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SUSAN BEST | AVA RICHARDS |
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THURSDAY, 22 JANUARY 2026

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Editorial

When the New Year Arrives Without Them

The ushering in of a new year is traditionally framed as a moment of joy-fireworks, music, resolutions, and renewed hope. Yet for many, that moment arrives heavy with silence. It arrives without a familiar voice, without a loved one's laughter, without the comforting presence that once anchored celebrations. When loss is recent-especially when it occurred during the course of the previous year-the transition into a new year can feel less like a beginning and more like a reminder of what is painfully absent.

Grief does not respect calendars. Time does not negotiate with loss. While we often hear that "time heals all wounds," the truth is more complex: the pain of losing a loved one never truly disappears. It simply changes shape. It softens in some places, sharpens in others, and resurfaces unexpectedly-particularly during moments meant for celebration.

This reality struck the nation deeply during the recent Carnival season with the sudden passing of well-known pageant coach Janet Johnson, less than 24 hours after her daughter was crowned Miss Talented Teen. The timing alone was devastating. In a season designed to celebrate achievement, culture, and joy, her death sent shockwaves across the country and beyond. Many recalled the haunting familiarity of saying, "But I just spoke to her," or "I just saw her." It is a sentence far too many know by heart.

For many, the last image of Janet Johnson is one of pure life—her fun, free spirit dancing on stage in celebration of her daughter's achievement, captured in official video highlights. That moment, filled with pride and joy, now carries a profound weight. Yet it also serves as a reminder of how fully she lived and how deeply she loved.

Janet Johnson lives on through the countless lives she touched in the world of pageantry. Through her nurturing guidance, her focus on personal growth, and her unwavering commitment to developing young women beyond the stage, numerous crowns were captured-but more importantly, confidence was built. Her protective, caring, and loving nature has taken centre stage in the reflections shared by those who knew her, spotlighting not just what she did, but who she was.

Her passing also reinforces a truth we often repeat but rarely pause to absorb: life is short. And every so often, that truth comes home-sometimes directly, sometimes indirectly-but always impactfully.



**ST. CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**
"Exceeding Expectations"

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

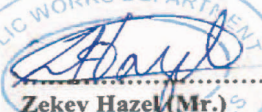
The Public Works Department is seeking quotations for the cost to procure and install **one (1) New Asphalt Plant**, to outfit the Roads Division, Public Works Department at Canada Estate, St Kitts, West Indies.

- Parameters:**
 - The Asphalt Plant must be fitted with the following:
 - Portable SPL 110 Drum Mixer with wet scrubber.
 - Hinged SPL Drag Conveyor with Truck Loading Batcher
 - Portable 4CFB Bin Aggregate System
 - Appropriate size Control Cabin Fully Outfitted
 - Portable 20,000 Gallon Tank with Heater.
- Additional Services:**
 - Price must include for service and start up.
 - Shipping to St Kitts (CIF)
- Warranty and Spare Parts**
 - A warranty of at least one (1) year must be included in the accepted quotation.
 - Sufficient Spare Parts to be included for the servicing of the Asphalt Plant over the course of the first operational year.
- Evaluation and acceptance:**
 - Quotations will only be accepted from established businesses with proof of registration and a track record of supplying/sales of large equipment.
 - Quotations will be evaluated by senior personnel from the Ministry of Public Works with recommendations to be submitted to the Procurement Board.
 - Quotations must be submitted by **Thursday 12th February, 2026.**
- Quotations must include the following:**
 - Technical specifications and operational manual for the Asphalt Plant.
 - We are proposing the following payment terms and conditions including a payment structure of:
 - 40% deposit upon approval,
 - 40% prior to shipping and
 - 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.
 - Setup and training for use and maintenance of the Asphalt Plant.
 - Shipment timeline from purchase to landing at the cargo port Basseterre, St Kitts.
 - Company background and eligibility to participate in this quotation.
 - 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

Tragically, hers was not the only life lost during the Carnival season. The fatal stabbing of an 18-year-old male during Last Lap was another stark reminder of how abruptly life can be taken. A young life, full of potential, cut short in an instant. Another family now faces a new year forever changed.

As we speak of resolutions and fresh starts, perhaps our most important commitment should be to cherish our loved ones and our fellow citizens-consistently, not just in moments of loss. To speak kindly, to show love openly, and to value life deeply.

And on the issue of crime and violence, the message must be clear: choose peace. When all is said and done, we must ask ourselves-what is the purpose of taking another life? The cost is far too great, and the pain left behind lingers far beyond any fleeting moment of anger.

As the new year unfolds, may we honour those we have lost not only with tears but with intention-by loving harder, living gentler, and choosing peace every chance we get.

PM Drew: “We Are Not Obligated” to Accept Third-Country Nationals Under US MOU

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETTERRE, St. Kitts (Thursday 8th January 2026) — Prime Minister and Minister of National Security Dr. Terrance Drew has announced that St. Kitts and Nevis is not required to accept any third-country nationals under a recently signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the United States of America, emphasizing that participation under the agreement is subject to national approval.

Speaking during The Round Table media engagement on Thursday 8th January 2026, he explained that St. Kitts and Nevis, along with other CARICOM nations, was approached by the United States and chose a proactive diplomatic path.

“St. Kitts and Nevis, of course, was approached by the United States of America as the other CARICOM countries, and we took a very proactive approach, sitting with the Americans, to reach an arrangement that I think is in keeping with our principles and, of course, having collaboration with the United States of America as well.”

He said the approach was taken in recognition of changing global dynamics.

“We know that there have been shifts, and so being proactive is very important.”

The Prime Minister confirmed that the Federation has entered into a memorandum of understanding with the United States for a narrowly defined purpose.

“St. Kitts and Nevis has negotiated and entered into a memorandum of understanding with the United States of America for the potential transfer of certain third country nationals.”

