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Editorial

Workers Pay Attention!

With the 87th Annual Workers' Conference of the St. Kitts-Nevis Trades and Labour Union just days away, there is a priceless message that every worker should take seriously: Pay attention to your own working well-being, rights and protection!

This coming Sunday, 25th October 2026, presents another opportunity for workers to come together, become better informed and appreciate the importance of taking an active interest in matters affecting their working lives.

But beyond attending a conference, there is a bigger question worth asking: How much attention are we really paying to our own affairs as workers?

Too often, workers become interested in their rights only when something goes wrong. It might be an unexpected dismissal, a disagreement over wages, a disciplinary matter, a misunderstanding about leave entitlement or some other workplace concern.

Suddenly, questions are being asked. What does the law say? What is the company's policy? Was the employer justified? What protection does the worker have?

These are important questions, but why wait until there is a problem before seeking the answers?

As workers, we must develop the discipline of educating ourselves about the conditions under which we are employed. Understanding our employment contracts, workplace policies, responsibilities and legal protections should never be treated as an afterthought.

Indeed, knowledge is one of the most valuable investments we can make in ourselves.

With the anticipated legislation of the Labour Code, it is especially important that workers prepare themselves to understand its provisions and how these will apply to their everyday working lives.

Having laws in place is one thing. Knowing what those laws provide, how they operate and the responsibilities they place on both employers and employees is another.

We must also appreciate that protecting our interests involves more than knowing our rights. It requires understanding our obligations, respecting established workplace procedures and recognising the importance of responsible conduct.

After all, an informed worker is better positioned to identify concerns, ask meaningful questions and make sound decisions.

We therefore commend those workers who consistently demonstrate a genuine interest in their working well-being. They ask questions, seek clarification, read the relevant documents and make the effort to understand matters before difficulties arise.

That level of personal responsibility deserves encouragement.

However, we must also challenge the habit of remaining silent, uninformed or uninterested until circumstances force us to pay attention.

Prevention is always better than having to seek a remedy after the damage has been done.

This is precisely where the Union has an important role to play. Through representation, advocacy, education and collective action, workers have an avenue through which they can strengthen their understanding and protection.

Yet, the effectiveness of any workers' organisation depends heavily on the willingness of workers themselves to participate, become members and remain actively involved.

The message is simple: Do not leave your working future entirely in someone else's hands.

Invest in yourself. Know your rights. Understand your responsibilities. Ask questions. Get involved.

And importantly, join the Union!

We therefore encourage workers, whether already members or not, to attend Sunday's Conference, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Solid Waste Management Corporation (SWMC) Conference Room, Taylor's Range, Basseterre.

Let us show up with a genuine interest in our collective betterment, recognising that our participation today can contribute to stronger representation tomorrow.

Together, we are stronger. Workers, pay attention!

See you at the Conference!

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NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that **CALVIN LAKE acting in the capacity of sole executor of the Estate of GODFREY LAKE** late of Carifesta Village in the Parish of St. Peter in the Island of Saint Christopher has applied for the issue of a Self-Conveyance to him of **5,862 square feet** of land situate at Crab Hill, Sandy Point in the Parish of St. Anne in the island of Saint Christopher and bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- **On or toward the North West by Hyacinth Fleming, 97.27 feet; On or towards the North East partly by Lillian Liddie and Pearline Crooke, 60.31 feet; On or towards the South East by Pilgrim Holiness Church, 104.00 feet and On or towards the South West by the Island Main Road, 56.50 feet and containing by ad measurement of 5,862 square feet** all as the same is shown on the plan by James R. Buchanan, Licensed Land Surveyor.

Dated the 13th day of October, 2026.

Registrar of Lands

FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
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IN THE MATTER of a Lost Certificate of Title dated 11th day of March, 1981 registered in Book G2 Folio 35 of the Register of Titles of the Island of Saint Christopher.
-and-
In the matter of the Registration by Title Act Chapter 10.19

NOTICE OF LOST CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **ROSINA CLARKE Nee HENDERSON** (the lawfully appointed Executrix of the Estate of the late **JANE ANN ISABELLA HENDERSON also known as JANE HENDERSON** of Saddlers Village in the Parish of St. John in the Island of St. Christopher) has applied to the Registrar of Titles for the issue of a replacement of Certificate of Title in lieu of registered in Book G2 Folio 35 dated the 11th day of March, 1981 of the Register of Titles of the Saint Christopher Circuit on the basis that that the said Certificate of Title has been irrecoverably lost, the land contained in the said title being ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land known as Lot Number 106 of the Saddlers Housing Development situate in the Parish of Saint John in the Island of Saint Christopher containing by admeasurement 5147.57 square feet bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say on the North East by the Island Main Road, 51.90 feet, On the South East by Lot Number 105, 100.87 feet, On the South West by Lot Number 108, 49.55 feet, and On the North West by Lot Number 107, 102.67 feet.

Any person who may be in possession of the said Certificate of Title or any information which may lead to its recovery, kindly contact:

Hesketh W Benjamin of West Independence Square Street, Basseterre, St. Kitts Telephone Number 869-465-5135 Fax Number 869-465-9631 email: heskethwbenjamin@hotmail.com.

Dated this 18th day of June, 2026.

Hesketh W Benjamin
Attorney-at-Law for Rosina Clarke Nee Henderson



Union officials and domestic workers pictured during a regional workshop held virtually in December 2023, organised by the International Domestic Workers Federation (IDWF) and Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing (WIEGO), with participants gathered at Masses House in Basseterre. (Spokesman Snap)

The Union Appeals to Domestic Workers to Attend Annual Conference

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Thursday 22nd October 2026)- A special invitation is being extended to domestic workers across St. Kitts and Nevis to attend the upcoming 87th Annual Workers' Conference of the St. Kitts-Nevis Trades and Labour Union (SKNT&LU), as the workers' representative body continues its efforts to promote greater awareness, representation and protection for this important category of workers.

The Conference is scheduled for Sunday 25th October 2026, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Solid Waste Management Corporation (SWMC) Conference Room, Taylor's Range, Basseterre.

General Secretary Precious Mills said the participation of domestic workers is particularly important this year, given the research interests of the Conference's guest speaker, Dr. Simon Black, Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Labour Studies at Brock University in Canada.

"Our guest speaker's current research focuses on domestic work in the Caribbean, which is excellent because we have been making a deliberate effort to bring greater attention to domestic workers and the importance of ensuring that they understand their rights and receive fair treatment," Mills stated.

She highlighted the Union's establishment of its Domestic Workers Section as an important step in its ongoing mobilisation efforts.

"When we speak about domestic workers, we are referring to caregivers, cleaners, gardeners and others who perform essential duties within private households. These are valuable workers whose contributions must never be overlooked simply because their workplaces are people's homes."

