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## Editorial

# Strength in Balance, Beauty in Breaking Barriers

In every functioning society, progress is rarely the result of one group alone. It is the combined effort of men and women-each bringing their own strengths, perspectives and talents-that drives families, communities and nations forward. While debates about equality often dominate public conversation, one truth remains clear: both genders contribute meaningfully to the development of society, each in ways that are powerful and complementary.

The recent observance of International Women's Day once again brought this reality into sharp focus. Across the corporate community, the occasion highlighted many of the bright and capable women who contribute daily to the productivity and operational success of businesses and institutions. Some stand on the front lines of service and leadership, while others work diligently behind the scenes, ensuring that systems function smoothly and organizations achieve their goals.

Their contributions may not always command headlines, yet their impact is undeniable.

Within boardrooms, offices, laboratories and service industries, women continue to demonstrate the dedication and competence that make institutions thrive. Their presence reflects not only professional excellence but also the steady evolution of workplaces that are increasingly recognizing talent regardless of gender.

Particularly commendable are the women who continue to challenge long-standing gender norms by stepping confidently into fields traditionally dominated by men. Whether in technology, engineering, technical trades or other specialized sectors, these women are proving that skill and determination know no gender boundaries.

Their achievements are not simply personal victories; they represent a broader shift in how societies perceive opportunity and capability.

There is something undeniably inspiring about witnessing a woman confidently claim her space in

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In the Estate of **MARY AGNES KELSICK**, late of 11 Wigley Avenue, Basseterre, in the Parish of St. George in the Island of Saint Christopher, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **MARY ELIZABETH ANN KELSICK** of Frigate Bay in the Parish of St. Peter in the Island of St. Christopher, Attorney-at-Law and **CHARLES LUCIEN ARTHUR WILKIN** of Earles Mornes, in the Parish of St. George in the Island of St. Christopher for a Grant of Letters of Administration of the Estate of **MARY AGNES KELSICK** to the Applicants who are two of the children of the Deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023.

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

Dated the 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026.

  
 HADYA K. L. DOLPHIN, ASSOCIATE  
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arenas where her presence was once questioned. It is not merely about representation-it is about resilience, competence and the courage to move beyond limitations once imposed by outdated assumptions.

Indeed, there is something truly beautiful about a woman who exudes both strength and grace while breaking through the proverbial glass ceiling. Her journey sends a powerful message to younger generations: barriers may exist, but they are not immovable.

While the progress of women deserves recognition, the broader goal should always be balance. Societies thrive not when one gender rises above the other, but when both are empowered to contribute fully. The advancement of women strengthens families, strengthens institutions and ultimately strengthens the nation.

The achievements highlighted during

International Women's Day remind us that empowerment is not an abstract idea-it is something visible in the everyday accomplishments of women who lead teams, solve complex problems, manage organizations and innovate within their respective fields.

Their presence is a testament to how far societies have come, and a reminder of how much potential still lies ahead.

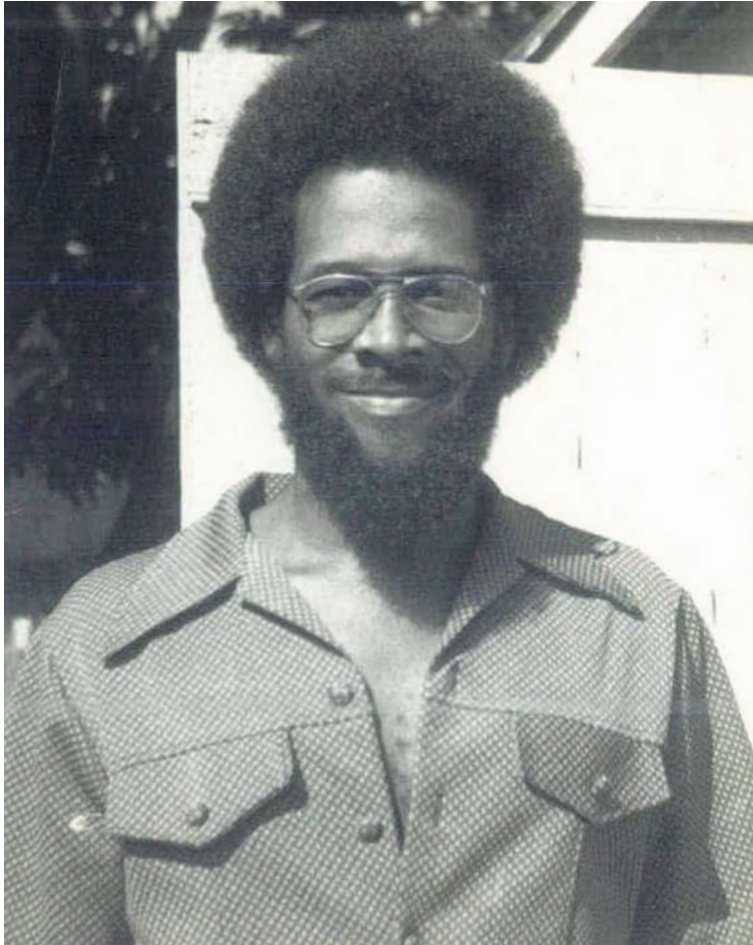
As we reflect on the significance of this annual observance, perhaps the greatest takeaway is this: When women are supported in their ambitions and encouraged to pursue their talents without restriction, entire communities benefit.

In the end, progress is not measured by who stands in front but by how far society moves forward together, and when women continue to break barriers with determination, confidence and vision, the future becomes not only stronger but brighter for all.

# Former Senior Magistrate Recalls Karlweis Liburd as ‘Child Support Champion’

By: Spokesman Newsroom

**BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Monday 9th March 2026)**- “For those who don't know, Mr. Karlweis Liburd was a lawyer by profession but he was not [just] any lawyer; he was the child support champion.”



*A smiling photo of a young Karlweis Liburd (Courtesy Juni Liburd)*

Those were the opening words of former Senior Magistrate Mrs. Josephine Mallalieu-Webbe, as she delivered a tribute at the funeral service of the late 79-year-old Karlweis Liburd LLB, LEC, JP while reflecting on his decades of service to single mothers and vulnerable families within the justice system.

Among those attendance were government ministers, members of the legal fraternity and family members-including his siblings, sister Governor General Her Excellency Dame Marcella Liburd (a trained lawyer) and brother Juni ‘Big JL’ Liburd, a well-known media personality and businessman-gathered for the Service of Thanksgiving for the life event held on Friday 6th March 2026 gathered at the Antioch Baptist Church, located at Lime Kiln Commercial Development in Basseterre.

Mallalieu-Webbe recalled that Liburd’s legal practice was widely known for representing struggling, working mothers in child support matters.

“He represented many struggling single mothers in child support cases and was a voice for their plight,” she said, noting that during her years on the bench he was a familiar presence in court. “I had the good pleasure to serve as magistrate for many years and Karl would appear in my court weekly representing the single mothers.”

She estimated that for roughly twenty five ( 25) years Liburd maintained one of the largest child support practices in St. Kitts, describing his work as a significant contribution to the Federation.

“He made an outstanding contribution to this federation as he served his clients with excellence with little or no financial reward,” she said.

According to Mallalieu-Webbe, Liburd often navigated emotionally charged disputes between parents appearing before the court.

“A day in child support court would normally go like this,” she explained, recalling the common exchanges between parents.

The father would say, “I not going by she gate to carry no child support. All she does do is argue when I go there. Let me put the child support money by she lawyer...”

Meanwhile, the mother would respond, “I don't want him by me gate cause he got all the other women and every time he bring the child support he wid he forwardness want me lie down with him before I can get de money. Leh him put de money by me lawyer office.”

She explained that situations like these led to a practice where a few lawyers took on the burdensome tasks of keeping the exercise book with the records of payments.

“It was a peacekeeping service that came with no financial reward and a lot of risk,” she said, pointing out that if money stored at a lawyer’s office went missing, the attorney would be responsible for replacing it.

Liburd, she explained, inherited the responsibility for maintaining these records from the late Sir Lee Moore QC, another attorney known for serving working-class clients for many years.

Recalling the QC’s (Queen Counsel] words, Mallalieu-Webbe shared a story about the sacrifices made by lawyers who represented the poor.