Dr. Drew stressed that the MOU applies only to CARICOM nationals and does not extend beyond the region.

“Who are citizens or nationals of the Caribbean. This does not involve anybody outside of CARICOM. This is in keeping with our CARICOM principle.”

He further pointed out that due to security matters, Haiti is excluded from the arrangement at this time.

“It does not include Haiti at this point. It does not involve anybody from any other place outside of the CARICOM.”

As understood, under the terms of the MOU, the United States may propose transfers, but acceptance remains entirely at the discretion of St. Kitts and Nevis.

“Under the arrangement, the United States may propose transfers of CARICOM nationals.”

According to PM Drew “We are not obliged, according to the MOU.”

He added that strict security criteria



Prime Minister and Minister of National Security Dr. Terrance Drew speaking during The Round Table media engagement on Thursday 8th January 2026

apply to any potential acceptance of individuals “without violent or sexual criminal backgrounds, St. Kitts and Nevis may accept them.”

Reiterating those conditions later, he stated further: “These persons cannot be violent or sexual criminals. It has to be agreed to between our partner, the United States of America, [and] St. Kitts and Nevis.”

He explained that the agreement provides for coordination rather than mandates.

“The MOU contemplates jointly developed operational procedures, including capacity-based limits and logistical arrangements.”

The Prime Minister also emphasized that each CARICOM country negotiated its own terms.

“It is not one cap that fits all. It depends on what each country negotiated. But we negotiated proactively... a diplomacy in good faith so that the best scenarios can be reached considering all of the factors involved.”

Addressing wider public discourse on CARICOM, PM Drew defended the regional integration movement and its institutions.

“CARICOM is not perfect. CARICOM may not get it a hundred percent right all of the time. But without CARICOM the region will be way behind.”

He highlighted regional bodies such as CDEMA, CARPHA, the Caribbean Tourism Organization, energy and development agencies, and regional universities as critical to national and regional resilience.

“We could not have had a university system here where our people would have access to all of these courses if we weren't a part of CARICOM.”

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Press Release

Opening of the New Law Year 2026

On Monday, 12th January 2026, the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court will mark the commencement of the New Law Year with its traditional Ceremonial Opening proceedings under the theme “The ECSC: Justice that Endures - Anchored in Independence, Strengthened through Trust. This year, the host Member State is the Commonwealth of Dominica, where the first scheduled sitting of the Court of Appeal in 2026 will take place.

In St. Christopher & Nevis, the church service will be held at the Wesley Methodist Church, Seaton Street, Basseterre, St. Kitts on Monday 12th January 2026 at 7:45 a.m. The celebration will continue with a procession that starts at the Wesley Methodist Church and continues to Church Street, Liverpool Row, Fort Street, West Independence Square Street and concludes at the S. W. Tapley Seaton Court Annex on East Independence Square Street. The inspection of the Guard of Honour will be conducted in front of the Charles Amory Building, Fortlands (opposite the War Memorial/Cenotaph). This will be followed by the Special Sitting at 10:00 a.m.

Unlike in the past four years, there will be simultaneous sittings in the other eight (8) Member States and Territories of the OECS. The Acting Chief Justice, Her Ladyship the Hon. Mde. Margaret Price Findlay, will deliver the feature address, appearing live from the Court in the Commonwealth of Dominica.

The church service will be broadcasted via ZIZ and streamed live via the S.Kitts

and Nevis Information Services (SKNIS) media platforms and social media pages. The Acting Chief Justice’s address will be streamed live via the S.Kitts and Nevis Information Services (SKNIS). It will also be live-streamed via the Court’s Website and Facebook Page and UWITV.

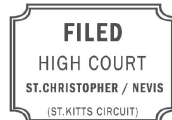
The public is encouraged to participate in the Ceremonial Opening of the Law Year 2026 by attending either the church service or by watching and listening via the various media platforms.

The Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court (ECSC) was established in 1967 by the West Indies Associated States Supreme Court Order No. 223 of 1967. The ECSC is a superior court of record for the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS), including six independent states: Antigua and Barbuda, the Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and three British Overseas Territories (Anguilla, British Virgin Islands, and Montserrat). It has unlimited jurisdiction in each Member State.

To learn more about the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court (ECSC), please visit our website @ <https://www.eccourts.org/> or call us at Tel: 758-457-3600.



Case Number :SKBHPB2025/0156



IN THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT
A. D. 2025
(PROBATE)
Submitted Date: 29/12/2025 09:39
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SKBHPB2025/

In the matter of the Application of **PHOEBAN JUDITH NICHOLLS NEE CAINES** for the issue of a Grant of Probate in the Estate of **BENJAMIN CAINES** of North Pelican Drive, Bird Rock, in the Island of Saint Christopher (St. Kitts) deceased

And

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

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **PHOEBAN JUDITH NICHOLLS NEE CAINES** of North Pelican Drive, Bird Rock, St. Kitts, for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above named who died on the 21st day of April 2024 without revoking a will bearing the date of 8th August 2014 wherein the applicant is named the Executrix.

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

Dated this 17th day of December, 2025.

Filed by Johnathan Rattan of **HOBSON-NEWMAN & AMRITT**, Attorneys-at Law whose address for service is: Unit A5-1, Sands Complex, Bay Road, Basseterre, St. Kitts

[SECOND PUBLICATION]

EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
NEVIS CIRCUIT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

APPLICATION NO. NEVHCV 2021/0191

BETWEEN:

CIBC CARIBBEAN BANK (BARBADOS) LIMITED
(formerly **FIRSTCARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL BANK (BARBADOS) LIMITED**)

Applicant

and

[1] **MARVA PINNEY**
[2] **JUNIOR CHIVERTON**

Respondents

NOTICE OF FILING TO THE SECOND RESPONDENT

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Applicant, CIBC Caribbean Bank (Barbados) Limited (formerly FirstCaribbean International Bank (Barbados) Limited), on December 8, 2025 filed an Order dated November 5, 2025 (“the Document”).

