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Editorial

Before You Take The Trail

The recent death of hiker Mr. Ziyuan Wang at Mount Liamuiga has sparked important national discussion about safety when venturing into nature. As a society, we have all grown up hearing the old saying that "an ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure." It is a simple phrase, but one that carries profound meaning, particularly in light of this tragic incident.


We extend sincere condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of Mr. Wang, a visiting cruise crew member whose life was cut short while exploring one of St. Kitts' most well-known natural landmarks. According to the police report, autopsy findings linked his death to injuries sustained after a fall from a significant height. What should have been a day of adventure, curiosity, and appreciation for nature instead ended in heartbreak.

Mount Liamuiga is a source of pride for our Federation. It attracts locals and visitors alike who wish to experience its beauty, challenge themselves physically, and enjoy the remarkable views that await at the summit. However, as beautiful as nature may be, it can also be challenging. Trails can be difficult to navigate, weather conditions can change rapidly, and unfamiliar terrain can quickly become dangerous, especially for those venturing alone.

In the days following this tragedy, much public discussion has centered on one recurring message: never hike alone. It is advice that may seem simple, yet it could very well save a life. Many experienced hikers will attest that even the most familiar trails can present unexpected challenges. A twisted ankle, sudden illness, wrong turn, or fall can quickly become a life-threatening situation when there is no one nearby to offer assistance or summon help.

There is also a growing view among many residents that more must be done to educate visitors before they venture into our forests and mountainous areas. Some locals believe that because St. Kitts is a relatively small island, visitors may mistakenly assume that it is impossible to become lost or disoriented. Unfortunately, nature does not measure risk by the size of a country.

Local Forest Ranger Jourdan Cassius recently raised a valuable point during an interview with this media house. He emphasized that promoting hiking safety should be a shared responsibility among all those

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THE BANK OF NEVIS LIMITED	Applicant
and	
LEONARD GRANT and MERVIN GRANT	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 <u>31st</u> day of <u>July</u> 2026 at <u>10:00</u> 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 <u>26th</u> day of <u>May</u> , 2026.	
<u>M. Flemming</u> REGISTRAR	

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who regularly interact with visitors.

"From tour guides, taxi drivers...everybody who has some kind of role in this should provide tips," he said.

That suggestion deserves serious consideration. Safety awareness should begin long before a hiker reaches the trailhead. Whether through tourism operators, transportation providers, hotels, cruise representatives, or community organizations, there are many opportunities to reinforce basic safety messages.

Cassius also suggested that having a designated person stationed at trailheads, particularly on days when

cruise ships are in port, could help provide guidance and prevent individuals from setting out alone. Such an initiative may prove worthwhile if it helps avert even one tragedy.

The beauty of Mount Liamuiga and our other natural attractions will continue to draw adventurers. Let us ensure, however, that safety remains at the forefront of every journey.

To every hiker, whether local or visitor, please take heed: go with a guide, go with a group and prepare properly. Some precautions may seem small at the start of a journey, but they can make all the difference in reaching home safely.

Traffic Adjusts As King Ellie Matt's Farewell Tribute Takes Him 'Down Fort Street'

By: Precious Mills

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Thursday 11th June 2026) - For a few memorable minutes on the morning of Thursday 11th June 2026, traffic patterns in Basseterre appeared to turn back the clock as the pre-funeral procession of calypso legend 73-year-old Elston 'King Ellie Matt' Nero made its celebrative and emotional journey through the capital, including going down Fort Street.

In a fitting tribute, sections of the city's normal traffic flow were temporarily adjusted to accommodate the procession, allowing fans, supporters and onlookers to line the streets and follow along in paying their final respects to 'the Maestro'.

The procession departed the Jenkins Funeral Home at Market Street before making its way left along Central Street, turning upward onto Church Street (which is a downward one-way street),

proceeding east along Cayon Street and then making its symbolic descent down Fort Street.

The modern day unusual sight of traffic flowing down the one-way street, as authorised by the traffic police, drew excitement from spectators and procession followers gathered along the route.

"Ellie Matt going down Fort Street like he crazy!" one excited supporter exclaimed while speaking on her cellphone, referencing the calypsonian's hit song 'Going Down Fort Street' as the hearse and accompanying vehicles made their way along the roadway.

Of note, chorus lyrics from that popular jam include " We going down Fort Street like we crazy, De music so sweet, we gone mad."

"I wanted to jam come down Fort Street!" said a female onlooker as she watched the procession pass by, in expressing that she was expecting a music and

dancing moment at that time.

For many older residents, the temporary traffic adjustment brought back memories of an earlier era in Basseterre's history when several streets, including Fort Street, accommodated two-way traffic. The sight of vehicles once again travelling in a direction that has long since become unfamiliar evoked a sense of nostalgia, serving as a reminder of how the capital's road network has evolved over the years. On this occasion, the brief return to a bygone traffic pattern marked respect for a man whose music and personality left an indelible mark on the nation's cultural landscape.

From Fort Street, the procession continued by turning left onto Bank Street before entering Newtown (via the South Independence Square Street route), the community that helped shape the man who would later become one of the Federation's most celebrated calypsonians.

As vehicles slowly moved through the streets of Newtown, classic King Ellie Matt songs blasted from car speakers, transforming the solemn procession into a nostalgic celebration of life. Older individuals could be seen singing along, dancing and reminiscing about the golden era of local calypso as familiar melodies echoed throughout the

community.

Tunes included 'Makazema', 'Sugar City Jamming', ' Going Down Fort Street' and ' I Love St.Kitts- Viva'.

A tribute stop in the community was at his old residence area by the breadfruit tree.

The procession later continued going along Pond Road before arriving at the Newtown Playing Field, where mourners assembled for a viewing ceremony ahead of the official funeral service.

Among the tributes delivered during the service were remarks from Deputy Prime Minister and Parliamentary Representative for East Basseterre, Dr. Geoffrey Hanley, whose message was presented via video as he was overseas on previously scheduled government business.

"It is with a profound sense of loss that I extend my heartfelt sympathies to the Nero family on the passing of Elliston 'King Ellie Matt' Nero of Newtown, an extraordinary cultural icon, cherished son of the soil and proud ambassador of East Basseterre," Hanley said.

"King Ellie Matt was far more than an acclaimed calypsonian. He was a gifted storyteller, a powerful voice of the people and an enduring symbol of community pride."

Hanley noted that beneath the famous breadfruit tree, Nero created a gathering place where "music, wisdom, humour and fellowship flourished."

"Through his presence and artistry, he brought people together and helped preserve the rich cultural heritage that defines us as a people," he added.

