submitted on or before April 4th, 2026, at 11:59 pm (AST) to the SKELEC Project Implementation Unit (PIU), Central Street, Basseterre, St. Kitts, or via email at piu-hybridpowerplant@skelec.kn.

For full details on the Specific Procurement Notice and Submission Details:

<https://www.skelec.kn/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/SPN-Consultancy-Services-Expansion-of-Needsmust-Plant-v2.1.pdf>



CIBC Caribbean Bank Limited Notice of Material Change

Notice issued pursuant to
Section 60(3)(a) of the Securities Act of Barbados
Section 64(1)(b) of the Securities Act of Trinidad and Tobago

January 31, 2026, Barbados – CIBC Caribbean Bank Limited ('the Bank') announces the appointment of Ms. Sasha Noel as Chief Compliance Officer, effective January 26, 2026. Sasha will report directly to the Chief Risk Officer, Ms. Monique French.



Sasha is a seasoned compliance professional with over 10 years' experience in regulatory compliance, sanctions, privacy, as well as digital, IT and cyber security compliance. Sasha holds a BSc. (Hons) in Computing & Information Systems from London Metropolitan University and an MBA from the Australian Institute of Business.

Sasha is a certified anti-money laundering specialist.

Sasha succeeds the Bank's former Chief Compliance Officer, Ms. Candice Huggins, who left the Bank on October 31st, 2025. The Bank wishes Candice every success in her future endeavors.

Brian Clarke, KC
General Counsel & Group Corporate Secretary

About CIBC Caribbean:

CIBC Caribbean is a relationship bank offering a full range of market leading financial services through our Corporate Banking, Personal and Business Banking and Wealth Management segments through its leading digital banking network and locations across the region. CIBC Caribbean is one of the largest regionally listed financial services institutions in the English speaking Caribbean, with US \$13.8 billion in assets and market capitalization of US \$1.8 billion.

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TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT, CAP. 10:19

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In the matter of Section 144 of the Title by Registration Act, Cap. 10:19 and in the matter of an Application on behalf of **ELIZA MILLS** for the issue of a new Certificate of Title for a lot of land containing **4,818 square feet** being **Lot No. 60 of Tamarind Tree Housing Development** situate in the Parish of Saint Mary in the Island of Saint Christopher, to replace a lost Certificate of Title registered in **Book H3 Folio 572** of the Register of Titles for the Island of Saint Christopher

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR REPLACEMENT OF LOST CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **ELIZA MILLS** of Phillips Road, Molineux in the Island of Saint Christopher has applied to the Registrar of Titles for the issue of a replacement Certificate of Title in lieu of the following Certificate of Title on the basis that the said original Certificate of Title has been irrecoverably lost by misadventure, namely a Certificate of Title dated **19th December 2008** and registered in **Book H3 Folio 572** of the Register of Titles for Saint Christopher, the land contained in the said Certificate of Title being **ALL THAT** lot of land hereditaments and premises being **Lot No. 60 of Tamarind Tree Housing Development** in the Parish of Saint Mary in the Island of Saint Christopher containing by admeasurement **4,818 square feet** bounded and measuring as follows: On or towards the North-East by a Development Road, 44.00 feet, On or towards the South-East by Lot No. 59, 90.00 feet, On or towards the South-West by lands of Lodge Estate, 54.18 feet and On or towards the North-West by a Development Road 14.15 feet. Any person who may be in possession of the aforesaid Certificate of Title or may have information that may lead to its recovery is requested to notify **Bryant & Liburd, Shear Lane, Basseterre, St. Kitts, Tel. No. (869) 465-2756/1047** or email bryantandliburd@hotmail.com, Attorneys-at Law for the Applicant.

DATED the 30th day of January 2026

Bryant & Liburd
Bryant & Liburd
Attorneys-at Law for the Applicant

Nicolas N Menon Takes the Helm as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of TDC

The St. Kitts Nevis Anguilla Trading and Development Company Limited (TDC) is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Nicolas N. Menon as Chief Executive Officer (CEO), effective 1 February 2026.

He brings a wealth of experience at a pivotal time in the company's continued growth and transformation. His revolutionary vision, a strong track record in executive leadership, tactical



management, operational excellence and a strong business acumen are traits that he brings to the role.

In his new capacity, he is responsible for driving the Group's strategic direction, strengthening operational performance across subsidiaries, and advancing TDC's long-standing commitment to innovation, customer service, and sustainable development within St. Kitts and Nevis and the wider Caribbean region.

Mr. Menon joined the company in 1994, after a successful tenure as a Management Consultant with several leading business houses in the United Kingdom, and six months later, in 1995, he was appointed head of the Marketing Department.

He oversaw the establishment of the new unit that managed the development and implementation of initiatives that were guided by innovative branding strategies, leadership of cross-functional teams, promotions and advertising, all driven by market research and calculated decision making.

His robust and excellent work ethics did not go unnoticed, and in 2000, Mr. Menon was appointed to serve as an Executive Director with responsibilities for Client Relations, Marketing, Retail, Insurance, Real Estate Development and Manufacturing.

In 2003, he was appointed to serve as the Programme Director of the TDC Warren C Tyson Scholarship Programme (an in-house mentorship scheme for young persons named after the companies' first chairman), a role he embraces with passion.

Mr. Menon expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to lead the organization, noting:

“It is an honour to assume the role of Chief Executive Officer of TDC, an indigenous company that continues to shape and play a vital role in the economic and social development of St. Kitts and Nevis for over five decades. I look forward with confidence and purpose to working with the Board, management, and staff to build on the strong legacy and to guide the Company into its next phase of growth.”

Mr. Menon holds a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Cranfield University (London) and Babson College (United States) and a Bachelor of Science Degree with Honours in Geography and Economics from the University of Liverpool.

Picture - Mr. Nicolas Menon, TDC Chief Executive Officer

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TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT, CAP. 10.19

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

and

In the Matter of the Certificate of Titles registered in Register Book Q1 Folio 62 in the name of CLARICE MARTHA THOMAS.