The Second Respondent can access the above-mentioned document at the Chambers of Kelsick, Wilkin & Ferdinand, Fred Kelsick Building, Independence Square South, Basseterre, St. Kitts, during its opening hours, being Monday to Friday between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. except for public holidays or through the Electronic Litigation Portal. If you do not have an attorney-at-law and need assistance in accessing the Electronic Litigation Portal please contact the Service Bureau at the Nevis High Court office.

Dated January 7, 2026

Chanté W. M. Francis, Associate
KELSICK, WILKIN & FERDINAND
Attorneys-at-Law for CIBC Caribbean Bank (Barbados) Limited

Community Notice

Young men ages 11–21 are invited to the first Turn Around Agenda: Building Men session for 2026, on Sunday, January 18, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. The session will be held at Antioch Baptist Church, Lime Kiln Commercial Development.



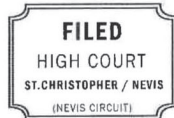
REGULAR MEETING

SUN JAN. 18, 2026

@ 4:30 p.m.

Antioch Baptist Church

Case Number :NEVHCV2025/0191



THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
NEVIS CIRCUIT
TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT, CAP 10.19
A.D. 2025

Submitted Date:07/01/2026 12:26

Filed Date:07/01/2026 12:26

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NEVHCV2025/0191

In the matter of Section 92 of the Title by
Registration Act, Cap. 10.19

and

In the matter of an application to settle Articles of
Sale of the Respondent's property comprised in a
Certificate of Title dated 30th June 2009 registered in
Register Book 47 Folio 217

THE BANK OF NEVIS LIMITED

Applicant

and

SHAUN TYSON

Respondent

NOTICE OF SALE

The Property described below will be offered for sale by the Registrar of the Supreme Court by
public auction at the Bath Village, Nevis

on the 16th day of February 2026 at 10:30 clock in the forenoon.

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

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

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

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

21,780 square feet of land situate at Spring Hill Estate in the Parish of St. James in the Island
of Nevis bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On or towards the North West by
remaining lands of Roosevelt David, 121.57 feet; On or towards the North East by lands of Joseph
Parry, 143.64 feet and 94.79 feet; On or towards the South East by a Public Road, 28.95 feet, 20.48
feet, 39.58 feet, 37.38 feet and 17.00 feet and On or towards the South West by an Access Road,
141.40 feet

UPSET PRICE

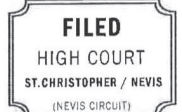
The upset price for the above property shall be EC\$185,130.00.

Dated the 23rd day of December, 2025.

M. Fleming
Asst REGISTRAR



Case Number :NEVHCV2021/0071



THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
NEVIS CIRCUIT
TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT, CAP 10.19
A.D. 2025

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Fees Paid:12.00

NEVHCV2021/0071

THE BANK OF NEVIS LIMITED

Applicant

and

GARY COLT and KARIN COLT

Respondents

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

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land with building thereon containing by admeasurement 44,349
square feet of land situated at Colquhouns Estate in the parish of St. Thomas in the island of Nevis
bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On or towards the North by a 16' Road Allowed
162.77 feet; On or towards the East by lands of L.L. Bailey 14.67 feet and 71.72 feet; On or towards
the South by a Ghaut 61.21 feet, 34.91 feet and 76.42 feet; On or towards the West by lands of
Frederick Clarke 88.45 feet and On or towards the North by a Ghaut 100.77 feet, 89.65 feet, 151.57
feet, 18.14 feet, 52.86 feet; On or towards the East by a Ghaut 71.51 feet; On or towards the South
by lands of A.C Harris 220.37 feet and 190.79 feet; On or towards the West by lands of C.M.
Bailey 178.23 feet.

UPSET PRICE

The upset price for the above property shall be EC\$2,817,000.00.

Dated the 23rd day of December, 2025.

M. Fleming
Asst REGISTRAR



DLDSS And Taiwan's Manshan High School Sign Landmark Partnership Agreement



Basseterre, St. Kitts, Thursday, January 08, 2026: The Dr. Denzil L. Douglas Secondary School (DLDSS) and Nanshan High School of Zhonghe District, New Taipei City, Taiwan, formalized

an international partnership with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on

EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

SKBHCV2013/0297

ST KITTS NEVIS ANGUILLA NATIONAL BANK LIMITED
Applicant

and

JULIAN GABRIEL
Respondent

NOTICE OF SALE

The Property described below will be offered for sale by The Registrar of the Supreme Court by public auction at the Charles Amory Building, Portlands, Basseterre, St Kitts, on the 23rd day of January 2026 at 10:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

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

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

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

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

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land known as Lot No. 12 of St. Peter's Place Housing Development, situate in the Parish of Saint Peter in the Island of Saint Christopher bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On or towards the North-East by Lot No. 13, 95.15 feet; On or towards the South-East by a Development Road, 60.28 feet; On or towards the South-West by Lot No. 11, 88.25 feet; and On or towards the North-West by Lot No. 5, 60.03 feet and containing by admeasurement 5,498.00 square feet, all as the same is described in a Certificate of Title dated the 2nd day of February, 2009 and registered in Book 13 Folio 56 of the Register of Titles of the Saint Christopher Circuit in favour of JULIAN GABRIEL of Lower Monkey Hill, St. Peters, in the Island of Saint Christopher as registered proprietor thereof.

UPSET PRICE

The Upset price for the above property shall be EC\$429,165.00
Dated the 27th day of October 2025

Registrar of the Supreme Court

REGISTRAR'S OFFICE
SEP 26 2025
ST CHRISTOPHER & NEVIS

EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE



Thursday, January 08.

