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Editorial

Yellow: Power in Our Hands

As Kitts and Nevis continues the observance of National Colours Day in celebration of our 43rd anniversary of Independence, today's (4th September 2026) wearing of yellow offers more than an opportunity to display national pride. It gives us reason to reflect on the resource that yellow represents-and how we can better harness it to power our future.

Yellow in our national flag represents sunshine. In a country blessed with year-round sunshine that symbolism should cause us to ask a practical question: Are we doing enough to turn the power of our natural resources into power for our people?

This year's Independence theme, 'One People, One Vision, Endless Possibility: Independence 43', provides a fitting backdrop for that conversation.

As a Small Island Developing State (SIDS), our twin-island Federation understands the importance of resilience, sustainability and making efficient use of the resources available to us. Our geographic size does not have to limit our vision. In fact, it should encourage us to become more

Consider the sun above us. It is a natural source of energy that arrives freely every day. Yet our homes and businesses continue to depend heavily on conventional sources of electricity while some households remain concerned about the cost of keeping the lights on and businesses contend with the expense of operating in an energy-intensive environment.

Greater use of solar power, renewable energy and energy-efficient technologies has the potential to change how we think about electricity. For individual households, energy efficiency and renewable generation can offer opportunities to reduce consumption and, where circumstances permit, lower electricity bills. For businesses, greater energy efficiency can also translate into reduced operating costs and greater competitiveness.

However, harnessing our natural resources requires more than recognising their existence. It requires investment, innovation, education and a willingness to think beyond traditional approaches.

Our young people, in particular, must be part of this conversation. The transition towards cleaner and more

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

In the Estate of TREVIS RONEL SMITHEN
Late of Rawlins Extension, St. Pauls, St. Kitts, deceased.

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by LEROY THEOPHILUS SMITHEN of Grove Village, St. Pauls, St. Kitts, and NORA CECILIA CLARKE of Main Street, St. Pauls, St. Kitts for the Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant, who is the father and only of the deceased, the deceased having died on the 17th day of December, 2025.

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

Dated this 10th day of July, 2026


Dr. Dennis Merchant
MERCHANT AND ASSOCIATES
Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicants

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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SAGICOR LIFE (EASTERN CARIBBEAN) INC.

Althea White of Basil Henderson Street, New Road, St. Peter, St. Kitts, having made sworn deposition that **Policy No. 055402387** issued by **Sagicor Life Inc.** and assumed by **Sagicor Life (Eastern Caribbean) Inc.** on her life has been lost and having made application to the Directors to grant a duplicate of the same, notice is hereby given that unless objection is raised within one month of the date hereof, the duplicate policy asked for will be issued.

Dated 25th August, 2026

By Order

Andrew Greaves
Corporate Secretary


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efficient energy creates opportunities for new skills, new businesses, technical careers and innovation. The question is not simply how much electricity we consume but how wisely we generate, distribute, conserve and use power.

The yellow we wear today can therefore serve as a reminder that some of the energy resources we need to move forward are already around us. The challenge is to develop the knowledge, technology and systems to harness them effectively and sustainably.

This is where the words "Endless Possibility" should mean something tangible.

What if more homes could generate some of their own electricity? What if more businesses could reduce their energy bills through greater efficiency? What if our schools produced a generation of young people equipped to design, install and manage the technologies that will help

power tomorrow?

These possibilities require vision but also action.

For a small island nation, energy independence does not necessarily mean producing every unit of electricity ourselves. It can mean becoming less vulnerable, more efficient and more resilient in how we meet our energy needs.

Therefore, let us celebrate the sunshine not merely as a symbol on our flag but as a reminder of a natural resource with the potential to help power our homes, businesses and national development.

Next up on the National Colours Day schedule are: red on Friday 11th September 11; white on Thursday 17th September; Patriotic Day on Friday 18th September and black on Friday 25th September.

PM Drew Gives Health Advice While Undergoing Medical Tests

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETTERRE, St. Kitts (Thursday 3rd September 2026)-Prime Minister and Minister of Health Dr. Terrance Drew, a medical doctor by profession who is currently undergoing further medical evaluations abroad, is using his own recent health experience to urge citizens and residents to take their health seriously, listen to their bodies and not ignore warning signs.

He gave such advice on Thursday 3rd September 2026 while providing an update on his health in a national address, explaining that he and his wife had travelled to the US on the advice of medical specialists in St. Kitts and Nevis and also Martinique for further investigations.

"I speak to you this afternoon from South Florida in the United States of America. My wife and I traveled here on the advice of medical specialists in St. Kitts and Nevis, as well as specialists in Martinique so that further investigations could be conducted. At this stage, there is nothing alarming to report but the doctors are continuing their investigations, and I believe it is important that they are allowed to be thorough," he said.

Dr. Drew said he began experiencing persistent nausea last Sunday (30th August), which progressed into episodes of vomiting. He also experienced pain on the left side of his neck, accompanied by a mild headache and dizziness.

"As the day progressed, I began feeling unsteady on my feet and had difficulty with my balance and walking. I understood that these were symptoms that should not be ignored," he said.

He said he subsequently consulted with Dr. Jeffrey Liburd, Dr. Yren [Clarke] Baez, Dr. Dwayne Hendrickson and Dr. [Alberto] Laguna the resident neurologist, who advised and ultimately directed him to the Joseph N. France (JNF) General Hospital.

"I therefore consulted with Dr. Jeffrey Liburd, Dr. Erin Baez, Dr. Dwayne Hendrickson, and Dr. Laguna, our resident neurologist, who advised and ultimately directed me to the JNF General Hospital, where our capable medical team immediately evaluated and conducted a series of scans and other investigations to determine what was taking place," Dr. Drew said.

The Prime Minister also thanked the healthcare workers at the JNF General Hospital, specifically acknowledging the doctors, nurses and other members of the medical team for their response and care.

"I want to express my deepest gratitude to the excellent doctors, caring nurses, and other members of the medical team at the JNF General Hospital for their swift response, care and professionalism, as well as to the medical professionals who are presently caring for me," he said.

The Prime Minister thanked citizens, residents and well-wishers for their prayers, messages and expressions of support, as well as those who sent him medical advice.

"I cannot promise that I will follow every prescription, but I can certainly appreciate the love and good intentions behind them. As a medical doctor, I know when it is time to practice medicine and when it is time to simply be the patient," he said.



Photo: According to Prime Minister Dr. Terrance Drew is all smiles having told in a national address health update that "I remain in good spirits. Getting fully active, fully conscious, and in stable condition as these evaluations continue." (Screenshot)

SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

ISLAND OF NEVIS

A.D. 2026

TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT, CHAPTER 1019

REGISTRY OF TITLES

NEVIS CIRCUIT

SCHEDULE OF APPLICATION

for Certificate of Title, and ratings thereon, and caveats, for the week ending

the 28th day of August 2026

DATE OF REQUEST	PERSON PRESENTING	NATURE OF REQUEST
19 th June, 2026	Sonia Davina Harwood, Administratrix of the Estate of Miriam Gladys Hanley aka Miriam Alberta Hanley by her Solicitors, Nesbotts of Chambers, Chapel Street, Charlestown, Nevis	Certificate of Title to be issued in respect of 7,635 square feet of land situate at Barkers in the Parish of Saint James in the Island of Nevis

The said land being bounded as follows:- On the North West by lands of Clement Bussac, 49.47 feet, On the North East by an Access Road, 107.51 feet, On the South East by an Access Road 9.06 feet, On or towards the North East by an Access Road 26.75 feet, On the South East by lands of Jacinth Jones, 52.63 feet and On the South West by lands of Christopher Daniel and Steve Daniel, 130.76 feet

Dated the 21st day of August 2026

Registrar of Titles



"After the weekend I just had, I knew the best thing I could do was step back, follow my doctor's orders and take the rest my body required."