NOTICE FOR REPLACEMENT OF LOST CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

It is hereby notified that an application has been made to the Registrar of Titles in Chambers for an Order for the issue of a new Certificate of Title in lieu of a lost Certificate of Title dated 5th day of August, 1958 and registered in the Register of Titles at Book Q1 Folio 62 of Saint Christopher circuit for ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land known as Lot No. 19 being formerly part of the Estate and lands known as “GREENLANDS”, MARDENBOROUGH”, AND “SHADWELL” “ESTATES OR THE SHADWELL PLANTATION in the town of Basseterre in the Parish of St. George in the Island of Saint Christopher and bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- ON the North by Lot No. 20, 100.00 feet; ON the East by a footpath 6 feet wide, 53.94 feet; ON the South by Lot No. 18, 100.00 feet and ON the West by Lot No. 14, 53.94 feet and containing by admeasurement 5,394 square feet, all as the same is delineated and set forth on the plan by Stanley Sebastian License Land Surveyor on the 24th July, 1958,

Any person knowing the whereabouts of or having any information concerning the said Duplicate Certificate of Title which may lead to its recovery is requested to notify the Registrar of Titles at the Registrar's Office, North Independence Square, Basseterre, St. Kitts or Henderson Law Chambers, Attorney-at-Law, Unit 7 The Sands Complex, Bay Road, Basseterre, St. Kitts,

Dated the 26th day of January, 2026.

HENDERSON LAW CHAMBERS

Unit 7 The Sands Complex, Bay Road

Basseterre, St. Kitts

Case Number: SKBHPB2026/

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In the Estate of **Shauna Clydella Bass** late of 5035 Eliza's Retreat, Christiansted, Saint Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, deceased.

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **Ayoko Iesha Mariske Bass Allen** of 577 EST. Castle Burke, Frederiksted, St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, Sales Representative, for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above-named deceased who died on the 2nd day of May, 2021 without revoking a Will bearing the 8th day of March 2021 wherein the Applicant is named Sole Executrix.

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

Dated 2nd day of February, 2026

Angelina Gracy Sookoo-Bobb

Attorney-At-Law for the Applicant

This Advertisement of Application for Grant is filed by **Angelina Gracy Sookoo-Bobb** of **Sookoo Bobb** who is duly authorised to act as Counsel for and to accept service on behalf of the Applicant. The address for service for the Applicant is Unit A7, The Sands Complex, Bay Road, Basseterre, Saint Kitts. Tel. (869) 466-2622 [BOBB]/ 766-2622 [BOBB] Email: info@s-blegal.com (Office), agsookoo@s-blegal.com (direct).

The Court Office is at S.W. Tapley Seaton Court Annex, East Independence Square Street, Basseterre, Saint Kitts. Tel: (869) 467 -1335, FAX 465-2482 The office is open between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Mondays to Fridays except Public Holidays.

Creative Economy Hosts Forum on ‘Wilders’ Music

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETTERRE, St. Kitts (Tuesday 3rd February 2026)-“Is this sound its own genre, or a sub-genre of soca? And who gets to decide that? We see similar debates happening across the region. Every genre we now recognise globally was once questioned, criticised and misunderstood.”

So said Director of the Department of Creative Economy, Roberitine Webbe, as she delivered remarks during Wilders Forum 2026 (Part One), held under the theme “Defining Our Sound: Charting the Way Forward” at the CUNA Conference Room on Monday 2nd February 2026.

The forum, hosted by the Department of Creative Economy, focused on the uptempo music unique to St. Kitts and Nevis that has been played and popularised for decades by local jam bands and unofficially referred to as Wilders.

As understood, such a two-day session has marked the beginning of a national dialogue aimed at defining, documenting, and positioning the sound within both cultural and economic frameworks.

In outlining the purpose of the forum, Webbe made it clear that the initiative was not about imposing decisions or erasing history.

“Today is not about announcing a decision. It is not about telling anyone what our sound should be called, and it is certainly not about erasing history,” she stated.

Rather, she explained, the forum was intended to confront conversations that have long been postponed. “Today is about starting a conversation we have avoided, neglected, or simply did not understand the true value of for far too long,” Webbe said.

She emphasized that the sound being discussed is neither theoretical nor newly created.

“Whether we like it or not, the sound we are talking about already exists. It has existed for decades, and traditionally it has been known by the very people who created it as Wilders,” she noted.

While acknowledging that debate around naming is inevitable, Webbe cautioned against dismissing history for the sake of convenience.

“We may debate the spelling. We may debate whether the name travels well internationally. We may even decide collectively that another name may better serve the future. But what we cannot do is pretend that the history does not exist simply because it makes us uncomfortable,” she said.

Webbe stressed that the discussion goes far beyond labels, saying: “This forum is not about a name in isolation. It is about identity, ownership, cultural memory, and how we choose to carry our sound forward without losing its soul,” she explained.

She challenged participants to reflect deeply on what defines the sound as distinctly Kittitian and Nevisian.

“What are the elements that make this sound unmistakably ours? Is it the rhythm? How we react when we dance - whether fast or slow, the bounce or the walk-up? These elements are undisputedly our own,” Webbe said.

She also touched on authenticity and commercial appeal.

“Are we naming our sound to appease international markets? And if so, what do we lose in the process? Does commercialisation require cultural dilution, or can authenticity be the very thing that gives us global distinction?” she asked.

Webbe emphasized that any decisions regarding the future of the sound must be collective and inclusive.

“These are not questions for one department, one generation, or one meeting,” she said, underscoring the importance of engaging artists, musicians, promoters, managers, cultural practitioners, intellectual property experts, and other stakeholders across the creative ecosystem.



Director of the Department of Creative Economy, Roberitine Webbe speaking at the Wilders Forum 2026 (Part One), held under the theme “Defining Our Sound: Charting the Way Forward” at the CUNA Conference Room on Monday 2nd February 2026.



Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of the Creative Economy, Delrine Taylor speaking at the Wilders Forum 2026 (Part One), held under the theme “Defining Our Sound: Charting the Way Forward” at the CUNA Conference Room on Monday 2nd February 2026.

She further explained that the forum represents the first step in a longer process. “This forum marks the beginning of a process to define, document, protect, brand, market, and advance the sound we have always known, while preparing it for a future we want,” Webbe stated. She added that discussions would inform the formation of a task force to guide the work “responsibly, transparently, and collaboratively beyond today.”

Meanwhile, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of the Creative Economy, Delrine Taylor, described the Wilders Forum as a critical national dialogue initiative.

She explained that the initiative was designed to facilitate “an inclusive, structured national conversation aimed at gaining a clearer understanding of the indigenous sound- or sound of St. Kitts and Nevis- traditionally known as Wilders music.”

Taylor highlighted the importance of defining the sound in relation to branding, export potential, and intellectual property, noting that this approach ensures cultural preservation while creating economic opportunity.

“Simply put, this is part of our DNA. This is our culture. This is who we are,” she concluded.