“I remember Sir Lee Moore at his call to the inner bar, in his speech, saying to his children, ‘I don't have much to leave for you because most of my clients didn't have funds to pay me. But it wouldn't be a morning I go to my office and don't find a basket on the step, sometime with fish, sometime with lobster, sometime with ground provision.”

She gave her view that spirit of service also defined Liburd.

“Such was the heart of the lawyers of old, the heart of Sir Lee Moore and the heart of Karlweis Liburd. They served the working-class with

excellence with little concern for financial reward. It was Sir Lee Moore who handed over his child support practice to Karl.”

The former senior magistrate explained that when fathers fell into arrears, many mothers could not afford legal representation. As gathered, in such cases, Liburd often filed summonses without upfront payment.

“Karl often would provide his paper, ink and file the summons with no fee upfront. He would be satisfied with whatever costs the court awarded.”

Yet those costs were often minimal.

“Most times the court awarded minimal costs in child support matters... very little, as a father already in arrears would never catch up with his payments if he had to pay large costs,” she said.

Through her tribute, she highlighted that even when fathers failed to pay and were imprisoned-meaning no legal costs could be recovered-Liburd still continued his work.

“Yet Karl would have journeyed to Sandy Point, Dieppe Bay, Old Road, used his ink, paper and gas with no financial reward. Yet, he continued to be of service to the single mothers while he juggled other matters in the magistral court so ‘the dance could pay for de lights’,” she said.

Mallalieu-Webbe also recalled how Liburd advocated for mothers who risked losing their jobs due to repeated court appearances.

She told that: “Karl would plead with the court to call up the unserved matters first so the mothers could return to work and not waste a whole day in court.”

He also encouraged improvements in the system.

“He encouraged the court to implement a system to notify the lawyers the day prior if the matter was not served so the mothers would not have to take off from work unnecessarily because their jobs were at risk.”

“If the police vehicle broke down and the execution of the warrants came at a standstill, Karl would be the first to notice and bring this to the attention of the court administration. He would explain with passion how the delay was affecting the mothers who had been waiting for weeks on this child support,” she added.

According to Mallalieu-Webbe, if a mother applied for an increase in child support, the father would grumble in court, and Liburd reminded fathers of the responsibilities mothers carried.

“Remember she have all de work. All you do is put down the money in the lawyer office. She have to wash de clothes, comb de hair, do de homework, go PTA with no time out for you don't come for the child,” he would say.

At the same time, he encouraged fathers to remain involved in their children’s lives.

“If you vex with the mother, don't vex with the child. The child ain't do you anything.”

Mallalieu-Webbe also shared stories of Liburd pursuing cases involving expenses of birth, where fathers had abandoned mothers during pregnancy, noting such were “exciting cases” for him.

“Karl would come to court armed with all the doctor's receipts from the nine months of pregnancy... armed with the receipts from Miss Ottley store up by the hospital where she bought the six vests and the six onesies and the bassinet for the arrival of the child.”

When fathers questioned why they should pay such costs, she recalled Liburd’s response.

“Karl would say that's for when you weren't there to hold she hand; all them months she going doctor when she was pregnant. He would tell them sometimes ‘Both of you had the fun you know but one person got all de work’. Karl would be armed with the law that spelt out that a mother could apply for expenses of birth in addition to the child support

One particularly “classic case I can’t forget” memorable case involved a married man denying paternity with an outside woman.

She informed that: “In those days, we didn’t have DNA. The lady had to go in the box and under oath outline where when and how she conceived the child.”

“When the clerk read the summons to the man and asked him if he was the father of the child, the man said, ‘I cannot be the father because I am a married man.”

Despite questioning in court, the man repeated the same

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# Destiny Ad Sparks Debate While Claiming Monthly Payment to Nevisians Delayed Until Gov’t Agreement

By: Spokesman Newsroom

**BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Wednesday 11th March 2026)-** A social media advertisement from the developers of the proposed multibillion Destiny about monthly profit-sharing payment of US\$100 to every Nevisian is presently stirring public debate, while also claiming that payments are delayed until formal government agreement.

The ad itself -bearing the headline- “Big announcement: \$100 USD Per Month to Every Nevisian!”-which has circulated widely online - is being widely discussed with residents analyzing its claims and questioning the details.

Points of debate on topic include whether the ad’s messaging represents a buy-in effort designed to rally local support for the broader development, questioning what determined the figure of five percent of profits and who qualifies for the payments. Some individuals, however, are in high praise of the details shared.

Of note, the discussion is occurring alongside wider public scrutiny of the proposed special sustainability zone planned for the southern coast of Nevis.

The advertisement promotes what it describes as a direct monthly payment initiative, stating that payments would begin once a final agreement with the government is approved.

According to the ad, a household of four could receive \$400 (EC\$1080) each month, including payments for children.

The ad states that the proposed payments are tied to an earlier profit-sharing commitment made by the developers.

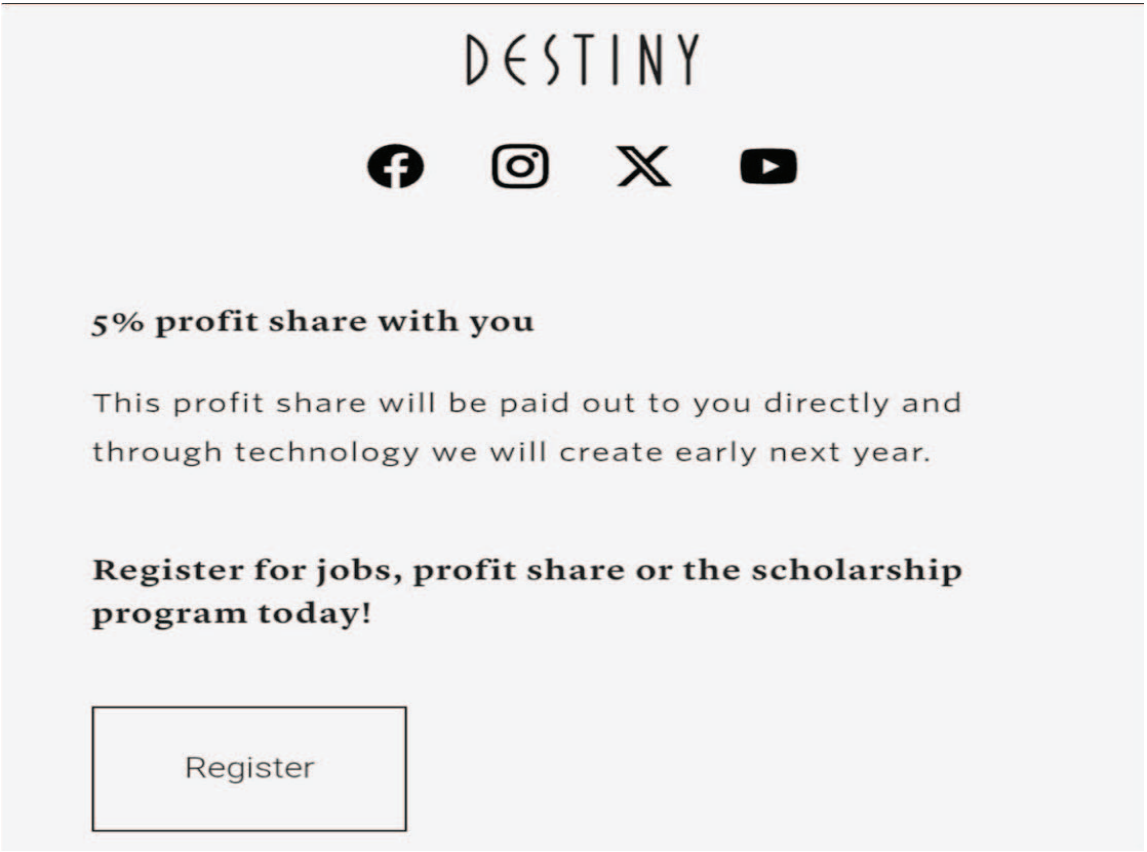
“From the very beginning, Destiny committed that 5% of our profits would be shared directly with the people of Nevis. However, meaningful profit sharing can take time as a project grows,” the advertisement reads.

It also claims that the monthly payments are designed to allow residents to benefit sooner rather than waiting for the profits to accumulate.

“Rather than asking the community to wait for that to become a substantial amount, we want to start giving back right away. That is why we have decided to begin direct monthly payments of \$100 (EC\$270) per person as soon as the agreement is finalized.”