The Deputy Prime Minister further praised Nero's contribution to the development of calypso and national culture, noting that through his music he captured "the aspirations, struggles, triumphs and spirit of the people of St. Kitts and Nevis."

Prime Minister Dr. Terrance Drew also reflected on the enduring legacy of the calypso icon.

"We are here to give our love and respect not only to a man, but a movement that he led," Dr. Drew stated.

"And notice I say a movement



The national flag draped casket of the late Elston 'King Ellie Matt' Nero leaves the Jenkins Funeral Home, located on Market Street, being put inside the hearse on Thursday 11th June 2026 (Spokesman Newsroom)

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Rescue Team Officials Reveal Search for Missing Hiker Began With Little Information

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Thursday 11th June 2026)- Rescue officials involved in the search for missing hiker 33-year-old Wang Zuyan- who was found deceased- have revealed the challenge they faced in starting the operation with virtually no information about where the visitor might have been on Mount Liamuiga.

Speaking on the Fire and Rescue Services' 'Fire Talk' weekly programme on Tuesday 9th June 2026 aired live on ZIZ, Deputy Fire Chief Timothy Martin informed that search teams mobilized with a report that a man had entered the volcano trail alone and failed to return.

Of note, Zuyan was reported missing on Wednesday 27th May and his body was discovered on Monday 1st June. Police say following an autopsy conducted on 9th June, it was determined that the he "died as a result of injuries sustained in a fall from a significant height."

"On Wednesday 27th [May] we got a call about a missing hiker," Martin explained.

According to the Deputy Fire Chief, the alert came through the police after a taxi operator who had dropped off the visitor returned and discovered he had not come back.

Sadly we encountered a number of difficulties on this search. In past, we would have a general idea in terms of where someone is located so we have a specific area to start the search. This time around it was totally different where

we had no clue whatsoever as to where to start to look for the individual," Martin said. "All we had was the fact that the person went on the volcano trail and upon the taxi operator who dropped him off came back to check on him, he wasn't around."

"The police received a 911 call that that person was indeed lost in the mountains and that was all the information we had to go on."

Martin said the lack of information made the operation different from previous searches where rescuers typically have a general location from which to begin.

"Coming out of that we had to expand our normal search parameters and bring other persons into the mix in terms of searching for the gentleman," he commented.

Tour guide and hiker Janeel Boon, who was involved in the operation, said his role was to assist rescuers in navigating the terrain and identifying areas where

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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: 09th June, 2026

By Order

Andrew Greaves
Corporate Secretary



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FORM P7: ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

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SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

CLAIM NO: SKBHPB2026/00

Fees Paid:12.00

IN THE ESTATE OF JOSEPH ADOLPHUS GATON, LATE OF LOT NO. 118 FARMS MEADOWS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT, SANDY POINT, IN THE PARISH OF SAINT ANNE, IN THE ISLAND OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER

[SECOND PUBLICATION]

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF PROBATE

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **ELROY PEMBERTON**, of Farm Meadows, Sandy Point, in the Parish of St. Anne, in the Island of St. Kitts, for a Grant of Probate of the Will of Joseph Adolphus Gaton, who is one of two executors appointed pursuant to the Last Will and Testament of the deceased dated April 25, 2013, the deceased having died testate on April 22, 2024.

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

Dated: this 6th day of March, 2026

Chanté W.M. Francis

Kelsick, Wilkin and Ferdinand Law Firm (SKB)

Fred Kelsick Building

Independence Square South, Basseterre, St. Kitts

Email: law@kwfonline.com; telephone: (869) 465 2440

Case Number :SKBHPB2026/0065



THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

FEDERATION OF ST. CHRISTOPHER & NEVIS

SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

A.D. 2026

(PROBATE)

Submitted Date:08/06/2026 11:30

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Fees Paid:12.00

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 29th 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 20th 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

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a person could potentially become lost.

"I've guided tourists but never guided officers," he said, noting that he helped point out hazardous areas and terrain features during the operation.

Boon explained that after joining the search on the Friday morning, much of the effort involved analyzing the limited information available and using a process of elimination.

"Though I'm a tour guide, I come into this as a computer technician by profession," he said. "There are some critical thinking questions I need to ask and kind of narrow down some data."

To assist the operation, GIS (Geographic Information Systems) specialist Ayodele DeCosta of the Department of Physical Planning was brought onto the team to develop a more systematic search strategy.

"The fact that he's calling me, I know it is serious," he recalled after receiving a late-night call from Martin.

Since there were no GPS coordinates or confirmed sighting locations, DeCosta said a grid system was developed along and around the volcano trail.

"In brainstorming, we developed an idea of basically developing a grid... a train in terms of what is the normal trail path... and referenced the grid with letters and numbers..." he explained. "So when the guys go up they would communicate back to base camp to say, 'Yeah fellas, we cover grid L6, we cover M3'..."

As understood, the system allowed search leaders to track which sections of the mountain had already been searched and helped prevent teams from repeatedly covering the same ground.

DeCosta also provided GPS equipment that allowed searchers' movements to be mapped and overlaid onto the search grids.

He pointed out that the days of the search saw the rescue team looking from about "7am in the morning going on maybe 6, 7 in the evening."

On the topic of the GPS systems, Martin remarked: "It came in very handy; it was a source of encouragement for the guys knowing this is the area that we covered so then we could expand the search in certain areas. The Wednesday in question, when we went to look for the gentleman, it was already dark, so we basically just stuck to the trail going all the way to the top of course shouting the individual's name hoping that we would get a response. That was the initial attack on the mountain. The second day which was the Thursday, we kind of spanned off into the sides of the trail. However, that turned up nothing because we ended up spending around six days on that trail looking for the individual."

As gathered, a breakthrough eventually came after searchers began focusing on areas beyond the main trail.

Fire Officer Mervin Saddler Jr. commended DeCosta for making his work "easier" noting that normally such search operations would not take that long so basically it was a lot of back and forth and a lot of miles... we walked a lot of miles."

He highlighted that a key clue emerged after a simple question- on the Sunday of the search- was posed by Boon about where a person might go if they deviated from the established route.

"He just asked that simple question... opened up the whole case," he said.

Searchers thereafter followed another trail where signs of recent human activity were observed.

"We saw some signs, made a mark... Mr. DeCosta showed me, basically when we came down where I was, and I said... tomorrow this is where we [are] going," Saddler explained.

The following day, teams returned to the area and located Wang, unfortunately deceased.

Saddler said that next day's mission "That day didn't even last long... We basically reached the top of the hill... and in 20 minutes the mission was over."

Boon pointed out that the terrain around Mount Liamuiga includes drop-offs and cliff areas.

Martin spoke about the importance of search operations to "go beyond what is normal to find what you're looking for or who you're

looking for."