Front Page Image used for illustration purposes highlighting the ‘Wilders’ music genre (Created via Canva)



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AGENDA

1. To approve the Minutes of the thirty-sixth Annual General Meeting held on February 27, 2025.
2. To approve the Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting held on February 27, 2025.
3. To receive the Report of the Board of Directors.
4. To receive the Report of the Auditors.
5. To receive and consider the accounts for the year ended June 30, 2023.
6. To elect four (4) directors:
 - i. Damion Hobson retires by rotation and being eligible offers himself for re-election.
 - ii. Jessica Boncamper retires by rotation and being eligible offers herself for re-election.
 - iii. Adrian Daniel retires by rotation and being eligible offers himself for re-election.
 - iv. Leon Charles retires by rotation and being eligible offers himself for re-election.
7. To declare a dividend.
8. To appoint Grant Thornton, Chartered Accountants, as auditors for the year ending June 30, 2024.
9. Any other business.

By Order of the Board

C. Herbert

CINDY C.T HERBERT (MRS)
CORPORATE SECRETARY

NOTES

1. Votes at meetings of shareholders may be given either personally or by proxy using virtual means, in the case of a shareholder who is a body corporate or association, by an individual authorised by a resolution of the directors or governing body of that body corporate or association to represent it at meetings of shareholders of the Company.
2. A shareholder who is entitled to vote at a meeting of shareholders may by means of a proxy appoint a proxy holder, or one or more alternate proxy holders, none of whom need be shareholders, to attend and act at the meeting or any adjournment thereof, in the manner and to the extent authorized by the proxy and with the authority conferred by the proxy. A corporation being a member of the company may appoint as a proxy one of its officers or any other person though not a member of the Company.
3. A proxy is valid only at the meeting in respect of which it is given or any adjournment of that meeting.
4. Shareholders are directed to clause 4.4.1 of the Company's By-Laws in relation eligibility for directorship. Clause 4.4.1 reads:

Eligibility: No person shall be eligible for election as a director of the Company if:

- a. *he is prohibited from being a director by reason of any provision in or any order made under, the Ordinance, the Banking Act or any other applicable legislation; or*
- b. *he does not satisfy qualifying criteria/guidelines of the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank;*
- c. *he does not hold at least five hundred (500) shares in the Company.*
- d. *unless he or some other shareholder intending to propose him, at least seventy-five days before the meeting, leaves at the registered address of the Company a notice in writing duly signed, specifying his candidature for the office and the intention of such shareholder to propose him.*

5. In proposing candidates for nomination as independent directors, shareholders are asked to have regard to the definition ascribed to and determining considerations for an

'Independent Director' in the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank's (ECCB) *Enforced Guidelines on Corporate Governance for Institutions licensed to conduct Banking Business* (the 'Guidelines'). The Guidelines define 'Independent Director' as a director who is independent of management and free of any business or other relationships that would materially interfere with, or could reasonably be perceived to materially interfere with the exercise of his unfettered and independent judgment. The guidelines go on to state that in the determination of independence, consideration should be given to whether the person:

- a) *Was employed by the institution within the last five years; or*
 - b) *Within the last five years, had a material relationship with the institution either directly, or as an advisor, partner, shareholder, director or senior employee or a body that has or had such relationship with the institution; or*
 - c) *Received or receives additional remuneration from the institution apart from a director's fee, participates in the institution's share option or a performance-related pay scheme, or is a member of the institution's pension scheme, or receives other forms or deferred compensation not contingent upon continued service; or*
 - d) *Represents a significant shareholder on the board; or*
 - e) *Has served on the board for more than ten years.*
6. In proposing candidates for nomination to directorship generally, shareholders are asked to have regard to the following subsections of the *Banking Act, No.1 of 2015*:
- 97.(1) *Every person who is, or is likely to be a director, significant shareholder, or officer of a licensed financial institution or licensed financial holding company must be a fit and proper person to hold the particular position which he holds or is likely to hold.*
- (2) *In determining whether a person is a fit and proper person to hold any particular position, regard shall be had to:*
- (a) *the person's probity, competence and soundness of judgment for fulfilling the responsibilities of that position;*
 - (b) *the academic or professional qualifications or effective experience in banking, finance, business or administration or any other relevant discipline of the person concerned;*
 - (c) *the diligence with which the person is fulfilling or likely to fulfill the responsibilities of that position;*
 - (d) *whether the interests of depositors or potential depositors of the licensed financial institution are, or are likely to be, in any way threatened by that person holding the position;*
 - (e) *whether the person is a significant shareholder, director or officer or holds any position of authority in any licensed financial institution locally or elsewhere whose licence has been suspended, or revoked otherwise than as a result of an amalgamation or voluntary liquidation or which has been or is being wound up or compulsorily liquidated;*
 - (f) *whether the person has failed to satisfy any judgment or order of a court locally or abroad including the repayment of a debt;*
 - (g) *whether the person is an un-discharged bankrupt or has been declared a bankrupt locally or abroad;*
 - (h) *whether the person has been removed or suspended by a regulatory authority from serving as a director or officer in a licensed financial institution or any body corporate locally or abroad;*
 - (i) *whether the person is a director or officer of, or directly or indirectly concerned in the management of a corporation locally or abroad, that is compounding with or suspending payments to its creditors."*

(3) *Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provisions, regard may be had to the previous conduct and activities in business or financial matters of the person in question and, in particular, to any evidence that the person has:*

- (a) *committed an offence involving fraud or other dishonesty or violence;*
- (b) *contravened any provision made by or under an enactment designed for protecting members of the public against financial loss due to dishonesty, incompetence or malpractice by persons concerned in the provision of banking, insurance, investment or other financial services or the management of companies or against financial loss due to the conduct of a discharged or undischarged bankrupt;*
- (c) *engaged in any business practices appearing to the board to be deceitful or oppressive or otherwise improper (whether unlawful or not) or which otherwise reflect discredit on the person's method of conducting business;*
- (d) *an employment record which leads the board to believe that the person carried out an act of impropriety in the handling of his employer's business; or*
- (e) *engaged in or been associated with any other business practices or otherwise conducted himself in a manner as to cast doubt on his competence and soundness of judgment.*

Sagicor to plant 185 trees in honour of milestone anniversary

Bridgetown, Barbados: In honour of its 185th anniversary, Sagicor Financial Company Ltd. will plant 185 trees across several of their operations. The financial services entity marked the milestone anniversary in November of last year and will be celebrating with various initiatives throughout this year.

