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BASSETERRE, ST. KITTS, W.I.

FRIDAY, 19th June, 2026

EC \$2.00

At The Pumps This Weekend

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Dated : 12/06/26

DELTA \$16.43 / SOL \$17.40

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## Editorial

# Fatherhood Deserves Its Flowers Too

This coming Sunday (third Sunday of June), families across St. Kitts-Nevis and the global community will celebrate Father's Day. Yet, as the occasion approaches, there has once again been public discussion about what some perceive as a lack of fanfare, promotions, and large-scale celebrations dedicated to fathers when compared to other occasions throughout the year, including of course, Mother's Day.

While such conversations are understandable, it is important that we do not allow a few negative examples or stereotypes to overshadow the many fathers and father figures who quietly, expressively and consistently dedicate themselves to their families and communities. The actions of a few should never diminish the contributions of the many.

Across our society are fathers who rise before dawn to go to work, who sacrifice personal comforts to provide for their children, and who do their best each day to ensure that their families have opportunities they may never have had themselves. Some are biological fathers, while others are stepfathers, grandfathers, uncles, mentors, coaches, teachers and community leaders who have stepped into fatherly roles when they were/are needed most.

Many of us, whether children or adults, can recall fond memories of our fathers or father figures. We remember the lessons they taught us, the advice they offered, the discipline they provided, and the encouragement they gave when life became challenging. Their influence often extends far beyond childhood and continues to shape the people we become.

It is also important to acknowledge the many single-parent households led by men. These fathers carry the responsibilities of both provider and caregiver, often navigating challenges that go unnoticed. Their efforts deserve recognition and appreciation.

At the same time, Father's Day should serve as a reminder that men need support too. For generations, many men have been taught to suppress their emotions and carry their burdens in silence. Yet fathers face pressures, worries, disappointments and struggles just like anyone else. Their mental health matters. Their well-being matters. Their emotional needs matter.

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Respondents

### NOTICE OF SALE

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

on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of July..... 2026 at 10:00 o'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

**ALL THAT** lot piece or parcel of land being Lot No. 3 situate 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 East partly by Lot Nos. 4 & 5, 61.67 feet and 53.55 feet; On or towards the East by the Public Road 39.59 feet; On the South by Lot No. 2, 104.95 feet; On the West partly by an access road and Octavia Hill 45.11 feet and containing by admeasurement 5,043 square feet.**

### UPSET PRICE

The upset price for the above property shall be EC\$279,334.00.

Dated the 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.

*M. Flemming*  
REGISTRAR



# HAPPY FATHERS DAY

As a society, we should continue encouraging our fathers, brothers, sons, and young men to seek support when needed and to understand that vulnerability is not weakness. Strength is not measured solely by endurance but also by the courage to ask for help and to express one's feelings honestly.

We must also continue instilling in our boys and young men the values of hard work, dedication, responsibility, respect and compassion. Positive fatherhood does not happen by accident. It is nurtured through example, guidance and community support.

Perhaps one of the greatest gifts we can give our fathers is not found in a

store or wrapped in decorative paper. It is appreciation. It is gratitude. It is taking the time to say, "Thank you." It is recognising the countless sacrifices made behind the scenes and acknowledging the positive role models who help strengthen families and communities.

So, to the fathers and father figures who embody the true spirit of Father's Day, we extend our heartfelt appreciation. May your loved ones shower you with the love, respect and blessings you so richly deserve.

Let us continue working towards a culture that celebrates and uplifts positive fatherhood. Our fathers deserve their flowers too-not just on Father's Day, but every day.

# Water Department Official Shares Water Conservation Tips During Dry Weather Conditions

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Wednesday 17th June 2026)- Manager of the St. Kitts Water Services Department, Cromwell Williams (a water engineer), is urging residents to take immediate steps to conserve water and reduce unnecessary usage as the country navigates an increasingly dry period.

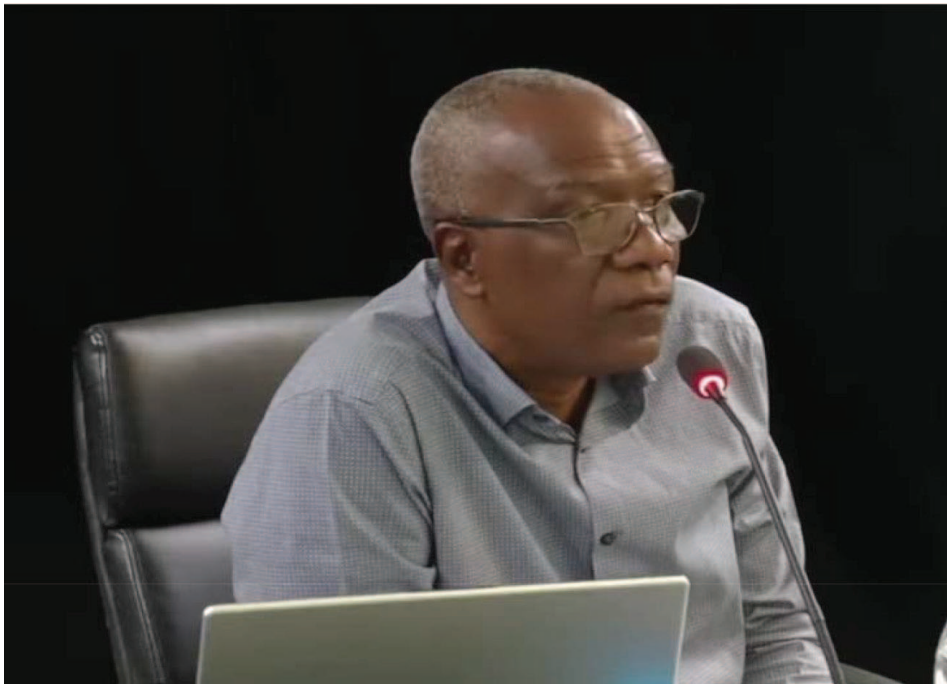


Photo: Manager of the St. Kitts Water Services Department, Cromwell Williams (a water engineer) (Credit: Youtube.com/SKNISMedia)

Speaking during a national press conference held on Friday 12th June 2026 hosted by the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) on the topic of the current drought conditions, he outlined a series of practical conservation measures that households can adopt while emphasizing that every consumer has a role to play in protecting the nation's water resources.

Among the measures outlined were repairing leaks, reporting water losses, limiting non-essential water use, avoiding the watering of lawns, using buckets rather than hoses for cleaning purposes and reusing water where feasible.

“Today, I'm here to appeal to you, the water consumers, to understand what your role is in response to drought conditions,” Williams stated.

He explained that the Water Services Department has developed a drought response document that outlines how consumers, government and the utility should respond during periods of water scarcity.

“So in general, our response has to do with conservation. How we must change our behavior in the usage of water.”

Among the key recommendations, Williams urged residents to inspect their homes for leaks and address them as quickly as possible.

“We ask persons to do things like checking your toilets and your premises on a whole for leaks and have them repaired immediately. Report any suspected leaks outside of your homes to the Water Services Department at 467-1005 or 467-1447.”

He also called on residents to avoid watering lawns, noting that the brown appearance of vegetation across the island is a natural consequence of the dry conditions.

“We ask persons to do things like do not water your lawns. We have all looked around in the last two months and see St. Kitts changed from green to



brown. I am asking persons to be rational and to let the grass turn brown; when the rain starts again, it will turn back green. So do not water lawns.”

Williams further encouraged the public to avoid using hoses to wash vehicles and buildings and instead use buckets, while also finding ways to reuse water within their homes whenever possible.

“Do not use hoses to wash vehicles and buildings-please use a bucket. Try and reuse water in your home. Generally, we want persons to monitor your use of water and be as conservative as practicable. The cooperation of all is greatly appreciated.”

The Water Engineer reminded residents that while the island now benefits from the Basseterre desalination plant, rainfall remains the primary source of the country's water supply.