However, the advertisement states that payments cannot yet begin due to procedural requirements.

“In fact, we would start sending these payments today, but our banking partners require the formal government agreement to be in place before they can facilitate the transfers. Once the



agreement is approved, the payments will begin immediately.”

The developers are encouraging residents to register online for updates about the proposed payouts.

“To make sure you receive updates the moment payments begin, please register at destiny.com. Please also tell your friends and family in Nevis to register, so we can notify everyone as soon as the payouts start.”

**Front Page Image: An excerpt from Destiny.com asking individual to register for the 5% profit sharing**

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response.

“I cannot be the father. I am a married man.”  
In further relaying the court scene, Liburd challenged him directly, saying, “Look at this lady how beautiful she is. She doesn't look crazy to me to make up this. Does she look crazy to you?”

He also confronted the man with details of the alleged encounter.  
“So you was a married man when you carry her down the cane range... in your orange Toyota hatchback...”

Still, the man insisted: “I cannot be the father. I am a married man.”  
Liburd then replied: “So because you're a married man, she one must feed this child for the next 18 years.”

Mallalieu-Webbe said the exchange became memorable when the man later lamented outside the court.

“Well, when leaving court that afternoon, guess who was still outside the court grumbling how he going home to wife now. He never see a court yet give a married man a child.”

In closing, she reflected on Liburd’s lasting impact.  
“I know there are many single mothers in St. Kitts that are grateful to Karl for being a voice for them in the challenges of raising a child single-handedly.”

She described his life as one dedicated to service.  
“He did the service with excellence and never with financial reward in mind. His life was a life of service. A life of service to the vulnerable members of society.”

**Front Page Image: Former Senior Magistrate Mrs. Josephine Mallalieu-Webbe seen as she delivered a tribute at the funeral service of the late 80-year-old Karlweis Liburd LLB, LEC, JP (inset photo) during the Service of Thanksgiving for the life event held on Friday 6th March 2026 gathered at the Antioch Baptist Church, located at Lime Kiln Commercial Development.**



# PM Drew Says Federal Government Limited in Nevis Development

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Thursday 12th March 2026)-Prime Minister and Minister of National Security Dr. Terrance Drew says the federal government does not have general authority over development taking place on Nevis.

“The federal government does not have a general power over the development taking place on Nevis. I want to say that again: the federal government does not have a general power over the development taking place on Nevis under the Constitution, sections 106 and 119,” he said during The Roundtable media session on Tuesday 10th March 2026.

He explained that many issues connected to development on Nevis fall under the authority of the Nevis Island Administration and the Nevis Island Legislature.

“Those are matters assigned by the Constitution to Nevis and the federal government must respect those limits,” he said.

PM Drew listed areas where Nevis has full constitutional authority, including airports and ports, education, extraction and processing of minerals, fisheries, health and welfare, labor, land and buildings vested in the Crown, licensing of imports and exports, agriculture, tourism amenities, historical and archaeological sites, borrowing or obtaining grants, cemeteries, cinemas, water supply, economic planning other than national planning, employment of non-citizens, hotels, restaurants, bars, casinos, housing, industries, trade and business, electricity, public recreation spaces, fire prevention, roads and highways, and sports and cultural activities.

“The federal government’s role arises where a proposal engages federal responsibilities and national constitutional questions,” PM Drew said.

“That includes matters such as immigration, customs, law enforcement, courts, the operation of federal laws, treaty obligations, and other issues that fall within the constitutional authority of the federation.”

He emphasized the need for careful oversight when federal responsibilities are

involved.

“Where those matters are engaged, the federal government has a duty to proceed carefully, lawfully, and in the national interest, always ensuring that our Constitution is not violated and our sovereignty is not infringed upon,” he said.

PM Drew also highlighted steps the federal government has taken to provide oversight for proposed development projects in Nevis.

“The government has received the report of the ad hoc committee that I established in January 2026, which contains recommendations for strengthening the SS Authorization Act,” he said. “Those recommendations have been discussed in Cabinet and will result in amendments to the Act, with first reading at the next sitting of the National Assembly, which is imminent as it relates to the current proposed development agreement.”

He added that the review process will allow input from multiple sources.

“The review process will be initiated in a way that allows the federal government to receive advice from a broad cross-section of professional persons, as recommended by the Prime Minister’s ad hoc committee,” he said.

PM Drew reiterated the federal government’s commitment to ensuring lawful, responsible and transparent oversight of development while respecting Nevis’s constitutional authority.

“The federal government remains committed to a lawful, responsible and transparent process that respects the Constitution, respects the authority of Nevis in matters assigned to it and protects the national interest of the federation and our sovereignty,” he said.

Front Page Photo: Prime Minister Dr. Terrance Drew at The Roundtable media session on Tuesday 10th March 2026. (SKNIS Image)



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IN THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT

SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS VACATION PLAN AND TIME SHARE ACT CAP. 10.22

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CLAIM NO. SKBHCV2026/

IN THE MATTER of the Saint Christopher and Nevis Vacation Plan and Time Share Act Cap. 10.22

and

IN THE MATTER of an Application by ROBERT MISSANT for the issue of a new Certificate of Title in the name of ROBERT MISSANT, TRUSTEE OF THE ROBERT MISSANT TRUST AGREEMENT DATED MAY 16, 2006 for the Time-Share Interest No. 8100P16 together with an undivided interest in the common property appurtenant thereto in St. Kitts Beach Club Condominium in the Island of Saint Christopher to replace a lost Certificate of Title recorded in T.S.I. Register Book 2008 Folio 77.

NOTICE FOR REPLACEMENT OF LOST CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

It is hereby notified that a Certificate of Title dated the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2008 and registered in the Register of Titles in T.S.I. Register Book 2008 Folio 77 of the Saint Christopher Circuit in favour of Robert Missant, Trustee of the Robert Missant Trust Agreement dated May 16, 2006 of 4399 Chrisholm Trail, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301, United States of America, Registered Proprietor of the Time-Share Interest No. 8100P16 in St. Kitts Beach Club Condominium together with an undivided interest in the common property appurtenant thereto has been reported lost and an Application will be made to the Registrar of Titles for an Order for the issue of a new Certificate of Title in lieu thereof.

Any person knowing the whereabouts of or having any information concerning the said duplicate Certificate which may lead to its recovery is requested to notify the Registrar of Titles at the Lands Registry, North Independence Square Street, Basseterre, Saint Kitts, at telephone number (869) 467-1872/1860, or Law Offices of Sylvester Anthony, Solicitors, Unit C16 The Sands Complex, Bay Road, Basseterre, Saint Kitts, at Telephone (869) 466-5834, or Fax: (869) 466-6851.

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

Rénal Edwards

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(ST. KITTS CIRCUIT)

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

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(PROBATE)

In the Estate of CALVERT McDONALD CAINES

late of Bourkes Project, Sandy Point in the Parish of St. Anne in the Island of Saint Christopher, deceased, testate.

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Sylvester Smith of Camps Estate in the Parish of St. George in the Island of Saint Christopher for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above-named deceased who died on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021 without revoking a will bearing the date of 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021 wherein the applicant is named sole executor.

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

Dated this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February , 2024.

Rénal Edwards

Law Offices of Sylvester Anthony

Solicitors for the Estate of CALVERT McDONALD CAINES

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The Court Office is at the Sir Lee L. Moore Judicial and Legal Services Complex, East Independence Square Street, Basseterre, Saint Kitts. Tel: (869) 467 -1335, The office is open between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Mondays to Fridays.

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(ST. KITTS CIRCUIT)

# FinCEN Advisory Lifted, Marking Major Milestone in Restoring Saint Kitts and Nevis' Global Financial Reputation

Basseterre, Saint Kitts, March 11, 2026 (PMO) - The Government of Saint Kitts and Nevis has welcomed the formal rescission of the long-standing advisory issued by the United States Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN), describing the move as a major milestone in the Federation's ongoing efforts to strengthen governance, transparency, and international confidence in its financial and citizenship frameworks.

The advisory, originally issued in May 2014, had warned financial institutions about potential abuse of the Federation's Citizenship by Investment (CBI) Programme by certain individuals. The United States Financial Crimes Enforcement Network officially rescinded the advisory on February 24, 2026, following years of reforms and strengthened oversight mechanisms implemented by the Government of Saint Kitts and Nevis and the Citizenship by Investment Unit.