Throughout the discussion, rescue officials repeatedly stressed the importance of using qualified guides when hiking.

"Make sure that they have a guide, someone who knows the terrain," Substation Fire Officer Pablo Gumbs advised. "You got to make sure that this must be paramount, safety."

The Chief Fire Officer expressed gratitude to the Police, Defence Force, Ministry of Tourism, Red Cross, local hikers, the Department of Physical Planning, Ross University (K9 Unit support), Kittitian Hill (search operation base) and other partners who assisted in the multi-day search operation.

He also reiterated the message officials hope the public takes away from the tragedy.

"If you have to go into the mountains for any reason, walk with a qualified guide. Don't just go up on your own because you do not know what could happen. You could injure yourself, you're at a point where you don't have any cell service, and so you're not able to call anyone then nobody knows where you are", Martin said.

At the start of the programme, the Deputy Fire Chief said that the week's talk about "a very serious topic. This topic is about persons going into the trails whether it's the volcano trails or any other hiking trails that we have on the island and going without a guide."

Front Page Image: Deputy Fire Chief Timothy Martin speaking on the Fire and Rescue Services' 'Fire Talk' weekly programme on Tuesday 9th June 2026 aired live on ZIZ (Screenshot via Youtube/ ZIZOnline.com)



**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 13th day of December 2025.

Dated the 28th day of May 2026

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

Prime Minister Drew Salutes Defence Force as New Combat Uniform Debuts

Basseterre, Saint Kitts, June 10, 2026 (PMO) — Prime Minister and Minister of National Security, Hon. Dr. Terrance Drew, today, June 10, commended the men and women of the St. Kitts-Nevis Defence Force (SKNDF) as they officially unveiled their new combat uniform during a ceremonial march through the streets of Basseterre.

Addressing soldiers, senior officers and members of the public gathered for the occasion, Prime Minister Drew described the new uniform as more than a change in appearance, emphasizing that it symbolizes both the Government's commitment to the Defence Force and the Force's enduring commitment to the people of St. Kitts and

Nevis.

"Today you look sharp, sharper, and stronger, your uniform is designed for real work, the real work that you do on our land, in our waters, through whatever weather this region our nation faces," the Prime Minister stated.

He added that while many may view the uniform simply as a new set of clothes, it carries much deeper meaning for those who wear it and the nation they serve. "It is a commitment our Federation makes to you, and a commitment you make to your federation."

Prime Minister Drew praised members of the Defence Force for

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SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT
A. D. 2026
(PROBATE)

Submitted Date:08/06/2026 14:23

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Fees Paid:52.00

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 27th day of August, 2025 without revoking a Will bearing the date of 22nd 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 26th 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

Case Number :SKBHPB2025/0122



THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
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ST. CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT
A.D. 2025
(PROBATE)

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SKBHPB2025/0122

In the estate of **YVETTE TAYLOR** late of
#52 College Street, St. Kitts, Deceased.

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Merchant and Associates on behalf of **LIONEL SYDNEY OSBORNE** of Boyd's, St. Kitts, for letters of Administration of the above deceased who died on 19th day of April, 2023, wherein the applicant is the brother of the deceased. Any person having an objection to the Grant of letters of Administration with the application shall file an objection within fourteen (14) days of the second publication of this Notice.

Dated this 25th day of September, 2025.

Merchant and Associates

Solicitors for the Administration of the Estate of **YVETTE TAYLOR**

Filed by: **Dennis Merchant**
Merchant & Associates Law Office
#28 Shear Lane
Basseterre
St. Kitts
Solicitor for the Intended Administrators

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embodying the values of discipline, sacrifice and patriotism, noting that they

continue to place service to country above personal interest.

The Prime Minister further highlighted the many responsibilities carried out by the

Defence Force, including protecting the nation's borders, supporting disaster response efforts, assisting with national emergencies and contributing to public safety and security.

The Prime Minister concluded by encouraging citizens to honour and support the members of the Defence Force whose service helps safeguard the Federation's peace, security and democratic traditions.



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FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT
TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT CAP. 10.19
A.D. 2026
CLAIM NO.: SKBLRD2026/0016



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

and

In the Matter of an Application on behalf of **UDEEN NERISSIA JOSEPH**, for a Replacement of a Lost Certificate of Title recorded in Register **Book Y3 Folio 502** of the Register of Titles for the Island of Saint Christopher.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR REPLACEMENT OF LOST CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

It is hereby notified that an Application has been made to the Registrar of Titles in Chambers for an Order for the issue of a new Certificate of Title in lieu of Lost Certificate of Title dated the 18th day of September, 2025 and recorded in Register **Book Y3 Folio 5025** of the Register of Titles for St. Christopher Circuit in favour of **UDEEN NERISSIA JOSEPH** of St. Kitts but currently residing in Manhattan, New York, the land contained in said Certificate of title being of **All THAT** lot piece or parcel of land known as **Lot No. 35 of Parry Housing Extension Phase II, in the Island of St Christopher and bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say: On or towards the North by Lot No. 37, 50.02 feet and Lot No. 36, 50.08 feet; On or towards the East by a Development Road, 31.15 feet and 18.94 feet; On or towards the South by Lot No. 33, 99.85 feet and On or towards the West by Lot No. 34 49.97 feet and containing by admeasurement 4,993 square feet all as the same is delineated and set forth on the plan made by Calvin Esdaille then copied by James Buchanan Land Licensed Surveyor dated 15 day of March, 2025.**

Any person knowing the whereabouts or having any information concerning the said duplicate Certificate of Title which may lead to its recovery is requested to notify the Registrar of Titles at the Registrar's Office, at the Registrar's Office, Independence House, North Independence Square Street, Basseterre, St. Kitts or Dr. Dennis Merchant, Merchant and Associates Law Office, 28 Shearlane, Basseterre, St. Kitts at telephone No. 466-9853 or 465-5504.