Dr. Drew said that while he missed his regular gym regimen, he was taking things easy and had followed his doctor's advice by taking a gentle walk earlier Thursday morning.

"Though I certainly miss my regular gym regimen, I am content for now taking it easy. In fact, following my doctor's advice, I went for a gentle walk earlier this morning and it felt great getting moving once again," he said.

Drawing directly from what he had experienced, Dr. Drew urged the public to pay closer attention to their health.

"This experience has been a wakeup call for me, and I hope it can also serve as a reminder to each of you that health matters. We must listen when our bodies speak to us. Please take your health seriously. Get your regular checkups. Take the time to rest and never ignore the warning signs when something does not feel right," Dr. Drew said.

He also expressed gratitude to medical professionals in Martinique and the United States who have been involved in his care.

"I also thank the medical professionals in Martinique, particularly Professor Dabor Resière, French Embassy, French Ambassador, the U.S. Embassy, the U.S. Charge d'Affaires for their quick intervention, as well as the Consulate of the Commonwealth of Dominica in Martinique," he said.

Dr. Drew said he remained in good spirits and that his medical evaluations were continuing.

"I remain in good spirits. Getting fully active, fully conscious, and in stable condition as these evaluations continue. I will further update you on my condition on the completion of my medical evaluations, but I am recovering well," he said.

The Prime Minister again thanked the public for the support extended to him and his family.

"Thank you once again for the tremendous outpouring of love, concern, and prayers. My family and I are deeply grateful. May God continue to bless each and every one of you, and may He continue to bless our beloved Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis. Thank you very much," Dr. Drew said.

Front Page Photo: Prime Minister Dr. Terrance Drew delivers a health update on Thursday 3rd September 2026, assuring citizens and residents that he remains in good spirits and is recovering well as medical evaluations continue (Screenshot Image)

Hanley, Wilkin Get Interim Portfolios During PM Drew's Medical Absence

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETTERRE, St. Kitts (Wednesday 2nd September 2026)-With Prime Minister Dr. Terrance Drew absent for medical reasons, Deputy Prime Minister Dr. Geoffrey Hanley and Attorney General Garth Wilkin have been assigned additional portfolios, complementing the assurance given by Dr. Hanley that the business of government will continue as normal and without interruption.

Under interim arrangements announced by the Cabinet Secretariat on Tuesday 1st September 2026 Dr. Hanley will serve as Acting Prime Minister and assume responsibility for the Ministries of Finance, Health, and Human Resource Management and Social Security, in addition to his existing duties.

Dr. Hanley, who retains his existing responsibilities as Minister of Education, Youth Empowerment, Housing and Human Settlement, Ecclesiastical and Faith-Based Affairs, Social Development, Gender Affairs, Aging and Disabilities, has now taken on the additional portfolios in his capacity as Acting Prime Minister. Attorney General Garth Wilkin, whose substantive responsibility is Justice and Legal Affairs, has additionally assumed responsibility for National Security, Citizenship and Immigration.

The interim arrangements followed an assurance given by Dr. Hanley during a National Address on Monday 31st August whereby he said the Government's operations would continue without interruption.

"Our Prime Minister is in good spirits. His leadership team remains unified and focused, and the business of the government and the nation continues without interruption. I speak to you tonight, fresh from direct communication with the Prime Minister himself," Dr. Hanley said.

Dr. Hanley said Prime Minister Drew had spoken directly with Cabinet prior to his departure and had made his expectations regarding the continued operation of the country clear.

"During our conversation, Prime Minister Drew made one request very clear to myself and the entire cabinet. Business in St. Kitts and Nevis must be conducted as normal," Dr. Hanley said.

"In fact, he has explicitly instructed that there be no major disruption to the social, civic, or economic activity of our nation. The machinery of the state will remain robust, stable, and fully functional," he added.

Dr. Hanley also said the Government remained focused on its development agenda.

"We are fully focused on keeping our national development agenda moving forward without hesitation or delay," he said.

The Cabinet Secretariat subsequently stated that the interim governance arrangements were being implemented in keeping with the constitutional order of succession and to ensure the uninterrupted conduct of the nation's affairs. It said the measures were designed to ensure that every arm of Government continues to function without disruption and that essential services remain operational.

Dr. Hanley also addressed the need for restraint while the Prime Minister undergoes medical evaluation abroad, saying the Government would continue to provide updates while avoiding speculation.

"Until we receive the complete formal report from his medical team abroad, we do not wish to engage in speculation, nor should anyone in our communities. We remain grounded in the facts, transparently and patient," he said.

He explained that Prime Minister Drew had travelled abroad to meet with medical specialists who would work in liaison with his local medical team.

"Upon his arrival, he will be seen and evaluated immediately by these physicians. To ensure the highest standard and continuity of care, these specialists are working in direct liaison with his local medical team right here in St. Kitts and Nevis. Together, they will conduct a thorough medical assessment and establish a tailored remedy of care to address whatever health issues have arisen," Dr. Hanley said.

He added that, under medical guidance, the Prime Minister would take a brief leave of absence to dedicate the necessary time to his recovery.

Dr. Hanley also conveyed appreciation from Prime Minister Drew and his wife for the messages of support received since news of the Prime Minister's medical absence became public.

"The Prime Minister and his wife also conveyed their deepest gratitude to everyone who has reached out. The outpouring of love, prayers, and well wishes across social media via WhatsApp, telephone calls, and personal messages has been overwhelming and deeply moving," he said.

According to Dr. Hanley, the Government had also reached out to regional and international colleagues, partner governments and diplomatic allies to keep them informed.

He urged citizens and residents to remain productive and avoid unnecessary alarm.

"Instead, let us channel our energy into remaining productive, looking out for one another, and keeping our leader lifted up in prayer and positive thoughts," Dr. Hanley said.

"We are a nation built on resilience, faith, and unity. The foundation of our democracy is strong, and our commitment to the advancement of St. Kitts and Nevis remains unshakable. May God bless our Prime Minister with a swift and complete recovery," he added.

Front Page Photo: Used for illustration purposes only, this images shows Government Headquarters on Church Street in Basseterre, St. Kitts (Credit: mofa.gov.kn)



Richards Returns As PAM Leader Issuing Apology

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Wednesday 2nd September 2026)-The newly elected Political Leader of the opposition People's Action Movement (PAM), Dr. Shawn Richards, has apologized to party members for past actions which he said may have caused disappointment, hurt or frustration.

"...I wish to say sincerely to all members of PAM: if I have disappointed you, if I have fallen short, or if my actions in the past have caused hurt or frustration, I apologize. I make that apology not merely as a gesture, but as a commitment to do better," he said.

Dr. Richards' remarks came via a statement after he was elected at a Special Caucus convened at PAM Headquarters on Tuesday 1st September 2026, marking his return for a second period in the position after resigning in April 2024 following 12 years in the post. Of note, Natasha Grey-Brookes subsequently assumed the position-elected unopposed in June 2024-and served as Political Leader until her resignation, which was signaled in July and became effective on 31st July 2026.

According to information released by PAM, Dr. Richards received 72 votes, while Lincoln David-Pelle received nine votes. Two ballots were spoiled, with a total of 83 votes cast.

Dr. Richards said his approach as Political Leader would be different.

"My approach as Political Leader will be different. I will listen more. I will seek greater understanding. I will be more compassionate about the concerns of our members. Because our members matter," he said.

Part of his vision, he said, would be "to reach out in reconciliation to former members, rebuild relationships and create a renewed image of who we are and what we stand for as a Party."