“In 2021, I would have said that all our water comes from rainfall, but I can't say that today because thanks to the foresight of the government, we now have the Basseterre desalination plant that produces 2 million gallons per day of potable water from seawater. So I have to revise that and say 75% of our potable water comes from rainfall-still very significant.”

Williams also highlighted the severity of current drought conditions by referencing rainfall data provided by the Meteorological Services Department.

“Data obtained from the Met services-that's the meteorological office... indicates that for January to May 2026 of this year, we have received so far 8.5 inches of rainfall. Last year for the same period, we received 17.5 inches-that's a little bit more than twice as much rainfall. The normal average for this period is 15.6 inches.”

He added that only 1.3 millimetres of rainfall had been recorded so far in June and noted that regional forecasters have also issued drought warnings for St. Kitts and neighboring islands.

Looking ahead, Williams cautioned that residents should not assume that rainfall patterns will immediately return to normal.

“As we go forward, whereas we would expect come July the rains will start, things might be a little different this year, and we should be prepared. Hope for the best, I think the saying goes, but prepare for the worst.”

He called for collective responsibility and community-mindedness.

“And so as we go into this dry spell, we are saying that it is incumbent on all of us as users of water to use less. This is the right thing to do as neighbors and we must show love for our neighbors by using less water.”

**Front Page Photo: Used for illustrative purposes only, the image depicts a running water hose on a lawn, highlighting one of the water conservation practices residents are being encouraged to avoid during the current drought conditions. (Photo Credit: Shutterstock/ MAHATHIR MOHD YASIN)**



# Music Festival Teams Meet Ahead of Annual Staging ...PS Wharton Applauds Ambassadors

By: Precious Mills

**BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Thursday 18th June 2026)** - "Everything you do, all of the sacrifices, your time really goes towards the success of the St. Kitts Music Festival and we are eternally grateful."

That was the opening message from Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Tourism, Tivanna Wharton, as stakeholders gathered on Thursday 18th June 2026 at the Warner Park Cricket Stadium event venue ahead of the 28th staging of the St. Kitts Music Festival, set for Thursday 25th to Saturday 27th June 2026.

With subcommittee representatives from Artiste Liaison, Transportation, Safety and Security, Accreditation, Media Management, Hospitality, along with volunteers, Ministry of Tourism staff and media professionals among those in attendance, Wharton underscored that the meeting was critical given new systems being introduced this year.

"I believe this afternoon it was important for us to have this meeting because this is something quite new and we want to make sure that on the first night there is as little as possible of the hiccups and the issues and all of that," she said.

Wharton stressed that while challenges are expected, preparation remains key.

"We know they're going to come, but at least if we ensure that

everybody understands what's happening on the night of the festival, then it would minimize it as much as possible," she added.

One of the major talking points was the introduction of a QR-based accreditation system, designed to improve entry and movement across festival zones.

The Permanent Secretary applauded stakeholders for embracing the new system and the level of preparation already underway, noting that it forms part of strengthening efficiency and accountability at the festival.

She emphasized that professionalism and attitude will be just as important as logistics, reminding all present of their broader responsibility.

"We want to make sure that we're all ambassadors, not just for the St. Kitts Music Festival, but for our country," she said.

Wharton urged those interacting with visitors and overseas partners to maintain courtesy and warmth at all times.

"...we must be courteous when we speak to our guests. And I just want to remind everybody, if we can, as much as possible, smile when we speak to people..."

Wharton reminded the meeting attendees that every role within the festival structure

is essential, regardless of size or visibility.

"No matter how small we think our role is, if you are not here, the music festival will not happen," she said.

She highlighted the importance of coordination among committees, particularly transport and liaison teams responsible for managing artist movement and scheduling.

"You all are responsible for transporting the artists and getting them back to the hotel safely on time and that's very important," she noted.

Wharton thanked all stakeholders, volunteers, and subcommittees for their contribution to the planning process while urging continued communication ahead of the final days of preparation.

"We appreciate you, we thank you very much for volunteering your time being with us... If there are any issues at all, please let your subcommittee chairs know," she said.

**Front Page Photo: Stakeholders, volunteers, and subcommittees on Thursday 18th June 2026 gathered at the Warner Park Cricket Stadium event venue ahead of the 28th staging of the St. Kitts Music Festival, set for Thursday 25th to Saturday 27th June 2026. A section of the meeting attendees are seen looking on during a presentation moment using a screen display while workers can be seen in the background setting up a VIP Lounge area. (Spokesman Snap)**

## Music Festival Official Warns: Passes Will Be Revoked Over QR System Security Breaches

By: Precious Mills

**BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Thursday 18th June 2026)** - "This year it's even more important for us to take our rules very seriously."

That warning from Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Tourism, Tivanna Wharton, setting the tone for firm security messaging at a stakeholders' meeting held Thursday 18th June 2026 at the Warner Park Cricket Stadium event venue as preparations build up for the 28th staging of the St. Kitts Music Festival.

She said the introduction of new systems, including QR-based accreditation and controlled access zones, is designed to reduce breaches and improve safety across the festival grounds.

"I think there was some... one of the presenters said that we will be scanning persons in and out and I don't mean to sound like the bad one here but there are so many wrong things that happened at the festival that we're trying to minimize this year," she said.

However, she made it clear that enforcement will be strict.

"But truth be told if we find that persons are using their passes... well, let me just say it... we're going to revoke your pass," Wharton stated firmly.

She further warned that continued violations could affect future participation.

"We may also revoke your access to... your ability to work with the committee for the next couple of years," she added.

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**THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT  
FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS  
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT**

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE**

**Claim No. SKBHPB 2026/**

**In the Estate of JOHN ROUSE** Late of  
146 Victoria Road, Handsworth,  
Birmingham, B21 0SN, United Kingdom  
(Deceased).

Notice is given that after the expiration of 8 days application will be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the resealing of the grant of letters of administration of the estate of **JOHN ROUSE** late of 146 Victoria Road, Handsworth, Birmingham, B21 0SN, United Kingdom granted by the High Court of Justice, England and Wales, Principal Registry of the Family Division, HMCTS Probate, P O Box 12625, Harlow, CM20 9QE, 0300 303 0648 on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of December 2025.

Dated the 28<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026

  
**FREEMAN'S LEGAL SERVICES**  
Crios R. Freeman  
Solicitor for Administratrix

# Caribbean-Wide Peace Walk Unites Youth and Wider Community for Peace in St. Kitts and Nevis

**BASSETERRE, St. Kitts and Nevis, June 6, 2026** - Local participants gathered at the Basseterre War Memorial on Saturday as the International Peace Youth Group (IPYG), in partnership with Heavenly Culture, World Peace, Restoration of Light (HWPL), the Junior Chamber International (JCI) of St. Kitts & Nevis, youth organizations, educators, and student leaders hosted the St. Kitts and Nevis leg of a Caribbean-Wide Peace Walk promoting unity, youth engagement, and peacebuilding.

The event formed part of a coordinated regional initiative taking place across multiple CARICOM member states, bringing together youth groups, educators, civil society representatives, and local residents in a shared call for peace and cooperation throughout the Caribbean. Participants took part in a peace walk, peace-themed activities, poster-making opportunities, speeches, and other community engagement initiatives designed to encourage dialogue, strengthen social cohesion, and inspire young people to become active contributors to peace within their communities.

During the event, participants walked together through the memorial area carrying peace messages and engaging with community members about the importance of unity and cooperation. Youth participants also created peace-themed posters, shared their perspectives during open discussions, and exchanged ideas on how individuals can contribute to building more peaceful and inclusive communities. The activities provided opportunities for meaningful interaction among students, educators, community leaders, and local residents.