Dated the 26th day of March, 2026

Dennis Merchant
Merchant & Associates
Solicitor for the Applicant



FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
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TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT CAP. 10.19
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CLAIM NO.: SKBLRD2026/0028

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

and

In the Matter of an Application on behalf of **CHARLES ST. CLAIR MAYNARD**, for a Replacement of a Lost Certificate of Title recorded in Register **Book A2 Folio 2** of the Register of Titles for the Island of Saint Christopher.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR REPLACEMENT OF LOST CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

It is hereby notified that an Application has been made to the Registrar of Titles in Chambers for an Order for the issue of a new Certificate of Title in lieu of Lost Certificate of Title dated the 5th day of March, 1975 and recorded in Register **Book A2 Folio 2** of the Register of Titles for St. Christopher Circuit in favour of **CHARLES ST. CLAIR MAYNARD** late of Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, the land contained in said Certificate of title being of Lot piece or parcel of land known as **Lot No. 3 of Monkey Hill Housing Development, in the Parish of St. Peter, in the Island of Saint Christopher and bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say: On or towards the North-East by Lot No. 4, 99.7 feet; On or towards the South East by lands of the Central Housing Authority, 50.0 feet; On or towards the South- West by Lot No. 2, 99.9 feet and On or towards the North- West by a Public Road, 49.8 feet and containing by admeasurement 4,985.0 square feet all as the same is delineated and set forth on the plan made by T. R. Molyneux and copied by Calvin Esdaille Land Licensed Surveyor dated 10th of April, 2026.**

Any person knowing the whereabouts or having any information concerning the said duplicate Certificate of Title which may lead to its recovery is requested to notify the Registrar of Titles at the Registrar's Office, at the Registrar's Office, Independence House, North Independence Square Street, Basseterre, St. Kitts or Dr. Dennis Merchant, Merchant and Associates Law Office, 28 Shearlane, Basseterre, St. Kitts at telephone No. 466-9853 or 465-5504.

Dated the 10th day of April, 2026

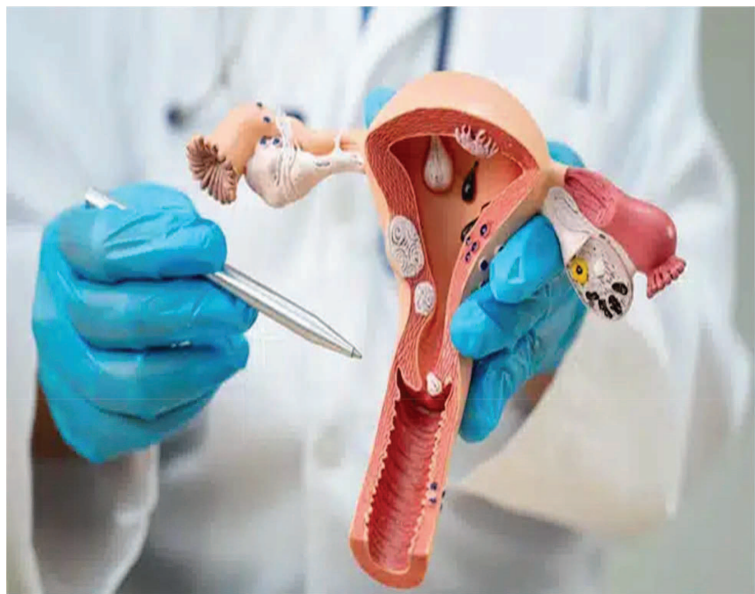
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New less invasive treatments expand care options for women with endometriosis and fibroids

- **Advances in gynecology are broadening treatment options, supporting recovery, and helping preserve fertility for many patients.**

June 2026 — Endometriosis and uterine fibroids are two of the most common gynecological conditions. While they have important differences, they also have things in common. Both can lead to serious complications, affect fertility and have symptoms related to the menstrual cycle. And both are the focus of medical innovations to give women better treatment options, explains Megan Wasson, D.O., a gynecologist and chair of gynecology at Mayo Clinic in Arizona.

"They're both relatively common," Dr. Wasson says. "There can be some overlapping symptoms, but the majority of symptoms vary and the diseases progress differently. Fibroids and endometriosis can run in families. Neither condition is preventable."



Fibroids

Fibroids grow in the uterus. They are almost always noncancerous. You can have one or more. A fibroid may be too small to see with the eyes alone or it can grow as big as a grapefruit or larger, even filling the pelvis or stomach area and making someone appear pregnant.

"These are not just little inconveniences. These are very large, very significant masses and they can really impact quality of life," Dr. Wasson says.

Many people do not experience symptoms and only learn they have fibroids due to a pelvic exam or ultrasound. Others may have symptoms such as heavy, painful, longer or more frequent periods; pain in the pelvis, stomach area or lower back; frequent or difficult urination; constipation; or pain during sex.

"When fibroids become very enlarged, you can actually feel them through the abdominal wall. You can get to the point that your pants do not fit, you have significant abdominal bloating, and the fibroids are pushing on other organs such as the bladder, causing you to have to go to the bathroom all the time, among other symptoms," Dr. Wasson explains. "You can have constipation

because the fibroids are pushing on the bowel and not allowing things to move."

In the past, women whose fibroids were problematic were commonly told that a hysterectomy — surgery that removes the uterus, also ending the ability to become pregnant — was the only treatment option.

Now, medical advances are minimizing the impact of fibroid removal surgery on patients, often preserving the uterus and fertility, Dr. Wasson says. Other fibroid treatment options include medications that shrink fibroids and procedures that do not require surgery, she adds.

For example, interventional radiologists can perform a uterine fibroid embolization to block the blood supply to fibroids, causing them to shrink. Patients can usually leave the same day. Reducing the size and alleviating symptoms can help significantly, Dr. Wasson explains.

Other minimally invasive procedures include radiofrequency ablation, which uses energy to cause fibroids to die. Minimally invasive surgeries include a robotic or laparoscopic myomectomy, a surgery to remove the fibroids and leave the uterus in place.

Endometriosis

In endometriosis, tissue similar to the inner lining of the uterus grows outside the uterus. Common symptoms are pelvic pain and cramping, including during menstruation; heavy periods or bleeding between periods; and pain during sex, bowel movements or

urination. Sometimes people with endometriosis do not have symptoms and only learn they have it when they have difficulty becoming pregnant or they have surgery for another reason.

"Endometriosis symptoms usually start much earlier in life than fibroids," Dr. Wasson says. "Endometriosis increases the risk for ovarian cancer. It can also cause infertility."

Treatment for endometriosis often involves medication or surgery. Conservative surgery removes endometriosis tissue while aiming to preserve the uterus and ovaries and protect fertility. This surgery may be minimally invasive, using a laparoscope and a small cut. Sometimes a laparoscopic

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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

Fees Paid:12.00
- Claimant

-Defendant

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 9:00 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 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 6th 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 28th day of April 2026



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Registrar of the Supreme Court



World Oceans Day 2026: Reimagining the Future of the OECS through the Blue Economy

11/06/2026

Every year on World Oceans Day, global conversations naturally turn toward coastal and marine conservation, beach cleanups, and protecting endangered marine species. However, for the Small Island Developing States (SIDS) within the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS), the ocean is not just a beautiful backdrop or an environmental asset to preserve from afar, it is the anchor of survival and identity.