"We need every member. We need every supporter. We need our former members. We need our young people. We need our elders," Dr. Richards said.

"When we ask you to help us reach a former member, open the door. And when that former member returns, let us welcome them with open arms-not with judgment, but with understanding," he said.

Richards also said there must be civility within the party.

"We can have differences. We can debate. We can disagree. But at the end of the day, PAM must come first," he said, adding that personal political considerations must not be allowed to become greater than the interests of the Party and the people it seeks to serve.

Dr. Richards listed five areas as follows: "First, to unite the Party. Second, to strengthen our organs, structures and functionality, including the implementation of the recommendations mandated by the Executive and National Council arising from the work of the Committee on Reconciliation. Third, to prepare the Party comprehensively for the next general election. Fourth, to finalize our plans for the upcoming National Convention. And fifth, to reach out in reconciliation to former members, rebuild relationships and create a renewed image of who we are and what we stand for as a Party."

Richards said work would begin immediately, announcing a series of meetings beginning the following day.

"Starting tomorrow, I will begin a series of meetings. The first will include the elected members of both the incoming and outgoing executive and the General Secretary. Others will include, on Saturday, a meeting with all candidates and caretakers. On Sunday, at 9:00

am I wish to invite the entire executive (incoming and outgoing), all candidates and caretakers and all members of the party to join me for a church service at the Antioch Baptist Church at Lime Kiln."

"It is the first step in what must be a genuine RENEWAL of PAM-not renewal in words, but renewal through action," Dr. Richards said.

Richards thanked outgoing executive members and also acknowledged immediate past Political Leader Natasha Grey-Brookes, expressing appreciation for her service "not only as Political Leader, but for the many years in which you have served PAM in different capacities, including as a candidate."

He also congratulated Pelle on his participation in the leadership contest.

"I also wish to congratulate Mr. Lincoln Pelle for the brave and competitive spirit he demonstrated as a fellow candidate for the leadership. Pelle, your participation in this contest has given me even more reason tonight to respect you and to appreciate your commitment to our Party. Thank you," Richards said.

Richards concluded by stressing the need for unity within the party.

"Tonight is not about who won and who lost. Tonight is about PAM. Tonight, we turn the page. Let us pull together. Let us work as one. Let us rebuild trust. Let us restore confidence. Let us renew our Party. And let us move forward with unity, discipline, purpose and determination. The renewal begins tonight. The work begins tomorrow," Dr. Richards said.

According to PAM details, the Special Caucus also filled two executive positions left vacant following the Party's regular caucus in July. Shermel Drew was elected Assistant General Secretary with 66 votes, defeating Joearmy Flemming, who received 17 votes, while Laverne Caines returned unopposed as Public Relations Officer.

Furthermore, it has been highlighted that with those appointments, PAM said it has completed its slate of executive officers, which is to be ratified at the Party's 60th National Convention on Sunday 27th September 2026.

Reportedly, Dr. Richards becomes the sixth PAM Political Leader. His nomination was made by Deputy Political Leader Azard Gumbs and seconded by Acting Chairperson Carlene Henry-Morton.

Dr. Richards is also the current Parliamentary Representative for St. Christopher Five.

He served as deputy prime minister under the broken up former Team Unity administration.

Front Page Photo: A cropped version of the congratulatory social media image, featuring newly elected PAM Political Leader Dr. Shawn Richards, posted following the Special Caucus elections held on Tuesday 1st September 2026. (Credit: Facebook/PAM - The People's Action Movement)



Hon Dr Shawn Richards delivers his rallying address to the delegates at the Special Caucus following his election as the PAM's 6th Political Leader on Tuesday 1st September, 2026 (Image + Caption-Credit: Facebook/PAMThePeople'sActionMovement). Editor's Note: Dr. Richards' sole fellow candidate Lincoln Pelle seen on his immediate right looking on]



Photo: Some of the PAM's Executive Elect in a group photo following the Special Caucus of Tuesday 1st September, 2026. Left to right Ms Shermel Drew, Assistant General Secretary elect, Mr Nubian Greaux Deputy Political Leader, Mr Azard Gumbs - Deputy Political Leader, the Hon Dr Shawn Richards - Political Leader elect, Ms Jacqueline Howell - Chair elect, Ms Laverne Caines - PRO elect and Mr Akeem Walters - Deputy Chair elect. Missing from photo is Mrs Shirley Morgan - Treasurer elect (Image + Caption-Credit: Facebook/PAMThePeople'sActionMovement)

Editor's Note: The banner in the background shows Sir Kennedy Simmonds, first Prime Minister of St. Kitts and Nevis, former Political Leader of PAM and the Federation's first and only living National Hero.

Nevis Assembly President and Youth Parliamentarians Participate in 48th CPA Regional Conference

NIA CHARLESTOWN, NEVIS (September 02, 2026)- The Nevis Island Assembly is being represented at the 48th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) Conference of the Caribbean, the Americas and the Atlantic Region, currently taking place at the Moon Palace Resort in Jamaica from August 30 to September 5, 2026.

The CPA Jamaica Branch extended an invitation to the CPA Nevis Island Branch to attend and participate in the regional conference, which is being held under the theme "Strengthening Parliaments in the Digital Age."

Representing the CPA Nevis Branch is Hon. Michelle Slack-Clarke, President of the Nevis Island Assembly, who is contributing to the regional discussions through a presentation on "Maintaining Parliamentary Decorum in the Digital Age."

Her participation highlights Nevis' contribution to important conversations on the evolving role of legislatures in an increasingly digital environment, including the need to preserve the standards, traditions and integrity of parliamentary proceedings while embracing new technologies.

As part of the conference programme, the 19th Regional Youth Parliament will be convened virtually on Thursday, September 3, 2026, under the theme "Youth Leadership in the Age of Artificial Intelligence."

The CPA Nevis Branch has nominated Ms. Shevonne Daniel

and Mr. KJel Smithen to represent Nevis at the virtual Youth Parliament.

The virtual format is intended to encourage broader and more inclusive participation by young parliamentarians from across the Caribbean, Americas and Atlantic Region. The Nevis representatives will join youth parliamentarians from across the region for discussions focused on the opportunities and challenges presented by artificial intelligence and the Caribbean's digital future.

The Youth Parliamentarians will debate the motion- "Artificial Intelligence, Regional Dependence and the Caribbean's Digital Future."

The virtual proceedings are scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 3, 2026, and will be broadcast live via the Public Broadcasting



Hon. Michelle Slack-Clarke, President of the Nevis Island Assembly

Corporation of Jamaica (PBCJ) YouTube Channel and the official Jamaica Houses of Parliament portal.

Nevis is participating alongside parliamentary representatives from Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, The Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica as host, Montserrat, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, and the Turks and Caicos Islands.

The participation of the CPA Nevis Branch at the conference and Regional Youth Parliament underscores Nevis' continued engagement in regional parliamentary affairs and its commitment to strengthening parliamentary democracy while preparing legislators and young leaders to navigate the opportunities and challenges of the digital age.

The Nevis Island Assembly wishes Ms. Shevonne Daniel and Mr. KJel Smithen every success in the upcoming Virtual Youth Parliament Debate and look forward to their meaningful contribution to this important regional dialogue.

EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS NEVIS CIRCUIT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

APPLICATION NO. NEVHCV 2024/0022

BETWEEN:

CIBC CARIBBEAN BANK (BARBADOS) LIMITED
(formerly First Caribbean International Bank (Barbados) Limited);

Applicant

and

LYNDIS WATLEY

Respondent

NOTICE OF FILING

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Applicant, CIBC Caribbean Bank (Barbados) Limited (formerly First Caribbean International Bank (Barbados) Limited), on August 14, 2026 filed a Notice of Sale by Public Auction dated August 10, 2026.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE the Applicant has filed the attached proceedings on the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court Electronic Litigation Portal. The authorization code for the Respondent to access these proceedings is as follows: **G0000000**

The proceedings can only be accessed through the Electronic Litigation Portal. If you do not have an attorney-at-law and need assistance in accessing the Electronic Litigation Portal, please contact the Service Bureau at the Nevis High Court office.