Mills emphasised that domestic workers are an important part of the care economy and should be encouraged to participate in discussions concerning their working conditions, rights and representation.

"We continue our mobilisation efforts because we fully understand that these workers, many of whom operate within

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Government Must Meet Public Scrutiny With Evidence and Candour, Says Acting Prime Minister Hanley

Basseterre, Saint Kitts, October 21, 2026 (PMO): Acting Prime Minister, Hon. Dr. Geoffrey Hanley, has affirmed that government must respond to public scrutiny with evidence, openness and a clear account of its work, describing the examination of government's decisions as an essential part of democratic life.



Delivering the keynote address at the Budget 2027 National Forum on October 20, Dr. Hanley said accountability must remain central as the Government prepares its next budget and advances its national development programme.

"As we look towards 2027, public discussion will naturally become more searching. Our record will be examined. Our decisions will be questioned. That scrutiny is part of democratic life. We should meet it with evidence, candour and a clear account of the work ahead," he stated.

Dr. Hanley acknowledged that the Government's progress must be considered alongside the needs that remain.

"People are entitled to expect results. They are entitled to ask when a project will be completed, whether a service will be reliable, and how an investment will improve their lives," Dr. Hanley said. "And as a government, we accept that responsibility."

The Acting Prime Minister also encouraged participants of the forum to contribute specific proposals grounded in their experience. He invited stakeholders to identify service failures affecting businesses and communities, investments with strong potential to create local employment, and opportunities to improve coordination and the use of existing resources.

"Please, challenge our assumptions where your experience points to a better approach. Our responsibility is to consider those contributions seriously and communicate clearly about the priorities that emerge," he told participants.

Held under the theme "Investing Strategically, Strengthening Resilience, Delivering for the People," the forum provided an opportunity for stakeholders to contribute to the Government's budget planning.

Dr. Hanley reaffirmed that the next budget must demonstrate the Government's commitment to lasting results through disciplined choices and practical delivery, with the aim of strengthening confidence among families, supporting enterprise and widening opportunities for citizens.

EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT

SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

Claim No. SKBHPB2026/

In the Estate of DORIS ERMINE ADAMS, late of #11 Florence Nightingale Lane, New Pond Site, Basseterre in the Island of Saint Christopher, in the Federation of Saint Christopher and Nevis, deceased

ADVERTISMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **JOHNSON & ASSOCIATES,** Attorneys-at-Law for **MARLENE PATRICIA HENRY-STANIUS and YVETTE HENRY EDWARDS** of 10352 Southwest 212 Street, Cutler Bay, 33189, Florida, United States of America and #8 Flamboyant Avenue, Paradise View, St. Johns, Antigua, respectively, for a Grant of Probate to the applicants who are the Executrices of the Estate of the deceased who died on the 18th September 2026 without revoking a Will bearing the date of 19th April 2021.

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 13th day of October , 2026

Filed by: **JOHNSON & ASSOCIATES,** Attorneys-at-Law whose address for service is: 9 The Sands, Bay Road, Basseterre, St. Kitts, Telephone Number 466-2019.

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THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT
A. D. 2026
(PROBATE)

In the Estate of **COLLETTE JAMES** late of # 34 Conyers Housing Project, Conyers, St. Kitts, deceased.

AMENDED ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

TAKE NOTICE that an Application has been filed by **ZAHARA JAMES** of Conyers Housing Project, Conyers, St. Kitts Technician Assistant.

(c) For a Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicant who is the daughter of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 24th day of July, 2023.

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

Dated this 18th day of September, 2026.

HENDERSON LAW CHAMBERS
Attorneys-at-Law for the Estate of **COLLETTE JAMES**

Filed by: Brittney S. Jeffers Attorney-at-Law of **HENDERSON LAW CHAMBERS**, Suite 7, The Sands Complex, Bay Road, Basseterre, St. Kitts. Telephone Number: (869) 465-6242. The Applicant's address for service is at Henderson Law Chambers.

The Registry is at Sir S.W. Tapley Seaton GCMG, CVO, KC, JP, LL.D. ANNEX, East Independence Square Street, Basseterre, St. Kitts, telephone number (869) 465-2009, facsimile number (869) 465-2482. The Office is open between 8:00 am to 3:30 pm Mondays to Fridays except Public Holidays.

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the informal economy, deserve to be treated fairly and to understand their rights as workers."

She further expressed the Union's interest in facilitating direct engagement between Dr. Black and domestic workers during his visit to the Federation.

"One of the activities we would like to see coming out of Dr. Black's visit is a focus group session with domestic workers, or some other form of meaningful interaction. We want these workers to have an opportunity to share their experiences, participate in discussions and gain a deeper sense of empowerment."

Reflecting on the Union's public awareness efforts, Mills recalled the message "Domestic Workers Are Workers Too", which was boldly displayed on a custom-made back piece during the Labour Day March held in Basseterre in May 2025.

The eye-catching presentation featured illustrations representing common items associated with domestic work, drawing attention to the contributions of caregivers, cleaners, gardeners and other household workers.

Mills, who also serves as Public Relations Officer of the Caribbean Domestic Workers Network (CDWN), explained that she came up with the idea for that presentation in collaboration with Union Field Officer and Executive Committee member Sean Kelly, who brought the ensemble to life and proudly wore it during the procession.

She explained that the artwork was adapted from an illustration featured in a C189 toolkit published in October 2022 through the work of Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing (WIEGO) and the International Domestic Workers Federation (IDWF).

The initiative formed part of the Union's wider efforts to promote recognition of domestic workers and awareness of International Labour Organization Convention No. 189, which concerns decent work for domestic workers.

Mills reiterated that the upcoming Conference presents another opportunity for domestic workers to become more informed, connected and involved in the Union's activities.

"Dear domestic workers, we want you to come out, listen, participate and understand that you have a place in the trade union movement. Your work matters, your voices matter, and your rights matter."

She concluded with the Union's familiar message: "Domestic Workers Are Workers Too!"

Front Page Photo: St. Kitts-Nevis Trades and Labour Union (SKNT&LU) Field Officer and Executive Committee member Sean Kelly, pictured wearing the custom-made back piece highlighting the message "Domestic Workers Are Workers Too" during the 2025 Labour Day March held in Basseterre in May 2025. (Spokesman Snap)

The Government of St. Kitts and Nevis Invites Tenderers to Bid on the following Project:

La-Guerite Reservoir Roof Repairs Tender Documents can be obtained at the Public Works Department, Wellington Road, Basseterre, St Kitts, as of

Monday, 19th October, 2026

for a non-refundable fee of EC$500.00 each.

Completed tender shall be delivered in sealed envelope to the office of:

Director of Public Works Department
Wellington Road, Basseterre St. Kitts
on or before 1:00pm Monday 30th November 2026.