The ceremony, which marked a significant step toward strengthening global ties in education, held under the theme 'A Collaboration in Academic, Cultural and Educational Development', was conducted in a hybrid format, with the St. Kitts segment held at the DLDSS campus, while representatives from Nanshan High School participated virtually via Zoom, underscoring the innovative use of technology.

The agreement establishes a framework for cooperation between the two institutions, focusing on academic exchange, cultural enrichment, and the sharing of educational best practices. It is expected to open opportunities for student and teacher exchanges, joint projects, and collaborative learning initiatives that broaden global awareness and cross-cultural understanding.

Principal at Dr. Denzil L. Douglas Secondary School, Ms. Andreanna French, highlighted the significance of the partnership, explaining that the agreement marks the beginning of a lasting relationship that connects both institutions across borders and expands students' exposure to global learning experiences.

"The signing of this memorandum of understanding with Nanshan High School is more than just a formal agreement; it is the birth of a sisterhood that continues to bridge the miles between St. Kitts Nevis and Taiwan. By partnering with such a prestigious institution in Taiwan, we are giving our students a window into a culture rich in history, innovation, and academic excellence."

Mr. Tsai Ming-Cheng, Principal, Nanshan High School, expressed enthusiasm for the partnership, highlighting the shared commitment of both institutions to educational excellence. He described the agreement as a bridge between St. Kitts and Nevis and Taiwan, fostering mutual understanding and long-term cooperation among students and educators.

Mrs. Janelle Williams-Jacobs, Senior Education Officer, praised the collective efforts behind the initiative, acknowledging the dedication of those involved and noting that the partnership

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The MOU signing concluded with the formal exchange of documents and expressions of goodwill, signaling the beginning of what both institutions anticipate will be a productive and enduring partnership. The collaboration stands as a testament to the power of education to unite cultures and foster shared growth across borders.

EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

CLAIM NO. SKBHCV2017/0012

ST KITTS NEVIS ANGUILLA NATIONAL BANK LIMITED

and

MELFORD PHILLIP

NOTICE OF SALE

The Registrar's Office
SEP 26 2025
1:01 pm
ST CHRISTOPHER & NEVIS

Applicant

Respondent

The Property described below will be offered for sale by The Registrar of the Supreme Court by public auction at the Charles Amory Building, Fortlands, Basseterre, St Kitts, on the 24th day of January, 2026 at 2:15 o'clock in the afternoon.

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

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

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

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

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land with building thereon situate at Half Way Tree in the Island of St. Christopher and bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say: On the North-West by Con Phipps Estate 35 feet; On the North-East by Lot No. 15, 66.67 feet; On the South-East by the Island Main Road 35 feet and On the South-West by Lot No. 17, 66.67 feet and containing by admeasurement 2,666.8 square feet, all as the same is described in a Certificate of Title dated the 24th day of February, 1994 and registered in Book T2 Folio 111 of the Register of Titles of the Saint Christopher Circuit in favour of **MELFORD PHILLIP** of Old Road Village in the Parish of St. Thomas, in the Island of St. Christopher registered proprietor thereof.

UPSET PRICE

The Upset price for the above property shall be EC\$220,622.00

Dated the 27th day of October 2025

[Signature]
Registrar of the Supreme Court

EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
FUT JUSTITIA
HIGH COURT

Government Priorities Basketball Development With Major Upgrades And Plans For Indoor Facility

Basseterre, Saint Kitts, January 07, 2026 (SKNIS): The development of basketball remains on the front burner for the Ministry of Sport in Saint Kitts and Nevis. While contributing to the 2026 Budget Debate on December 17, 2025, Minister of Sport, the Honourable Samal Duggins, announced that a state-of-the-art indoor basketball facility will be housed at Warner Park as part of an overhaul of the multi-purpose facility, which houses the premier cricket, football, tennis, and netball facilities.

While these plans are being developed, the government is investing approximately EC \$400,000 to upgrade Basketball City at Victoria Road. The scope of the refurbishment to date has included the complete demolition of the foundation for the basketball court and installation of a new, bigger



Minister of Sport, the Honourable Samal Duggins at Basketball City on Tuesday

foundation to meet international standards. The demolition of an older building at the Western end, installing a new drainage system for the court and the facility, upgrading the seating support structure and installing new bleachers. The removal of the existing lighting structures that at times obstructed the view of spectators, and the installation of

new lights, renovating bathrooms and dressing rooms, and more were all undertaken.

This investment is particularly important as no major renovations were done to Basketball City dating back to the 1980s, according to Glenville Jeffers, President of the St. Kitts-Nevis Amateur Basketball Association (SKNABA).

“An indoor facility will take some time to build. In the meantime, SKNABA needs to play its national competition. Yes, we can move around, but we have to raise revenue at a facility,” Mr. Jeffers said, after getting an update on the work at Basketball City on January 06, 2026.

He added that the upgraded Basketball City can also be used by other organisations and schools, particularly the Washington Archibald and the Basseterre High Schools, which are very close to the current facility.

“Not because we will have an indoor [facility], we are not going to need any outdoor facilities. We will still have to play outdoor competitions. You [also] have summer camps that will need outdoor facilities to play on,” he emphasised.

Minister of Sport, the Honourable Samal Duggins, said that he was pleased to deliver on this much-needed refurbishment, which will further advance the development of basketball and bring communities together through friendly rivalries.

“Although this space allocated here is too small for a proper indoor facility, there’s still some nostalgia for persons who grew up playing basketball here at Basketball City,” he stated, noting that he has had several memorable moments as a player and tournament organiser. “However, we do have to advance, and an indoor facility is necessary for Saint Kitts and Nevis. We have been designing a number of them, in fact. To date, we have three ideas for indoor facilities, and we are moving to construct accordingly.”