The peace walk reflects a growing regional commitment to fostering mutual understanding and collaborative solutions to social challenges. The initiative also raised awareness of the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War (DPCW), an international framework that promotes peaceful conflict resolution, cooperation

among nations, and active civic participation in building a culture of peace. Throughout the event, participants emphasized the need for stronger collaboration among educational institutions, civil society organizations, and local communities to address shared social challenges and support sustainable peace initiatives.

The St. Kitts and Nevis peace walk was part of a broader Caribbean-wide movement taking place simultaneously in countries including Jamaica, Barbados, Haiti, St. Lucia, Trinidad and Tobago, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Antigua and Barbuda, Guyana, and Montserrat, demonstrating a shared regional commitment to peace, unity, and community development. Organizers expressed appreciation to participants, volunteers, partner organizations, and community supporters whose involvement helped make the event a success.

Heavenly Culture, World Peace, Restoration of Light (HWPL) is an international peace organization affiliated with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and the United Nations Department of Global Communications (DGC). HWPL works with governments, law experts, civil society organizations, educators, religious leaders, women, and youth to advance sustainable peace and strengthen cooperation among communities worldwide.

## SAGICOR LIFE (EASTERN CARIBBEAN) INC.

**De'Shaun Stephens of No. 5 Fern Street, Greenlands, Basseterre, St. Kitts and Francella Stephens of Hermitage Road, Old Road, St. Kitts, being the Beneficiary and Trustee having made sworn deposition that Policy No. 055401170 issued by Sagicor Life Inc. and assumed by Sagicor Life (Eastern Caribbean) Inc. on the life of Melissa Stephens (Deceased) has been lost and having made application to the Directors to grant a duplicate of the same, notice is hereby given that unless objection is raised within one month of the date hereof, the duplicate policy asked for will be issued.**

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

By Order

**Andrew Greaves**  
Corporate Secretary



Wise Financial Thinking for Life

Sagicor Life (Eastern Caribbean) Inc

Case Number :SKBHPB2026/0065



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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
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No. SKBHPB2026/

In the Estate of **CATHERINE ANNETTA FOSBERY**,  
late of Upper Spooners, in the Island of Saint Christopher,  
Deceased

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **DESMOND GEORGE WIDENHAM FOSBERY** of Upper Spooners, in the Island of St. Christopher, for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicant who is the husband of the late **CATHERINE ANNETTA FOSBERY**, the deceased having died intestate on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025.

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 the 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.

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

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

Case Number :SKBHPB2026/0066



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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
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SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT  
A. D. 2026  
(PROBATE)

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In the matter of the Application of **BEULAH PEARLINE AGATHA HANLEY** for the issue of a Grant of Probate in the Estate of **WILFRED NATHANIEL HANLEY** also known as **NEVILLE HANLEY** of Frigate Bay in the Island of Saint Christopher (St. Kitts), deceased.

and  
In the Matter of Rule 8 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 **BEULAH PEARLINE AGATHA HANLEY** for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above named deceased who died on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025 without revoking a Will bearing the date of 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2013 wherein the applicant is the named sole Executrix.

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

Dated this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.

Filed by Cherese Persad of **CHARLES AND ASSOCIATES**, Attorneys-at Law whose address for service is: Unit C20, Sands Complex, Bay Road, Basseterre, St. Kitts



# MOE Hosts Pre-Service Training For Future Educators Ahead Of The 2026 - 2027 Academic Year

Basseterre: St. Kitts, Thursday, June 18, 2026: On Wednesday, June 18, the Ministry of Education commenced its annual pre-service training for future teachers. The opening ceremony took place at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Auditorium, under the theme: Transforming Education Through Self-Renewal, Holistic Partnerships and Digital Solutions.

Chief Education Officer, Mr. Francil Morris expressed gratitude to the aspiring educators for showing interest in teaching and outlined the triumphs and challenges of teaching.

“I want to express my gratitude to our prospective teachers for accepting the Ministry’s invitation to apply to be part of the noblest profession, the teaching fraternity. By choosing this path, you are choosing not just a career, but to be the primary authors of change in our nation’s future. As you embark on this journey, I want you to anchor this truth deep within your hearts: being a teacher is so much more than just a job, or having a title, or receiving a pay cheque. It is a calling. It is a sacred commitment to fostering curiosity, building character, and lofting up the next generation of leaders, thinkers, and innovators.”

Senior Education Officer, Mrs. Janelle Williams – Jacobs provided a summary of the training programme noting that the training plays a foundational role on their journey to becoming efficient educators, optimizing student learning and classroom time while effectively managing the use of resources, effort, and time.

Dr. Ionie Liburd Willett, keynote speaker, advised the prospective teachers to embrace the daily demands of the profession, prioritize personal wellness, build strong professional networks, and actively incorporate technology into their lessons.

“The future belongs to educators who are adaptable, collaborative, compassionate, and courageous. It belongs to teachers who never stop learning and who understand that education is not about filling minds - it is about igniting possibilities.”

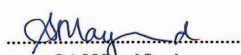
Addressing the cohort on behalf of the Minister of Education, Permanent

Secretary, Mrs. Lisa Pistana, explained the value of educators to nation building.

“Candidates, today marks the beginning of a journey that is both deeply personal and profoundly communal. You are stepping into a calling that has shaped civilizations, nurtured leaders, and transformed societies. Teaching is not simply a profession—it is a vocation, a mission, and a legacy. And today by your mere presence you are requesting to be considered for entry into this prestigious fraternity. Teachers are the architects of possibility. You do not merely deliver lessons; you unlock doors to imagination, critical thinking, and resilience. The classroom is where the future is

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<b>CLAIM NO: SKBHPB2026/</b>		
<i>In the Estate of KEITH ANTHONY HANLEY, late, of  39 Woodgate Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02126,  United States of America.</i>		
<b>ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION</b>		
<b>TAKE NOTICE</b> that an application has been filed by <b>SHERYL PATRICIA PEREIRA</b> , formerly of <b>Prickly Pear Alley</b> , Basseterre, in the Island of St. Christopher, but currently residing at 9397 Deer Crossing Lane, Jonesboro, GA 30236, in the United States of America for a Grant of Letters of Administration, in the Estate of <b>KEITH ANTHONY HANLEY</b> , deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 16 <sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015, in Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A.		
Any person having an objection to the Grant of Letters of Administration to the application shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.		
Dated this <u>13<sup>th</sup></u> day of <u>May</u> , 2026.		
 <b>S.A.M Legal Services</b> <b>Attorney-at-Law for the Estate of</b> <b>Keith Anthony Hanley, deceased</b>		
Filed by S.A.M Legal Services, Attorney-at-Law whose address for service is Berkley Street, Shadwell Housing, Basseterre, St. Kitts, Tel No. 466-4902, Email: samlegaloffices@gmail.com		
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# MOE Hosts Pre-Service Training For Future Educators Ahead Of

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# The 2026 - 2027 Academic Year



written, one student at a time.”

Mrs. Pistana further elaborated on the objectives of the programme and urge participants to recognize their skills and talents.

“The purpose of this pre-service programme is two-fold. It gives you a glimpse into the profession in areas such as pedagogy or classroom management. And it gives the Ministry of Education a firsthand view of you the candidates.”

The training sessions are slated to begin Thursday, June 17 and conclude on Thursday, June 25.



**Case Number :NEVHCV2021/0135**

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HIGH COURT  
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NEVHCV2021/0135

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 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2001 registered in  
Register Book 39 Folio 82

**THE BANK OF NEVIS LIMITED**

and

**BRIAN PEMBERTON**  
and  
**ORENCIA PEMBERTON**

*Applicant*

*Respondents*

**NOTICE OF SALE**

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

on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of July..... 2026 at 10:30 o'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**

**ALL THAT** lot piece or parcel of land situate at Farms Estate in the Parish of St. John in the island of Nevis bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On or towards the North East by lands of Judith Parris 231.00 feet, On or towards the South East by a Private Road 83.12 feet, On or towards the South West by a 12' Road Allowance bordering lands of the Estate of Frederick Parris 230.86 feet and On or towards the North West by remaining lands of Frank Parris 77.16 feet and containing by admeasurement 18,500 square feet.