The lifting of the advisory reflects the extensive structural improvements made to the programme, including enhanced due diligence processes, the introduction of biometric verification, mandatory interviews for applicants, strengthened international compliance cooperation, and the transformation of the Citizenship by Investment Unit into an independent statutory body with a Board of Governors.

Speaking during his recent Roundtable engagement with members of the media, Prime Minister Dr. Terrance Drew, who also holds responsibility for Citizenship and Immigration, described the development as significant progress for the Federation.

"...The FinCEN and risk advisory has been lifted because of the significant work that we have done to strengthen our CBI transition, our CBI and to make



sure that our CBI program is no longer questioned."

Prime Minister Drew noted that the Government undertook decisive reforms upon assuming office in 2022 to address longstanding concerns about the integrity of the programme, and further emphasized that restoring the programme's credibility required decisive policy changes aimed at protecting the value of the nation's citizenship.

"Initially, when I started to clean up the CBI program, many questions were asked... because the days where a buyer met a seller and determined the price were over, that is what got our CBI into trouble. If that is what you're going to call our citizenship, which is supposed to be sacred, and if that is how you are going to offer it to people, you are putting our reputation at risk. You are putting our passport at risk, and therefore that type of policy is no more."

The Prime Minister explained that the removal of the advisory has important implications for the Federation's financial sector and international investment climate.

"The FinCEN advisory, when it's on, there are issues of banking, because there are some banks who may not want to do business in the jurisdiction because you have a FinCEN advisory, there are investors who would not invest because you have a FinCEN advisory."

These developments, according to Prime Minister Drew, signal the country's progress in rebuilding global confidence.

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
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In the Estate of **ARTHUR ADOLPH BRADSHAW**  
Late of Main Street, Newton Ground, St. Kitts, deceased.

## ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF PROBATE

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **ALONZO ADOLPH HENRY** of 2632 Portage Road, Niagara Falls, Ontario L2J 2J3 for a Grant of Probate to the applicant who is the son of the deceased, the deceased having died on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2025.

Any person having an objection to the Grant of Probate with the Will Annexed to the Applicant shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 2025

Dr. Dennis Merchant  
Merchant and Associates  
Attorney-at-Law for the Applicant

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Filed by Dr. Dennis Merchant of Merchant and Associates Law Office, 28 Shear Lane, Basseterre, St. Kitts, Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicant.

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(PROBATE)

In the Estate of **WILLBORTH EMANUD FRANCIS** late of Newton Ground Village Saint Kitts, deceased.

SKBHPB2025/

## ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **Sylvester Anthony** of Newton Ground Village, Saint Kitts, for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above-named deceased who died on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025 without revoking a will bearing the date of 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023 wherein the applicant is named as executor.

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

Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2025.

Rénal Edwards  
Law Offices of Sylvester Anthony  
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# Diversification Fueling Economic Growth In Saint Kitts And Nevis

Basseterre, Saint Kitts, March 11, 2026 (SKNIS): The economy of Saint Kitts and Nevis continues to record positive growth as the government reduces its dependence on the vulnerable Citizenship by Investment (CBI) Programme.

In its recent report of the 2026 Article IV Mission, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) reported that there were declines in CBI revenue. However, it projected stronger economic growth ahead, as a result of efforts to diversify the economy. At the March 10 edition of the Roundtable, Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, the Honourable Dr. Terrance Drew, reiterated that CBI reform was a priority for his government upon assuming office in 2022. The goal was to strengthen the integrity of the programme and to enhance transparency, while maintaining top industry rankings and excellent international relations.

“... The economy had become too dependent on this vulnerable programme, a programme that we can see has affected many countries,” Dr. Drew said, citing the added scrutiny of some international partners, as well as recent geopolitical decisions. “And so, we were able to make the changes and strengthen the CBI Programme. But as I said, we will go through a period of transition from so heavily depending on the CBI to the point where we develop a diversified economy.”

Dr. Dew noted that economic growth instead is being driven by the expansion of the agriculture industry, renewable energy development, and tourism. A vibrant construction sector is also projected to drive growth of the twin-island Federation.

“... Because we have made changes, even though there are challenges, we are, of course, optimistic because the economy continues to grow, even with the decline of CBI, showing resilience,” the prime minister stated. “And that diversity is working and making us less vulnerable. And so, we will continue to build out the different aspects of our economy to the point where we can reach a sustainable island state, and we are on our way.”

# 2026 Natta Memorial Scholarship Applications Now Open For Local Primary School Students

**Basseterre, St. Kitts** – The William Marcus Natta Memorial Scholarship Fund is proud to announce that its application window for the 2026 academic year is now officially open. The Fund is calling on eligible students from the Tucker Clarke and Halliday Smith Primary Schools to apply for the prestigious scholarship.

The Fund will award two deserving students from each of the two schools. Ideal candidates are those who demonstrate financial need, exhibit leadership qualities or a mentoring spirit and maintain active involvement in extracurricular or civic activities both at school and within their communities.

Established in honour of the late Mr William Marcus Natta—a respected former army sergeant and dedicated trade unionist—the scholarship embodies his legacy of community service and his lifelong commitment to promoting high academic achievement among the youth in his family and community.

Application Deadline: All applications must be submitted by May 1, 2026.

How to Apply:  
Completed applications can be mailed to:  
William Marcus Natta Memorial Scholarship Fund  
P.O. Box 2242  
Basseterre  
Saint Kitts

Case Number :SKBHPB2026/0006

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ST. CHRISTOPHER / NEVIS

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FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

A.D. 2026

(PROBATE)

In the Estate of HYACINTH EUGENE WILLIAMS also known as HYACINTH EUGENE MORRIS also known as HYACINTH EUGENIE PHIPPS also known as EUGENIE HAZEL late of Sprott Street, Basseterre, St. Kitts, deceased.

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR

A GRANT DE BONIS NON ADMINISTRATUS

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by STACIA WILLIAMS-CHRISTMAS of Taylor's Pasture, Gingerland, Nevis and LO'REAL WILLIAMS of Sprott Street, Basseterre, St. Kitts respectively.

For a Grant De Bonis Non Administratus of the above-named deceased who died on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2010 without administration of the estate of the deceased by the sole executor Eileen Woods deceased, wherein the applicants are the Stepdaughter and the grandson.

Any person having an objection to the Grant De Bonis Non Administratus to the application shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

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

HENDERSON LAW CHAMBERS

Attorneys-at-Law for the Estate of HYACINTH EUGENE WILLIAMS also known as HYACINTH EUGENE MORRIS also known as HYACINTH EUGENIE PHIPPS also known as EUGENIE HAZEL.

FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

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

and

In the Matter of an Application on behalf of EMILY GARDINER, for a Replacement of a Lost Certificate of Title recorded in Register Book V2 Folio 384 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1996 and recorded in Register Book V2 Folio 384 of the Register of Titles for St. Christopher Circuit in favour of EMILY GARDINER of Harris Housing Development, in the Parish of Saint John, in the Island of Saint Christopher, the land contained in said Certificate of title being of All THAT lot piece or parcel of land known as Lot No. 14 situate at Harris Housing Development in the Parish Saint John, in the Island of Saint Christopher and bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say: On or towards the North by lands of C.H.A 67.44 feet; On or towards the East by lot No 13, 72.08 feet; On or towards the South East by a Public Road 18.75 feet; On or towards the South West by a Footpath 63.03 feet and On or towards the West by lands of C.H.A 46.60 feet and containing by admeasurement 4,096.64 square feet all as the same is delineated and set forth on the plan by Calvin Esdaille, Land Licensed Surveyor dated 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026

Dennis Merchant

Merchant & Associates

Solicitor for the Applicant

# Debaters to Enjoy Full Slate of Cultural and Social Activities as LIDC 54 Gets Underway in Nevis



Representatives from the teams participating in the 54th Leeward Island Debating Competition (LIDC54) being held on Nevis- (l-r) Antigua, Sint Maarten, Anguilla, Montserrat, Nevis, and St. Kitts

**NIA CHARLESTOWN, NEVIS (March 12, 2026)-** As six teams prepare to compete in the 54th Leeward Islands Debating Competition (LIDC 54), being held on Nevis from March 12–15, the Nevis Island Administration (NIA) through the Ministry of Education, in collaboration with the Nevis Literary and Debating Society, is ensuring that participants enjoy a memorable experience with a variety of fun activities during their stay on the island.