Tenderers or their representatives are invited to the Tender Opening.

Eligibility

It is mandatory that Tenderers be locally registered in the Federation of St. Kitts & Nevis. Business License MUST be presented before receipt of Tender Document.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS ST KITTS

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'Illness Does Not Recognise Titles or Positions'-Acting PM Hanley

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Thursday 22nd October 2026)-Acting Prime Minister Dr. Geoffrey Hanley has reminded the nation that illness does not discriminate based on an individual's position, profession or financial circumstances, while urging citizens and residents not to allow their differences to overshadow their shared humanity.

Delivering a national address on Monday 19th October 2026, Dr. Hanley made the remarks against the backdrop of Prime Minister Dr. Terrance Drew's recent health challenges, overseas medical treatment and rehabilitation.

"Illness does not recognize titles or positions. It does not consider one's age, profession, financial circumstances or responsibilities," Dr. Hanley stated.

"It can interrupt the busiest schedule and change the course of an ordinary day. In those moments, what matters most is the care available to us, the people standing beside us and the strength we find in faith."

The Acting Prime Minister used the occasion to encourage greater personal responsibility for health and well-being, highlighting the importance of medical attention, healthy habits and emotional support.

"Attend your medical appointments. Pay attention to changes in your body. Make time to rest, exercise, and proper nutrition. Speak openly when you are struggling emotionally. And please never underestimate the importance of checking on someone else."

His message also placed particular emphasis on compassion and togetherness, reminding the population that differences



should not prevent individuals from demonstrating concern for one another during difficult circumstances.

"And if these past weeks have taught us anything, let it be that we must never become so divided by our differences that we forget our shared humanity," Dr. Hanley declared.

"We are our brothers and our sister's keeper. When one family hurts, we should care. When one of us faces difficulty, the rest of us should be willing to extend a hand."

He described that spirit of compassion, togetherness and responsibility for one another as part of what it means to be Kittitian and Nevisian.

Meanwhile, Dr. Hanley announced that Prime Minister Drew is scheduled to return home on Saturday 24th October, having successfully completed rehabilitation and received medical clearance to resume his full official duties.

He recalled that Dr. Drew was admitted to the Joseph N. France General Hospital on Sunday 30th August, after which he underwent overseas medical treatment and rehabilitation.

According to Dr. Hanley, the Prime Minister recently informed the nation that he had received an excellent medical assessment.

"For this we give Almighty God all the praise and thanks," he remarked.

The Acting Prime Minister further announced that following Dr. Drew's return, the government would host a national thanksgiving service at the National Heroes Park, inviting citizens and residents to participate.

"But let it be clear, this moment is about more than the return of our prime minister. It is a celebration of faith, of hope, of the strength of our institutions, and of a people who understand the importance of standing together when it matters most."

Dr. Hanley also addressed the continuation of government business during the Prime Minister's absence, highlighting the Federation's 43rd Independence anniversary celebrations, housing developments and representation at the United Nations General Assembly.

He reported that 19 families received house keys in Stapleton Village and another 10 in Harry Phipps, while work continued in water security, housing, energy and healthcare.

He thanked Cabinet colleagues and public servants for ensuring that government operations continued throughout the period.

Dr. Hanley expressed appreciation to those who had offered prayers, messages and well wishes for the Prime Minister, while encouraging continued prayers for families confronting illness, healthcare workers and those carrying leadership responsibilities.

"May we emerge from this experience, more grateful for life, more attentive to one another, and more united in our purpose," he said.

Front Page Photo Caption: Acting Prime Minister Dr. Geoffrey Hanley, pictured while delivering his address to the nation on Monday 19th October 2026, during which he reflected on the unpredictability of illness and urged citizens and residents to demonstrate greater compassion, unity and concern for one another.

FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
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IN THE MATTER OF SECTION 144 OF THE TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT AND LOST CERTIFICATE OF TITLE ISSUED JUNE 15, 2015 REGISTERED IN TSI REGISTER BOOK 2015, FOLIO 4 OF THE SAINT CHRISTOPHER REGISTER OF TITLES

NOTICE OF LOST CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Dmitry Volkov formerly of 29 Planetnaya Str, Bld. 1, Apt. 139, Moscow, Russia but now of Strada Vecchia Binda Brisino 25, 28838 Stresa (VB), Italy, the Registered Proprietor of the Time Share interest contained in the said title being Time Share Interest No. E of Unit 115 of Windswept Residence Club No. 42 has applied to the Registrar of Titles for the issue of a replacement Certificate of Title in lieu of one registered in TSI Register Book 2015, Folio 4 of the Register of Titles of the Island of St Kitts on the basis that the said Certificate of Title has been irrecoverably lost.

Any person who may be in possession of the said Certificate of Title or of any information which may lead to its recovery, kindly contact: **KELSICK, WILKIN & FERDINAND**, Attorneys-at-Law, of Chambers, Fred Kelsick Building, Independence Square South, Basseterre, St Kitts.

Dated this 14 day of October ,2026

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

NATIONAL CARIBBEAN INSURANCE

National Caribbean Insurance Company Limited having made sworn deposition that policy number 62377 on the life of Hyacinth Bailey has been lost and having made an application to the Directors to grant a special policy, notice is hereby given that unless an objection is raised within one month of the date hereof, the special policy asked for will be issued.

Dated: 16/10/2026

By Order,

Diana Williams-Humphrey
Chief Executive Officer

Government's Inaugural Retail Bond Fully Subscribed Following Strong Investor Response



Financial Secretary in the Ministry of Finance, Mr. Carlton Pogson

Basseterre, St. Kitts and Nevis, October 21, 2026 (PMO) – The Government of St. Kitts and Nevis' inaugural Household and Non-Governmental Organisation Retail Bond has been fully subscribed at EC$10 million, following strong demand from investors in the Federation and across the Eastern Caribbean.

Financial Secretary in the Ministry of Finance, Mr. Carlton Pogson, announced the successful subscription during the 2027 National Budget Forum on Tuesday, October 20, noting that demand for the investment instrument significantly exceeded the Government's original EC$5 million offering.

"We started out at five million. That was fully subscribed within two weeks," Mr. Pogson told participants at the Forum. He explained that the Government subsequently expanded the offering to EC$8 million, with the additional allocation also fully taken up in less than one week. Following further demand, Cabinet granted special approval for an additional EC$2 million, bringing the total value of the offering to EC$10 million. That additional amount has also been fully subscribed.

The Financial Secretary thanked citizens and residents of St. Kitts and Nevis, along with investors from across the region, for their participation in the initiative. He said the overwhelming response speaks to what he described as a high level of confidence in the economy of Saint Kitts and Nevis.