To mark the momentous occasion, President and CEO, Andre Mousseau planted the first tree at the company's Wildey, Barbados headquarters, noting that 185 years represented a historic milestone.

"We are proud to accomplish 185 years of service," he said. "This is no small feat. We have come quite a long way from our first office in High Street, Bridgetown to expansion across the Caribbean and North America. We could not have cemented this strong legacy without those who place their trust in us each day, including our team, clients, shareholders and others in our vast stakeholder network. We are thankful for their support and look forward to celebrating this anniversary with them."

During the ceremony and plaque unveiling, he planted a mahogany tree, using the opportunity to touch on its symbolic importance. "The mahogany tree is known



Sagicor will be planting 185 trees across several of their operations in honour of their 185th anniversary. Here, the company's President and CEO, Andre Mousseau plants the first tree at the company's Wildey, Barbados headquarters, to launch the initiative.

for its might, strength and fortitude and is therefore a fitting tribute to our own history of longevity and resilience. As we commemorate this anniversary, I am pleased that we gain the opportunity to celebrate, and also showcase our environmental stewardship with the planting of more than 185 trees across the territories in which we operate."

In addition to the tree planting, the company will host client and team appreciation initiatives and invest in community outreach projects.

Pinterest sacks workers for creating tool to track layoffs

BBC Technology News

Kali Hays, Technology reporter and

Lily Jamali, North America Technology correspondent



Reuters The red app icon for Pinterest, marked with a stylized letter P, on a smartphone.

Pinterest has sacked two engineers for tracking which workers lost their jobs in a recent round of layoffs.

The company recently announced job cuts, with chief executive Bill Ready stating in an email he was "doubling down on an AI-forward approach," according to an employee who posted some of the memo on LinkedIn.

Pinterest told investors the move would impact about 15% of the workforce, or roughly 700 roles, without saying which teams or workers were affected.

But then "two engineers wrote custom scripts improperly accessing confidential company information to identify the locations and names of all dismissed employees and then shared it more broadly," a company spokesperson told the BBC.

"This was a clear violation of Pinterest policy and of their former colleagues' privacy," the spokesperson added.

A script in this sense is essentially computer code written to automate a task within existing software or tweak its functionality for a specific purpose.

The script written by the Pinterest engineers was aimed at internal tools used at

the company for employees to communicate, according to a person familiar with the firings who asked not to be identified.

The person said the script created an alert for which employee names within a tool like the team communication platform Slack were being removed or deactivated, giving some insight into who at the company was impacted by the layoffs.

The identities of the two sacked engineers are not publicly known and the BBC has been unable to contact them.

The technology industry has seen waves of layoffs in recent years.

Checking Slack and other internal tools for coworkers who disappear from channels of conversation is a common way for people to learn who is no longer working at a company.

In the same week that Pinterest announced it was laying off workers, Amazon cut 16,000 roles in its second round of redundancies in three months.

Earlier this year, Meta also laid off several hundred employees.

Along with Amazon and Meta, Google, Microsoft and others have significantly cut their workforces.

Across the entire tech industry, an estimated 700,000 people have been laid off over the last four years, according to Layoffs.fyi, which tracks all reports of such cuts.



Music Festival First Wave Leaves Fans Guessing For Next Announcement

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETTERRE, St. Kitts (Tuesday 3rd February 2026)-Following the recent first-wave announcement of performers for the upcoming 28th St. Kitts Music Festival, fans and music lovers across the Federation have gone into full speculation mode, eagerly guessing - and loudly wishing-who will be revealed in the much-anticipated second wave of act(s).

The initial lineup has unveiled twenty-three (23) acts, featuring a melting pot of national, regional and international musical flavours.

Among those flying the Federation's flag are four (4) entertainers namely: Nu Vybes Band International (reigning Road March Champions), Rucas HE, Brandon of the ASAP Band, Zu, Rodney Tattat, and Gharlic & Upper Level Band.

The annual three-night musical extravaganza is slated for Thursday 25th to Saturday 27th June 2026, and the lineup announced so far also includes: Fantasia, Mavado, Aidonia, Luciano, Shelly & Signal Band, Voice, V'ghn, Machel Montano, Beres Hammond, Tarrus Riley, Dean Fraser & The Black Soil Band, Steel Pulse, Shaniel Muir, D'Yani, Kranium, Edwin Yearwood & Krosfyah, Valiant and Masicka.

Since the announcement, social media timelines, group chats and street-corner conversations have been buzzing as fans submit wish lists and genre predictions ahead of what festival organisers say will be a special announcement slated for Friday 6th February 2026.

The live-streamed launch event of the first wave was held at Salt Plage on the South East Peninsula on Monday 2nd February, hosted by media personality

Leslie 'Sugar Bowl' Morton, with announcements delivered through video presentations accompanied by the artistes' music.

Addressing partners and stakeholders, Minister of Tourism Marsha Henderson underscored the broader significance of the festival beyond entertainment.

"This evening is about celebration, connection and appreciation," said Minister Henderson, as

she thanked sponsors, artistes, promoters, vendors, creatives, tourism partners, security services, volunteers, and members of the festival committee and secretariat.

"The strength of this festival lies in your commitment and your collaboration and we are truly grateful."

She emphasized that the St. Kitts Music Festival plays a pivotal role in national development.

"The St. Kitts Music Festival is far more than entertainment. In fact, it is one of our flagship tourism products, driving visitor arrivals, supporting our businesses and showcasing the creativity, the talent and vibrant spirit of St. Kitts to the world," she said.

"It also plays a key role in our broader tourism strategy, supporting airlift, encouraging longer stays and helping to position St. Kitts as a dynamic year-round destination, one that delivers real benefits to our people."

Minister Henderson noted that the economic impact of the festival reaches everyday citizens.

"The economic activity stirred by this festival is one that trickles into the pockets of the ordinary man, helping therefore to transform lives," she added.

She also issued a heartfelt invitation to nationals abroad.

"To our diaspora around the world, we are inviting you to come home once again and to experience the island that has shaped you. The St. Kitts Music Festival

is a homecoming."

Also speaking at the launch was Chairman of the St. Kitts Music Festival Committee, Allister Williams, who highlighted the milestone nature of the upcoming event.

"Tonight is about appreciation and partnerships as we gather in anticipation of a very special milestone - the 28th annual St. Kitts Music Festival," Williams said.

"Reaching 28 years is no small achievement. It speaks to the vision of those who laid the foundation, the resilience of the festival over time, and the unwavering support of partners like all of you."