Dated the 17th day of August 2026

Hilda K. L. Delahou, Associate
KELSICK, WILKIN & FERDINAND

Case Number :SKBHCV2026/0107

FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
ISLAND OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER
TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT, CAP. 10:19
A. D. 2026

FILED
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(AT THE CLERK'S OFFICE)

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IN THE MATTER of Section 12(1)(a) of the Title by Registration Act, Cap 10:19

AND

IN THE MATTER of an Application by CHRISTOPHER RALPH VANIER for the issue of a First Certificate of Title to 1.00 acre of land at "Conaree" and "Muddy Pond" Estates, in the Parish of St. Peter in the Island of Saint Christopher

SCHEDULE OF APPLICATIONS

for Certificate of Title, and noting thereon, and Caveats, for the week ending the 4th day of September 2026.

Date Request	of Person presenting	Nature of Request, whether for Certificate of Title, or noting thereon, or Caveat.
December 4, 2026	CHRISTOPHER RALPH VANIER formerly of Wigley Avenue, in the Town of Roseau in the Island of St. Christopher and now residing at 28 rue Antoine Cléry, 92110, Avon, France	ALL THAT lot of land part of the said "Conaree" and "Muddy Pond" Estates situate in the Parish of St. Peter, in the Island of Saint Christopher and bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say: On or towards the North-West by an Estate Road, 150.00 feet; On or towards the North-East by an Estate Road, 290.40 feet; On or towards the South-East by Conaree Estate, 150.00 square feet; and On or towards the South-West by a Public Road, 290.40 feet; and containing by admeasurement 1.00 acre

Dated the 31st day of August 2026



REGISTRAR OF TITLES

Historic 'Ancestral Echoes' Commemoration Unites Nations in Solemn Reflection and Healing on 400th Anniversary

(Department of Cultural Heritage, Saint Kitts, September 03, 2026):

A stirring, historic ceremony commemorating the 400th Anniversary of the Kalinago Massacre and the near-simultaneous arrival of the first enslaved Africans on Liamigua, named Saint Christopher by the English, was held on August 28, 2026. The event was held at the Challengers Football Field, adjacent to the historic Bloody River. History records that the river ran red for several days following the massacre of thousands of indigenous Amerindians in August 1626, by English and French colonisers.

The "Ancestral Echoes: Remembering the Blood, Honouring the Resilience" ceremony was organised by the Department of Cultural Heritage. Members of the Challengers and surrounding communities joined the Minister responsible for Cultural Heritage, Honourable Samal Duggins; senior government officials; diplomatic envoys; and regional indigenous delegations at the solemn gathering, which served as a monumental milestone in national and regional truth-telling, collective memory, and historical reconciliation. The proximity of the ceremony to the very waterway where thousands of indigenous ancestors laid down their lives provided a profound backdrop for an evening defined by libations, traditional drumming, spiritual healing, and calls for enduring justice.

Representatives from the Kalinago Nation of Dominica and local heritage guardians came together for this significant event, illustrating an unbroken thread of survival over the four centuries. Indigenous leadership highlighted that 1626 was not merely a chapter of destruction, but the crucible from which an indestructible indigenous identity endured across the Caribbean archipelago.

The ceremony harnessed the creative talents and energies of our young creatives and seasoned performers to deliver a moving and inspirational commemoration. Spoken-word performances, traditional Kalinago smoke ceremony and songs, dance, and West African drumming ensembles echoed throughout the valley, symbolically reuniting the two lineages whose blood and sweat nourished the island's soil.

The Honourable Samal Duggins, Minister with responsibility for Cultural Heritage, noted that "We stand today on ground stained by the blood of ancestors whose sacrifice echoes across four centuries. To honour them is not to remain trapped in historical grief, but to claim our sacred duty to preserve their legacy, teach our youth the unvarnished truth of our genesis, and forge a shared future rooted in dignity, sovereignty, and mutual honour."

UNESCO Secretary General, Nerys Dockery, underscored the event's global resonance and emphasised that confronting the raw, unedited reality of 1626 is an essential prerequisite for true educational transformation and UNESCO-backed heritage preservation.

Highlighting ongoing national efforts to submit the Bloody River site for formal cultural landmark protection, officials noted that memory is the ultimate fortress against historical amnesia.

The Department of Cultural Heritage reaffirms its commitment to collaboration with critical local stakeholders and regional partners to ensure that the lessons of Ancestral Echoes extend far beyond a single evening of remembrance.

The department extends its profound gratitude to the community of Challengers, Chief Sanford, and the Kalinago Council, the Saint Kitts and Nevis Independence 43 Planning Committee, the Ministry of Sports, Public Works Department, the St-Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla National Bank, St. Kitts and Nevis National Commission for UNESCO, the Nevis Island Administration, HCMD Urgent Care Clinic, local performers, security services, volunteers, and service providers, and every citizen and guest who attended this transformative national event. Together, Saint Kitts and Nevis has proven that while history may record tragedy, a united people determines its legacy of resilience and peace.

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

SAINT KITTS
CLAIM NO. SKBHCV2026/0175
BETWEEN:

REPUBLIC BANK LIMITED

Claimant

and

SUZETTE RAWLINS

Defendant

NOTICE OF HEARING

TAKE NOTICE that this matter has been scheduled for hearing at the High Court, Masters Chamber (St. Kitts) via zoom on 22nd day of September 2026 at 09:00 AM.

DATED: this 27th day of August 2026

[Signature]

CASE MANAGER OF THE HIGH COURT

TO:

JOHNATHAN RATTAN
On behalf of
Claimant
HOBSON NEWMAN AMRITT (SKB)
Sands Complex
Suite A51
Basseterre
Saint Kitts and Nevis

AND TO:

Suzette Rawlins
Defendant

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT, CAP. 10:19

A. D. 2026

SUIT NO. SKBHCV2026/

IN THE MATTER of Section 75 of the Title by Registration Act, Cap. 10:19

and

IN THE MATTER of an Application to settle Articles of Sale of the Defendant's property comprised in Certificate of Title registered in Book Q2 Folio 136.

BETWEEN:

REPUBLIC BANK (EC) LIMITED
(Successor to THE BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA)

- Claimant

and

ASSIGNMENT CODE:
99c029

SUZETTE RAWLINS

- Defendant

FIXED DATE CLAIM FORM

The Claimant REPUBLIC BANK (EC) LIMITED a corporation incorporated pursuant to the laws of St. Lucia with its registered office situated at 14 Floor Mainland Place, Choc Estate, Camry, in the Island of St. Lucia, duly registered as an external company under the Companies Act of the Federation of Saint Christopher and Nevis with its registered office at Unit 9, The Sands Complex, Bay Road, Basseterre, in the Island of Saint Christopher and carrying on branch banking business at Port Street, in the town of Basseterre, in the Island of Saint Christopher, in the Federation of Saint Christopher and Nevis, Successor to the banking business of THE BANK NOVA SCOTIA in Saint Christopher and Nevis by virtue of The Bank of Nova Scotia Banking Business Winding Order, 2019, Statutory Rules and Orders of Saint Christopher and Nevis, appears to the Court for an Order under Section 75 of the Title by Registration Act to settle the Articles of Sale of the property of the Defendant SUZETTE RAWLINS comprised in Certificate of Title dated the 10th day of June, 1991 and registered in Book Q2 Folio 136 of the Register of Titles of the Island of Saint Christopher being ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land known as West Farm, in the Parish of Trinity, in the Island of Saint Christopher bounded and resurveying as follows, to-wit: On the North by lands of West Farm Deeds 126 feet On the South by lands of West Farm Deeds 126.75 feet On the East by lands of West Farm Deeds 57 feet and On the West by lands of West Farm Deeds 117.4 feet and containing by measurement 0.2712 of an acre to estimate an upset price, to fix the day of sale and to adjust the announcements of sale, and the mode of publication thereof and for the following orders, that:

- 1) The date of sale to fixed by the Registrar and same to take place at the Charles Amory Building, Portlands, St Kitts, by the Registrar of the High Court.
- 2) The upset price for the property comprised in Certificate of Title dated the 10th day of June, 1991 and registered in Book Q2 Folio 136 be EC\$725,000.00
- 3) The Notice of Sale be advertised in two issues of a local newspaper published in the Federation of Saint Christopher and Nevis, the last to be published at least one week prior to the sale.
- 4) The Claimant post Notice of Sale and erect sign(s) on the property, which shall, "For Sale" along with any relevant information about the sale in a conspicuous place on the encumbered property.
- 5) The Claimant is permitted to advertise the sale by way of electronic media including but not limited to the Claimant's website.
- 6) The Claimant be at liberty to advertise the Notice(s) of sale of the property/properties and photographs of the property/properties regionally and internationally.
- 7) The Defendant make the properties available for showing to prospective purchasers at reasonable times during the week and on weekends between the hours of 9am and 5pm.

Affidavits in Support accompany this Fixed Date Claim Form.

Dated the 27th July 2026

[Signature]
Johnathan Rattan
Hobson-Newman & Amritt
Attorneys-at-Law for the Claimant



Back-To-School Ceremony Calls For Renewal, Partnership And Educational Excellence

Basseterre, St. Kitts, Tuesday, September 01, 2026: The Ministry of Education is ushering in the new academic year with a renewed focus on collaboration, educator well-being, and student success. Education stakeholders gathered for the annual Back-to-School Ceremony held under the theme "Transforming Education Through Self-Renewal, Holistic Partnership and Digital Solutions." The ceremony was held on Monday, August 31, 2026.

Hon. Dr. Geoffrey Hanley, Minister of Education, commended schools across the Federation for their performance in the 2026 CCSLC, CSEC and CAPE Examinations. He recognized the efforts of educators and students whose commitment contributed to the results achieved during the assessments.

Minister Hanley also welcomed teachers new to the profession as they begin their careers and take on the important responsibility of educating and shaping the nation's young people.

As the new academic year gets underway, Minister Hanley called on educators to recommit themselves to their shared mission and to continue working together with the success of students as their priority.

"I ask you today to recommit yourselves to this shared mission. Let us strengthen our fraternity, uplift one another, and place the success of our students at the center of all we do. As we begin this new school year, let

us carry forward the spirit of collaboration, excellence, and hope. Let us remember every child who walks into our classroom carries the dream of a family, the promise of a community, and the future of a nation."

Featured speaker Ms. Patricia Walters, CEO, The Cable, encouraged educators to recognize the importance of taking care of themselves while meeting the demands of the teaching profession.

"You cannot sustainably give what you continually fail to replenish. You have to replenish yourself. Protect your energy, establish boundaries, and make time for what restores you. Rest without guilt and ask, 'What do I need to continue doing to work this way with joy?' because the best version of you may be the greatest resource that you bring into the classroom."

The Back-to-School Ceremony served as a welcome to the new academic year and a reminder of the collective responsibility shared by educators, parents, and other stakeholders.



Legacy of Apostle Dr. Allan S. Isaac Lives On Through Scholarship Awards

The Rivers of Living Water Christian Centre Ministries International proudly announced the inaugural recipients of the Apostle Dr. Allan S. Isaac Memorial Scholarship Initiative during the Scholarship Awards Ceremony held on Sunday, August 30, 2026. This program was established to support ambitious students who demonstrate outstanding academic promise and strong leadership potential.

Guided by the theme "Nurturing the gifts in each

individual and empowering the next generation to rise with courage, conviction, and integrity," the scholarship reflected the church's enduring commitment to education, empowerment and the legacy of Apostle Dr. Allan S. Isaac.

The first cohort featured five(5) exceptional scholars, carefully selected from a highly competitive pool of applicants representing every level of education within the Federation. Each recipient, a valued partner of the Rivers of Living Water Christian Centre Ministries International, was awarded a monetary grant to assist with tuition and educational expenses for the upcoming academic year.

This year's recipients were:

- Zamar Morris — Primary School Division
- Joliver Rosemé — High School Division
- Khari Gonsalves — College Division
- Stephenie Akporhwarho — Tertiary/University Division
- Abigail Jackson — Special Award, Early Childhood Division

The Scholarship Committee, together with our Setman and Visionary, Apostle Dr. Debbie Isaac, extended heartfelt congratulations to all recipients selected this year. Their dedication to excellence was commended, and they were encouraged to continue striving for success in their academic pursuits.

The Apostle Dr. Allan S. Isaac Memorial Scholarship Initiative has already become a source of inspiration and upliftment, ensuring that Apostle Dr. Isaac's vision of courage, conviction, and integrity lives on through the achievements of future generations.

About the Apostle Dr. Allan S. Isaac Memorial Scholarship Initiative

The Apostle Dr. Allan S. Isaac Memorial Scholarship Initiative was created to honour a legacy

of vision and faith by empowering the next generation of leaders. More than financial support, it is a seed sown into the future nurturing students' gifts, strengthening their character, and opening doors to opportunity.

Each year, deserving students are selected for their academic excellence, moral strength and perseverance. Through this program, they are encouraged to rise with courage and conviction, carrying forward values of resilience, responsibility and vision to enrich their communities and the world.



Zamar Morris — Primary School Division



Joliver Rosemé — High School Division



Khari Gonsalves — College Division



Stephenie Akporhwarho — Tertiary/University Division



Abigail Jackson — Special Award, Early Childhood Division

Urine test can spot more than nine in 10 bladder cancers

Fergus Walsh - Medical editor



Getty Images A man holds a urine sample in a pot

Getty Images An at-home urine test that the NHS has been trialling can detect more than nine in ten cases of bladder cancer, latest findings show.

The study, published in European Urology Oncology, was led by the University of Birmingham and a diagnostics company Nonacus, and involved nearly 1,000 patients at seven hospitals in England and Scotland.

Researchers hope it could reduce the number of patients needing urgent, more invasive procedures, called cystoscopies, which involve inserting a small camera up the urethra and into the bladder.

If a larger trial is successful, it could mean tens of thousands of patients a year are spared these tests.

More convenient for patients

More than 300,000 cystoscopies are performed in the UK each year and there are significant waiting lists in some areas.

While the urine test is not a replacement for cystoscopies, it could help doctors identify patients at greater risk who should be prioritised for urgent ones rather than wait.

This NHS trial found that the Galeas urine test identified 92% of bladder cancer cases.

A negative result meant there was more than a 99% chance that the patient did not have bladder cancer.

It checks for any genetic material shed into the urine by bladder cancer and was originally developed by the University of Birmingham with funding from Cancer Research UK (CRUK).

It looks for more than 450 DNA

mutations associated with bladder cancer across 23 genes.

Prof Richard Bryan, co-author of the study and from Birmingham University, said after spending years developing and evaluating the science, it was exciting to see "very promising early performance" in a large real-world patient population.

Under a licensing agreement, the test has been commercialised by Nonacus, which pays back part of the revenue to the University and CRUK.