Nevis is hosting five visiting teams- Anguilla, Montserrat, Sint Maarten, St. Kitts, and reigning champion Antigua- alongside the host team.

Upon arrival on Wednesday, the Honourable Eric Evelyn hosted the debaters at a welcome cocktail reception at the Malcolm Guishard Recreational Park.

During Thursday's press conference, Mrs. Kerilyn David, Deputy Principal responsible for the Nevis Sixth Form College, officially welcomed the teams, outlined the competition schedule, and revealed a full slate of social, cultural, and entertainment activities planned for the participants.

"Today the other team members will be shopping around Charlestown...Immediately after the debate tonight we have a social event for the students which is a karaoke night. On Friday we have an island tour where they will stop at various historical sites. After the debate that night there will be another event for participants and Sixth Formers which is a glow party, and on Saturday there will be a beach-nic.

"Following the debate that evening we will have a cultural night where the teams get to display the culture from their islands. On Saturday morning for Seventh Day Adventists and on Sunday morning for the others we will have a church service and then they will all have lunch together."

The first debate on Thursday evening will feature Montserrat against St. Kitts. On Friday evening, Anguilla and Sint Maarten will face off in Debate Two.

Saturday night will feature two debates: the winner of Debate One will compete against Antigua, while the winner of Debate Two will face host team Nevis.

The finals will take place on Sunday at 5:00 p.m., when the winners of Debates Three and Four will compete for the 2026 LIDC championship.

Following the prize-giving ceremony, participants will be treated to a Masquerade Ball at the Four Seasons Resort Nevis.

Nevis has won the Leeward Islands Debating Competition a total of 11 times over the event's history, with its most recent victory coming in 2024.

Team Nevis 2026 consists of Kiara Barry, Rajaun Fyfield, Keyana Warner, Shirmia Thompson, Kijari Huggins, and Tahleya Phillip, all students of the Nevis Sixth Form College.

The 54th Leeward Islands Debating Competition will be held at the Nevis Performing Arts Centre (NEPAC) and is open to the general public free of cost.



Participants in the 54th Leeward Island Debating Competition (LIDC 54) enjoy a welcome cocktail party at the Malcolm Guishard Recreational Park, Nevis on March 11, 2026

**EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT**  
**SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS**  
**SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT**

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

SKBHCY2013/0297

**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 **06<sup>th</sup>** day of **March, 2026** at **9:45** 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 **2<sup>nd</sup>** 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 **1<sup>st</sup>** day of **February** 2026

Registrar of the Supreme Court

# Premier Brantley Warns of Likely Impact of US-Iran Conflict on Regional Energy Costs

**NIA CHARLESTOWN, NEVIS (March 10, 2026)-** Premier of Nevis, the Honourable Mark Brantley, has warned that the escalating conflict between the United States and Iran could soon translate into higher energy costs and increased cost-of-living pressures across the Caribbean.

Addressing the issue during his most recent press conference, Premier Brantley, Minister of Energy in the Nevis Island Administration (NIA), said regional economies remain highly vulnerable to global energy shocks, even when the Caribbean is not directly involved in the conflict.

International reports indicate that the latest hostilities in the Middle East have already triggered sharp swings in global oil markets and disrupted energy supply chains.

Premier Brantley cautioned that historically, geopolitical conflicts in major oil-producing regions tend to result in immediate increases in fuel prices for Caribbean consumers.

“Whenever there are conflicts in this region, our people pay the price,” he said, noting that oil price hikes are often the first and most immediate economic consequence for small island states.

He explained that while the NIA continues to absorb a portion of those costs to protect residents and businesses, the government must constantly assess how much additional pressure public finances can withstand in order to maintain these protections.

“Currently the NIA shields the public from the fuel surcharge. We don’t charge it on households and we cap it for businesses. And even so, electricity is still high. That’s one of the biggest complaints we get is the cost of electricity, small businesses and for individuals. So this is something that we will have to look at to determine what we do, how much more we can carry in terms of the pressure that it puts on the resources of the NIA.”

The cost of subsidizing electricity, he explained, can significantly affect the government’s fiscal position.

“There are many times I think that the NIA could be in a surplus position in terms of its budget, but it has to be subsidizing electricity to shield our people from the full impact,” he said.

The Premier added that the latest developments underscore the urgency of accelerating the region’s transition away from fossil

fuels toward renewable energy. He noted that the Caribbean possesses abundant natural resources- including sunshine, wind, geothermal potential and ocean energy-

that could support an energy transformation across the region. He emphasized that Nevis is actively pursuing this path and continues to advance its geothermal energy project in earnest as part of its long-term strategy to achieve energy independence. “That really at the end of the day is the only complete answer,” he said, stressing the need to bring geothermal resources into production while expanding solar and other renewable energy initiatives. Framing the issue in strategic terms, the Premier concluded that energy independence must now be viewed as a national security imperative for Caribbean states seeking to insulate themselves from external shocks driven by conflicts in oil-producing regions.



Photo caption: Geothermal wells located in Hamilton, Nevis



Premier of Nevis the Honourable Mark Brantley, Minister of Energy in the Nevis Island Administration

EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT  
SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS  
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

SKBHCV2016/0034

ST KITTS NEVIS ANGUILLA NATIONAL BANK LIMITED

and

LEROY HUGGINS

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, Baysseterre, St Kitts, on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026 at 2:30 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 Verchilds Village, in the Parish of Saint Thomas, in the Island of Saint Christopher, bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On or towards the North-East by the Island Main Road, 34.5 feet and 20.5 feet; On or towards the South-East by lands of Velma V. Gumbs, 139.48 feet; On or towards the South-West by the Caribbean Sea, 55.00 feet; and On or towards the North-West by a 5ft wide Drain and lands of the Wesleyan Holiness Church, 142.00 feet and containing by admeasurement 7,753.7 square feet, all as the same is described in a Certificate of Title dated the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2003 and registered in Book C3 Folio 382 of the Register of Titles of the Saint Christopher Circuit in favour of LEROY HUGGINS of Verchilds Village in the Island of Saint Christopher registered proprietor thereof.

UPSET PRICE

The Upset price for the above property shall be EC\$439,225.18

Dated the 11<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026

Registrar of the Supreme Court

# CDB Climate Finance Investment Doubled to USD226.7 Million in 2025

Bridgetown, Barbados: The Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) approved USD226.7 million (mn) for climate action initiatives in 2025, marking the strongest annual climate investment performance in the Bank's history. The record-breaking total was approximately 50% of the Bank's total project approvals for the year and represented an increase of more than 100% compared to the USD101.5 mn committed in 2024.

The surge was driven by a USD125 mn environmental Policy-Based Loan (PBL) disbursed to Guyana, and by similar financing packages totalling USD30 mn each to Dominica and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. The PBLs will support reforms in biodiversity conservation, climate action, and water resource management, among other areas. The financing will also build the technical and



financial capacity of the member countries to withstand and recover from climate shocks.

Explaining the Bank's focus, Ms. Valerie Isaac, CDB's Division Chief, Environmental Sustainability said, "The climate crisis is not simply a challenge. It is an existential threat to our development and wellbeing, particularly the most vulnerable people."

Speaking at the Bank's Annual News Conference, held recently in Bridgetown, Barbados, Ms. Isaac explained that, "Resilience is neither an option nor a luxury. It is a fundamental requirement for regional growth and stability."

Beyond its own approvals, in 2025, CDB also secured USD27 mn in grant and loan financing from the Green Climate Fund (GCF) for the Integrated Utility Services Programme, which has a total investment volume of over USD68 mn and will scale up energy efficiency and distributed renewable energy, including rooftop solar, across Barbados, Belize, and Jamaica. Additionally, a further USD27 mn in GCF grant resources will fund the Caribbean Hydrometeorological and Multi-Hazard Early Warning Services Project, which will upgrade critical forecasting systems in Belize and Trinidad and Tobago to protect the lives and livelihoods of 1.8 million people.

The operationalisation of the CDB's Climate Change Project Preparation Fund marked another major milestone in the Bank's climate intervention efforts in 2025. Specifically designed to remove pipeline bottlenecks that impede the flow of climate capital, the fund will help increase financing for climate action projects in CDB's Borrowing Member Countries.