Williams traced the festival's evolution from its early beginnings.

"In 1996, the Shak Shak Music Festival, also known as the St. Kitts Music Festival, was born as a celebration of culture through music with a clear purpose to create opportunity and generate revenue for our local communities," he said.

"Today, it has evolved into one of the premier festivals in the region, growing in relevance each year through intentional planning and a commitment to showcasing some of the most notable regional and global acts on our stage."

He stressed the collective responsibility to maintain high standards.

"This journey reflects how far we have come while reminding us of our shared responsibility to continue raising the standard, delivering a safe, high-quality and memorable experience for our audiences, our visitors and our community," Williams stated.

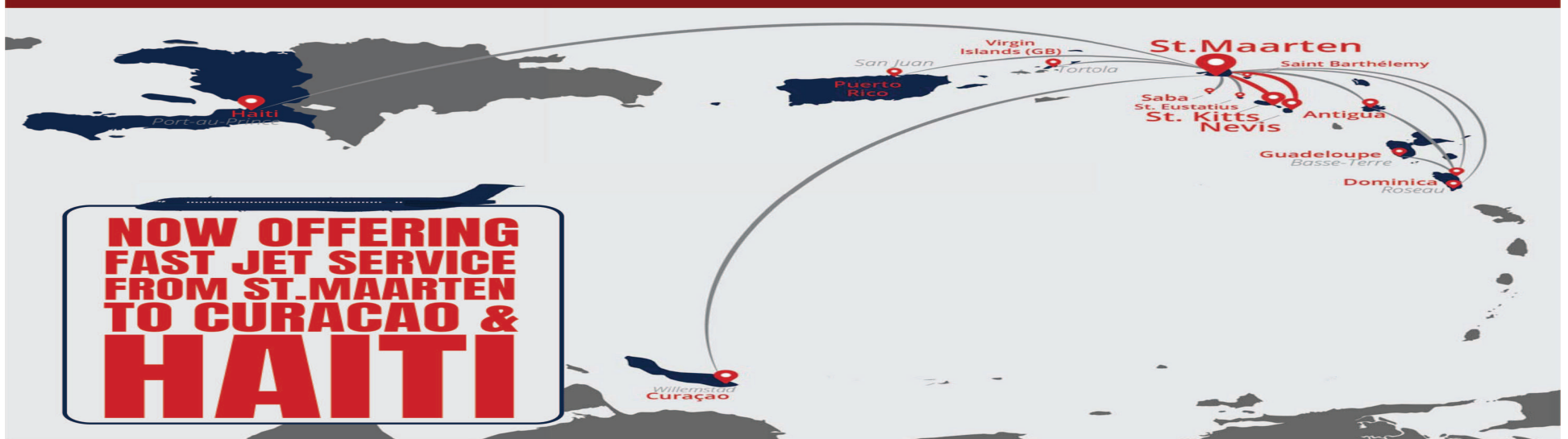
"The St. Kitts Music Festival belongs to all of us, and its longevity is a true testament to the power of collaboration."

As anticipation continues to build, fans are holding out hope for surprise additions -with many calling for a major international R&B or Hip-Hop act making a St. Kitts debut.

Front Page Image: A look at a section of the St. Kitts Music Festival crowd (Official Photo)

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Saudi Arabia is lifting the alcohol ban for wealthy foreigners

Sameer Hashmi
BBC Business



Getty Images Two men clink glasses of whisky on a table (Credit: Getty Images)

Saudi Arabia has quietly started to allow wealthy foreign residents to buy alcohol, a huge change after a 73-year ban. Commentators expect that the relaxation will eventually be extended to tourists, as Sameer Hashmi reports from Riyadh.

For decades, Riyadh's Diplomatic Quarter has stood apart from the rest of the capital city – an affluent enclave of embassies and upscale residences, with shaded walkways, greenery and a café culture that draws young Saudis and expatriates alike.

Now, tucked inside a discreet, unmarked beige complex within the exclusive neighbourhood, a small store has become a discrete testing ground for one of Saudi Arabia's most sensitive policy shifts – the controlled sale of alcohol to wealthy non-Muslim foreigners.

Saudi Arabia, home to Islam's two holiest sites, banned the sale of alcohol in 1952. But as part of a broader effort to reshape its image, the kingdom has rolled out sweeping social and economic reforms in recent years, presenting itself as a more moderate and investment-friendly society.

Under the leadership of crown prince Mohammed bin Salman, Saudi Arabia's de facto ruler, the kingdom has reopened cinemas, hosted major music festivals, lifted the ban on women driving, and curtailed the powers of the once-feared religious police.

But the quiet expansion of legal alcohol sales is arguably the boldest experiment yet.

The liquor shop first opened in Riyadh in January 2024, but entry was initially restricted to non-Muslim diplomats. Under new rules introduced without announcement at the end of 2025, wealthy, non-Muslim foreign residents can now also go there to purchase beer, wine and spirits.

To be eligible, an expat must either hold a Premium Residency permit, which costs 100,000 Saudi riyals (\$27,000; £19,300) a year; or show that he or she earns at least 50,000 riyals per month.

The Premium Residency scheme has varying eligibility criteria, and is typically open to senior foreign executives, investors, and professionals with specialised skills.

In both the case of permit holders and those without, they will have to show their residence ID card to security guards at the door. This details their religion and residency status.

A bottle of Johnny Walker Black Label whisky cost me \$124 (£90). But I don't mind paying the premium – a British company executive

Those who don't have the permit will also need to take a company-issued salary certificate or letter. Foreign tourists are not eligible to enter the store.

Several customers who have purchased alcohol from the outlet spoke to the

BBC on condition of anonymity.

Mobile phones are sealed in tamper-proof bags before customers are allowed inside. Queues can stretch for more than an hour, though people say the experience is relatively straightforward once inside.

One European expatriate described the store as "well-stocked", with prices "two to three times" higher compared to Western markets, but significantly lower than on Saudi Arabia's black market.

"A bottle of Johnny Walker Black Label whisky cost me \$124 (£90). But I don't mind paying the premium," adds a British company executive.

Alcohol purchases are governed by a complex points-based monthly quota system, customers say, but one generous enough to allow each person dozens of litres of spirits each month. Diplomats receive discounts on their purchases.

There has been no official announcement by the government. Several buyers say they initially learned about the change through word of mouth. The store name doesn't even show up on online maps.

"A friend just shared the location with me on Google Maps," said one Asian expatriate.