**UPSET PRICE**

The upset price for the above property shall be **ECS1,111,500.00.**

Dated the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June , 2026.

*M. Fleming*  
Asst-REGISTRAR

**Case Number :NEVHCV2021/0136**

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT  
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
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NEVHCV2021/0136

In the matter of Section 75 of the Title by  
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and

In the matter of an Application to settle Articles  
of Sale of the Respondents' property comprised in  
a Certificate of Title issued 16<sup>th</sup> November 1995  
registered in Register Book 33 Folio 489

**BETWEEN:**

**THE BANK OF NEVIS LIMITED**

and

**JOHN HAWLEY**  
**BERNICE HAWLEY**

*Applicant*

*First Respondent*  
*Second 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 31<sup>st</sup> day of July..... 2026 at 11:00 o'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**

**21,529 square feet of land situate at Padlock Estate in the Parish of St. George in the Island of Nevis bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On the South East by lands of Sundry Owners 201.79 feet; On the South West by Boundary on edge of ghaunt 34.32 feet and 68.22 feet and On the North West by lands of Mable Kelly 78.25 feet and 145.11 feet; On the North East by Public Road 110.31 feet**

**UPSET PRICE**

The upset price for the above property shall be **ECS96,880.50.**

Dated the 5<sup>th</sup> day of June , 2026.

*M. Fleming*  
Asst-REGISTRAR

# Minister of Tourism Leads Stakeholder Consultations on Tourism Industry Performance and Future Readiness

**Basseterre, St. Kitts (18 June 2026)** — Hon. Marsha T. Henderson, Minister of Tourism, International Transport, Civil Aviation, Urban Development and Employment, has commenced a series of stakeholder engagement meetings aimed at reviewing the performance of the current cruise season and at preparing for the upcoming season

The first meeting was held on 16 June 2026 at the Royal St. Kitts Golf Club with members of the taxi fraternity. The session highlighted the successes of the 2025/2026 cruise season while providing an important platform for industry partners to receive updates on developments within the sector and share their perspectives on matters impacting the visitor experience.

Minister Henderson and her team engaged participants in discussions surrounding an impending Rainforest Tour Guides Policy, operational concerns, opportunities for product enhancement, and strategies to further strengthen the destination's tourism offering. The consultations also provided valuable feedback from taxi operators, who remain among the tourism industry's most important frontline ambassadors.

Additionally, the team provided insights into the destination's performance to date citing the strongest cruise arrivals post 2019 and a robust summer schedule.

"Tourism continues to be the backbone of our economy. As we look towards the future it is critical that we focus on increasing benefits of tourism through the engagement of our communities and increase spend to drive growth in our economy." said Minister Henderson.

The Minister was joined by Ms. Tivanna Wharton, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Tourism; Ms. Kelly Fontenelle, Chief Executive Officer of the St. Kitts Tourism Authority; and Mrs. Melnecia Marshall, Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the St. Kitts Tourism Authority.



Also participating in the discussions were representatives from key tourism and development agencies, including the St. Christopher Air and Sea Ports Authority (SCASPA), the Frigate Bay Development Corporation, and the Urban Development Corporation (UDC).

Minister Henderson emphasized the importance of ongoing



dialogue with stakeholders, noting that the Government remains committed to ensuring that the tourism sector continues to create meaningful opportunities for local businesses and residents while enhancing the overall visitor experience.

The stakeholder consultation series will continue over the coming weeks with additional tourism partners as the Ministry and its agencies work collaboratively to position St. Kitts for another successful tourism season.

**Case Number :SKBHCV2025/0077**

EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT  
SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS  
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

CLAIM NO. SKBHCV2025/0077

**ST KITTS-NEVIS-ANGUILLA NATIONAL BANK LIMITED**

and

**MAXINE HERBERT-DUGGINS**  
formerly known as  
**MAXINE HERBERT-WEBSTER**

NOTICE OF SALE

The Property described below will be offered for sale by The Registrar of the Supreme Court by public auction at the Charles Amory Building, Fortlands, Basseterre, St Kitts, on the **25<sup>th</sup>** day of **June 2026** at **9:00** o'clock in the afternoon.

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

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

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


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

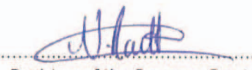
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

**ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land with building thereon situate at Lot No. 94 Cedar Grove Housing Development being part of the Estate commonly called Milliken Estate, in the Parish of Saint Peter, in the Island of St. Christopher and bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On or toward the North-West by Lot No. 95, 111.78 feet; On or toward the North-East by a Development Road, 49.03 feet; On or toward the North by a Development Road, 25.37 feet; On or toward the South-East by Lot No. 93, 142.00 feet; and On or towards the South-West by an Estate Road, 125.31 feet and containing by admeasurement 12,128.70 square feet, all as the same is described in a Certificate of Title dated the 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2006 and registered in Book F3 Folio 523 of the Register of Titles of the Saint Christopher Circuit in favour of MAXINE HERBERT-WEBSTER formerly of the Island of St. Christopher Registered Proprietor thereof.**

UPSET PRICE

The Upset price for the above property shall be **EC\$828,700.00**  
Dated the **28<sup>th</sup>** day of **April** 2026



  
Registrar of the Supreme Court

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HIGH COURT

ST. CHRISTOPHER / NEVIS

(ST. KITTS CIRCUIT)

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- Claimant

-Defendant

# St. Peter's To Be Restored To 24/7 Watre Supply Following Key Upgrades

Basseterre, Saint Kitts, June 18, 2026 (SKNIS): The water supply to the St. Peter's community is expected to be significantly boosted in the coming days as the Water Services Department (WSD) carries out testing of a new pipeline and pump that will deliver an additional 150,000 gallons per day.

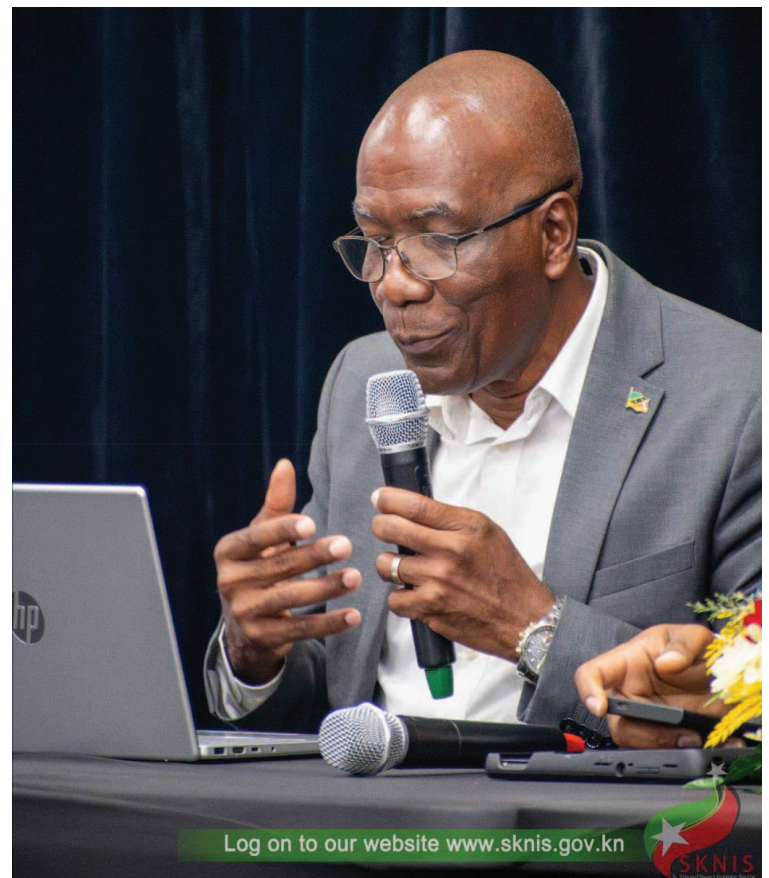
On Tuesday, June 16, 2026, Water Engineer, Cromwell Williams, gave an update of current projects being undertaken by the WSD. He said that the excess water being pumped into the Basseterre aquifer from the Basseterre Desalination Plant, commissioned in late February this year, will allow water to be diverted to other areas. In the case of St. Peter's, this required additional infrastructure.