SKNABA President Jeffers (right) and Vice President Wendell Pemberton were pleased with the upgrades.

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SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

CLAIM NO. SKBHCV2022/0037

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and

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Getty Images A head and shoulders image of Ken Ofori-Atta. He is wearing a white collarless shirt with a gold necklace just visible. He is looking to the right of the picture. Getty Images

Ken Ofori-Atta left Ghana a year ago for medical treatment, his lawyers have said

Ghana's former Finance Minister Ken Ofori-Atta, who is wanted at home on corruption allegations, has been detained in the US over issues related to his immigration status, his lawyers say.

Ghana has previously requested Ofori-Atta's extradition, but his lawyers are challenging this, saying the allegations against him are politically motivated.

Ofori-Atta left Ghana last year for medical reasons, his legal team said.

On Wednesday, confirming his detention in the US, they said they expected the matter to be resolved "expeditiously".

In a statement, Ofori-Atta's lawyers said their client was "law-abiding" and was in the process of applying to change his immigration status allowing him to stay in the US "past the period of validity of [his] visa".

The BBC has contacted ICE for comment.

Ofori-Atta faces dozens of charges relating to his time in office under the previous administration, including conspiracy to commit procurement fraud and causing financial loss to the state.

Last February, prosecutors in Ghana declared the former minister a fugitive, alleging that he was trying to evade investigators. This status was withdrawn when his legal team said he did intend to return.

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He was finance minister from January 2017 to February 2024, when the New Patriotic Party was in power.

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Influential China church reports arrests as crackdown on Christians intensifies

Kelly Ng
BBC News

An influential Protestant church in China says prominent leaders have been arrested in what appears to be a growing crackdown on the underground church movement.

Nine people were detained on Tuesday after police raided their homes and the church office in Chengdu, in central China, the Early Rain Covenant Church said. Five had been released by Wednesday.

More than 1,000 miles away in Wenzhou, authorities began demolishing the Yayang Church building, video obtained by non-profit ChinaAid, which monitors religious persecution, shows.

This latest wave of arrests, after others last year, shows the Communist Party's resolve to snuff out churches that do not align with its ideology, Christian groups say.

The BBC has contacted China's embassy in the UK for comment. Authorities have not made any statements about the arrests or the demolition in Wenzhou.

China promotes atheism and controls religion. The government said in 2018 that there were 44 million Christians in the country, but it's unclear if that number includes those who attend the many underground churches.

The Communist Party has long pressured Christians to join only state-sanctioned churches led by government-approved pastors.

But Christian groups say the grip has tightened noticeably, with arrests becoming more common and prompt.

At least two church leaders in China have told the BBC that authorities are swiftly arresting unauthorised church leaders. In the past, these individuals would first be warned, then fined and finally detained if they still refused to comply with orders.



Getty Images A worshipper in church holding open a Mandarin bible
Under Xi Jinping, China has tightened its grip on religious freedom

Just weeks ago, Li Yingqiang, the current leader of Early Rain Covenant Church, had said he "sensed a storm gathering" and referred to "the imminent prospect of... another large-scale crackdown".

"I dearly hope that none of our families shall ever again endure such a storm," he wrote in a letter to church members in November.

"Yet as an elder appointed by the Lord to stand among you... it is my duty to

remind you all to prepare yourselves before the storm returns."

Mr Li and his wife, Zhang Xinyue, are among the four who remain in detention.

Their church described the arrests as a "concerted operation" but said the grounds for arrest, and whether those detained had been charged, remain unclear. It added that it had lost contact with two other members but did not say they had been detained.

"The situation is ongoing, with specific details yet to be fully confirmed," Early Rain Covenant Church (ERCC) said in a statement to members and supporters. It also sought prayers for its members' safety and their perseverance in the Christian faith.

In Wenzhou, local authorities brought in bulldozers, cranes and heavy machinery earlier this week to start taking down part of the Yayang Church building, as seen in the video.

ChinaAid said it was told by multiple sources that hundreds of armed and special police officers have been deployed to stand guard outside the building.

Sometimes known as "the Jerusalem of China", Wenzhou has more Christians than any other city in the country. Residents living near Yayang Church have been "driven away", while those working in the area has been instructed not to take photographs or record video, ChinaAid said.

"The massive mobilisation against the two major independent church networks shows the central government is determined to stamp out Christian churches entirely, unless the church is totally indoctrinated into the party's ideology," said Bob Fu, who founded ChinaAid.

ChinaAid A crane pictured above the red cross of a church in a Chinese city. The church is the tallest among all the other buildings seen in this photographChinaAid



Local authorities have started taking down part of Yayang Church's building

In December, authorities arrested about 100 members of Yayang Church in Wenzhou over five days. At least 24 members remain in custody, according to Human Rights Watch.

And in October last year, 30 leaders of Zion Church - one of China's biggest underground churches - were rounded up across seven cities. Founder Ezra Jin is still in custody.

The Chinese government has also targeted the Early Rain Covenant Church, founded in 2008, for years.

In 2018, authorities raided the Church and arrested founding pastor Wang Yi and his wife Jiang Rong. At least 100 church members were taken into custody in the following days in one of China's largest crackdowns on churches in the past decade.

Mr Wang, an outspoken critic of the Communist Party's policies on religion, was jailed for "inciting subversion of state power" and "illegal business operations". He is due to be released in 2027.

The church has continued to gather online and sometimes replays Mr Wang's recorded sermons to its members.

"Xi Jinping's government has tightened ideological control and intensified its intolerance of loyalties beyond the Chinese Communist Party," said Yalkun Uluyol, China researcher at Human Rights Watch, referring to the Chinese premier.

"Concerned governments and religious leaders around the world should press the Chinese government to free detained religious adherents and respect religious freedom in China."