The Environmental Sustainability Division Chief also signalled that CDB will accelerate its climate momentum in 2026. Key priorities include finalising a USD200 mn regional blue economy programme to protect ocean resources while generating new jobs in the marine sector. The Bank will also launch a flagship regional platform designed to generate actionable investment portfolios from national energy and transport priorities. The institution will also drive initiatives to support water sector resilience and advance locally led adaptation to climate change.

"The decisions and actions we take today will dictate the Caribbean's development trajectory for the next half-century," Ms. Isaac explained. "We will continue to innovate and transform, strengthen our own capacity and that of our borrowing member countries, accelerate the development of investment-ready pipelines, mobilise climate and disaster finance at scale, deepen strategic partnerships, and advance coordinated regional climate action."

CDB held its Annual News Conference on March 3, 2026, at the Frank Collymore Hall in Bridgetown, Barbados. The event included presentations by some of the Bank's top officials, including the President, Mr. Daniel M. Best; the Director of Projects, Mr. O'Reilly Lewis; and the Acting Deputy Director of Economics, Mr. Jason Cotton.

Case Number :SKBHCV2022/0037

EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT  
SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS  
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

CLAIM NO: SKBHCV2022/0037

NATIONAL CARIBBEAN INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED Fees Paid:12.00  
-Applicant

and

MARIO RILEY

-Respondent

## NOTICE OF SALE

The Property described below will be offered for sale by The Registrar of the Supreme Court by public auction at the Charles Amory Building, Portlands, Basseterre, St Kitts, on the 06<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026 at 11 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 Lower Stone Castle Housing Development known as Lot No. 32 and bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On or towards the North East by a Road, 45.05 feet; On or towards the South East by Lot No. 33, 79.02 feet; On or towards the South West partly by Lot No. 28 and partly by Lot No. 30, 45.10 feet and on or towards the North West by Lot No. 31, 78.82 feet and containing by admeasurement 3,557 square feet, all as the same is described in a Certificate of Title dated the 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2002 and registered in Book 83 Folio 408 of the Register of Titles of the Saint Christopher Circuit in favour of MARIO RILEY of Central Fannies Avenue in the Island of Saint Christopher registered proprietor thereof.

## UPSET PRICE

The Upset price for the above property shall be EC\$228,903.00.

Dated the 10<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026

Registrar of the Supreme Court



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# Chinese national arrested over attempt to smuggle 2,000 queen ants from Kenya

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KWS Close-up showing several live ants contained in clear test tubes KWS

Some ants were recovered in test tubes while others were concealed in tissue paper rolls

A Chinese national has been arrested in Kenya's main airport accused of attempting to smuggle more than 2,000 queen garden ants out of the country.

Zhang Kequn was intercepted during a security check at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) in the capital Nairobi after authorities discovered a large consignment of live ants in his luggage bound for China.

He has yet to respond to the accusation but investigators said in court that he was linked to an ant-trafficking network that was broken up in Kenya last year.

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

SKBHCV2024/0136

ST KITTS NEVIS ANGUILLA NATIONAL BANK LIMITED

and

GOLDEN ROCK DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED  
SCOTT CAINES

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 30<sup>th</sup> day of March, 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 with building thereon situate at Lot No. 5, 5A, 6, & 11 Conaree Business Park in the Parish of St. Peter, in the Island of Saint Christopher, bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On or towards the North-West by a Development Road, 270.00 feet; 21.21 feet; On the North-East by a Development Road, 285.00 feet; On or towards the South-East by Lot No. 3 and Lot No. 4, 300.00 feet; On or towards the South-West by a Public Road 285.00 feet and 21.21 feet and containing by admeasurement 2.06 acres, all as the same is described in a Certificate of Title dated the 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013 and registered in Book M3 Folio 136 of the Register of Titles of the Saint Christopher Circuit in favour of GOLDEN ROCK DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LTD. a company incorporated under the Companies Act of St. Kitts and Nevis with its registered office at Cynthia Henry Street, C. A. Paul Southwell Industrial Park, Basseterre, in the Island of Saint Christopher registered proprietor thereof.

## UPSET PRICE

The Upset price for the above property shall be EC\$127,576,295.00

Dated the 10<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026

Registrar of the Supreme Court



The ants are protected by international bio-diversity treaties and their trade is highly regulated.

Last year, the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) warned of a growing demand for garden ants – scientifically known as Messor cephalotes – in Europe and Asia, where collectors keep them as pets.

A state prosecutor told the court on Wednesday that Zhang had packed some ants in test tubes, while others were concealed in tissue paper rolls hidden in his luggage.

"Within his personal luggage there was found 1,948 garden ants packed in specialised test tubes," prosecutor Allen Mulama told the court.

"A further 300 live ants were recovered concealed in three rolls of tissue paper within the luggage," he added.

The prosecutor asked the

court to allow the suspect's electronic devices – phone and laptop – to be forensically examined.

Duncan Juma, a senior KWS official, told the BBC that more arrests were expected as investigators widen their probe into other Kenyan towns where ant harvesting was suspected to be ongoing.

Last May, a Kenyan court sentenced four men to one year in prison or a fine of \$7,700 (£5,800) for trying to smuggle thousands of live queen ants out of the country, in a first-of-its kind case.

The four suspects – two Belgians, a Vietnamese and a Kenyan – had pleaded guilty to the charges after their arrest in what the KWS described as "a co-ordinated, intelligence-led operation".

The Belgians told the court that they were collecting the highly sought-after ants as a hobby and didn't think it was illegal.

Investigators now say Zhang was the mastermind behind this trafficking ring but apparently escaped Kenya last year using a different passport.

On Wednesday, the court allowed prosecutors to detain him for five days to enable detectives to conduct further investigations.

The KWS, which is more used to protecting larger creatures, such as lions and elephants, described last year's ruling as a "landmark case".

The ants seized last year were giant African harvester ants, which KWS said were ecologically important, noting that their removal from the ecosystem could disrupt soil health and biodiversity.

It is believed that the intended destinations were the exotic pet markets in Europe and Asia.

# Senegal approves tougher anti-gay law as rights groups raise concerns

Nicolas Négoce  
BBC News



AFP via Getty Images An outline of a man is seen behind a rainbow LGBTQ+ flag at a march. Stock photo from library, not taken in Senegal. AFP via Getty Images  
The new law follows a wave of arrests last month over alleged same-sex relationships (stock image)

Senegal's parliament has approved a new law doubling to 10 years the maximum prison term for sexual acts by same-sex couples and criminalising the "promotion" of homosexuality.

A total of 135 MPs voted in favour, zero against and three abstained. The next step will be for the president to sign it, then it will become law.

The legislation, which was a campaign promise of President Bassirou Diomaye Faye and Prime Minister Ousmane Sonko, was sent to parliament after a wave of arrests over alleged same-sex relationships, already banned under Senegalese law.

The government spokesman dismissed international criticism of the bill, arguing that the move reflected the views of Senegalese people.

"The majority of Senegalese do not accept homosexuality. Our culture rejects it and we are firmly opposed to it," said Amadou Moustapha Ndieck Sarré.

Some conservative activists in Senegal have long demanded harsher penalties.

The movement And Sàmm Jikko Yi, which campaigns to defend what it calls Senegalese moral values, has repeatedly urged authorities to adopt stricter legislation criminalising homosexual acts. Its leaders argue the law is necessary to protect Senegalese cultural and religious norms.

However, rights groups warn the move could worsen discrimination and violence against sexual minorities. Human Rights Watch researcher Larissa Kojoué said the proposed changes were worrying.

"Criminalising same-sex conduct and arresting people for their sexual orientation violates multiple internationally protected rights, including equality and non-discrimination."

She added that such measures risked exposing people who were already stigmatised to "violence and fear."

Alioune Tine, founder of the think-tank Afrikajom Center, told the BBC that the current climate could worsen social tensions. "If it is true that social concerns must be addressed, [the law] also has to respect human rights and protecting public-health policies."

Others have pointed out that same-sex relationships are a part of life and cannot be abolished by a law.

"Most of the same-sex relationships were hidden anyway. There are even people who are married in the society and who are still entertaining a safe-sex relationship because of the norm and the cultural norm in that society," Senegal LGBTQ Association head and medical doctor Charles Dotou told BBC Newsday.