The Retail Bond was launched on September 22, 2026, as part of a wider effort to make formal investment opportunities more accessible to ordinary households and eligible organisations. Issued through the Regional Government Securities Market (RGSM), the two-year bond carries a fixed interest rate of 4.5 percent per annum, with interest paid semi-annually and the principal scheduled to be repaid at maturity on October 26, 2028.

A key feature of the initiative was its low entry point. The minimum investment was deliberately set at EC$500, significantly below the EC$5,000 minimum traditionally associated with participation in the regional government securities market. Investors could increase their investment in increments of EC$100, providing an avenue for persons who may previously have regarded securities investment as being beyond their financial reach.

At the September launch, Financial Secretary Pogson said the programme was intended to help build a stronger culture of saving, investing and long-term financial planning, while widening participation in the formal investment market. The initiative was specifically structured for households, families, churches, cooperatives, community groups, charitable organisations and other eligible non-governmental organisations seeking opportunities to put their savings to work.

The successful subscription therefore represents more than the raising of EC$10 million. It also demonstrates strong public appetite for accessible investment products and marks an important step in efforts to encourage more citizens to move from traditional saving towards investment and longer-term wealth creation.

Governor of the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (ECCB), Mr. Timothy N. J. Antoine, had underscored this objective at the launch, noting that the Retail Bond initiative forms part of a broader regional effort to expand financial inclusion and encourage households to become active investors. He also highlighted the reduction of the investment threshold as an important means of bringing more ordinary citizens into the regional capital market.

The Government has described the Retail Bond initiative as part of its broader approach to financial empowerment, aimed at giving citizens greater opportunities to participate in investment, build assets and strengthen their financial security over time.

The initiative also complements national efforts to promote financial literacy and encourage a wider culture of investment and wealth creation among citizens and residents.



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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

CLAIM NO. SKBHCV2020/0196

ST KITTS NEVIS ANGUILLA NATIONAL BANK LIMITED -Applicant

and

LEROY MATTHEW -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 5th day of **October, 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 known as Lot 124 HL/1 North of the Frigate Bay Housing Development bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On or about the North by a Development Road, 80.3 feet; On or about the East by Lot 111, 86.0 feet, Lot 110, 86.5 feet and Lot 109, 84.1 feet; On or about the South by Lot No. 108, 52.5 feet and Lot 193, 54.25 feet and On or about the West by Lot 125, 231.55 feet and containing by admeasurement 25,621 square feet, all as the same is described in a Certificate of Title dated the **5th day of August, 2004** and registered in **Book D3 Folio 361** of the Register of Titles of the Saint Christopher Circuit in favour of **LEROY MATTHEW** formerly of #14 Park Range, in the town of Basseterre, in the Island of Saint Christopher registered proprietor thereof.

UPSET PRICE

The Upset price for the above property shall be **EC$431,732.00**

Dated the 29th day of September, 2026

Registrar of the Supreme Court

EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
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NIA Annual Seminar Reinforces Professionalism and Service Standards For Nevis Taxi Operators

NIA CHARLESTOWN, NEVIS (October 21, 2026)- The Nevis Island Administration (NIA) Ministry of Tourism hosted its annual refresher seminar for certified taxi operators on Tuesday, October 20, providing an opportunity for participants to refresh their skills, reinforce professional standards and enhance the quality of service offered to visitors ahead of the official start of the 2026/2027 tourist season.

The seminar, held at the Malcolm Guishard Recreational Park, brought together approximately 40 taxi operators for sessions on customer service excellence, taxi regulations, Nevis' history and the art of storytelling.



Vanessa Webbe, Product Development Manager in the Ministry of Tourism, welcomed participants during the opening ceremony and highlighted their important role in the island's tourism industry. She noted that taxi operators work at the intersection of transportation and tourism and are often among the first people visitors encounter, placing them in a unique position to create a lasting positive impression of Nevis.



Taxi operators attend the Nevis Island Administration Ministry of Tourism annual refresher seminar for certified taxi operators on October 20, 2026

Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Tourism John Hanley thanked the operators for their continued contribution to Nevis' tourism industry. He reminded them that their conduct and service play a significant role in shaping visitors' experiences and influencing their overall impression of the island, urging them to maintain the highest standards of professionalism.

"Of the first and most important people visitors will meet when they arrive will be you our taxi operators. You may be the first to offer them a glimpse into our way of life and the first to help them feel

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ST KITTS-NEVIS-ANGUILLA NATIONAL BANK LIMITED Claimant

and

CURTIS ALDEN MARTIN 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 24th day of October 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 Stapleton Estate Yard, a dismemberment of Stapleton Estate and bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On or towards the North-East by lands of David Lake, 103.00 feet; On or towards the South-East by lands of Stapleton Estate, 146.18 feet; On or towards the South-West by an Estate Road, 99.13 feet and On or towards the North-West by a 15 foot Access Road and by lands of Stapleton Estate, 116.76 feet and containing by admeasurement 13,000 square feet, all as the same is described in a Certificate of Title dated the **1st day of April, 2005** and registered in **Book E3 Folio 114** of the Register of Titles of the Saint Christopher Circuit in favour of **CURTIS ALDEN MARTIN** formerly of Upper Prickley Pear Alley, **Basseterre** in the Island of Saint Christopher now residing at Stapleton Estate, St. Peters, in the Island of St. Christopher Registered Proprietor thereof.

UPSET PRICE

The Upset price for the above property shall be **EC$1,885,000.00**

Dated the 22nd day of July 2026

Registrar of the Supreme Court

EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
FIAT JUSTITIA
HIGH COURT

NIA Annual Seminar Reinforces Professionalism and Service Standards For Nevis Taxi Operators

(cont'd from last page)

welcome. In many instances you may be the last people they see before departing. That makes you much more than drivers- you are destination ambassadors, story tellers, representatives of our people and partners in the development of Nevis as a premiere tourism destination."



John Hanley, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Tourism delivers remarks at the annual refresher seminar for certified taxi operators on October 20, 2026

Mr. Hanley also underscored the importance of honesty, integrity and adherence to established taxi rates, reminding operators that visitors must feel confident that they are receiving fair and reliable service.

"Respecting the official taxi rates is not optional. It is a fundamental obligation of professional service...They should never have to worry about being overcharged, misled, or taken advantage of.

"Every professional interaction contributes to the image of our island. The impression you leave can influence whether visitors recommend Nevis to their friends, return for another vacation or share positive experiences with the wider world. That is why the standards we discuss today matter so much."

Participants were further reminded of the importance of courtesy, punctuality and maintaining a professional approach in their interactions with visitors, all of which contribute to a positive visitor experience and the island's reputation as a tourism destination.