"We have spent the past few months installing the necessary pipeline to do this. We also had to acquire a new pump, which only arrived on the island on Friday, June 12 and was installed on June 15," Mr. Williams stated, noting that testing was being done by technical officers.

When the testing phase is complete, the water engineer said that the additional 150,000 gallons that will supplement the St. Peter's water sources will enable St. Peter's to achieve 24/7 water services for residents.

This is viewed as a positive, as the community of St. Peter's has not had a 24/7 water supply for several decades as a result of previous infrastructure investment challenges.-

Photo: Water Engineer, Cromwell Williams



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**NATIONAL CARIBBEAN INSURANCE**

National Caribbean Insurance Company Limited having made sworn deposition that policy number 67394 on the life of Shayla Skeete has been lost and having made an application to the Directors to grant a special policy, notice is hereby given that unless an objection is raised within one month of the date hereof, the special policy asked for will be issued.

Dated: 17/06/2026

By Order,  
  
 Diana Williams-Humphrey  
 General Manager



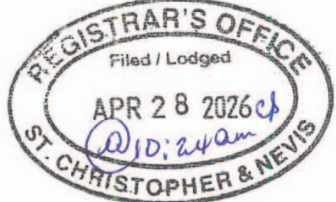
**NATIONAL CARIBBEAN INSURANCE**

National Caribbean Insurance Company Limited having made sworn deposition that policy number 73191 on the life of Jessica Rose has been lost and having made an application to the Directors to grant a special policy, notice is hereby given that unless an objection is raised within one month of the date hereof, the special policy asked for will be issued.

Dated: 17/06/2026

By Order,  
  
 Diana Williams-Humphrey  
 General Manager

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**  
 and  
**JULIAN GABRIEL**

- Applicant  
 -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, Fortlands, Basseterre, St Kitts, on the 25th day of **June, 2026** at 3:00 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.

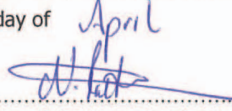
The Property will be available for inspection prior to the date of sale by appointment with the Registrar of the Supreme Court.


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 29th day of April 2026  
  
 Registrar of the Supreme Court



# Nigerian man jailed for storing human faeces outside his home

Mansur Abubakar  
Kano  
BBC News

A man in northern Nigeria has been sentenced to two weeks in prison after neighbours complained that he was storing bags of human faeces outside his home, which they said made life unbearable.

Mohammed Saidu was taken to court in the city of Kano after residents reported the foul smell to environmental officials.

Magistrate Halima Wali ordered that he be detained for 14 days and fined 100,000 naira (Â£55; \$74). She described his actions as highly inconsiderate and a threat to his neighbours' health.



Mahmud Bashir A man standing in front of a home with several bags in front of the house Mahmud Bashir  
Neighbours say the smell was making life unbearable

health.

Saidu, whose job is to empty septic tanks, is believed to

have been selling the faeces to farmers to use as fertiliser - a common practice in the region, but which is rarely publicly acknowledged.

"I think he had close to 50 bags of faeces the first time the complaint reached me," local chief Musa Abdullahi told the BBC. Neighbours said the stench from the property had become so overwhelming that it was impossible to relax at home.

One of those who complained, Samaila Inuwa, told the BBC that they had initially tried to resolve the matter privately.

"We spoke to him about it but he didn't stop," Inuwa said.

Mahmud Bashir A Nigerian local chief Musa Abdullahi wearing a traditional white gown and a cap Mahmud Bashir

Local chief Musa Abdullahi said he had spoken to Saidu after it was first reported to him

In court, Saidu pleaded guilty to the charge of endangering public health.

Before delivering her ruling, Magistrate Wali visited the property to see the bags of faeces for herself.

She ordered Saidu to clear all the waste from the premises and promise never to repeat the offence.

Inuwa said life had already improved for residents since the case was brought to court.

"Finally, our neighbourhood is enjoyable once more without any bad smell," he said.

The local chief said he had intervened when Saidu started storing the waste.

"When he first started it, I spoke to him about it and he packed them out [removed them] and stopped," he said. "I did not know when he resumed."

He added that neighbours had chosen to bypass him this time and go directly to the authorities.

Abdullahi said his own home was far enough away that he had not been affected by the smell, but he understood the residents' frustration.

"My mission is for everybody in this area to live in peace," he

EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT  
SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS  
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

SKBHCV2017/0317

**ST KITTS NEVIS ANGUILLA NATIONAL BANK LIMITED**

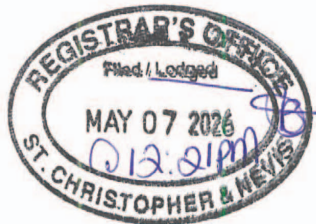
and

**GLORIA JEAN PEREIRA**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

- 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 25th day of June, 2026 at 3:15 o'clock in the afternoon.

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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.

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 of land hereditaments and premises situate a Fountain Estate in the Parish of St. Peter in the Island of St. Christopher containing by admeasurement 1.1 acre and bounded and measuring as follows: On or towards the North by an estate road 295.31 feet; On or towards the East by lands of Irma Laurina Pereira 152.79 feet; On or towards the South by lands of Irma Laurina Pereira 324.71 feet and On or towards the West by an estate road 144.66 feet, all as the same is described in a Certificate of Title dated the 1st day of April, 2010 and registered in Book J3 Folio 154 of the Register of Titles of the Saint Christopher Circuit in favour of GLORIA JEAN PEREIRA of Branch Street, Newtown, in the town of Basseterre, in the Island of Saint Christopher as registered proprietor thereof.

#### UPSET PRICE

The Upset price for the above property shall be EC\$335,412.00

Dated the 8th day of May 2026



Registrar of the Supreme Court

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## 114th Session of the International Labour Conference

International Labour Conference ends with adoption of the first Convention on decent work in the platform economy

GENEVA (ILO News) – The 114th International Labour Conference concluded on 12 June with the adoption of the first international labour standards aimed at improving working conditions for millions of people who earn their living through digital labour platforms. The new Convention on Decent Work in the Platform Economy represents a landmark step in global efforts to ensure that technological innovation and new business models go hand in hand with workers' rights, fair competition and sustainable economic growth.

The Convention (C193) calls on Member States to ensure that digital platform workers enjoy fundamental rights at work, including freedom of association and collective bargaining, protection from discrimination, child labour and forced labour, and the right to a safe and healthy working environment.

Recognizing both the opportunities and challenges created by digital labour platforms, the Convention extends rights previously limited to those outside of an employment relationship, including in areas such as occupational safety and health and employment termination or deactivation.

It also encourages Member States to extend adequate remuneration or payment to all workers, including those who are not in an employment relationship. Furthermore, the Convention addresses issues such as protection against violence and harassment, as well as workers' data protection and privacy. It

establishes safeguards for the responsible use of automated

systems and algorithms, including requirements for transparency and access to mechanisms for reviewing

decisions.

The new standard applies to all digital labour platforms and extends key protections to all platform workers, regardless of how their employment status is classified under national law.

In his closing address, ILO Director-General Gilbert F. Houngbo highlighted the significance of the Conference's achievement. "We were conscious that the eyes and ears of millions of workers and digital labour platforms were upon us. They were waiting for the results of these intensive days of deliberation. We could not disappoint them, and you showed once again that the ILO remains capable of shaping the present and future of work."