Getty Images - After a 73-year ban, Saudi Arabia introduced a new permit in 2025 allowing wealthy, non-Muslim foreign residents to purchase alcohol in the city of Riyadh (Credit: Getty Images)Getty Images

Analysts say the ambiguity by authorities around the new alcohol policy is deliberate, leaving uncertainty over how far the shift might go.

Sebastian Sons, a senior researcher at German think tank Carpo, which focuses on the Middle East, says the authorities are moving cautiously. "They are willing to go two steps forward and one step back, if necessary, when it comes to sensitive issues. With alcohol, it could be the same."

Alcohol is prohibited under Islamic law, and religious observance remains strong across much of Saudi Arabia's local population.

Yet despite the ban, for decades, alcohol has circulated out of public view – from homemade brews to imported labels – consumed at private parties, in gated residential compounds, and in well-stocked Saudi homes.

A significant share of branded alcohol enters the informal market through embassies, which have long been allowed to import unlimited quantities under diplomatic privileges. Others turned to the black market, where unregulated homemade alcohol and expensive smuggled supplies continue to circulate.

The timing of the Saudis' alcohol policy shift also coincides with mounting economic pressures on the country.

With energy markets subdued in the past few years, and public finances tightening, Saudi Arabia is seeking to draw more foreign visitors, and attract high-skilled expatriates, to help grow non-oil sectors like AI and manufacturing.

Riyadh has also scaled back some of its most ambitious infrastructure plans, including the multi-trillion-dollar Neom city and resorts project due to budgetary constraints. In recent months, it has relaxed rules for foreigners to own

At the same time, the kingdom is pouring billions of dollars into wider tourism, entertainment and global sporting events as part of its push to diversify away from oil. Luxury resorts have been built along the Red Sea coast, largely aimed at Western travellers.

Tourism is a key pillar of Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030 programme. In 2024, the kingdom attracted nearly 30 million international visitors, with non-religious travel now accounting for more than half of arrivals, according to Tourism Minister Ahmed Al Khateeb. Saudi Arabia is aiming to attract 70 million international tourists by

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Saudi Arabia's hospitality industry is already preparing for the possibility that tourists may be able to buy alcohol in the future (Credit: Getty Images)

2030.

"We want to double tourism's contribution to the GDP by 2030," he said in an interview with the BBC in November 2025.

The Gulf state is due to host prominent international events including the World Expo in 2030 and the FIFA World Cup in 2034. But some plans have faced delays.

The Asian Winter Games, scheduled for 2029 at a planned ski resort in Neom, were recently postponed indefinitely. While no official reason was given, it has been reported that there were construction delays.

The continuing efforts to move away from oil, come as global crude prices are currently around the \$60 to \$66 (£44-£48) a barrel range, whereas back in 2022 they soared above \$100 following Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Lower prices mean less income for Saudi Arabia. Despite diversification efforts, oil revenues remain central to Saudi Arabia's economy.

According to media reports, Saudi authorities are also planning to open two more alcohol outlets. One in Jeddah on the Red Sea coast, and another in Dhahran, a city in the far east of the country that is home to state oil company Aramco.

While details remain limited, both stores are expected to have the same limitations on who can buy alcohol – you have to be either a wealthy, foreign resident, or a diplomat.

However, the country's hospitality industry is already preparing for further easing, and specifically, the possibility that tourists will be able to buy alcohol in the future.

Several hotel groups have begun hiring bartenders in anticipation of such a change, according to industry executives who spoke on condition of anonymity. Some job advertisements list knowledge of spirits, beer and wine as desirable skills, even if alcohol service is not explicitly mentioned.

"If the rules change, we want to be able to act immediately," said one senior executive at a multinational hospitality chain.

Authorities want to prepare the society gradually and avoid a backlash – Sebastian Sons

Hospitality industry sources say tourist hubs such as the country's Red Sea islands, and al-Ula, the ancient city in the kingdom's northwest, could be among the first places where alcohol is permitted more widely if restrictions are eased further.



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Request for Quotations to Purchase & Install One (1) New Asphalt Plant

The Public Works Department is seeking quotations for the cost to procure and install **one (1) New Asphalt Plant**, to outfit the Roads Division, Public Works Department at Canada Estate, St Kitts, West Indies.

1. Parameters:

- The Asphalt Plant must be fitted with the following:
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- i. Price must include for service and start up.
- ii. Shipping to St Kitts (CIF)

3. Warranty and Spare Parts

- i. A warranty of at least one (1) year must be included in the accepted quotation.
- ii. Sufficient Spare Parts to be included for the servicing of the Asphalt Plant over the course of the first operational year.

4. Evaluation and acceptance:

- i. Quotations will only be accepted from established businesses with proof of registration and a track record of supplying/sales of large equipment.
- ii. Quotations will be evaluated by senior personnel from the Ministry of Public Works with recommendations to be submitted to the Procurement Board.
- iii. Quotations must be submitted by **Thursday 12th February, 2026.**

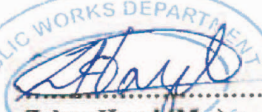
5. Quotations must include the following:

- a. Technical specifications and operational manual for the Asphalt Plant.
- b. We are proposing the following payment terms and conditions including a payment structure of:
 - i. 40% deposit upon approval,
 - ii. 40% prior to shipping and
 - iii. 20% once the Asphalt Plant is landed and commissioned on St. Kitts or any other structure agreed to by the Government of St. Kitts and Nevis.
- c. Setup and training for use and maintenance of the Asphalt Plant.
- d. Shipment timeline from purchase to landing at the cargo port Basseterre, St Kitts.
- e. Company background and eligibility to participate in this quotation.
- f. Vendors must be able to hold the price for at least three (3) months pending purchase evaluations by the procurement board.

Please submit all quotations to the Ministry of Public Infrastructure et al., attention Public Works Department, Roads Division via email to secretary.adminpwd@gov.kn and to zekey.hazel@gov.kn or by hardcopy to Ms. Xia-Xiang Claxton, Acting Director of Public Works or Mr. Zekey Hazel, Roads Engineer/Manager no later than **Thursday 12th February, 2026.**

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 (Mr.)
Roads Manager
Public Works Department


Xia-Xiang Claxton (Ms.)
Director - (Ag.)
Public-Works Department

"Alcohol may not be the main factor, but it could certainly help attract more Western tourists, especially those visiting the Red Sea islands," said Tim Callen, a visiting fellow at the Washington DC-based Arab Gulf States Institute.

Saudi Arabia faces stiff competition from regional rivals – particularly Dubai in the UAE – to attract both foreign residents and tourists.