The seminar featured presentations by Greg Phillip, who shared practical strategies for delivering professional, welcoming and memorable customer service; Joanne Manners, who addressed taxi regulations; and Leonard Stapleton, who explored Nevis' history and the art of storytelling.

Through these sessions, operators had the opportunity to revisit essential information, strengthen their customer service skills and build on their knowledge of the island's heritage, enabling them to provide visitors with more informative and engaging experiences.

The programme also allowed taxi operators to ask questions, raise concerns and engage with facilitators on matters relevant to their work.

Senior members of staff from the Ministry of Tourism were also in attendance.

The annual refresher seminar forms part of the Ministry of Tourism's ongoing efforts to support taxi operators in maintaining professional standards and delivering quality service as Nevis prepares to welcome visitors during the 2026/2027 tourist season.



Taxi operators attend the Nevis Island Administration Ministry of Tourism annual refresher seminar for certified taxi operators on October 20, 2026

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CLAIM NO: SKBHCV2025/0077

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ST KITTS-NEVIS-ANGUILLA NATIONAL BANK LIMITED
- Claimant

and

MAXINE HERBERT-DUGGINS
formerly known as
MAXINE HERBERT-WEBSTER
-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 29th day of October 2026 at 3:15 o'clock in the afternoon.

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

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

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

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

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land with building thereon situate at 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 22nd day of July 2026

Registrar of the Supreme Court

EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
FIAT JUSTITIA
HIGH COURT

El Salvador's president threatens Haitian gangs over military hostages

Jamie Whitehead



Getty Images Nayibe Bukele in a black jacket with a stitched design around the collar. Two flags are hung behind him. Getty Images

El Salvador's president has said he has launched a military operation to rescue four air force personnel who have been missing in Haiti since Sunday.

Threatening further action, Nayib Bukele said that Wednesday's attack was "nothing" compared with what would happen if all the hostages - who he said were not combatants - were not returned alive.

They went missing after being ambushed by "heavily armed criminal groups," El Salvador's armed forces said. The ambush occurred in Croix-des-Bouquets, an area controlled by armed groups.

They were part of the so-called Gang Suppression Force (GSF), approved by the United Nations Security Council earlier this month, to tackle escalating gang violence in Haiti.

According to an X post from Bukele, the mission consisted of pilots and technical personnel, whose primary jobs were to "carry out medical evacuations and save lives, not to wage war".

His post said the Salvadoran military operation's single objective was to bring the four men back home alive.

He added that if all four were returned alive, without being harmed, "everything will go back to how it was before the kidnapping".

Bukele added they were kidnapped "in a cowardly manner" while returning after buying food at a market in the area.

A statement released by the Armed Forces of El Salvador on Sunday said the group was ambushed while travelling back to its camp in an armoured vehicle, which caught fire after being hit by explosives.

So far, no gang has claimed responsibility for the attack.

Salvadoran helicopters were deployed to assist, with multiple attempts to make an approach by land and air hampered by fighting and local security conditions, the armed forces said.

On Wednesday, before Bukele announced the launch of the military operation, the GSF said it was searching for the four missing personnel following the attack.

It added that it had "engaged armed gang elements, with helicopter support" and that early reports had indicated that several gang members were killed.

Earlier this week, the UN warned that Haiti's armed gangs were adapting to intensified security conditions, saying that they were "stepping up reprisals against civilians and extending their reach into rural areas".

Haiti has not held elections since 2016, and two weeks ago postponed presidential and legislative elections - scheduled for 13 December - indefinitely.

The country has been wracked by economic chaos, a political vacuum and increasingly violent gang warfare since its president was assassinated in 2021.

More than 5,500 people were killed in gang-related violence in Haiti in 2024. Armed gangs currently control about 85% of the capital, Port-au-Prince.

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NEVHCV2026/0005

In the matter of the Title by Registration Act Cap.10.19
AND
In the matter of a request by SAMUEL EVERETT HENDRICKSON
For issue of First Certificate of Title in his favour in respect to 10,890 Square Feet of land at Budgeon Estate, in the Parish of St. John In the Island of Nevis

Attention Heirs of Samuel Hendrickson (deceased)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR THE ISSUE OF A FIRST CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

TAKE NOTICE that **SAMUEL EVERETT HENDRICKSON** of Budgeon Estate, in the Parish of St. John in the island of Nevis, has made an application to the Registrar of Titles for the Nevis Circuit for the issue of a First Certificate of Title in his favour to ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land situate at Budgeon Estate in the Parish of St. John in the island of Nevis containing by admeasurement 10,890 Square Feet of land bounded and measuring as follows: **On or towards the North-East by lands of Samuel Hanley, 164.36 feet; On or towards the South-East by an Estate Road, 13.07 Feet and 56.17 Feet; On or towards the South-West by the Estate of Samuel Hendrickson, 165.57 Feet and on or towards the North-West by lands of Samuel Hanley 63.20 Feet** all as the same is set forth and delineated on the plan attached hitherto dated the day 24th day of June, 2011 made by Simeon Hill, Licensed Land Surveyor or howsoever otherwise the same is heretofore abutted bounded known or described

Dated the 19th day of January 2026

WalwynLaw
Solicitors for the Applicant
SAMUEL EVERETT HENDRICKSON

TO: Estate of Samuel Hanley
: Ministry of Agriculture
Estate of Samuel Hendrickson (deceased)

FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT CAP 10.19

A. D. 2026

LAND REGISTRY
OCT 22 2026
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ST CHRISTOPHER / NEVIS

SKBHCV2026/0062

IN THE MATTER of a lost Certificate of Title dated 18th day of March, 2002 registered in Book B3 Folio 91 of the Register of Titles of the Island of Saint Christopher.

-And-

In the matter of Registration by Title Act Chapter 10.19

NOTICE OF LOST CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

NOTICE is hereby given of the Loss of Certificate of Title dated the 18th day of March, 2002 which is registered in Book B3 at Folio 91 of the Register of Titles for the Saint Christopher Circuit which title was issued in the names of **CLEMENT WILLIAMS and CYNTHIA WILLIAMS** as per SKBHCV2021/0176.

Any person having information relating to the whereabouts of the said Certificate of Title is requested to notify the Registrar of Titles for Saint Christopher Court or Ms. Janine Harris - Lake, Attorney-at-Law, St. Kitts – Nevis Legal Aid & Advice Centre, West Independence Square Street, Basseterre, St. Kitts.

Dated the 22nd day of October 2026.

Janine Harris Lake
Attorney-at-Law

Breast cancer also affects men and the risk increases with age

Although breast cancer is less common in men, the risk increases with age. Recognizing warning signs and seeking medical attention for unusual changes can help support early diagnosis.

October 2026 – Male breast cancer is far less common than breast cancer in women, but it is usually discovered later: Men with breast cancer often receive the diagnosis after finding a breast lump on their own. Kathryn Ruddy, M.D., an oncologist at Mayo Clinic Comprehensive Cancer Center, explains key things to know about male breast cancer.