The OECS Regional Grouping of 12 countries in the Eastern Caribbean encompasses more than 1.4 million residents, with fundamentally oceanic lives, cultures, and futures. However, the dangers of marine pollution, habitat degradation and overfishing, exacerbated by climate change, are placing unprecedented pressures on the marine ecosystems that sustain the region. Reimagining the future means moving away from destructive development practices and consumer habits and shifting the focus to sustainable stewardship.

Under the World Bank funded Unleashing the Blue Economy of the Caribbean (UBEC) series of projects, regional policies and targeted financial interventions have been revised or developed, and are being implemented to build a resilient, equitable, and thriving Blue Economy. These interventions are centred around three core areas:

- Fisheries and Aquaculture
- Marine & Coastal Tourism
- Waste Management

In the Fisheries and Aquaculture sector, the UBEC series of projects has facilitated the development of the OECS Fisheries Strategic Action Plan (2025–2030). This plan addresses root causes of persistent challenges in the sector, such as under-resourcing of fisheries management, weak monitoring and surveillance and entry restrictions. It also builds upon a rigorous diagnosis of the drivers of Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) fishing conducted by the Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism (CRFM).

In the area of Marine and Coastal Tourism, a thorough update of the OECS Common Tourism Policy (2011) was conducted, resulting in a revised OECS Common Tourism Policy (2025–2035). The revised Policy was formally endorsed by the Council of Ministers for Tourism in 2025. This action reflects a renewed commitment by the region to collaboratively nurture and advance tourism that supports its vision for a better quality of life for its people and to positively impact livelihoods across the OECS. The Eastern Caribbean is among the most tourism-dependent regions globally; therefore, coastline protection is an economic imperative. Unchecked coastal development and heavy visitor footprints have historically degraded the very coral reefs and beaches that attract visitors.

Regarding Waste Management, the future cannot be reimagined without addressing the land-based pollution killing marine life, coral reefs and seagrass beds. A comprehensive assessment of waste business opportunities was conducted to support an integrated waste management system in

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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, Fortlands, Basseterre, St Kitts, on the 25th day of **June, 2026** at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

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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 24th day of April 2026

Registrar of the Supreme Court

World Oceans Day 2026: Reimagining the Future of the OECS through the Blue Economy

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the OECS. By developing business models and identifying commercial applications for green waste, plastics, end of life vehicles and tyres, the region is working to transition to a circular economy, thereby intercepting land-based pollution before reaching the coast.

A strategy is only as powerful as its implementation. As a result, these policy-centric interventions are aligned with the provision of direct support to OECS citizens operating in the blue economy, specifically benefitting Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in Grenada, Saint Lucia, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. Across the three countries, targeted matching grants, technical training, and improved access to finance are empowering OECS entrepreneurs to adopt sustainable practices. Whether helping a fisher invest in climate-smart equipment, assisting a tour operator in transitioning to low-impact operations, or supporting a waste-to-value business, the UBEC series of projects is actively building the regional blue economy from the ground up.

This World Oceans Day, the OECS Commission urges a collective reimagining of the ocean and the future, moving past the false dichotomy between economic survival and environmental conservation. The long-term success and stability of regional fisheries, marine tourism, and waste mitigation systems are inherently linked; therefore, coordinated cross-sector management is essential. Embracing this new relationship requires a commitment to strong marine protected areas for a blue planet, ensuring these shared waters remain resilient, productive, and thriving for generations to come. True progress lies in recognising that the sea does not separate the Eastern Caribbean islands but connects their shared potential.

New less invasive treatments expand care options for women with endometriosis and fibroids

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surgery is done with help from robotic devices.

Dr. Wasson is working with a Mayo research team to create a vaccine to prevent endometriosis. She and Mayo colleagues are also exploring ways to make endometriosis easier to detect with medical imaging. Potentially, a molecule could be given during imaging that causes endometriosis to light up, making it easy to see endometriosis tissue, Dr. Wasson explains.

To help detect endometriosis or fibroids as early as possible, Dr. Wasson recommends that, from the time menstrual cycles start, girls and women pay attention to any irregularities, such as unusually heavy periods, abnormally long or short cycles, missing periods, or symptoms such as pain with periods.

"Your period should be no more than a minor inconvenience," she adds. "If you're missing work, school and other activities, if you're staying in bed because you're having your period, that's not normal. If there are any symptoms causing you to change anything in your life, that warrants a conversation with your healthcare professional. Don't assume a change is normal or is just something you should deal with."



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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

- Applicant

and

GLORIA JEAN PEREIRA

-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 3:15 o'clock in the afternoon.

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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



Nevis' Leadership in Renewable Energy Transition Highlighted at National Roadmap

NIA CHARLESTOWN, NEVIS (June 08, 2026) – Nevis played a prominent role in advancing the Federation's sustainable energy agenda during the Kick-Off Meeting for the 100% Renewable Energy Transition Roadmap for St. Kitts and Nevis, held at the Marriott Resort from June 03 to 04, 2026.

The workshop, implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in collaboration with the Greening The Islands Foundation (GTI), brought together government representatives, utility companies, technical experts, and international partners to establish a strategic framework for achieving a full transition to renewable energy across the Federation.

Head of the Nevis Electricity Company Limited (NEVLEC) delegation to the event, General Manager Mr. Nelson Stapleton delivered opening remarks on the first day of the workshop, emphasizing the critical role renewable energy will play in strengthening the national economy and enhancing energy security.

Mr. Stapleton affirmed NEVLEC's commitment to supporting the development of the national roadmap and highlighted the company's geothermal energy project as a transformative initiative with the potential to significantly advance the Federation's renewable energy ambitions.

He underscored that resilience must remain at the centre of the energy transition process, noting that the roadmap provides an important opportunity to build a sustainable and reliable energy future for generations to come.

During the workshop, NEVLEC Project Coordinator Mr. Naftalie Errar presented updates on the company's geothermal development programme and related renewable energy initiatives. His presentation showcased Nevis' ongoing efforts to harness its geothermal resources and demonstrated the island's pivotal role in the Federation's transition to clean energy.

The second day of discussions focused on technical aspects of the energy transition. Mr. Stapleton joined officials from the St. Kitts Electricity Company Limited (SKELEC) to provide an overview of the Federation's electricity infrastructure, planned upgrades, and grid integration challenges associated with increasing renewable energy generation.

NEVLEC's contributions were central to discussions on how geothermal energy can complement



NEVLEC Project Coordinator Mr. Naftalie Errar (c) participating in the 100% Renewable Energy Transition Roadmap for St. Kitts and Nevis on June 03, 2026



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 16th 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 30th 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



Key considers imposing alcohol ban on England team

'Hard to defend' Stokes and Atkinson, says Rob Key

By Stephan Shemilt
Cricket Correspondent at The Oval
Published BBC Sport

Director of cricket Rob Key is considering imposing an alcohol ban on the England team and has given no assurances Ben Stokes will remain Test captain.