Michelle Mitchell from CRUK said: "Too many people are waiting longer than they should for a bladder cancer diagnosis, and it's essential that we find ways to tackle this problem.

"It's early days for this test and further research is needed, but it's vital that we continue to find faster and less invasive ways to help diagnose or rule out cancer."

Bladder cancer is more common in men over the age of 60 and the main symptom is blood in your urine.

How serious bladder cancer is depends on how big the cancer is and whether it has spread elsewhere in the body.

Early detection and treatment of cancer saves lives.



Does a bone tumor always mean cancer? Here's what you need to know

* *The most common bone cancers vary by age.*

September 2026 — Bone tumors can cause symptoms such as persistent pain and unintended weight loss, or they might only be discovered when someone breaks a bone and X-rays show a lesion. Wendy Allen-Rhoades, M.D., Ph.D., a pediatric oncologist at Mayo Clinic Comprehensive Cancer Center, describes the most common bone cancers in children and adults.

A bone tumor is an abnormal growth of cells within the bone. Some bone tumors

are benign, or noncancerous, and may be monitored over time. Others are malignant, or cancerous, and require treatment because they can grow, damage the bone or spread to other parts of the body.

"Hearing that an imaging test found a bone tumor or bone lesion can be frightening. Fortunately, most bone tumors aren't cancerous," Dr. Allen-Rhoades says. "The key is finding out exactly what type of tumor or lesion you have, so your healthcare team can recommend the right care."

Primary bone cancer is different from cancer that has spread to the bone from another part of the body, Dr. Allen-Rhoades notes. Cancers are named for where they begin. For example, if lung cancer spreads to the bone, it's still lung cancer, not bone cancer. Likewise, if bone cancer spreads to the lungs, it's still bone cancer.

Pain in bones

Pain in bones, muscles or joints is common and is usually caused by conditions other than cancer. Pain that worsens, doesn't improve, wakes you or comes with other symptoms, such as swelling, fever, weight loss or limping, deserves medical evaluation, Dr. Allen-Rhoades says.

"In children and teenagers, persistent pain shouldn't automatically be dismissed as growing pains," she adds. "While growing pains are common, ongoing pain that interferes with sports, school or daily activities should be evaluated by a healthcare professional."

Persistent back pain in children is also uncommon and should be checked. Another warning sign is a fracture that occurs after little or no trauma. Some bone tumors can weaken the bone.

"Sometimes bone tumors don't cause symptoms. Instead, they're discovered when an X-ray or other imaging test is performed after a sports injury or another unrelated problem," Dr. Allen-Rhoades says. "In these cases, the injury didn't cause the tumor; the imaging revealed something that was already there."

The most common bone cancers include:

* Osteosarcoma starts in cells that form bones. It's the most common type of bone cancer. Osteosarcoma tends to happen most often in teens and young adults. Osteosarcoma happens most often in the long bones of the legs and sometimes the arms. Osteosarcoma treatment most often involves surgery and chemotherapy.

* Chondrosarcoma usually begins in bones but can sometimes occur in soft tissue. Chondrosarcoma happens most often in the pelvis, hip and shoulder. It occurs

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St. Kitts And Nevis Culinary Team Gears Up For Taste Of The Caribbean 2026



Basseterre, St. Kitts (03 September 2026) — St. Kitts and Nevis is set to make its highly anticipated return to the Caribbean Hotel and Tourism Association's (CHTA) Taste of the Caribbean competition after an absence of more than ten years. An eight-member national culinary team, comprising junior and senior chefs, will proudly represent the Federation at the region's premier culinary competition in Barbados, November 16–19, 2026.

First announced during a press conference hosted earlier this year by the Honourable Marsha T. Henderson, Minister of Tourism, the team is being led by Team Manager Larry Monroe, Food and Beverage Manager at the Royal St. Kitts Hotel, and Junior Chef Team Coach Peter Marshall, Culinary Lecturer at the Clarence Fitzroy Bryant College. Over the past several months, the team has committed itself to an intensive programme of preparation and training while simultaneously working to secure the funding and sponsorship necessary to compete at the highest level.

With the competition fast approaching, the team is calling on individuals, businesses and the wider St. Kitts and Nevis diaspora to rally behind its fundraising efforts. Recent initiatives have

included a fundraising booth at Grill Fest and two specialty dining events at Splash at the Royal St. Kitts Hotel, with additional activities planned in the weeks ahead.

"Getting a team of this calibre to Taste of the Caribbean takes real resources, and we are asking the Federation to be part of this journey," said Monroe. "Whether through sponsorship, a donation or simply spreading the word, every contribution brings us closer to giving this team what it needs to compete and win. When we step onto that stage in Barbados, we are representing all of St. Kitts and Nevis."

Peter Marshall echoed the call for national support, emphasizing the dedication demonstrated by the team throughout its preparations.

"The team has put in the work, discipline and passion required to compete on a regional stage," said Marshall. "We are encouraging the people of the Federation and our diaspora to support us with the same passion with which we have approached this competition. For us, this is more than a competition, it is national duty. Every contribution helps us arrive in Barbados prepared to represent the Federation at our very best."

The St. Kitts Tourism Authority (SKTA) has also pledged its full support to the national team, recognizing the competition as an opportunity to showcase the Federation's culinary talent, flavours and culture to a regional audience.

The team also gratefully acknowledges the support of the St. Kitts Credit Union (SKCU), whose sponsorship is helping to make the team's participation in Taste of the Caribbean 2026 possible. The team extends its sincere appreciation to SKCU for investing in the Federation's culinary talent and supporting the team as it prepares to represent St. Kitts and Nevis on the regional stage.

"This team represents far more than culinary excellence; they are ambassadors for St. Kitts and Nevis and for the distinctive flavours and experiences that form part of our tourism product," said Kelly Fontenelle, CEO of the St. Kitts Tourism Authority.

The team's next major fundraising initiative will be a special dinner at the St. Kitts Marriott Resort, providing another opportunity for the public to support the team while experiencing the culinary talent that will represent the Federation in Barbados.

Members of the public are encouraged to follow St. Kitts and Nevis Culinary Team on Facebook for updates on the team, its preparations and upcoming fundraising activities.

Does a bone tumor always mean cancer? Here's what you need to know

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most often in middle-aged and older adults. Chondrosarcoma treatment often involves surgery to remove the cancer. Small and slow-growing chondrosarcomas in the arms and legs are sometimes treated with a procedure to scrape cancer cells from the bone. The surgeon might apply cold gas or a chemical to kill any cancer cells that remain. The bone can be repaired with a bone graft or bone cement, if needed.

* Ewing sarcoma starts in bones and the soft tissue around the bones. Ewing sarcoma mostly happens in children and young adults. It most often begins in leg bones and the pelvis. Ewing sarcoma treatment most often includes chemotherapy and surgery.

"Many benign tumors don't require treatment and can simply be monitored if they're not causing pain, limiting function or weakening the bone. Other benign bone tumors may require surgery," Dr. Allen-Rhoades says. "Malignant bone tumors, however, require treatment. Depending on the type of cancer, treatment may include

surgery, chemotherapy, radiation therapy or a combination."

Innovations

Innovations such as 3D-printed models of a person's tumor and the physical structures around it often help surgeons determine the best way to remove the tumor. Proton beam therapy may be used to deliver higher doses of radiation to bone tumors without damaging healthy tissue nearby.

The cause of most bone cancers isn't known and there is no way to prevent it. Factors that can increase risk include certain rare genetic syndromes passed through families, such as Li-Fraumeni syndrome and hereditary retinoblastoma; other bone conditions such as Paget's disease of bone and fibrous dysplasia; and radiation therapy and some types of chemotherapy for other forms of cancer.