Male breast cancer symptoms

A lump is the most common symptom of male breast cancer, but there also can be discharge from the nipple or pain in the breast area. A breast lump is usually firmer than the surrounding tissue and may have irregular edges; because men have less breast tissue, the lump is often close to the nipple, Dr. Ruddy explains. As in females, the most common breast cancer in males is ductal carcinoma.

"Since breast cancer screenings, such as mammograms and breast exams, aren't typically recommended for men, they usually find a lump on their own," Dr. Ruddy says. "If men notice an unusual lump, experience nipple discharge, or chest or breast discomfort, they should seek medical attention promptly to determine the cause."

"The risk for breast cancer in males increases with age and is more common in those who have a family history of breast cancer, especially male breast cancer," Dr. Ruddy adds. Some genetic mutations such as BRCA1 and BRCA2 also are known risk factors. Those with Klinefelter syndrome, a rare condition that occurs when men have an extra X chromosome, also are at higher risk.

Some medical treatments also can put men at greater risk, such as chest wall radiation, sometimes given to treat lymphoma. Some testicular and liver abnormalities that affect hormone levels also increase the risk for male breast cancer.

Staging male breast cancer

For men experiencing symptoms, the first step is breast imaging, usually a mammogram and an ultrasound, sometimes a breast MRI. If the findings of the exam and imaging are concerning, a biopsy – removing a sample of breast cells for testing – will be ordered.

"Breast cancer in men is staged the same as in women — from 0 to 4. If detected at stage 0 before the cancer becomes invasive, nearly all patients will be cured," Dr. Ruddy explains. "However, if cancer is detected at stage 4, that means it has spread to other parts of the body, and it usually can be treated but not completely eliminated."

Female breast cancers are more often detected at stage 0 and 1, while a higher proportion of male breast cancers are found at stages 2, 3 and 4, she says.

"When detected at the same stage, the prognosis for breast cancer in a male is no worse than that of breast cancer in a female," Dr. Ruddy says. "However, male breast cancers are more often diagnosed after they have already grown quite large in the breast, spread to lymph nodes under the arm or elsewhere in the body."

Male breast cancer treatment

If men are diagnosed with stage 0 to 3 cancer, surgery will be part of the treatment plan, while at stage 4, treatments will primarily use medications to fight the cancer throughout the body.

For men requiring surgery, a mastectomy, or the entire removal of the breast tissue, is a common choice. But some men choose lumpectomy —removal of only part of the breast — instead.

Chemotherapy, endocrine therapy and radiation decisions for men are largely based on evidence from women with breast cancer. However, the Translational Breast Cancer Research Consortium is enrolling men in the ETHAN trial, designed specifically for men. In the ETHAN trial, men who were recently diagnosed with stage 1-3 breast cancer are assigned to take different types of anti-estrogen and targeted therapy medications to find out how best to shrink male breast cancer before surgery. The results of this trial will advance treatment for male breast cancer patients in the future.

"Because breast cancer is less common in men, some patients with male breast cancer can feel isolated or even ashamed of having a cancer typically associated with women," Dr. Ruddy says. "That's why it's important for men to talk with their healthcare team about how they're feeling and, if possible, connect with other male breast cancer survivors in person or through online support groups."

To diagnose more men before their cancers grow large and spread, it's important that they seek medical attention for changes in their chest wall, nipple, underarms or neck, Dr. Ruddy says.

"In addition, men who are diagnosed with breast cancer are encouraged to participate in clinical trials, when available, to help improve male breast cancer treatment," she adds. "Detecting cancer early and optimizing evidence-based treatments will lead to more cures."

Case Number :SKBHCV2026/0125

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SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT
A.D. 2026
TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT CAP. 10.19

CLAIM NO. SKBHCV2026/

IN THE MATTER OF A REQUEST BY HAMIR SABNANI OF EARLE MORNES, BASSETERRE, SAINT CHRISTOPHER FOR THE CONSOLIDATION OF THREE CERTIFICATES OF TITLE REGISTERED IN BOOK X3 FOLIO 665, BOOK X3 FOLIO 666, BOOK X3 FOLIO 667 AND THE ISSUE OF ONE CERTIFICATE OF TITLE IN RESPECT OF THE PARCELS OF LAND CONTAINED THEREIN

SCHEDULE OF APPLICATION

For Certificates of Title and notings thereon, and caveats, for the week ending the 23rd day of October, 2026.

Date of Request	Person Presenting	Nature of Request, whether for Certificate of Title, or noting thereon, or caveat
13TH JUNE 2025	HAMIR SABNANI of Earl Mornes, Basseterre, in the Island of Saint Christopher by his Attorney-at-Law, Anthony Gonsalves K.C. of Gonsalves Parry	ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land situate at Frigate Bay Development, in the Parish of St. George, St. Kitts, containing by admeasurement 31,897.49 square feet and bounded and measuring as follows, On or towards the North North-West by Edge of Ghaut 128.30 feet, On or towards the East North-East by Road No. 1, 148.65, 44.48 and 75.11 feet, On or towards the South South-East by a Development Road 114.00 feet, On or towards the West South-West by a Development Road 65.00 feet, 49.00 feet, and 40.00 feet, On or towards the North by a Development Road 25.00 feet, On or towards the East North-East by a Development Road 26.00 feet, On or towards the North North-West by a Development Road 37.00 feet, and On or towards the West South-West by Lot No. 4, 76.77 feet

Dated the 20th day of October 2026

Registrar of Titles

Macron accuses foreign leaders of exploiting French riots

Patrick Jackson, Marco Silvaand Thomas Copeland, BBC Verify



AFP via Getty Images A protester wrapped in a French flag stands with smoke all around on a street in Lille on 17 October. AFP via Getty Images
Protesters rallied in Lille along with other cities across the country

French President Emmanuel Macron has accused foreign leaders of exploiting the riots which erupted across the country on Saturday for electoral purposes.

Without naming them, he said they were campaigning for forthcoming elections "at France's expense" with their comments on the violence, which erupted on the fringe of cost-of-living protests.

Speaking on a visit to the Middle East, he referred to them as "leaders who are in campaign mode, whether here in the region or on the other side of the Atlantic".

It was an apparent swipe at Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who faces parliamentary elections next week, and US President Donald Trump, for whom mid-term polls fall next month.

Macron said the unnamed leaders had been influenced by fake videos generated by AI about the riots.

Nearly 150 people have been jailed and more than 800 brought before the courts since the riots which gripped Paris and other cities including Lyon, Marseille and Nice.

Video of running battles between masked rioters and police, as well as property being destroyed and stores being looted, spread across social media.