Under Xi, China has increased its control on religious freedom. Since 2015, he has called for the "Sinicisation of religions", which requires religious doctrines and practices to conform with Chinese culture and values.

Last year, authorities banned clergy of all religions from preaching live on social media, organising online activities for children and raising funds online, unless these are carried out on government-approved platforms.

Saint Kitts And Nevis Announces Residency And Biometric Reforms To Strengthen CBI Programme

Basseterre, Saint Kitts, January 08, 2026 (SKNIS): The Government of Saint Kitts and Nevis is introducing two new reforms to the country's Citizenship by Investment (CBI) Programme as it continues to strengthen the security of the programme and attract reputable and creditable investors.

The first measure will see the implementation of a residency feature for investors, while the second provides for the collection of biometric data from potential citizens around the world. The new measures were announced by Prime Minister, the Honourable Dr. Terrance Drew, during the Roundtable engagement with members of the press on Thursday, January 08, 2026.

"We are serious when we say that we will make sure that we do what

we have to do to put this CBI Programme in good standing," said Dr. Drew.

The new measures are among a series of major changes that were implemented since 2022, when Dr. Drew was elected as Prime Minister. The government proactively sought to repair the reputation of the CBI programme, which was mired in reports of underselling and other troubling factors. International organisations and countries expressed serious concerns about practices within the programme.

"We have taken strict measures [by] increasing the minimum investment; strengthened further our due diligence, making sure that the processes are transparent; we have shifted our CBI Unit to become a statutory body to have proper oversight, [and] now we are making two more significant advancements," the prime minister stated.

Additionally, Saint Kitts and Nevis led efforts to establish the Eastern Caribbean Citizenship by Investment (CBI) Regulatory Framework that protects and modernises the vital economic sector. The framework established a shared regulatory authority among participating Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) members, modelled on the cooperative structure of the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank.



MOFA denounces joint China Pakistan fallacious statement

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs condemns China for its continuous spread of distorted remarks that negate ROC (Taiwan) sovereignty and reiterated that neither Taiwan nor the PRC is subordinate to the other and that the CCP regime has never ruled Taiwan.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs Jan. 6 strongly disapproves of a Jan. 4 joint statement from China and Pakistan containing absurd and distorted remarks that undermine Taiwan's sovereignty. (MOFA)

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The MOFA said that following a seventh round of bilateral foreign ministers' strategic dialogue Jan. 4 in Beijing between China Foreign Minister Wang Yi and Pakistani Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Mohammad Ishaq Dar, a joint press communiqué was released, which wrongly claimed that Taiwan was an inseparable part of Chinese territory.

No country should utilize a joint statement to deny the objective reality that



Taiwan does indeed exist, the MOFA stated. The ministry called on the Pakistani government not to endorse CCP remarks aimed at jeopardizing regional peace.

Taiwan's sovereignty lies in all its citizens and only the people can decide the nation's future. As a force for good in the international community, Taiwan will firmly defend values of democracy and freedom and continue to strengthen cooperation with democratic partners. Together with friends and allies, it will deter authoritarian expansion and maintain stability across the Indo-Pacific region. (POC-E)



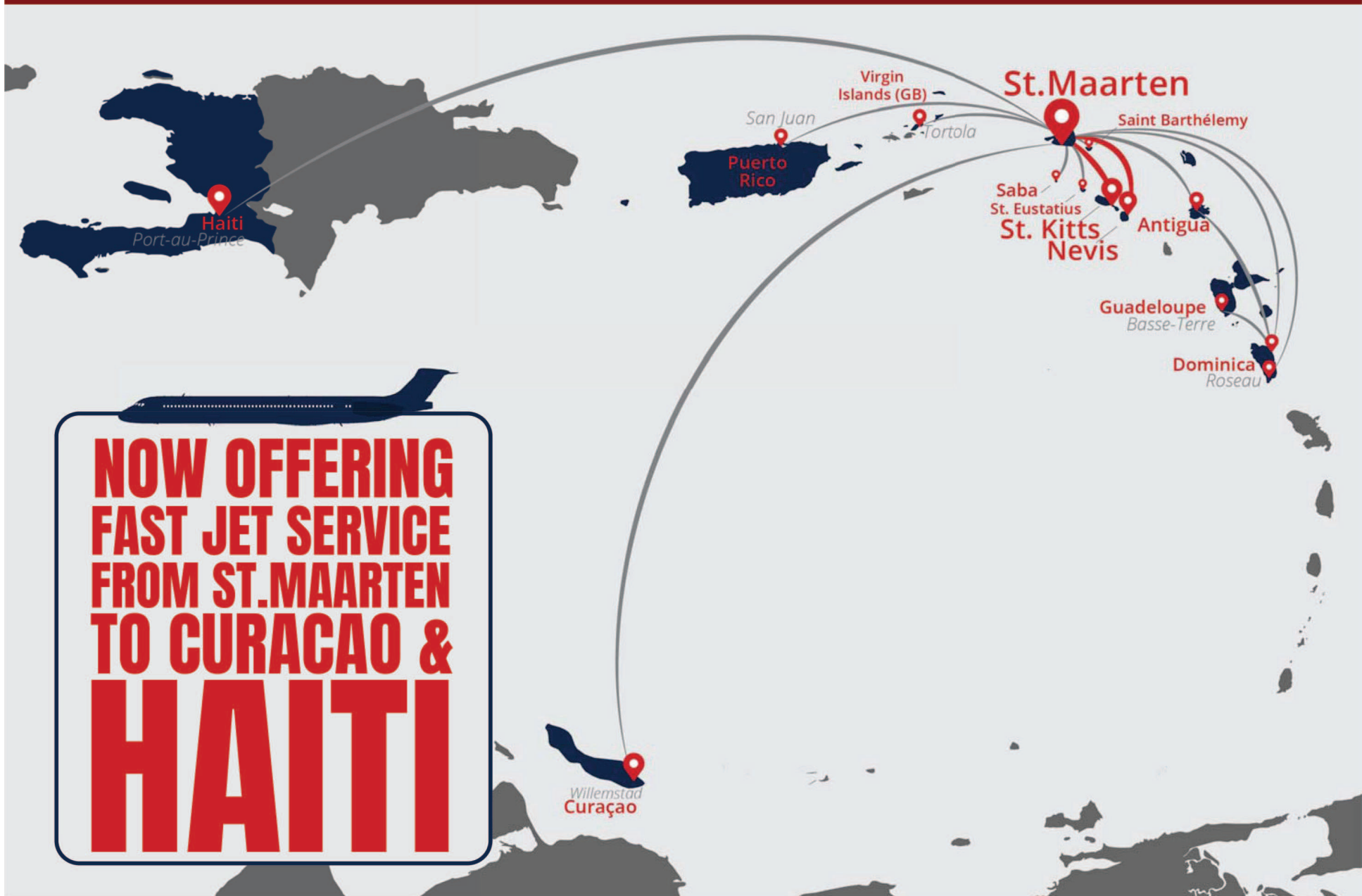
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Major Refurbishment Of Basketball City Nears Completion