While Dubai offers a more liberal social environment, extensive nightlife and easy access to alcohol, both countries are locked in an intense battle to diversify their economies away from fossil fuels.

Analysts say the Saudis are unlikely to follow the Dubai model. Instead, they expect a more restrictive approach, closer to Qatar's, where alcohol is only permitted in designated hotels and venues.

Even during the 2022 World Cup, Qatar limited alcohol sales to fan zones and five-star hotels, banning it inside stadiums.

Sons believes Saudi Arabia is likely to adopt a similar approach for its 2034 World Cup – if tourists are allowed to buy alcohol by then, they won't be able to inside the grounds.

"Authorities want to prepare the society gradually and avoid a backlash," he says.

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National Assembly Meets On Thursday, February 12, 2026

Basseterre, Saint Kitts, February 05, 2026 (SKNIS): Notice has been given for a sitting of the National Assembly to be held at the National Assembly Chambers, Government Headquarters, Basseterre, on Thursday, February 12, 2026, at 10 a.m.

The Order Paper and other Papers will be issued at a later date.



Hon. Lanien Blanchette -Speaker of National Assembly

The National Assembly will be broadcast live on ZIZ Radio (96 FM) and participating radio stations. It can also be viewed live on TV Channel 5 in St. Kitts and Channel 98 in Nevis. It will also be streamed live at www.zizonline.com.

Copies of the Bills will be made available on the St. Kitts and Nevis Information Service website (sknis.gov.kn) under the "Bills" section as soon as they are posted.

January 2026 List of Voters Online Community Notice

The general public is advised that the January 2026 List of Voters can be accessed online at legal.gov.kn/electoral-office-3/. Members of the public are invited to visit the website to access and review their information.

Khelif willing to take sex test for 2028 Olympics



Boxer Imane Khelif of Team Algeria celebrates as she wins gold medal at the Olympic Games Paris 2024 - Image source, Getty Images

Imane Khelif said she would take a sex test conducted by the International Olympic Committee

ByAilsa Cowen
BBC Sport journalist

Algerian boxer Imane Khelif says she would take a sex test if it allowed her to compete at the 2028 Los Angeles Olympic Games.

Khelif, who won women's welterweight gold at the 2024 Paris Olympics, has since faced scrutiny over her gender eligibility.

In 2023, she and Taiwanese fighter Lin Yu-ting were disqualified from the World

Championships by the International Boxing Association (IBA) for allegedly failing gender eligibility tests.

However, Khelif was cleared to compete in Paris by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), which stripped the IBA of its recognition in June 2023.

Khelif spoke to CNN, external on Wednesday, saying she had "nothing to hide" and would comply with testing requirements if conducted by the IOC.

"Of course, I would accept doing anything I'm required to do to participate in competitions," she said.

"They should protect women, but they need to pay attention that while protecting women, they shouldn't hurt other women."

Khelif, 26, has always fought in women's categories. "I'm not transgender. I'm a woman," she told CNN. "I want to live my life. Please do not exploit me in your political?agendas."

US President Donald Trump last year referred to Khelif as a "male boxer" after he had signed an executive order that prevents transgender women from competing in female categories of sports.

A new body, World Boxing, was granted provisional recognition as the sport's international governing federation by the IOC in February 2025.

It has introduced mandatory genetic tests for athletes to "determine their sex at birth and their eligibility to compete".

When announcing the change, it cited Khelif - and later apologised for that.

Khelif lodged an appeal with the Court of Arbitration for Sport (Cas) over World Boxing's introduction of mandatory tests in August.

A hearing on that case is still pending.



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West Indies Under-19s Exit World Cup After Valiant Campaign

HARARE, Zimbabwe – West Indies Under-19s concluded their ICC Men's Under-19 Cricket World Cup campaign on Wednesday with a hard-fought 22-run defeat to defending champions Australia at Harare Sports Club, narrowly missing out on a semi-final berth in what was a competitive and spirited tournament run.

Needing a victory to boost their semi-final chances and their net run rate, the young Caribbean side fell just short in their pursuit of Australia's 314 for seven, finishing on 292 for nine despite half-centuries from Zachary Carter and captain Joshua Dorne.



WI U19 captain Joshua Dorne leads the team out ahead of the anthems ceremony

Australia advanced unbeaten to the semi-finals while West Indies exited the tournament tied on four points with Afghanistan and Sri Lanka, but with an inferior net run rate.

The young Men in Maroon's campaign began with optimism in Windhoek, Namibia, where they defeated Tanzania by five wickets on opening day. Seventeen-year-old Tanez Francis struck a measured half-century supported by Jewel Andrew's run-a-ball 44 as West Indies comfortably chased down Tanzania's 122 with 29 overs to spare.

Leg-spinner Vitel Lawes led the bowling attack with impressive figures of 3/23, well supported by Shaquan Belle and Micah McKenzie who claimed two wickets each.

Following a loss to Afghanistan, West Indies concluded the group stage and confirmed their Super Six qualification with a comprehensive 55-run victory over South Africa on January 22.

Carter announced himself on the world stage with a smashing century of 114 runs including eight fours and eight sixes. In doing so, he became the fifth West Indian to score a century at Under 19 World Cups as West Indies ended on 234 all out.

In response, Belle produced the tournament's best bowling figures of 6-40 to dismiss South Africa for 179, with support from Jakeem Pollard, Isra-el Morton, and Lawes who claimed one wicket each.

West Indies entered the Super Six stage carrying forward two points from their group-stage victory over South Africa. Their first Super Six encounter on January 25 against Ireland in Windhoek, again showcased the team's fighting spirit in a rain-affected contest decided by DLS method which confirmed a 25-run victory for West Indies.

In Wednesday's crucial encounter with defending champions Australia, West Indies won the toss and elected to field first. Opposition captain Oliver Peake scored an impressive century to power his team to their eventual total.

Nevertheless, West Indies' chase began explosively as Carter and Francis provided a positive start with their opening partnership of 88. Carter was particularly destructive, with the tournament's fourth-fastest half-century.

Dorne and Carter continued the momentum to put West Indies in a strong position, but the Caribbean side was unsuccessful in the death overs and eventually finished on 292 for nine, 22 runs short of their target.

With the unbeaten Australians advancing to the semi-finals, West Indies' elimination was confirmed by Sri Lanka's defeat of South Africa on Thursday, which took the Asian side to second place with six points, two more than the West



Zachary Carter hits out against Australia

Indies.

Several West Indies players distinguished themselves throughout the tournament.