The government admitted the police had "lost control" during the violence, which came after weeks of protests by students over conditions in high schools.

Macron vowed afterwards that the authorities would be "uncompromising" towards "agitators from ultra-left fringe groups", which he blamed for much of the trouble.

Speaking in the Qatari capital Doha, the French president said: "For me, there is no visible foreign interference in the events that took place. On the other hand, there was foreign manipulation of information afterwards, yes, and that gave rise to unacceptable and stupid comments from many people, including foreign leaders...

"We had people claiming that we had been invaded by hordes of migrants and Islamists, which is completely false."

On Tuesday, Netanyahu said in an interview for Israel's i24 channel that France, which has Western Europe's largest Muslim minority, had been hit by an "invasion of extremist Islam".

He said he had told Macron after the Hamas attack on Israel on 7 October 2023: "If we do not eliminate them here, you will have them in Paris." "That is exactly what is happening," he added.

Also on Tuesday, Trump blamed the riots on mass immigration to France.

"When I look at France, when you look at Italy, when you look at all the turmoil and the hatred, that's not about school," he said. "That's about people coming into the countries that hate the country."

"Close your borders and take control before it is too late!" he said in remarks directed at Macron.

According to a report in the UK's Financial Times newspaper, EU regulators are examining possible foreign online interference and disinformation campaigns around the French riots and similar recent outbursts of unrest in EU states.

It quotes unnamed security officials as saying that pro-Russian and far-right social media accounts linked to previous disinformation campaigns have spread violent videos in an attempt to sow more chaos.

Iran and Algeria are also suspected of being behind some of the messaging, the paper adds.

David Colon, a researcher at France's Sciences Po university who specialises in disinformation, was quoted as saying that "pro-Kremlin influencers" linked to the Russian campaign Storm-1516 had "amplified the events and spread a number of false narratives".

France is one of Ukraine's most vociferous military supporters in its ongoing war with Russia, while Algeria is a former French colony with bitter memories of its war to achieve independence in 1962, and French relations with Iran have been strained by its war with the US and Israel this year.

BBC Verify has reviewed more than 15 examples of fake news videos on social media which researchers at the US-based dTeam say are the work of a Russian disinformation operation known as Matryoshka.



A fake image of an elderly couple being robbed and left in their underwear

The videos feature near-identical branding to real news outlets in France, including Le Monde, Euronews and France 24.

The individual impact and reach of videos made by Matryoshka appear to be limited, but experts have said the focus on amplifying unrest is consistent with known Russian disinformation tactics.

Separately, BBC Verify has traced one of the most viral AI-generated images circulating on social media, which supposedly shows an elderly couple being robbed and left in their underwear in Paris, to an obscure website.

The director of Infos-Israel.News, Sabrina Hania, told the BBC her team had created the image - which was published on 17 October - using ChatGPT without using a reference image.

It was posted shortly after a television journalist reported on the alleged incident, citing "police information". The claim remains unconfirmed, with French media reporting that prosecutors have no information supporting it having happened.

While the original image was labelled as "Made with AI" on X and "AI content" on Instagram, it was later shared on X without any disclaimer in a post which attracted more than six million views.

Hania said she regretted that the image had been taken out of context and had misled so many people, blaming those who reshared it without identifying it as AI-generated.

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Residents warned not to drink tap water after hundreds fall sick near South Africa capital

Khanyisile Ngcobo
Johannesburg
BBC News



Gallo via Getty Images Residents wait to get clean drinking water from tankers in Tshwane Gallo via Getty Images
Tests found traces of E. coli in water supplied to residents living near Pretoria

Residents living near South Africa's capital, Pretoria, have been warned not to drink or cook with tap water after more than 400 people, mostly children under four, fell ill after drinking contaminated water.

The cases were detected in Tshwane, the area which includes Pretoria, after people reported to their local hospital with "stomach cramps and diarrhoea" over a two-week period, officials said.

No deaths have been reported but high levels of E. coli were found in the water.

Tshwane has faced numerous outbreaks from waterborne diseases in recent years. In 2023, 29 people were killed by a cholera outbreak in a township just outside Pretoria.

That outbreak, in Hammanskraal, was linked to substandard water purification practices.

In 2025, officials confirmed 48 cases of typhoid in the same area east of Pretoria. The source of the outbreak remains unclear.

No cholera bacteria has been found in the latest cases.

The departments of water and health, in a joint statement on Monday, said 408 cases had been detected between 7 and 18 October in about five townships.

They said that lab tests "indicate that the illness has been caused by residents being exposed to contaminated water" from a local water treatment facility supplying water to several communities east of Pretoria.

Samples tested found norovirus, campylobacter, shigella and "other pathogens that cause stomach cramps and diarrhoea", officials said.

The team's early investigations found that local authorities had failed to warn residents about the contaminated water.

The water supplied to the area has been declared unfit for human consumption and authorities urged residents to only use it to flush toilets. Tankers have been dispatched to supply clean drinking water.

"Previously stored water should be discarded, and water containers must be disinfected using household bleach," officials said.

Man with suitcase full of snakes stopped at German airport

Paulin Kola
BBC News



German Customs Two green snakes on the ground, one partially on top of a green plastic standGerman Customs
Not all the the snakes and lizards were alive, officials said

A man has been stopped at Cologne Bonn Airport in Germany after trying to smuggle in more than 90 lizards and venomous snakes.

Customs officials said the 45-year-old Mexican firefighter had looked "conspicuously nervous" as he tried to go through the green - nothing to declare - exit at the airport.

They conducted a drugs test on the man - which came back positive for cocaine - before proceeding to check his suitcase.

They did not find any drugs, but vipers, rattlesnakes and other species of snakes and lizards, including iguanas, hidden in shampoo and cream bottles, plastic containers and balls of socks.

"My colleagues at the airport are used to a lot when it comes to souvenirs in suitcases, but we've never had 37 live venomous snakes and 55 lizards from Mexico before," said Jens Ahland, spokesman for the Cologne Customs office.

Some were being kept "in inhumane conditions", Ahland said. Others had died during the journey from Mexico City via Istanbul.

The man, who has not been named, told officers that he had brought the animals back as a favour for a Brazilian acquaintance.

He was denied entry to Germany and flown back to Istanbul.

As for the surviving animals, they are being looked after at a snake farm in Germany.

"Last year, we had over 1,300 seizures nationwide involving more than 56,600 protected animals and plants or products made from them," the Customs spokesman said.

Six years ago, 26 rare reptiles - 10 of them dead - smuggled inside parcels of toys and sweets from Mexico, were found by customs officials at Cologne Bonn Airport.

They were destined for private buyers in Germany.