Basseterre, Saint Kitts, January 06, 2026 (SKNIS): The extensive refurbishment of Basketball City at Victoria Road is proceeding well and should be completed in a few weeks.

The scope of the refurbishment to date, included the complete demolition of the foundation for the basketball court and installation

of a new, bigger foundation to meet international standards. The demolition of an older building at the Western end, installing a new drainage system for the court and the facility, upgrading the seating support structure and installing new bleachers. The removal of the existing lighting structures that at times obstructed the view of spectators, and the installation of new lights. Renovating bathrooms and dressing rooms, expanding the cafeteria section, and more were all undertaken.

Minister of Sport, the Honourable Samal Duggins, and officials from the Ministry and the Department of Sport, along with executives from the St. Kitts-Nevis Amateur Basketball Association (SKNABA), toured the facility on Tuesday (January 06, 2026). Public Works Engineer, Jared Joseph, briefed the officials on the tremendous work done to transform the facility into one that ensures the comfort and safety of players, coaches, officials and the public.

Minister Duggins said that basketball has long been a favourite

sport of many young persons across the country, some of whom have gained basketball scholarships to attend University in the United States and other countries.

"We want to enhance that and send more of our young people out to College to get an education via scholarships ... and having the right facilities helps to ensure that our people get these opportunities," Honourable Duggins stated. "In fact, I have already been discussing with a number of NBA players to be here in April to do a basketball camp to scout some of our talent."

Minister Duggins added that he was "honoured" to be in a position to significantly renovate Basketball City after years of neglect.

SKNABA President, Glenville Jeffers, commended Minister Duggins for his leadership on this project. He recalled that when the association first engaged the minister on upgrading Basketball City, he responded positively.

"We see that the ministry of sport went beyond what we thought they would have gone, in terms of what they have done for Basketball City, which really has not had any major renovation of this magnitude, since it was built," he expressed.

Mr. Jeffers noted that SKNABA has a "good" working relationship and defended the investment into Basketball City, while plans for the Indoor Basketball Facility are being developed.



Minister Duggins (right), Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Sport, Valencia Syder, and SKNABA President Jeffers, were updated by PWD Engineer Joseph



SKNABA President Jeffers (right) and Vice President Wendell Pemberton were pleased with the upgrades.

LIQUOR LICENCES ORDINANCES, 1906 SCHEDULE A

To the Magistrate, District "B"

To the Superintendent of Police.

I, Paula Thomas now residing in The Abbotts Road in the village of West Farm do hereby give you notice that is my intention to apply on 12th day of January, 2026, to the District Magistrate at Sandy Point for a Beer Licence in respect of my premises in Jufa Cuisine in the Thomas Street in Molineaux Village.

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Signed: G. Rogers

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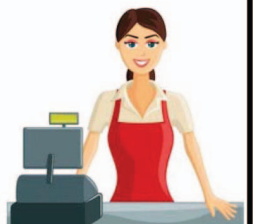
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Dated this
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Signed: L. Richards

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To the Magistrate, District "A"

To the Superintendent of Police.

I, Javid Warner now residing in the village of Middle Island in St. Kitts do hereby give you notice that is my intention to apply on 12th day of January, 2026, to the District Magistrate at Basseterre for a Beer Licence in respect of my premises in Ferry Terminal in the Bay Road in Basseterre.

Dated this
06th day of January, 2026.

Signed: Javid Warner

LIQUOR LICENCES ORDIANANCES, 1906 SCHEDULE A

To the Magistrate, District "A"

To the Superintendent of Police.

I, Carl Browne now residing in Pine Garden, Shadwell in the town of Basseterre do hereby give you notice that is my intention to apply on 05th day of January, 2026, to the District Magistrate at Basseterre for a Liquor Licence in respect of my premises in Pine Garden in Shadwell in Basseterre.

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Brook, 'Boozeball' and another Ashes hangover



England captain Ben Stokes speaks to the team alongside coach Brendon McCullum and Harry Brook during a net session at Edgbaston in June

Image source, Getty Images

McCullum (left), Stokes and Brook have been England's leadership team since the Yorkshire batter (right) was made Test vice-captain in September

By Stephan Shemilt
Chief Cricket Reporter in Sydney
Published BBC Sport

Why does it always turn out like this?

Not the losing. The losing is easy to understand.

Australia are a better cricket team than England, especially in Australia. Twenty-seven Australia wins in 35 Ashes Tests in this country since the turn of the century tells a conclusive story.

No, the feelings of bewilderment, dismay and downright anger come from yet another Ashes tour with concerns over England cricketers and whether there is a problematic drinking culture.