Referring to his report, *A Moment of Choice: Harnessing Artificial Intelligence for Decent Work*, Houngbo stressed the need for international cooperation to ensure the benefits of AI are widely shared. "Our task is to help ensure that all countries, enterprises and workers have a fair chance to participate in and benefit from this transformation" and "ensure that AI advances decent work for all through a human-centred approach." [Read more](#)

ILO Caribbean Office



### The Government of St. Kitts and Nevis Invites Contractors to Bid on the following Projects:

#### **CONSTRUCTION OF NEW FOOTBALL PAVILION** **at** **Lime Kiln Play Field**

**Tender Documents can be obtained at the Public Works Department,  
Wellington Road, Basseterre, St Kitts, as of Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2026  
for a non-refundable fee of EC\$ 1000.00 each.**

**Completed Tender Documents shall be delivered in sealed envelope to the  
office of:**

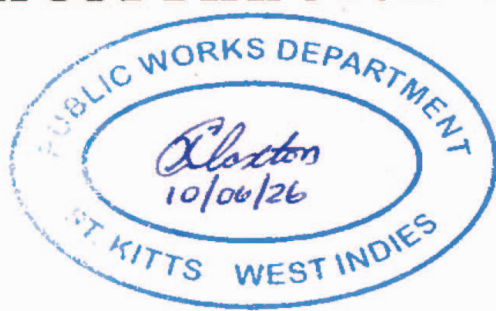
**Deputy Director of Public Works Department  
Wellington Road, Basseterre, St Kitts  
on or before 1:00pm Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

**Bidders or their representatives are invited to the Tender Opening.**

#### **Eligibility**

**Business License MUST be presented before receipt of Tender Document.**

**DEPUTY DIRECTOR - PUBLIC WORKS**



# Cadbury chocolate-owner Mondelez defends staying in Russia

Dearbail Jordan, Business reporter and  
Leanna Byrne, Business presenter  
BBC Business News



Getty Images Dirk Van de Put, chief executive of Mondelez, wears a dark suit jacket, a white shirt with grey dots and a blue tie with white dots Getty Images  
Dirk Van de Put, chief executive of Mondelez

The boss of Cadbury chocolate-maker Mondelez has defended its decision to continue doing business in Russia but admitted he is "not pleased" the firm's taxes are funding the war with Ukraine.

Chief executive Dirk Van de Put said it was the "right decision" to stay after Russia invaded Ukraine in 2022, saying pulling out would risk thousands of jobs and leave Mondelez vulnerable to the Kremlin taking control of its local operations.

Many Western companies such as McDonald's exited Russia after it launched a full-scale assault on its neighbour.

Others remained but Mondelez said it had discontinued new investment in its Russian business and suspended spending on advertising.

In an in-depth discussion as part of the BBC's Big Boss Interview series, Van de Put said: "I think over time you try to be neutral in the whole conflict. We're not trying to take any side.

"I think we did the right thing for our people in Russia. Can we be criticised for that? Yeah, of course. We pay taxes in Russia that helps the war. I'm not pleased about that."

Since Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, the country has generated sales of between \$1bn (£745m) and \$1.4bn a year for Mondelez.

Last year, more than 70 MPs signed a letter from the All Party Parliamentary Group on Ukraine to Van de Put calling for Mondelez to sever its business ties with Russia.

Alex Sobel, chair of the parliamentary group, wrote: "Continuing to operate in a nation responsible for the deaths of countless Ukrainian civilians and the abduction of thousands of children cannot be justified under any definition of 'business as usual'."

Van de Put told the BBC he believed if Mondelez pulled out of Russia: "They would have confiscated our plant. It would have probably given them a much bigger source of income, keep on selling our products to fund the war.

"So I feel that in the end it is not the most popular decision, but I think it was the right decision."

Mondelez, which also produces Philadelphia cream cheese, Ritz crackers and triangular chocolate Toblerone, continues to operate in Ukraine although the conflict is never far away.

On the morning he spoke to the BBC, Van de Put said an office building there had been hit. "Everybody's safe," he said. "But yes, it's the reality of the situation."

Mondelez operates two manufacturing plants in Ukraine - one in Trostyanets, near the Russian border and one in Vyshhorod, close to the capital Kyiv.

"One plant got hit twice, we've rebuilt it twice," said Van de Put, adding that it costs tens of millions to do so.

# Japan raids ice cream giants over price-fixing allegations

Osmond Chia - Business reporter  
BBC Business



AFP via Getty Images A stack of packaged Japanese ice cream, a hand holding one pack on top of three others.AFP via Getty Images  
The investigation on alleged cartel pricing of ice cream comes as Japan faces record summer temperatures.

Japan's competition watchdog has raided some of the country's biggest ice cream makers for allegedly forming a cartel to raise the price of their products.

Some of the firms, including Meiji and Pocky maker Ezaki Glico, said this week that they have been subject to an "on-site inspection" by the Japan Fair Trade Commission (JFTC) over suspicions that they fixed the prices of frozen desserts.

The JFTC said it is not releasing a statement regarding the investigation.

The companies are suspected of inflating ice cream prices beyond increases in the cost of raw materials, even as the country faces a hot summer with record high temperatures.

The six firms that were raided on Tuesday were Meiji, Morinaga Milk Industry, Lotte, Morinaga, Ezaki Glico and Akagi Nyugyo.

The BBC has contacted the companies for comment.

The firms improperly raised prices of popular desserts "several times by 5-10% over the years", according to Japanese broadcaster NHK, citing anonymous sources.

The brands distribute their products wholesale to supermarkets and convenience stores across Japan.

Morinaga Milk, Glico and Meiji said in separate statements that they would cooperate with the authorities' investigation.

"As reported by some media outlets today, our company has been subject to an on-site inspection by the Fair Trade Commission on suspicion of violating the Antimonopoly Act in connection with the setting of sales prices for ice cream and other products," Meiji said.

"We take this inspection very seriously and will cooperate fully with the Fair Trade Commission's investigation," the Hello Panda snack maker wrote.

Glico said: "We will respond in good faith to the Fair Trade Commission's investigation and cooperate fully."

Earlier this year, Japan unveiled a new name for days that reach 40C (104F) or above, after the country experienced its hottest summer on record in 2025.

The term - kokushobi - has been translated as "cruelly hot", "brutally hot" or "severely hot" day by Japanese and international media.

Additional reporting by Chika Nakayama in Tokyo

"We've agreed that we will rebuild every single time there so we keep on investing in the country. We doubled everybody's salary when the conflict started, and we have not fired anybody.

"We're committed there but for the people that work there every day there's danger," he added.

# NEMA Officials Say Drought Conditions Expected to Persist Through Hurricane Season

By: Spokesman Newsroom

**BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Wednesday 17th June 2026)**- National Disaster Coordinator Livingston Pemberton says preparedness must extend beyond hurricanes and encompass all hazards that can affect the Federation.

"It is said that disaster preparedness is fundamentally concerned with protecting lives, livelihoods, preserving the environment and fostering community resilience."

That message was underscored during a recent press conference hosted by the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) on Friday 12th June 2026, whereby disaster management and meteorological officials urged residents, businesses and communities to prepare for the impacts of reduced rainfall while remaining vigilant during the hurricane season.

"The Caribbean region as we know it exists in a multi-hazard risk environment and therefore preparedness must be an all-year-round activity," Pemberton commented.

While noting that June to November is traditionally associated with hurricanes, he said the Federation is simultaneously confronting drought-like conditions linked to climate variability.

"Even now as we are facing the hurricane season, we do recognize that due to climate change, we are experiencing drought-like conditions," he said.

According to Pemberton, forecasts from the Caribbean Institute for Meteorology and Hydrology (CIMH) suggest prolonged drought conditions associated with the El Niño phenomenon.

"Prolonged drought conditions have implications for us here within the Federation," he warned. "I would just like to say to us all that we will be

impacted one way or another by these drought conditions."