All that will happen is "people will be hiding more, it will create more fear and people will be scared to live normally in that community. So there will be an exodus of people, particularly people who were already exposed so that that creates a bit of chaos in society," Dr Dotou added.

The toughing of Senegal's law follows a wave of arrests

last month over alleged same-sex relationships. Police detained 12 men - among them two public figures and a prominent journalist.

Some supporters of the tougher legislation say they have concerns about HIV transmission, although it has long been scientifically established that people of any sexuality can contract and spread the illness.

Experts warn that further criminalising same-sex relations could vilify gay people living with HIV to the point that they shy away from receiving the vital medical care they need.

Senegal has been praised for its efforts to control HIV. Between 42,000 and 44,000 people are living with the virus in the country, with a national prevalence of about 0.3% among adults, one of the lowest rates in West Africa, according to the health ministry.

At the Fann University Hospital in Dakar, the executive secretary of the National Council for the Fight Against Aids (CNLS) - the body that has coordinated the country's HIV response for decades - is worried about the situation with LGBTQ+ people.

"We have managed to control the HIV epidemic and we are moving towards eliminating Aids as a public health problem in Senegal," Dr Safiétou Thiam told BBC News Afrique. "But what is happening now risks undermining the results of 30 to 35 years of efforts in the fight against the disease."

Ousmane Sonko, the longtime firebrand opposition leader appointed prime minister in 2024, had told lawmakers the bill would

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# Jo Malone sued for using her own name in collaboration with Zara

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Getty Images Jo Malone in 2019 wearing an orange dress, with cropped blonde hair and a watch. Getty Images

Jo Malone sold the rights to her eponymous perfume brand in 1999

British perfumier Jo Malone is being sued by Estée Lauder Companies for using her name in a collaboration with High Street retailer Zara.

The US cosmetics giant bought Malone's eponymous perfume brand, Jo Malone London, including the rights to her name, in 1999.

Though the Zara collaboration was with Malone's new brand Jo Loves, Estée Lauder Companies took issue with the use of Malone's name on the packaging, which read: "A creation by Jo Malone CBE, founder of Jo Loves".

The group is suing Jo Malone herself, Jo Loves and Zara's UK arm for trademark infringement and breach of contract. The BBC has approached Jo Malone for a response. Zara UK declined to comment.



Getty Images A Jo Malone shop with people walking past it. Getty Images  
The Zara x Jo Loves collaboration started in 2019.

Malone has previously said she regretted selling the rights to use her own name for commercial purposes.

Under the terms of the 1999 deal, Malone had agreed not to use the "Jo Malone" name for commercial uses, including marketing fragrances.

As first reported by the FT, Estée Lauder Companies is also taking legal action regarding passing off, which is when customers are misled into thinking a product is from another company.

Jo Malone's fragrance business was founded in the early 1990s, and became popular for unique fragrances using British nature and blossoms as inspiration for its ingredients. The brand expanded to include scented candles and bath products.

# Sly fox sneaks on to cargo ship in Southampton and arrives in New York

Brandon Drenon  
BBC News



Wildlife Conservation Society A red fox hovers near a bowl of food in a promotional image distributed by the Wildlife Conservation Society. Wildlife Conservation Society  
The fox that stowed away on the ship appears to be in good health, Bronx Zoo says

A red fox that sneaked onto a cargo ship off the coast of Southampton has successfully made it thousands of miles across the Atlantic and is now in the care of the Bronx Zoo in New York.

The zoo said on Wednesday that the fox - a two-year-old male weighing roughly 11lb (5kg) - is currently in the Animal Health Center with animal and veterinary teams.

"Once the veterinary team determines that the fox is healthy, the zoo will work with wildlife experts to identify an appropriate long-term home for the animal," the zoo said in a press release.

The fox was detected among the ship's cargo by US officials at the Port of New York and New Jersey, and was brought to the Bronx Zoo on 19 February.

It is not clear how the animal managed to gain access to the ship while it was docked at the English port city.

The zoo said initial examinations suggested the fox appeared to be in good health and that additional results from a separate routine health screening were pending.

"He seems to be settling in well," Keith Lovett, the zoo's director of animal programs, told the Associated Press. "It's gone through a lot."

A spokesperson for Associated British Ports (ABP) Southampton said: "The Port of Southampton handles everything from cars to containers to cruises, but even we were surprised to find a fox had booked itself a transatlantic crossing.

"Clearly it fancied swapping the Solent for the Staten Island Ferry. Though next time we'd recommend it considers the Queen Mary 2, which offers the Southampton to New York route with considerably more comfort!"

According to the Bronx Zoo, red foxes are among the most widespread carnivorous mammals in the world.

Known for their reddish coat and white-tipped bushy tail, they are found across Europe, Asia, North America, and parts of Africa.

The red fox's remarkable adaptability allows them to thrive in environments ranging from forests and grasslands to urban areas, the zoo said, feeding off everything from fruits to rodents.

A spokesperson for Estée Lauder Companies said when Malone sold the brand, "she agreed to clear contractual terms that included refraining from using the Jo Malone name in certain commercial contexts, including the marketing of fragrances.

"She was compensated as part of this agreement, and for many years, she abided by its terms.

"We respect Ms Malone's right to pursue new opportunities. But legally binding contractual obligations cannot be disregarded, and when those terms are breached, we will protect the brand that we have invested in and built over decades."

# TaiwanICDF and the Government of Saint Kitts and Nevis signed the Green Energy Transition Demonstration Project



On March 9th, Monday, the TaiwanICDF and the Government of Saint Kitts and Nevis signed the Green Energy Transition Demonstration Project, officially launching a collaborative effort to advance renewable energy and energy resilience. The signing was attended by Hon. Minister Konris Maynard for Saint Kitts and Nevis and Deputy Secretary General Alex L. J. Shyy for TaiwanICDF.

Building on TaiwanICDF's ongoing work in the country, the project will help strengthen energy policy planning and technical capacity in Saint Kitts and Nevis. Key initiatives include power grid capacity analysis, energy policy advisory services, and the development of a smart microgrid demonstration, all aimed at enhancing renewable energy integration and bolstering energy system resilience.

As island nations, Taiwan and Saint Kitts and Nevis face similar challenges in energy security and climate change. Through this partnership, Taiwan will share its expertise in ICT and energy technologies, supporting sustainable development and green transformation for island nations.

## Senegal approves tougher anti-gay law as rights groups raise concerns

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punish what it describes as "acts against nature" with fines of up to 10,000,000 CFA francs (\$17,600; £13,000) and prison sentences ranging from five to 10 years, compared with the current one- to five-year terms in the Muslim-majority country.

Several other African countries have also introduced tough new laws against the LGBTQ+ community in recent years.

In September last year, Burkina Faso's transitional parliament approved a bill banning homosexual acts, following its neighbour Mali in 2024.

In 2023, Uganda voted in some of the world's harshest anti-homosexual legislation meaning that people engaging in same-sex relationships can be sentenced to death in certain circumstances.

Ghana is also planning to re-introduce an anti-homosexual bill that activists say threatens basic human rights, safety and freedom.

# West Indies Women Name Unchanged Squad for Blockbuster T20 Clash Against Australia

12 March 2026

**ST. JOHN'S, Antigua** – Cricket West Indies (CWI) has announced the West Indies Women's squad for the highly anticipated T20 International series against Australia women's national cricket team, set to take place from March 19–23 at Arnos Vale Cricket Ground in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.



The Maroon Warriors will field an unchanged squad as they prepare to take on the world's top-ranked side in what promises to be an electrifying contest on Caribbean soil. The series forms a key part of the team's build-up to the ICC Women's T20 World Cup later this year in the United Kingdom, offering the perfect opportunity for the regional side to test their strength against one of the game's most dominant teams.

The upcoming clash follows a competitive home tour against Sri Lanka women's national cricket team, which provided valuable match experience for the Caribbean outfit. Sri Lanka secured the three-match ODI series 2–1, but the West Indies responded in style in the final encounter when captain Hayley Matthews produced a superb century to lead the team to a memorable six-wicket victory and prevent a clean sweep.

The squad blends proven match-winners with exciting young talent. Senior stars Stafanie Taylor, Deandra Dottin, and captain Hayley Matthews bring experience and firepower, while wicketkeeper-batter Shemaine Campbelle stands on the verge of a milestone, expected to earn her 150th T20 International cap during the series.