Because bone tumors are rare, it's important to be evaluated by a healthcare team with experience diagnosing and treating your specific condition. Specialists including radiologists, pathologists, orthopedic surgeons and medical oncologists work together to make an accurate diagnosis and recommend the most appropriate treatment plan.

"If you've been told you have a bone tumor or bone lesion, try not to assume the worst. Many bone tumors are benign, and even malignant bone cancers can often be treated successfully," Dr. Allen-Rhoades says. "If you have persistent pain, an abnormal imaging finding or symptoms that concern you, don't ignore them. Talk with your healthcare team. An accurate diagnosis is the first step toward getting the care that's right for you."

About Mayo Clinic

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Netherlands moves billions in gold to London in 'crisis preparedness' move

Henry Moore
BBC Business News -



Reuters Gold bars are neatly stacked on top of each other to form a pyramid shape.

Reuters

While much of the gold was sold in New York and then repurchased in London, more than 27 tonnes was physically moved to the UK

The Dutch central bank (DNB) has confirmed that billions of dollars in gold has been taken out of north America and relocated to London, citing "increasing geopolitical unrest".

DNB said on Wednesday that 86 tonnes of gold had been removed from the US and Canada in a complex operation that took several months. It is now being held by the Bank of England, where the precious metal can be traded more easily "in a crisis situation".

Bank president Olaf Sleijpen said the move was "necessary to strengthen our resilience and preparedness".

The decision comes amid an ongoing trade dispute between the US and Canada, with both countries announcing fresh tariffs on each other after failed trade talks.

DNB said the transfer, which took place between March and August, saw 27 tonnes of gold bars moved from New York and Ottawa to Zeist in the Netherlands.

A similar quantity and quality was then moved to London, with no need to melt the bars down.

Exactly how so much gold was transported across the Atlantic Ocean has not been revealed.

The rest of the transfer was carried out by selling the gold in New York, and repurchasing it in London, the bank said.

"Combining the processes of buying and selling and physical transport has allowed DNB to spread the risks associated with such a complex physical gold relocation," the statement said.

DNB did not confirm what it was referring to with its mention of "geopolitical unrest" but the US economy remains in an uncertain position due to the country's ongoing war with Iran, which has impacted global trade.

Canada, meanwhile, has been hit hard by US tariffs on its key sectors of steel, aluminium, lumber and automobiles as well as an additional 50% levy on about C\$28bn (\$20bn; £15bn) of Canadian goods announced in August.

DNB said that gold that is held with the Bank of England "is regarded as the world's most easily tradable gold," and therefore more readily available in a crisis than if it was still in the US or Canada.

Prior to Wednesday's announcement, the DNB held 31.3% of its gold in New York and 19.7% in Ottawa. This has now fallen to 18.5% in both countries.

The total Dutch gold stock was 612.4 tonnes at the end of 2025 and has been valued at €72.2 billion, DNB said.

The bank's share of gold in London has increased from 18.1% to 32.1% after the move, while it still holds 30.8% of its reserves in the Netherlands.

South African airline behind daring stadium stunt cancels next flyby, regulator says

Damian Zane and Pumza Fihlani, Johannesburg

The South African airline behind a daring aerial stunt last Saturday that saw two planes flying in close formation low over a packed stadium has pulled out of doing a similar operation this weekend, the country's aviation regulator, SACAA, has said.

Airlink's flying feat divided opinion with some labelling the startling manoeuvre reckless, while others praised the precision and expertise on display.

SACAA said that while it had approved the applications and safety measures for the flybys, it was now investigating further following "discussions in the media".

Airlink has not commented on the reported cancellation of Saturday's display that had been due to place over a stadium in Soweto.

Footage of last weekend's air show before the start of a rugby match in Cape Town, featuring fierce rivals South Africa and New Zealand, was shared around the world.

The flight tracking website Flightradar24 said that according to its analysis "the lead aircraft passed less than 50ft (15m) above the top of the stadium".

From some angles the jets appeared very close to the roof of the DHL Stadium as they roared over amid coloured flare smoke.



Gallo Images/Getty Images A fish-eye view from the stands of a rugby stadium looking up at the sky as two planes fly in close formation above. Gallo Images/Getty Images The planes - one green, one black - flew over the stadium shortly before the start of the South Africa-New Zealand match

The airline said the flights were performed with the "approved and rehearsed safety altitude and speed limits for the flypast" and were conducted by a "highly experienced crew".

But Airlink will not be repeating the flights over the stadium in Soweto, Johannesburg, that is hosting the third and deciding test between the Springboks and the All Blacks, according to SACAA.

The regulator said that while the company had followed all the correct procedures it had now "obtained the flight data recording downloads as well as other additional requirements" for further analysis.

"SACAA, as the safety net of the South African skies, gives the public the assurance that aviation safety and security compliance will always remain paramount and is not negotiable," it said in a statement emphasising the excellent air safety record in the country.

The flyby has been a feature at major sporting and presidential events in South Africa several times over the years - using both military jets and commercial airlines.

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Honda Newtown United Crowned 2026 SKNFA Elvis Star Browne Women's League Champions

thrilling final.

BASSETTERRE, ST. KITTS —Honda Newtown United FC are the champions of the 2026 SKNFA Elvis Star Browne Women's League after a dramatic 2-1 comeback victory over defending champions Mapau Cayon Rockettes in the championship final on Wednesday August 26 at the National Bank Group Technical Center. Mapau Cayon Rockettes took an early lead when Myesha Rawlins found the back of the net in the 9th minute, giving Cayon a 1-0 advantage at halftime.

Newtown United, however, responded strongly in the second half, with captain Christi-Anne Mills producing a decisive performance. Mills scored twice, finding the equalizer in the 70th minute before completing the comeback with the winning goal in the 82nd minute. The victory capped an unbeaten campaign for Honda Newtown United and secured the club's first championship in the competition.

Mills was named MVP of the Final, adding to the League MVP award she received at the conclusion of the regular season.

Following the match, Newtown United Head Coach Kevin Welsh praised his players for their resilience after falling behind early.

"We were down early...we decided we're going to make a tactical approach to the game and just get back to what we've been doing all season," Welsh said. "It's the first time we've ever been down during the season, and therefore it's something different to overcome, but it shows the character of our young ladies in Newtown." Welsh said the team's championship success was the result of a plan established at the beginning of the season. "That was the goal from the start of the season. Our intentions were to be on top of the table, so that once we get to the semi-finals, it's just a matter of time before we'll be in the finals itself. So, the plan worked...and here we are, champions. We just kept believing."

For Mills, conceding an early goal made the challenge even

greater, but the team remained focused on its objective. "It put a damper on us, but we had to keep our heads together and just keep working because we came so far. We came so far; we had this goal in mind, and we

knew we had to see it through," Mills said.

The championship victory brings the curtain down on an impressive season for Honda Newtown United, who finished the regular season unbeaten before overcoming Cayon in a



2026 Elvis Star Browne Women's League Champions—Honda Newtown United



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

Saddlers Playing Field Fencing Project Tender Documents can be obtained at the Public Works Department, Wellington Road, Basseterre, St Kitts, as of Monday, 24th August, 2026 for a non-refundable fee of EC\$350.00 each.

A site meeting will be convened on Thursday 27th August 2026.

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 Wednesday 7th October 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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Reaching this milestone has been a journey involving employees throughout Winair. Beginning in early 2024, our teams undertook extensive preparation across flight operations, cabin operations, ground operations, maintenance, cargo, security, and organizational management.

"Safety is the foundation of everything we do at Winair," said Hans van de Velde, CEO of Winair. "Achieving both IOSA and ISSA registration is a testament to the dedication of our entire team and a defining milestone in our strategy to connect the Caribbean with the world through trusted, seamless partnerships."