"The reality is that our very economy could be adversely impacted by these drought-like conditions."

Providing a detailed meteorological outlook, Senior Meteorological Officer Elmo Burke revealed that rainfall totals recorded thus far in 2026 have fallen significantly below normal levels.

"We have received only 8.66 inches of rainfall by the end of May when we normally should have received the 15 inches that I have spoken about earlier," Burke explained.

"Put simply, we have received 44% less rainfall up to the end of May when compared to our long-term average."

Burke noted that rainfall received so far in June has done little to improve conditions.

"As of yesterday, we would have only recorded 1.3 millimetres of rainfall or 0.05 inches at the RLB Airport when compared to 3.41 inches that we would usually receive on average for the month of June."

As a result, a drought warning has already been issued for St. Kitts.

"A drought warning was issued for us here in St. Kitts in the month of May and this is expected to persist through the hurricane season up to the end of November," Burke stated.

Although the hurricane season is normally the wettest period of the year, Burke cautioned that climate conditions are expected to suppress rainfall across the region.

"The forecast indicates that this dry trend is likely to persist into the season," he said.

He identified a strong El Niño event and recurring Saharan dust intrusions as the primary factors driving the forecast.

"The coupling impacts from the strong El Niño that we are forecasting as well as the Saharan dust intrusion will result in these drought-like conditions persisting through the hurricane season."

At the same time, Burke cautioned



Photo: National Disaster Coordinator Livingston Pemberton speaking at press conference hosted by the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) on Friday 12th June 2026 (Credit: Youtube.com/SKNISMedia)

against interpreting the forecast as meaning no rain or storms will occur.

"Please note, we are not saying that there won't be any rainfall, any heavy rainfall events during the hurricane season, but we are indicating that based on the major climatic drivers, the trend will be for less rainfall totals than normal across the area during this period."

The forecast carries implications for several sectors, including agriculture, water supply, manufacturing and wildfire management.

Among the concerns highlighted were reduced crop yields, pressure on potable water supplies, possible water restrictions and an increased risk of bushfires.

Recognizing these challenges, Pemberton urged citizens to begin taking action now rather than waiting for conditions to worsen.

"There is a call to action going out to all," he said. "We need all to be aware that preparedness is a shared responsibility."

He encouraged households to review emergency plans, repair leaking faucets and toilets, conserve water and pay attention to official updates and advisories.

"You have heard from the experts this morning that the situation is dire," Pemberton stated.

As the Federation navigates both hurricane season and worsening drought conditions, the National Disaster Coordinator warned against complacency.

"Let us not become complacent. Let us not let our guards down. Let us not say that because of the El Niño effect that we are not going to experience any hurricane for 2026," he said.

"It only takes one, ladies and gentlemen."

Referencing the impact previous storms have had on the nation's economy, Pemberton reminded residents that a single weather event can have lasting consequences.

"And so I say to us..let us be prepared. Let us stay resilient and let us understand that we are all in this together."

**Front Banner Image: Senior Meteorological Officer Elmo Burke speaking at a press conference hosted by the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) on Friday 12th June 2026(Credit: Youtube.com/SKNISMedia)**

## GURUKRIPA CATERERS

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# TDC Invests in Leadership Development Through Three-Day Management Training Programme

As part of its ongoing commitment to developing strong, effective leaders across the company, the TDC Human Resources Department hosted a comprehensive three-day from 15th thru 17 June 2026, the Leadership Training Programme under the theme “Leading Through People: Practical Leadership Skills for Management.”

Designed to strengthen leadership capabilities at all levels of management, the workshop brought together supervisors, middle managers, and executive leaders in dedicated sessions tailored to their unique roles and responsibilities within the organization.

The training schedule included:

Day 1 - Supervisors

Day 2 - Middle Managers

Day 3 - Executives

The training sessions were facilitated by renowned Regional Business Strategist and Leadership Consultant, Ms. Dana Hayes-Burke, and were



Picture - Ms. Dana Hayes-Burke, Regional Business Strategist and Leadership Consultant engaging TDC Supervisors on Day 1 of the “Leading Through People: Practical Leadership Skills for Management Training Development Session

held at the TDC Training Room on Fort Street, Basseterre.

Employees engaged in interactive discussions, practical exercises, and real-world leadership scenarios focused on enhancing communication, team engagement, decision-making, accountability, conflict resolution, and people-centered leadership practices.

The theme, “Leading Through People,” emphasized the critical role leaders play in fostering positive workplace cultures, empowering employees, and driving organizational success through meaningful relationships and effective management strategies.

Speaking of the importance of the initiative, Mrs. Andrea James Wattley, Senior Human Resources Officer in the TDC Human Resources Department noted that investing in leadership development remains a key priority for the Group.

“Strong leadership is fundamental to the continued growth and success of our organization. By equipping our leaders with practical skills and contemporary management strategies, we are strengthening our ability to inspire teams, enhance performance, and create a workplace culture where employees can thrive,” stated Mrs. James-Wattley.

Facilitator Ms. Dana Hayes-Burke encouraged participants to view leadership as a continuous journey of learning, self-awareness, and service to others. Her sessions challenged attendees to examine their leadership styles, embrace accountability, and develop practical approaches to leading teams in today’s dynamic business environment.

The training forms part of TDC’s broader commitment to employee development and organizational excellence, ensuring that leaders at every level are empowered to effectively guide their teams and contribute to the company’s long-term strategic objectives.

## Music Festival Official Warns: Passes Will Be Revoked Over QR System Security Breaches

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Wharton stressed that all stakeholders must respect their assigned access levels under the new system.

“There will be access zones by each of them... If you have access to [a particular area] you can go there,” she explained.

She cautioned that attempts to bypass zones would not be tolerated.

“If you attempt to go to [a particular area] and you don’t have the access, we will see that on the back end and we’re going to have a conversation with you,” she said.

The Permanent Secretary also addressed concerns regarding improper use of accreditation, particularly among media personnel.

“There have been major concerns with some media personnel who have used their pass to get into the front stage... pass their pass back out to other persons so that other people can come in. We’re not doing that, guys,” she warned.

Wharton emphasized that all requests for additional access must follow proper channels.

“If it is that you require an additional pass, have a conversation with us. We’re going to tell you yes or no. And it’s done there,”

she said.

She reiterated that security systems, including CCTV monitoring and digital tracking, will be fully operational.

“We have extra CCTV cameras installed, so we will be monitoring everything up here,” she noted.

Despite the strict tone, Wharton praised the level of preparation already achieved.

“This year’s music festival promises to be one of the biggest and the baddest. We got all big names on the show,”



Photo: Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Tourism Tivanna Wharton

she said, encouraging the public to attend early.

“Tell your folks as well... You have to get into the zone and be here early.”

# Why you might not be buying the right pain relief for period cramps

Michelle Roberts - Digital health editor  
BBC News



Getty Images A young woman, wearing a black top and jeans, crouches down to look at period products that are stacked on a low shelf in a shop. She has selected two boxes that she examines in her hands. Getty Images

Many women may not be using the most effective pain medication for period cramps, according to a big study of supermarket till receipts.

A decade of loyalty card data across 211 million transactions in an unnamed chain of high street stores in England found paracetamol was the most common painkiller bought alongside tampons and sanitary towels.

But experts say ibuprofen could be a better choice for many because it is more effective at dealing with muscle cramps.

The transactions reveal the "scale and impact" of period pain and how people manage it, which has not been studied much before, say the researchers.

Paracetamol is perhaps more familiar to people which might explain why it was bought more often, they suggest.

While still an effective painkiller, ibuprofen can be a better choice for period pain because it blocks the production of prostaglandins - the chemical responsible for causing the cramping contractions of muscles in the womb.

Paracetamol, meanwhile, works primarily in the brain to block pain signals, making it a good choice for headaches. It also helps manage a high temperature, so can be useful if you have flu, for example.