Opening batsman Carter emerged as a key performer with his explosive contributions against South Africa and Australia. He finished his campaign with the joint-most sixes in the tournament with 13. Wicketkeeper-batter Andrew provided crucial stability in multiple innings and led the team in boundaries scored with 30.



With the ball, Belle's 6/40 against South Africa remains as the tournament's best bowling figures, while the spin duo of Micah McKenzie and Vitel Lawes proved effective. Lawes was the team's leading wicket taker with 10 scalps and the most dot balls bowled with 150.

Francis also impressed with the bat at the top of the order and in the field throughout the tournament. Belle, Carter and McKenzie won Player-of-the-Match honours against Tanzania, South Africa and Ireland, respectively.

The World Cup performance was fortified by comprehensive preparation that saw West Indies Under-19s secure home series victories over strong international opposition in the months leading up to the World Cup.

In August and September, the team won 4-3 against Sri Lanka Under-19s in a seven-match Youth ODI series in Antigua, followed by an emphatic 5-2 series victory over England Under-19s in Grenada during November and December.

These series provided invaluable match exposure, tactical development and mental conditioning that helped the squad arrive at the World Cup battle-hardened and confident. Upon arrival in Windhoek, the team continued preparations with warm-up victories over Ireland and Japan.

While the tournament ended without the trophy, the experience gained by this young squad signifies invaluable development for West Indies cricket. The players showcased the skills, competitive spirit and resilience that are hallmarks of Caribbean cricket as they competed against the world's best emerging talent.

Cricket West Indies extends its gratitude to all fans across the Caribbean and around the world who rallied behind the team throughout their World Cup journey and reaffirms their commitment to developing the next generation of cricketers to carry forward the proud traditions of Caribbean cricket.

St. Kitts and Nevis to Host Historic IHF Trophy NACHC Beach Handball Championship

The St. Kitts and Nevis Handball Association is proud to announce that the Federation has been awarded the honor of hosting the prestigious IHF Trophy North America and Caribbean Handball Confederation (NACHC) Beach Handball Championship.

This landmark event will take place in Frigate Bay from April 23rd to 27th, 2026, serving as a qualifier for the World Championship finals in Croatia in June 2026.

For the first time in history, this regional competition will be staged within the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) and the wider Eastern Caribbean, marking a significant milestone for sports development in the region. As the smallest member nation of the International Handball Federation (IHF), St. Kitts and Nevis is proud to showcase its commitment to the growth of handball, youth empowerment, and international sporting excellence.

In addition to the competition, the IHF will provide a delegate to conduct three specialized courses in Coaching, Refereeing, and Delegate Training. These initiatives will strengthen local capacity, enhance technical expertise, and establish St. Kitts and Nevis as a hub for handball development in the Caribbean.

President of the St. Kitts and Nevis Handball Association, Mr. Leroy Greene, expressed his excitement:

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Leeward Islands, Jamaica Emerge Victorious from Action- Packed Women's Regional Season

ST JOHN'S, Antigua - Cricket West Indies extends its warmest congratulations to the Leeward Islands, champions of the 2026 CWI T20 Blaze, and Jamaica, winners of the 2026 CG United Women's Super50 Cup, following the conclusion of the 2026 women's regional season.



The two tournaments which ran consecutively beginning with the T20 Blaze, highlighted the competitive spirit of women's cricket across the Caribbean, and culminated in memorable championship triumphs in both formats.

The Leeward Islands etched their name into the history books after the capture of their maiden CWI T20 Blaze title, as they completed a dominant campaign without a single defeat. Their path to glory culminated in a tense, rain-affected final against a daunting Barbados side at the Arnos Vale Playing Field.

After being asked to bat first, Leewards posted 111 for six in their allotted 20 overs, anchored by a superb, match-winning half-century from opener Shawnisha Hector, who scored 58 runs from 44 deliveries. Hector was subsequently declared Best All Rounder in addition to scoring the most runs in the competition.

In response, Barbados' batters were held to 79 for five after 16 overs when persistent heavy showers forced the players off the field. The match was ultimately decided by DLS method, which confirmed the Leeward Islands as winners and champions by six runs, sparking jubilant celebrations for the first-time winners.



Meanwhile, in the CG United Women's Super50 Cup, Jamaica scripted a stunning comeback to clinch the 50-over championship for the seventh time.

Entering the third and final round of matches in fifth position in the standings,

Jamaica capitalised on Guyana's defeat of league-leaders Windward Islands and responded with a commanding performance against the Leeward Islands.

Eventual champions Jamaica bowled Leewards out for 146, with Chedean Nation leading the bowling attack with four wickets. Jamaica's chase was guided by a 94-run opening partnership between Chrishana McKenzie and Lena Scott, which set the platform for their eight-wicket victory.

The final day victory, coupled with crucial bonus points, propelled Jamaica to the top of the final standings with 21 points, one point ahead of both the Windward Islands and Guyana in a remarkably tight table that saw the top four teams separated by two points.



Windward Islands and Guyana ended second and third, respectively, with 20 points each. Trinidad and Tobago finished a close fourth with 19 points after a five-wicket victory over Barbados in their last game. The Bajans claimed fifth with 13 points while Leeward Islands finished sixth with seven points.

In the T20 Blaze, Trinidad and Tobago secured third place by defeating Guyana by seven runs in their playoff match, thanks to a vital 46 from Britney Cooper and decisive bowling from Karishma Ramharack who took 3/13.

Jamaica, prior to their Super50 heroics, defeated the Windward Islands by 10 wickets to take fifth place after successfully chasing a target of 63 in 3.4 overs without loss.

Cricket West Indies commends all six participating teams, the Leeward Islands, Jamaica, Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago, Guyana and hosts the Windward Islands for their exceptional skill and sportsmanship throughout an unforgettable season.

These tournaments not only crown deserving champions but also solidify a strong foundation for the continued growth and excellence of the women's game across the Caribbean.



HONOUR ROLL

CWI T20 Blaze:

Most Runs: Shawnisha Hector
Most Wickets: Ashmini Munisar
Best All Rounder: Shawnisha Hector
Best Fielder: NaiJanni Cumberbatch
Most Dismissals: Mandy Mangru/Rashada Williams

CG United Women's Super 50:

Most Runs: Jannillea Glasgow
Most Wickets: Anisa Mohammed
Best All Rounder: Jannillea Glasgow
Most Catches: Carena Noel & Leeann Kirby
Most Dismissals: Rashada Williams & Shemaine Campbelle