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ICC moves Champions Trophy from Sri Lanka to India

By Timothy Abraham
BBC Sport Journalist

Next year's inaugural Women's Champions Trophy has been moved from Sri Lanka to India by the International Cricket Council.

Sri Lanka had been due to stage the six-team event but have been stripped of the hosting rights because of ongoing issues with its national board and government interference.

A statement from the ICC said Sri Lanka Cricket is continuing "to make the requisite reforms" which were outlined at the global governing body's annual conference in July.

Bangladesh and South



A sign for the International Cricket Council at their headquarters in Dubai - Image source, Reuters
Cricket's world governing body has been based in Dubai since 2005

Africa were also interested in staging the tournament but the ICC board ratified India as replacement hosts for the event, with matches to be held in Mumbai and Vadodara.

Unlike the men's Champions Trophy, which is a 50-over-a-side competition, the women's event will be a T20 tournament.

It will be played on a round-robin basis with the top two sides progressing to the final.

Australia, England, India, New Zealand, South Africa and Sri Lanka are the six teams who will take part, having been the highest-ranked sides at the qualification cut-off date of 6 July.

Tiger Woods gets five-year driving ban after reckless driving plea

Sareen Habeshian



Tiger Woods in court for plea deal

Tiger Woods has agreed not to contest a reckless driving charge as part of a deal with prosecutors, reducing the original charge of driving under the influence from a rollover crash in Florida.

The golfer accepted a five-year suspension of his driving licence and a \$1,000 (£742) fine, as part of a plea agreement with prosecutors in Martin County, Florida.

Woods was arrested after the March crash, and had passed a breathalyser test but declined further testing for other drugs.

He pleaded not guilty the same month to misdemeanor charges of driving under the influence and refusal to submit to

testing. Woods, 50, said he was seeking treatment after the incident.

Getty Images Tiger Woods looks on after the match against the Los Angeles Golf Club at SoFi Center on March 24, 2026 in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. Getty Images

"I'm completely confident and comfortable with the resolution of this case," Florida State Attorney Thomas Bakkedahl said at a press conference after the hearing.

He said he strove to treat Woods like any other defendant.

"Today I resolved case involving a man who drives a golf ball for a living," Bakkedahl said. "Tomorrow, I'll resolve a case in the same matter for a man who drives a nail for a living."

No one was injured in the crash, though Woods had to crawl out through the passenger door to free himself.

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Police released body camera footage in April that captured the aftermath of the incident, showing the golfing legend after his vehicle clipped a truck and rolled over.

In the video, Woods appears calm, kneeling on one knee as he tells officers: "I looked down at my phone, and all of a sudden, boom".

He passed a breathalyser test but declined to take a urinalysis screening for other drugs, Martin County Sheriff John Budensiek said at the time.

Woods told officers he had not consumed alcohol that day. When asked about any prescription medication, he responded, "I take a few", adding he had done so earlier that morning.

He then listed the medication, though that portion of the footage was redacted.

Officers told Woods they suspected his "normal faculties" were impaired by an "unknown substance".

Authorities later reported finding two white pills in his pocket, identified as hydrocodone, an opioid commonly prescribed to treat pain.

Woods wrote on social media following the incident, "I know and understand the seriousness of the situation I find myself in today."

"I am stepping away for a period of time to seek treatment and focus on my health. This is necessary in order for me to prioritise my wellbeing and work toward lasting recovery."

The incident marked Woods' second arrest on suspicion of driving under the influence.

FIFA accuses UEFA of 'smear campaign' against Infantino



Gianni Infantino holding the World Cup trophy
Image source, Getty Images
Gianni Infantino became Fifa president in 2016

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Fifa has accused Uefa of a "smear campaign against it and its leadership" over president Gianni Infantino's scrapped plan to sell off stakes in the World Cup to private investors.

Last week European football's governing body filed legal papers in the US requesting disclosure of evidence and documents from Fifa as part of potential criminal claims in Switzerland.

In a dramatic escalation of the controversy, Uefa accused Infantino of "criminal mismanagement" and "a fraudulently off-market price promoted by [him] for his own benefit" over the now-shelved Fifa Forward Enterprise (FFE) scheme.

However, world governing body Fifa has now responded with court filings lodged in the US - and seen by the BBC - requesting that a court "oppose" the application by the end of the month.

Fifa claims Uefa's argument "suffers from a fundamental defect" and "legal deficiencies".

It said it had "made clear" that the creation of FFE was "only a proposal", adding that it could have only proceeded on the condition that the majority of member associations supported it and "the relevant approvals of the Fifa Council".

"Rather than participate in that democratic process, Uefa issued a press release - the beginning of a weeks-long smear campaign against Fifa and its leadership," it wrote in the court filing.

It also claimed that Uefa's "economic motivation" was to prevent smaller countries from having the "financial strength to compete with the European elite".

"If soccer is strengthened in the developing world, global competition increases, which ultimately reduces Uefa's market power and provides more competition for its flagship tournaments," Fifa said.

"By raising funds to allow some of Fifa's smaller member associations to better develop soccer, FFE would lead to more players from those nations choosing to represent their countries of origin and playing in their home leagues rather than playing abroad."

Uefa has been approached for comment. It has led the rebellion against the Fifa president, who is facing calls to stand down from three confederations.

Uefa has also asked a court in New York to approve a legal document ordering testimony and documents from venture capitalist Joshua

Third seed Auger-Aliassime upset by Khachanov at US Open



Felix Auger-Aliassime in action at the US Open
Image source, AFP via Getty Images

Felix Auger-Aliassime twice previously reached the semi-final of the US Open

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Third seed Felix Auger-Aliassime has been knocked out by Russian Karen Khachanov in the second round of the US Open.

A two-time finalist at the tournament, the Canadian was beaten 6-7 (5-7) 6-3 6-2 6-2 by the unseeded Russian.

Auger-Aliassime managed to fend off his opponent to edge the first set in the tie-break.

However, a mixture of too many unforced errors, coupled with some brilliant winners down the

line from Khachanov, sent the 26-year-old crashing out.

His exit followed that of 24-time Grand Slam champion and fourth seed Novak Djokovic in the first round.

Auger-Aliassime reached the quarter-finals of this year's Wimbledon and French Open, but withdrew from the Rogers Cup in Montreal in August with a back injury.

"Maybe he had some physical issues," said Khachanov, 30. "It's part of our sport, it's part of tennis."

"I'm super happy to get this win."

Kushner, the brother of US President Donald Trump's son-in-law, who was set to be the lead investor in FFE, and his company Thrive Eternal.

Thrive had held talks with Infantino about heading up a \$4.2bn (£3.1bn) investment in 20% of a new Fifa commercial subsidiary, before the idea was abandoned days after it was revealed in July amid a huge backlash.

At the time, Fifa claimed FFE would have increased the funding distributed to each national association for the 2027-2030 cycle from £5.9m to £14.7m.

On Sunday, Kushner expressed regret over FFE, saying: "While we stand behind the motivations of FFE, we failed to appreciate the political dynamics of global football, and the lengths some would go to... had we known what this would devolve into, we would not have gotten involved."

Uefa has also asked for the disclosure of documents from American financier Greg Maffei, who was a key adviser on the deal.

While Uefa says neither Kushner nor Maffei are anticipated defendants in any legal proceedings, it claims the pair first discussed the FFE concept in July 2025 and that Infantino had "been discussing the underlying concept with Kushner for nearly a year before the terms sheet was ultimately signed".

Its lawyers also argue the World Cup was deliberately undervalued at about £15bn, which it says is "a figure that was neither the product of an open, competitive auction, nor tested by any independent valuer". Uefa claims Infantino failed to consult Fifa's hierarchy over the plan.