Researchers looked at purchases from 3.4 million shoppers between 2006 and 2015.

Half of menstrual product transactions also included a pain product, the study published in PLoS Digital Health journal found.

Of those pills, around two-thirds were paracetamol-based and the other third being ibuprofen.

Co-researcher Dr Anya Skatova, from Bristol University, stressed that the data is more of a snapshot rather than fully representative for the nation. But it does provide some hints about what women are buying as period pain relief.

Most often, cramping is a normal part of the menstrual cycle when the womb muscle contracts to help shed its lining as a period.

During this time the body makes hormone-like substances, called prostaglandins, but higher levels have been linked with more-severe menstrual cramps.

Investigator Prof James Gouling, from Nottingham University, said there was a real public health education opportunity here and highlighted the lack of research into period pain relief.

"I don't think I'm going out on a limb here by saying that if men got period pain, we'd know a lot more about it by now," he told BBC News.

Ibuprofen is a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug that reduces

swelling as well as easing pain, plus it lowers prostaglandins. Paracetamol does not have these anti-inflammatory properties.

It is best to start taking ibuprofen the day before, or several days before, a period or pain is expected - before the body produces prostaglandins - says the charity Endometriosis UK.

If you experience severe period pain that stops you from doing day-to-day things, or that worries you at all, you should speak to your doctor, says the NHS.

That's because it can be a sign of an underlying health problem, such as endometriosis and fibroids.

Like any medication, pain relief tablets can cause side effects. Ibuprofen is not suitable for everyone. Check the product information inside packs before taking any.

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SCHEDULE A**

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

To the Superintendent of Police.

I, **Vanessa Walters** now residing in **Buckley's Estate** in the town of **Basseterre** do hereby give you notice that it is my intention to apply on **04th** day of **January, 2027**, to the **District Magistrate** at **Basseterre** for a **Retail Liquor Licence** in respect of my premises in **V's Bar & Grill** in **Buckley's Estate** in **Basseterre**.

Dated this **16th** day of **June, 2026**.

Signed: **Vanessa Walters**

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**To the Magistrate,  
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To the Superintendent of Police.

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# World Athletics seeks to improve pregnancy support



Former American sprinter Allyson Felix - Image source, Getty Images  
US sprint legend Allyson Felix won six medals at major championships after the birth of her first child in 2018

## Published BBC sport

World Athletics is asking every elite female athlete to help shape its rules on pregnancy, childbirth and the return to competition.

The governing body has launched a new study it says can inform and improve its policies - and help to better

protect and support female athletes.

It is asking current and previous competitors to complete surveys, external about their pregnancies and subsequent return to the sport, as well as quizzing those who have not been pregnant.

World Athletics says its wants to

"protect female athletes and reduce inequities within elite athletics" and is looking at ways to support world rankings during maternity leave.

The organisation's president, Lord Coe, said: "This is the next step in ensuring athletes who experience pregnancy are protected, receive support, and do not face barriers when it comes to being able to make a return to elite athletics."

The Childbirth And Return in Elite Sport (Cares) project will aim to help women with barriers, professional and organisational support and contractual and financial considerations.

Sprinter Allyson Felix - who won 11 Olympic medals - took on her then-sponsor, Nike, in 2019 over maternity pay, revealing Nike's threat to cut her pay by 70% if motherhood affected her future athletic performance.

Three months later, Nike changed its

stance and new contracts guaranteed an athlete's pay and bonuses for 18 months around pregnancy.

British runner Calli Hauger-Thackery completed this year's Boston marathon in two hours and 43 minutes while 22 weeks pregnant.

Hauger-Thackery believes attitudes are changing and she wants to show women "can do both".

"It means so much to me. We can be a mother and also shoot for these crazy big goals, more than ever. It's definitely not going to scare me away from any goals," she said.

"I think, if anything, it's going to push me to show my son what is possible. I just think that makes it even more meaningful for me and I'm just honoured and excited to be a part of that space."

The 2027 World Athletics Championships take place in Beijing in September.

their second Group E game.

The AFP news agency has reported that Canadian officials had delayed Wahi's visa authorisation after requesting more information about his legal situation, before rubber-stamping his entry.

"The necessary authorisations for his entry into Canadian territory have now been obtained," a statement from FIF said.

"As a result, the Ivorian international is authorised to travel with the Elephants' delegation to Canada and will continue his participation in the competition alongside his team-mates as normal.

"The FIF welcomes this positive outcome and thanks the various parties who contributed to handling this matter."

A spokesperson for Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) told BBC Sport: "Canada has been consistent that hosting major events does not change Canada's immigration laws.

"Every person seeking to come to Canada is assessed individually, based on the facts available and the law that applies, while maintaining the safety and security of Canadians as a top priority.

"In exceptional circumstances, temporary resident permits may be granted to a person who is inadmissible or does not meet the requirements to enter or remain temporarily in Canada."

After facing Germany in Toronto, the Ivory Coast then play Curacao in Philadelphia next Thursday.

The statement from the Marseille public prosecutor's office said the arrest was made "as part of an investigation opened by the Marseille public prosecutor's office into allegations of organised fraud, organised sports corruption, handling of proceeds of crime and money laundering".

The player was released after being interviewed in police custody and the investigations remain ongoing, officials added.

Wahi's booking in the game was his fifth in the league so earned him a suspension for the first leg of Nice's relegation play-off against Saint-Etienne on 26 May.

That game ended in a 0-0 draw but Wahi returned for the second leg in which he scored twice in a 4-1 victory to help Nice keep their place in the top flight.

BBC Sport has contacted Wahi's representatives and Fifa for comment.

The LFP said: "At this stage, and given the ongoing investigation and the confidentiality requirements imposed by the police authorities, the LFP will not make any further comments and has not initiated disciplinary proceedings. However, it reserves the right to do so depending on the progress of the investigation.

"The LFP reiterates that it remains fully committed to ensuring the integrity of its competitions and that it will act with the utmost firmness against any behaviour that could compromise it."

Wahi was the second World Cup player to be denied entry to Canada after Ghana's Thomas Partey was refused a visa because of ongoing criminal proceedings in the UK.

Former Arsenal midfielder Partey pleaded not guilty to seven charges of rape and one count of sexual assault relating to allegations by four different women between 2020 and 2022 and is scheduled to stand trial next year.

Partey wrongly told officials in Canada he had never been arrested or charged with a crime and missed Ghana's World Cup win over Panama as a result.

The Ghanaian government sought permission for him to enter the country briefly to take part in the game but that appeal was rejected at a federal court in Ottawa.

# Ivory Coast's Wahi allowed into Canada after visa issue



Elye Wahi playing for the Ivory Coast - Image source, Getty Images  
Elye Wahi played in the Ivory Coast's opening World Cup win over Ecuador

## Published BBC Sport

Ivory Coast international Elye Wahi will be allowed into Canada for his country's World Cup group game against Germany on Saturday, after earlier being denied entry.

The Nice forward was reportedly, external arrested last month before the World Cup over alleged involvement in

spot-fixing in Ligue 1.

Wahi, 23 - who started Sunday's World Cup win over Ecuador - has been accused of deliberately earning a yellow card while playing for Nice against Metz in May.

Spot-fixing is the practice of deliberately affecting match incidents in a way that allows people to profit through betting markets.

A statement to The Athletic from the public prosecutor's office in Marseille confirmed a 23-year-old football player, competing in France's Ligue 1, was arrested, without naming Wahi.

On Wednesday, Ligue de Football (LFP) confirmed they had been alerted to "an unusually high volume of bets placed on a warning involving the player Elye Wahi".

The Ivory Coast's football federation (FIF) said it had not been told of any "judicial or administrative proceedings" against Wahi, but confirmed he had not been able to obtain authorisation to enter Canada.

However, FIF released an update later on Thursday confirming the player would be part of the travelling party for