All-rounder Stokes and pace bowler Gus Atkinson will not play in the second Test against New Zealand after being involved in an incident in a London nightclub in the early hours of Monday

morning.

It is the latest alcohol-related controversy to hit the England team in the past six months. Six of the XI who played in the first-Test win over the Black Caps at Lord's have been caught in late-night misdemeanours.

Following allegations of a drinking culture that dogged the winter, England introduced a midnight curfew, which was broken by Stokes and Atkinson.

And Key admitted he may need to take further steps for England to regain the trust of the public.

"Do we need to look at have we been strict enough?" said Key. "Even when they win a game of cricket, is it now a

time when there's just no alcohol at any time and at any stage?

"I need to think through these things because I don't want to make a rash decision that hinders the team and creates a situation where they don't feel they can do anything.

"But the players now have to show the public they can be trusted. At this point it's hard to say they can."

TMS Podcast: No assurances Stokes retains captaincy, says Key

Stokes and Atkinson are the subject of an investigation by the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) and have been made unavailable for at least the second Test, which begins on 17 June, pending the results of the inquiry.

In a statement released on Monday, the ECB revealed the pair had broken the curfew. It later emerged that 35-year-old Stokes and Atkinson, 28, were present when a member of the England security staff was struck by Saracens rugby player Toota Auvaa. The member of security was left bloodied and required medical attention.

Key confirmed the curfew is in place throughout the series against New Zealand and also revealed Atkinson claimed not to know it was in operation when the first Test concluded on Sunday.

Asked by BBC Sport if he felt Stokes could resign the captaincy and retire from playing, Key said: "He has not intimated that to me."

On whether Stokes will play for England again, Key responded: "I don't see why not."

But on if Stokes will resume the captaincy, a position he has held since 2022, Key offered no guarantees.

"There are a lot of things to happen before then," said Key. "We've got to run the investigation, find out what happened exactly. We're in the midst of that at the moment. No decisions will be made until after that."

Pressed on the subject, Key replied: "We just have to let this play out. No decisions have been made on our side.

"We've not given him an ultimatum, we're just speaking to him all the time to make sure that he is alright. It's obviously been a traumatic time for him over the last few days. When things are like that you don't want to make any decisions. Time is our ally in this."

Harry Brook is Stokes' vice-captain in the Test team, yet the captaincy has been passed to Joe Root for the second Test beginning on Wednesday.

Brook, 27, was involved in a nightclub controversy of his own when he was punched by a bouncer in Wellington in October, the night before leading England in a one-day international against New Zealand.

And although Key said there were "many reasons" why Brook had not been chosen to skipper in the second Test, the former Kent batter admitted it would have been "pretty hard" to make Brook captain considering what happened in

Wellington.

"That would be one of them," said Key, when asked if Wellington was a reason for Brook not to be elevated to Test captain. "That's not the main reason, that's for sure.

"I just don't feel it is the right time. That's a decision we came to. The Test captaincy is a massive job, even in an interim basis, especially going into this next Test match and everything Harry would have to deal with."

The scrutiny of England's off-field activities during the winter was compounded by some dreadful performances on the field in a 4-1 Ashes series defeat.

The ECB conducted a review into the tour of Australia, and opted to keep Key, Stokes and head coach Brendon McCullum in their posts.

Stokes' record as captain - 24 wins from 43 matches - gives him the best success rate of any skipper since 1981, but the constant stream of controversy is overshadowing his reign and at risk of damaging the reputation of the game in this country.

Key denied this England team have become a "national embarrassment".

Stokes and McCullum are two of the most successful coach and captain partnership we've had," said Key. "This is one of the more successful England teams and that's what I like to reflect on.

"No, I don't think they've become a national embarrassment."

The defeat of New Zealand at Lord's was a small step in the right direction for England following the Ashes defeat.

Yet, once again, Key has been left to explain the actions of his players.

Key, who played 15 Tests for England, said news of this latest indiscretion left him with a "sinking feeling, then anger, then disbelief".

And he said he shares the frustration of any supporters who have grown tired of the behaviour of the England team.

"I can understand how they feel, because that is exactly how I feel with this situation," said Key. "Here I am again talking about this. That is incredibly frustrating, so I can only imagine how they feel.

"There is so much work that Ben and myself have put in, so much time spent on the phone - I think the overriding thing was shock that it was Ben involved in this.

"All the things that we have been working on, every single thing, whether it's within the dressing room, within that side, all the work we've tried to do to reconnect the game - it feels like we've just been smashed in the face with that.

"When you look at what has happened it is hard to defend anything that has gone on at the moment. I believe that we are on the right path, and that is really hard for me to be able to prove. We will be judged by our actions going forward, as we are being judged now."

Nevis' Leadership in Renewable Energy

Transition...

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solar and wind projects while maintaining grid stability and ensuring a reliable supply of electricity.

The workshop concluded with agreement on the next steps for developing the roadmap, including

governance arrangements, stakeholder responsibilities, and the overall implementation process.

NEVLEC's active role in the Renewable Energy Transition Roadmap underscores Nevis' commitment to advancing geothermal energy and supporting the Federation's goal of a resilient, secure, and sustainable renewable energy future.



Nevis Electricity Company Limited (NEVLEC) General Manager Mr. Nelson Stapleton delivering opening remarks at the 100% Renewable Energy Transition Roadmap for St. Kitts and Nevis on June 03, 2026

Photo:



President's Cup and 2026 Elvis Star Browne Women's League Set to Kick Off

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts — Excitement is reaching a fever pitch as women's football makes its highly anticipated return this month. The thrilling action begins with the staging of the President's Cup on June 14, followed by the official start of the 2026 Elvis Star Browne Women's League on June 20.

Head of Women's Football, Kalia Huggins, noted that enthusiasm is building rapidly among the participating teams as they fine-tune their preparations for the upcoming season, including the defending league champions, Mapau Cayon

Rockettes.

"Cayon is ready to defend their title. And I know (Old Road) is not going to back down because I'm sure the females are coming out to see if they can do something similar to what the male (team) did. (Old Road) is on a rampage right now trying to capture all titles, but I'm thinking that Cayon...(are) ready to come out and defend this title. So, I'm looking forward to the hype around the President's Cup," Huggins said.

All matches this season will be played at the National Bank Group Technical Center. Huggins is making a passionate appeal to football enthusiasts and the wider public to fill the stands and show their solidarity with the athletes.

"The females are ready to come on out and do their best and just play their hearts out ... the games will be streaming. So, you can definitely just log on and look at the game. But trust me, it feels better; the support is better when you're in the stands cheering for your team. So, I'm asking everybody to come on out," she said. "Rally behind Cayon. Rally behind OR. Rally behind your team... So, we're definitely encouraging everyone to come on out, just relax, have fun and come and cheer for your team."