Emerging prospects Eboni Brathwaite (17) and Jahzara Claxton (19) add youthful energy as the West Indies look to challenge Australia's dominance and build momentum in a pivotal year of white-ball cricket.



Head Coach Shane Deitz welcomed the opportunity to face the world's best in Caribbean conditions.

"We're really excited about the opportunity to play the number one ranked ODI and T20 team in the world. It's just before the World Cup, so it's a great opportunity to see where we are in our preparation. Playing against the best team in the world, we can see where our deficiencies are and where things are working

well as we look forward to the tournament in June in England."

He added:

"It's going to be a very tough series, but the players are up for the challenge. We haven't played them in a competitive match since October 2023, so it'll be good to see the progression of the team since that last meeting, namely in how much we've improved in certain areas and where we still need to improve moving forward. Our players are ready to show their skills and demonstrate the talent in this West Indies group. It's going to be a fantastic tour and entertaining for everyone."

Following the T20Is, the teams will travel to Warner Park in St. Kitts and Nevis for a three-match ODI series.

Fans across the region will have the chance to experience the action live, with free entry to all matches, or watch the Maroon Warriors battle the world champions via ESPN's Disney+ streaming service.

## West Indies Women's T20 Squad vs Australia:

Hayley Matthews (captain)

Chinelle Henry (vice-captain)

Aaliyah Alleyne

Eboni Brathwaite

Shemaine Campbelle

Jahzara Claxton

Deandra Dottin

Afy Fletcher

Jannillea Glasgow

Shawnisha Hector

Zaida James

Qiana Joseph

Mandy Mangru

Karishma Ramharack

Stafanie Taylor

## Team Management Unit:

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Team Manager: Sheena Gooding

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1st T20I – Thursday, March 19

2nd T20I – Saturday, March 21

3rd T20I – Monday, March 23

# Hundred coaches 'not told to avoid Pakistan players'



Haris Rauf wearing a cap and smiling at the camera

Image source, Getty Images

Haris Rauf is one of 13 Pakistan players in the men's Hundred auction on Thursday

**By Dan Roan**, Sports editor and Stephan Shemilt, Cricket Correspondent  
**Published BBC Sport**

Coaches of Hundred teams with investment from the Indian Premier League say they have not been directed away from signing Pakistan players.

BBC Sport reported in February that the four Hundred franchises linked to the IPL would not sign Pakistan players, mirroring a ban in place in India.

All eight Hundred franchises and the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) subsequently released a joint statement saying "players must not be excluded on the grounds of nationality".

As expected, the two Pakistan players involved in Wednesday's auction for the women's Hundred were not bought by any of the eight teams.

On Thursday, 13. Pakistani men are involved in the men's auction, including fast bowlers Haris Rauf and spinner Usman Tariq. Paceman Shaheen Afridi pulled out on Wednesday night.

Hundred side Sunrisers Leeds are part of the Sunrisers' global network, with teams in India and South Africa.

Sunrisers Eastern Cape are one of six teams in the SA20 - all have links to IPL ownership and none have ever fielded a Pakistan player.

Adi Birrell, head coach of Sunrisers Leeds women and Sunrisers Eastern Cape men, said he had never been told not to sign a Pakistan player.

"No, I haven't," he told BBC Sport. "I'm sure there will be some interest in some players tomorrow."

Asked if he believed there will be interest in Pakistan players from teams with IPL links, he said: "I think so, but I don't know. I presume so. I haven't

heard that they won't bid for them."

Sunrisers Leeds are one of two Hundred teams owned outright by an IPL franchise, along with Southern Brave, who were bought by the part-owners of Delhi Capitals.

Brave women's head coach Jonathan Batty said: "The only thing I've been told is 'sign the best players to make this the best squad you possibly can'.

"We've had no other instructions than that and we've had total autonomy on who we sign. That's how it's been with the women's team."

Any decision by a team to refrain from signing players from Pakistan could also have a sporting explanation.

Pakistan have a Test series against West Indies at the same time as this year's Hundred, potentially affecting player availability.

Recently, there has been a history of some Pakistan players being pulled from franchise commitments at short notice, while the unpredictability of an auction can also affect the way teams bid for players.

Mo Bobat, director of cricket for London Spirit, said: "There are hundreds of overseas players that have registered for the auction and there are only 16 overseas slots, so there are going to be a lot of disappointed overseas players."

Spirit are not owned by an IPL franchise, but do have soft links with Bobat's Royal Challengers Bangalore.

"It's difficult to predict what will happen," Bobat added. "The nature of an auction is there's loads of uncertainty, there's loads of jeopardy - there are no guarantees. We're considering all

# Old Road Extend Unbeaten Run As Premier League Race Intensifies

**Basseterre, St. Kitts** — League leaders MFCR Old Road United Jets continued their remarkable form in the National Bank Group/SKNFA Premier League, stretching their unbeaten run to 14 matches with a 2–0 victory over former champions Rams Village Superstars on Saturday, March 7 at the National Bank Group of Companies Technical Center.

Old Road broke the deadlock just before halftime when Tiquanny Williams calmly converted a penalty in first-half stoppage time. The leaders maintained control throughout the second half and sealed the victory deep into stoppage time when Jardel Isaac scored in the 92nd minute, se-curing the three points and preserving their impressive unbeaten streak.

Following the match, Old Road head coach Alexis Morris credited the team's success to strong preseason preparation and a disciplined approach to each match.

"It's a simple process, one game at a time, and each time we come on the pitch, we have key messages towards what we are going to do, and I think that the guys would have responded well to the clarion call that we would have put out there," he said. "So for us, it's just all about the next game, always the game that we're about to play."

## CAYON ROCKETS DELIVER DOMINANT PERFORMANCE

In another Saturday fixture, Azul Cayon Rockets delivered a commanding performance against TGE Dieppe Bay Eagles, securing a 5–0 victory. The Rockets were clinical from the outset and entered halftime with a commanding four-goal lead.

Jabez Dorset led the charge with a brace, while Malik Hendrickson, Mervin Lewis, and Ronald Williams also found the back of the net in a dominant attacking display.

## ST. PAUL'S S NATCH LATE VICTORY

Saturday's final match produced a dramatic finish as SL Horsfords St. Paul's United edged St. Kitts Concrete Masters Sandy Point 2–1.

Keithroy Freeman gave St. Paul's the early advantage before Diontre Eddy responded for Sandy Point to level the score at 1–1, a result that stood for most of the match. However, Freeman struck again in the 94th minute, delivering a heartbreaking late winner for Sandy Point and se-curing all three points for St. Paul's.

## ST. PETERS RALLY LATE

On Sunday, March 8, Development Bank St. Peters produced a late surge to defeat SOL Island Auto Conaree 3–1. The teams were locked 1–1 at halftime, but St. Peters took control in the clos-ing stages. Dequan Joseph emerged as the decisive figure, scoring twice in the 84th and 89th minutes to complete the comeback and seal the win.

## NEWTOWN BEGIN NEW WINNING STREAK

Action continued on Monday, March 9, when Honda Newtown United delivered an emphatic 8–3 victory over Tropical Blossom Hot Spring Bath United at the National Bank Group Technical Center.

Sylvester Caines produced a standout performance, scoring four goals, with two in each half. Haitian players Jean Wolf Edouard and Rene Francois each added a goal, while Malik France and Tulmul Nisbett also found the scoresheet in the second half.

Bath United responded through Jalden Myers in the 61st minute, followed by late goals from Taije Jeffers in the 84th minute and Cacious Mason in stoppage time (90+3).

The result keeps Newtown firmly in second place and strengthens their push for qualification to the Final Four Playoffs. Meanwhile, Bath United remain in the relegation zone and face mount-ing pressure to collect crucial points in the remaining matches.

With just four matches remaining in the Premier League regular season, both the race for playoff qualification and the battle to avoid relegation are entering a decisive phase. Teams across the league will be looking to secure vital results as the competition heads toward its final stretch.

players from everywhere because we want to be as strong as possible".

The auctions, a first for both The Hundred and major British sport, are a result of the sales of stakes in the eight teams, which raised about £500m for cricket in England and Wales.

In Wednesday's women's auction, the likes of Danielle Gibson, Issy Wong and Tilly Corteen-Coleman were sold for in excess of £100,000, putting them among the highest-paid sportswomen in the UK.