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Aga banned for fake prescription from family member



Image source,Getty Images
Ruti Aga won the 2019 Tokyo Marathon with a time of two hours 20 minutes 40 seconds

BBC Sport

Ethiopian marathon runner Ruti Aga has been handed a six-year ban after she attempted to explain a positive test for a banned substance using a prescription from a non-existent clinic, issued by a doctor who turned out to be a family member.

Aga, who won the 2019 Tokyo Marathon, tested positive for methylprednisolone after winning a half marathon in China in March.

She received a two-year ban for testing positive for the prohibited steroid - used to reduce inflammation and classed as performance enhancing by the World Anti-Doping Agency (Wada).

The 32-year-old was given a further four-year ban for tampering with evidence and misleading investigators during an interview.

"Aga attributed her positive test to treatment for a knee injury, submitting a prescription from a clinic that did not exist, issued by a 'doctor' who turned out to be a family member with no medical registration with the relevant authority," the Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) said on Thursday.

"When questioned, the family member claimed to have used an old prescription pad from a former workplace. But that clinic confirmed the individual had never worked there and the prescription was not theirs."

Aga, who has finished second three times at World Marathon Majors, has been provisionally suspended since 10 September and the ban will run from that date.

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To the Magistrate, District "B"

To the Superintendent of Police.

I, Sharon Joseph-Rogers now residing in **#15 Race Course Development** in the village of **Newton Ground** do hereby give you notice that it is my intention to apply on **04th** day of **January, 2027,** to the **District Magistrate** at **Sandy Point** for a **Beer Licence** in respect of my premises in **Rogers BBQ And Hideaway** in **Newton Ground Village** in **St. Kitts.**

Dated this
13th day of **October, 2026.**

Signed: **C. Rogers**

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SCHEDULE A
To the Magistrate, District "A"

To the Superintendent of Police.

WE, Letitia Ryan & Latoya Ryan now residing in **Taylor's Village** in the town of **Basseterre** do hereby give you notice that it is my intention to apply on **04th** day of **January, 2027,** to the **District Magistrate** at **Basseterre** for a **Retail Liquor Licence** in respect of my premises in **Ferry Terminal** in **Bay Road** in **Basseterre.**

Dated this
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The St. Kitts & Nevis Aquatics Federation Announces Team For 2026 OECS Swimming Championships

The St. Kitts & Nevis Aquatics Federation (SKNAF) has announced the 18 swimmers selected to represent St. Kitts & Nevis at the 2026 OECS Swimming Championships, taking place November 6–8 at the Shrewsbury Aquatic Centre in Saint Lucia.

The selected team brings together athletes from across St. Kitts and Nevis who have earned their places through performances at regional competitions throughout the season. They will compete against swimmers from across the Eastern Caribbean, gaining valuable experience and the opportunity to measure their progress at regional level.

2026 Team St. Kitts & Nevis includes

Girls 8 & under
Filippa Denne
Zheneje Blondell-Browne

Boys 8 & under
Akimba Cornelius
Jayveer Lake
Girls 9-10
Edith Denne

Boys 9-10
Gaj Leonce
Rhaejaan Jacobs
Clijae Christmas

Boys 11-12
Valentino Esposito
TeAdrian Tross
Greyson Burrell
Saulo Sahely

Girls 13-14
Skyla Connor

Boys 13-14
Austin Williams
Abhijith Srinivasan
Nazanu Chiverton

Girls 15-17
Jazzelle Connor

Boys 15-17
Aunri Pemberton

Team Officials
MacLevon Tross | Team Manager
James Weekes | Head Coach
Eldon Thomas | Assistant Coach
Camilla Dennel | Chaperone

For the swimmers selected, the OECS Championships represent an opportunity to put their training to the test, compete against some of the region's strongest young talent and gain experience that will help shape their development in the sport. Each athlete arrives at the championships with their own goals, but all will share the experience of representing St. Kitts and Nevis on the regional stage.

SKNAF President Eldon Thomas congratulated the selected athletes, highlighting the progress being made across the federation.

"We are encouraged by the number of swimmers selected for this year's OECS team and by the continued development we are seeing across our clubs and age groups. Every selection represents hours of training, the dedication of our coaches and the support of families who make it possible for these young athletes to pursue their goals. We congratulate each swimmer and look forward to seeing them take this next step in their competitive journey while representing St. Kitts and Nevis."

The 2026 OECS Swimming Championships will bring together swimmers from across the Eastern Caribbean, providing an opportunity for athletes to measure their progress against regional competition, pursue personal bests and build experience for future championships.

The St. Kitts & Nevis Aquatics Federation extends its sincere gratitude to the St. Kitts and Nevis Olympic Committee (SKNOC), Espo Construction, Natalia Esposito, Royal St. Kitts Hotel, St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla National Bank, the Nevis Island Administration and Tappwater Caribbean for their valuable support and contributions towards the development of aquatics and the opportunities provided to our athletes. Your support plays an important role in helping our swimmers pursue their goals and represent St. Kitts & Nevis with pride.

SKNAF congratulates all 18 selected swimmers and wishes Team St. Kitts & Nevis every success at this year's championships.

South Africa complete famous win over Australia



South Africa celebrate wicket from Wiaan Mulder - *Image source,Getty Images*
Australia won the first Test by 214 runs

By Matthew Henry - BBC Sport Journalist

Second Test, Gqeberha (day five of five)
South Africa 425-9 dec: Bavuma 179, Jansen 85; Boland 5-81
Australia 99 & 295: Head 121; Rabada 4-77, Mulder 3-64
South Africa won by an innings and 31 runs

South Africa broke Australia's resistance in the final session to complete a famous victory in the second Test and set up a series decider in Cape Town.

Travis Head made 121 for Australia and Scott Boland survived 166 deliveries for 40 runs in an attempt to escape Gqeberha with a draw - the tourists' hopes also boosted by the first session being wiped out by rain.

But the Proteas stuck to their task to take the six wickets needed to win by an innings and 31 runs as the light faded late on the last day.

Premier paceman Kagiso Rabada finished with 4-77 while Marco Jansen, whose 5-33 on day four put South Africa in the ascendancy, took the final wicket as Australia were dismissed for 295.

But all-rounder Wiaan Mulder also played a crucial hand, bowling with accuracy and finding movement off the pitch to dismiss Head, Boland and Australia captain Pat Cummins.

Some of South Africa's great Test wins have come against Australia - notably in the last World Test Championship final two years ago and a Test on this ground in 2018 in the infamous Sandpaper series. This must surely rank highly among them.

They were heavily beaten in the first Test in Durban and when 40-4 and 110-6 in their first innings of this Test, there appeared only one winner in this series.

Instead, the contest has been turned on its head by Bavuma's epic 179 and South Africa twice dismissing Australia, setting up a tantalising finale in Cape Town.

The third Test begins on Tuesday.

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