Opening Match Schedule

The season officially roars to life with the President's Cup on Sunday, June 14 at 6:00 p.m., featuring a blockbuster showdown between defending champions Mapau Cayon Rockettes and MFCR Old Road United Lady Jets.

The official Elvis Star Browne Women's League action follows less than a week later:

Date	Time	Matchup
Saturday, June 20	Double-Header	Hector and Associates Hotspring Bath United vs. Security Forces United
Saturday, June 20	7:00 p.m.	Mapau Cayon Rockettes (Defending Champions) vs. S.L. Horsford St. Paul's United Sparks (Newcomers)
Sunday, June 21	6:00 p.m.	Honda Newtown United vs. MFCR Old Road United Lady Jets

Fans are encouraged to mark their calendars, bring their team colors, and witness the incredible talent and passion of women's football firsthand.

SKNFA Safeguarding And First Aid Training Hailed A Success

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts — The St. Kitts and Nevis Football Association (SKNFA), in a vital partnership with the St. Kitts and Nevis Red Cross, recently hosted an intensive Safeguarding and First Aid Training session on Friday June 5, 2026. The initiative provided women involved in football across the Federation with the essential knowledge and practical skills required to ensure player safety and well-being.

The training brought together a diverse group of coaches, players, team officials, and stakeholders. The session focused on equipping these leaders with the tools to create safer sporting environments and improve emergency response protocols both on and off the field.

Vercelette Molyneaux, facilitator from the St. Kitts and Nevis Red Cross, highlighted that first aid extends beyond physical treatment to include emotional stability during a crisis. "First Aid is imminent help provided to a sick or injured person until professional help arrives. It is concerned not only with the physical injury or the illness of the person but it also includes psychosocial support. Some persons when they get in accidents—or even if it didn't happen

to them but they see it happen—they start to get a lot of emotions," Molyneaux explained.

HANDS-ON PREPAREDNESS AND LEADERSHIP

The workshop moved beyond theory, engaging participants in rigorous practical exercises. Attendees received hands-on instruction in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and other life-saving techniques critical for match-day emergencies.

SKNFA Technical Director Giba Damiano also addressed the session, linking medical preparedness to the broader responsibility of leadership within the sport. He challenged coaches and administrators to foster inclusive and supportive environments for the next generation of female athletes.

"When we talk about coaches, there are three things that we need to think about. One is leadership. We need to make sure that we cover a few things with regards to how a leader should behave, because there are good leaders and bad leaders," Damiano noted.

BUILDING A STRONGER FOUNDATION FOR 2026

Kalia Huggins, Head of Women's Football at the SKNFA, expressed her

gratitude to the participants, urging them to remain active pillars in the development of the women's game.

This safeguarding workshop was a cornerstone of a weekend-long developmental program designed to strengthen the infrastructure of the women's game. These efforts serve as the final preparation phase for the highly anticipated 2026 Elvis Star Browne Women's League, which is set to kick off later this month.



Some of the participants in the SKNFA Safeguarding and First Aid Training Workshop at the National Bank Group Technical Center being trained in CPR.



SKNFA Technical Director Giba Damiano during his presentation at the training workshop on Friday June 5, 2026 at the National Bank Group Technical Center.

Traffic Adjusts As King Ellie Matt's Farewell Tribute Takes Him 'Down Fort Street'

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because a man has left us, but a movement that he helped to establish remains with us. A man who was held a microphone but the movement which he helped to lead held the people together."

Referencing one of the late calypsonian's best-known songs 'Good Enough For Me', the Prime Minister recalled the lyrics: "St. Kitts is me borning land, I say. So St. Kitts is me borning land, I say. I got to make it any way. Then if St. Kitts is good..."

He described the lyrics as "powerful words from a lyricist who embodied the essence of his people and through his artform, he represented all of us and expressed all of our sentiments as a people. This is a declaration reminding us Kittitians and Nevisians that the ground beneath our feet is sacred ground worthy of a man's entire life."

The Prime Minister noted that Nero chose to dedicate his talents to uplifting St. Kitts and Nevis on stages across the region and internationally.

"He chose us, his own people," Dr. Drew said. "St. Kitts and Nevis is the subject of his life's work."

King Ellie Matt was laid to rest at the Springfield Cemetery in Basseterre, and a celebrative procession of music and dancing was a highlight en route to the burial ground in celebration of the music icon.

As family members, friends, government officials, fellow calypsonians, fans, music lovers and ordinary citizens gathered to celebrate the life and times of King Ellie Matt, such serves as a reminder that the music, memories and cultural legacy he leaves behind will continue to resonate for generations to come.



Section of onlookers gather outside Jenkins Funeral Home on Thursday 11th June 2026 to see the start of the pre-funeral procession of the late calypso legend Elston 'King Ellie Matt' Nero (Spokesman Snap)

Front Page Image: For a few memorable minutes on the morning of Thursday 11th June 2026, traffic patterns in Basseterre appeared to turn back the clock as the pre-funeral procession of calypso legend 73-year-old Elston 'King Ellie Matt' Nero made its celebrative and emotional journey through the capital, including going down fort street in tribute to his hit song 'Going Down Fort Street'. (Spokesman Snap)
Inset: photo of the deceased

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Bangladesh claim first ODI series win over Australia



Bangladesh's Towhid Hridoy (L) and captain Mehidy Hasan Miraz (C) celebrate their team's win at the end of the second one-day international (ODI) cricket match between Bangladesh and Australia at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Dhaka. Image source, Getty Images. Bangladesh have now won an ODI and T20 series against Australia, but are yet to win a Test series.

By Callum Matthews
BBC Sport senior journalist

Second one-day international, Mirpur

Australia 187-8 (42 overs): Labuschagne 55*;
Mustafizur 3-27

Bangladesh 195-5 (35 overs): Soumya 42, Shanto 41

Bangladesh won by five wickets (DLS method); lead series 2-0

Bangladesh claimed their first one-day international series win against Australia with a five-wicket victory in the second game in Mirpur.

The hosts, who won their first 50-over match against Australia in 21 years in the series opener, had lost all four of their previous ODI series against the six-time World Cup winners 3-0.

their T20 triumph in 2021.

Chasing a revised 192 in 41 overs after the Australia innings was halted by rain, Bangladesh lost opener Tanzid Hasan Tamim for a duck in the first over.

Soumya Sarkar (42) and Najmul Hossain Shanto (41) put on 86 for the second wicket but both fell in quick succession to leave the hosts 98-3.