Eight years ago, Jonny Bairstow was lampooned in the Australian media for a 'headbutt' to home opener Cameron Bancroft in a Perth bar. On the same trip Ben Duckett, then with the England Lions, was punished for pouring a drink over James Anderson.

At the end of the Covid Ashes of 2021-22, an early-hours drinking session had to be broken up by police in Hobart.

Now, after a 4-1 defeat and England's most disappointing Australia tour for decades, has come the revelation that Harry Brook got into a fight with a nightclub bouncer on the tour of New Zealand that preceded the Ashes.

It was the night before a one-day international in Wellington for which Brook was England captain and which the tourists lost.

This was supposed to be England's big opportunity to finally compete in Australia after a miserable run of one away series win in 40 years.

But it has been a shambles of a tour. Preparation that many regard as not fit for purpose. Then awful shots, dropped catches and scattergun bowling when

the series began. Meanwhile, off the field, there has been concern over England players drinking in bars.

In what was supposed to be the crowning glory of the 'Bazball' project, England's moniker could be perhaps cruelly be renamed 'Boozeball' after the latest revelations.

Just as the players were relaxing on the outfield of the Sydney Cricket Ground in the aftermath of yet another defeat in the fifth Test, the Brook report dropped in the Daily Telegraph,, external followed by statements from England and the man himself.

An hour earlier, the England and Wales Cricket Board had released a statement from chief executive Richard Gould. Gould said he would review the tour of Australia, including the behaviour of the players.

There was no mention of New Zealand, even although he already knew what happened, as the details had not been made public. His organisation had not felt it necessary to utter a word about the incident until the Telegraph newspaper did it for them two months after the event.

In the home summer, ECB chairman Richard Thompson insisted a white-ball tour of New Zealand was good preparation for the Ashes.

By the time the Ashes began, all of the top brass knew what had gone on with Brook in Wellington. The tourists were 31-4 in the ODI that followed the altercation and actually did well to only lose by two wickets. Brook, the Test vice-captain as well as England's white-ball captain, was out for six.

Should details have been made

public? Or, perhaps more importantly, should they have prompted a different approach to discipline? Coach Brendon McCullum had previously scrapped a midnight curfew that was in place on the England team.

The ECB will point to the fact that action was taken - and what it says was a "formal and confidential ECB disciplinary process". Brook was fined about £30,000 and placed on a final warning for his future conduct.

The public apology only came after the Telegraph story - but we do not know what contrition had been expressed internally.

When you look with hindsight, it is difficult not to try and piece it together with some of things that followed during the Ashes, whether they are connected or not.

And why does it matter? Because it means so much.

Thousands of England fans emptied their bank accounts to travel to Australia in the hope they might see an Ashes win.

Countless others flicked on the TV or radio in the middle of the night, ruining their Christmas sleep patterns to follow the calamitous cricket being played in a different hemisphere.

When they lost the first Test in Perth inside two days, some of the players spent the resulting time off in the casino attached to their hotel.

When the Ashes were lost in Adelaide, one player was out in a club without his team-mates or security until the early hours of the following morning.

Captain Ben Stokes asked for "empathy" in the aftermath of a video of Duckett, apparently drunk in Noosa, appearing on social media.

As for the Noosa holiday in general, quite how it went ahead between the second and third Tests in the aftermath of the Brook incident is staggering.

Even before the emergence of Brook's misdemeanour, the excesses of Noosa were an abiding memory of this tour. That England players - including Brook - sat in bars for hours on end, in plain sight of the public and the media, beggars belief.

In fact, the ECB had announced just before Christmas that reports of players drinking excessively in Noosa would be investigated.

However, director of cricket Rob Key denied there was a drinking culture within the squad - but made no mention of the New Zealand incident.

In his statement released on Thursday, Brook said he was "determined to learn" from his New Zealand mistake. Noosa perhaps suggested that is still an ongoing process.

Days after Noosa, when England played the crucial third Test in Adelaide,

with the Ashes on the line and temperatures on the way to 40C, it was Brook who put down an edge off Usman Khawaja on the first morning.

The drop was just one moment on an Ashes tour where Brook was nowhere near his best on the field.

A return of 358 runs at an average of 39.77 in this series is respectable, but well below Brook's career mark of almost 55. He is yet to make an Ashes century in 10 Tests.

Who knows if it is all connected - but he has put himself in a position of being closely scrutinised.

The 26-year-old may be the England Test captain next time they visit Australia. But sport is cruel, fickle and unpredictable. What if this turns out to be Brook's only Ashes tour?

He should be boarding his flight home on Friday with a deep sense of regret over a missed opportunity.

England are certainly also not the only team who like a drink. Travis Head turned up to Australia's training before the fourth Test a little dusty following the Adelaide celebrations. But Australia had won the series and Head had made three centuries.

These episodes combine to be a further damning indictment of the concern that there is a slack culture around the England team that has manifested itself in mediocre results and performances.

Once, the 'Bazball' regime was about getting the best out of proven Test cricketers who had lost their way in a struggling team - Anderson, Stuart Broad, Chris Woakes, Bairstow and Mark Wood.

Now, a younger generation have been found wanting on the biggest stage, at least in part because they have not been given the right grounding at the highest level.

To Brook and plenty of his team-mates, drinking, not bothering with fielding practice and a lack of accountability for awful batting is all they know.

These players do not need slogans - "run towards the danger", "take the game on", "live, laugh, love" - they need guidance on how to play Test cricket.

Stokes says he wants to remain England captain and almost certainly will, not least because the next in line is Brook.

McCullum and Key will be given the chance to stay on if they can improve the culture of the England team, a metric determined by Gould and Thompson.

The question that remains is whether any of these men can do what is necessary, or if England will have another Ashes hangover in four years' time.

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