However, they got over the line with six overs to spare, with Tawhid Hridoy making an unbeaten 40 and captain Mehidy Hasan Miraz 22 not out.

Mehidy was hit by a bouncer from Nathan Ellis and needed treatment but continued to bat despite a stretcher being called for.

Australia - who are without key players including Mitch Marsh, Travis Head, Pat Cummins and Josh Hazlewood - had earlier posted 187-8 in 42 overs before the rain arrived.

They were reduced to 0-3 inside two overs - just the fourth instance in 4,975 men's ODIs of a side losing three wickets for no runs - before stand-in captain Josh Inglis made 34.

Their only previous match win was in a tri-series with England in 2005, but back-to-back victories means a first ODI series success to add to

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Marnus Labuschagne added an unbeaten 55 and shared a seventh-wicket stand of 103 with Xavier Bartlett (52), but the latter and Adam Zampa fell just before the rain to reduce the target Bangladesh required on the DLS method.

The final game in the three-match series takes place in Mirpur on Sunday from 06:00 BST.

The series could be significant for England and qualification for the 2027 World Cup.

England are eighth in the International Cricket Council one-day rankings, Bangladesh ninth and West Indies 10th.

Only the top nine teams in September qualify directly for the World Cup, and England face the tough challenge of India in their next one-day series in July.

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Signed: I. Richards

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World Cup expected to be the biggest betting event in history

Francisco Velasquez - Business Reporter
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Getty Images A Photo of the FIFA World Cup 2026 logo in white letters which features a gold soccer trophy with emerald green accents near the bottom against a blue flag backdrop and a baby blue sky. Getty Images

The Fifa Men's World Cup is set to be the biggest betting event of all time, with more than \$50bn (£37.4bn) in wagers placed globally.

The tournament will see punters place bets worth around \$500m per match, according to a forecast by financial services firm Macquarie.

The expected \$50bn total would be a major increase from the \$35bn of wagers placed during the 2022 World Cup, which was held in Qatar.

Gambling awareness groups warned that those betting during the World Cup risk being encouraged to try more addictive forms of betting, but the UK betting industry body said regulated firms had many measures in place to protect consumers.

Macquarie analyst Chad Benyon said the expected surge in gambling revenue is primarily due to an expansion of the number of teams at this year's tournament, from 32 to 48.

As a result, there will be more than 100 matches over the six-week schedule, compared with the 64 played in Qatar in 2022.

The favourable time zones of hosts the US, Canada and Mexico will also boost global viewership, Benyon added, fuelling demand among punters in Europe, Latin America and Africa.

Another driver of the increase is the growing sports betting market in the US, with around 65% of the population now able to gamble on sports, up from 40% in 2022.

It means this is the first World Cup on which a majority of the US can place bets.

But Benyon warned the tournament could be a flash in the pan for betting giants if they cannot convert one-off punters into "repeat, multi-sport bettors". He added that those with casino platforms on their website stand to benefit most from the surge.

Les Bernal, national director of Stop Predatory Gambling, warned that "hundreds of thousands of people across the world, especially young men, will suffer life-changing debt and financial distress" because of gambling during the World Cup games.

Bernal said: "99 out of 100 sports bettors lose money in the long-term... the business model for commercialised sport gambling operators is completely based upon the people who have been turned into addicted gamblers, an addiction that causes victims to die by suicide at a rate unlike any other."

He called for politicians globally to act to curtail addictive forms of gambling and prevent consumers being "fleeced" during the World Cup.

UK-based gambling reform campaigner Matt Zarb-Cousin said punters betting on the World Cup will be "cross-promoted more addictive casino content".

SKNABA Names Team for The Alliance: Hoops & Heritage – FIBA 3x3 Lite Quest

The St. Kitts-Nevis Amateur Basketball Association (SKNABA) is pleased to announce the delegation selected to represent the Federation at The Alliance: Hoops & Heritage – FIBA 3x3 Lite Quest, scheduled to take place in St. Eustatius from June 12–15, 2026. Representing St. Kitts and Nevis will be:

- * Cecil Angel
- * Daivique Osbourne
- * Tyquan Rogers
- * Makari Gumbs

The team will be led by Coach/Manager Wendell Pemberton.

The athletes were selected following a series of national 3x3 training sessions and will have the opportunity to compete against some of the region's top talent in the exciting and rapidly growing discipline of 3x3 basketball.

Participating teams are expected from:

- * Anguilla
- * Aruba
- * Saba
- * St. Eustatius
- * St. Kitts and Nevis
- * St. Maarten
- * Suriname

The Alliance: Hoops & Heritage – FIBA 3x3 Lite Quest provides an excellent opportunity for St. Kitts and Nevis to gain valuable international competition experience while continuing to strengthen its presence within the regional 3x3 basketball community.

"This tournament represents another important step in our ongoing efforts to grow 3x3 basketball and provide our athletes with meaningful international exposure. Following our recent participation in regional competitions, we are excited to see our athletes continue their development while proudly representing St. Kitts and Nevis on the international stage," said the SKNABA Executive.

SKNABA extends its congratulations to the selected athletes and Coach Pemberton and expresses confidence in their ability to represent the Federation with pride, discipline, and determination. The Association also thanks the clubs, coaches, supporters, and stakeholders who continue to contribute to the development of basketball in St. Kitts and Nevis.

The entire basketball community is encouraged to support the team as they proudly represent the Federation in St. Eustatius.

A National Centre for Social Research report found that, in the UK, 79% of gambling company winnings came from the top 10% of spenders, those who wagered at least £5,639 in a year.

However, a spokesperson for the UK's Betting and Gaming Council, which represents betting companies, said: "The UK has some of the strongest gambling regulations and consumer protections in the world, including age verification checks, deposit limits, self-exclusion schemes, online monitoring of play and enhanced protections for customers at risk of harm.

"That makes it vital that UK customers are kept in the UK regulated market and not driven towards illegal operators, who offer none of these safeguards."

Prediction markets regulation

Macquarie's report comes as regulations around online prediction markets in the US are poised to become stricter.

On Wednesday, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) – the US regulatory body for prediction markets as well as oil and other commodity markets – proposed clamping down on bets on "terrorism, assassination, war, gaming, or conduct that is unlawful under federal or state law".

Prediction markets have generated controversy because of how they allow users to bet against each other in a marketplace on topics like the Iran war and Ukraine war.

Following backlash, prediction market operator Kalshi no longer runs markets on those topics.

Its rival Polymarket still does, but it does not earn fees on them. It has previously told the BBC removing such markets would not affect the events themselves.

Clarification 11 June: This article was amended to include a quote from the Betting and Gaming Council about what safeguards are in place in the UK to protect consumers placing bets with regulated firms.