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Major upgrade for Seawall in Suddie

Under the Model Village Initiative, Suddie in Region Two will be significantly transformed into a cleaner, safer, and more resilient community. The government aims to improve its infrastructure and create spaces that can support recreation, families and economic activity. Persons living in the community were informed of the massive plan during an engagement with President Dr Mohamed Irfaan Ali at the Suddie Primary School on Monday. Central to this transformation is a series of targeted infrastructure upgrades designed to improve drainage, accessibility, safety, recreation and the overall functionality of the community. Residents will benefit from the construction of approximately 4,158 metres of drains to improve water management and reduce the effects of flooding and waterlogging in the community.

T&T, US in oil, steel partnership

Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar says Trinidad and Tobago has made significant progress in strengthening its energy and industrial sectors following high-level talks with United States Deputy Secretary of State Christopher Landau. (pictured). The visit saw agreements and developments involving the Manakin-Cocuina gas project, the proposed restoration of the former ISCOTT plant and new fuel-storage and bunkering infrastructure at Point Lisas, as the Government seeks to attract investment, create jobs and secure the country's long-term energy future. Under the deal, ExxonMobil has resumed deep-water exploration in Trinidad and Tobago, with seismic acquisition completed and analysis now underway, while BP has been given the green light to pursue the Manakin-Cocuina gas field.

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Guyana President Dr Irfaan Ali

Registration opens for Caribbean tourism conference in Guyana

REGISTRATION is now open for the Caribbean Tourism Organization’s (CTO) State of the Tourism Industry Conference (SOTIC) 2026, which will bring tourism leaders from across the Caribbean and beyond to Guyana from October 5–9.

The conference, to be held at the Pegasus Corporate Suites in Georgetown, will be hosted under the theme, “Tourism Futures: Smart, Sustainable and Inclusive.”

According to the CTO, SOTIC 2026 will bring together tourism policy-makers, industry professionals and other stakeholders for discussions on the issues and opportunities shaping the future of the Caribbean’s tourism industry.

The programme will feature the official State of the Tourism Industry presentation, along with sessions focusing on data and innovation, investment opportunities and cruise tourism.

The conference will also feature the Caribbean Tourism Research Forum and the Regional Tourism Youth Congress, among other activities.

Interested persons are being encouraged to secure their places and participate in the discussions shaping the future of Caribbean tourism. Registration is available through the official SOTIC 2026 website at : sotic.onecaribbean.org.

Minister of Tourism, Industry and Commerce, Susan Rodrigues, previously said Guyana’s selection as host further positions the country as a major player in the development of meetings, incentives, conferences and exhibitions (MICE) tourism.

Hosting the regional conference also comes as Guyana continues efforts to expand its tourism product and strengthen its presence within the Caribbean tourism market.

The Caribbean Tourism Organization is the region’s tourism development

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Minister Mustapha meets with the Private Sector Commission

Demand for chicken continues to rise: Mustapha

On Monday, during a meeting with representatives of the Private Sector Commission (PSC), Agriculture Minister, Hon. Zulfikar Mustapha, highlighted the significant growth in both poultry production and demand in Guyana over the past five years.

Minister Mustapha was, at the time, providing private sector representatives with an overview of developments across the agriculture sector.

While discussing the evolution of the poultry sector, Minister Mustapha said over the years, there has been a signifi-

cant increase in the production of chicken locally.

“Over the years, we’ve seen an increase in poultry demand in our country. In 2025, Guyana produced 91,382 tons of poultry. That is a 108.9 per cent increase when compared to what we produced in 2020, which is just about 43,000 tons. This year, we are looking at a target of 99,310 tons,” he explained.

Despite the significant growth in production, Minister Mustapha said demand continues to rise, with Guyana now among the countries with the highest per capita consumption of poultry meat.

“If you look at Guyana, per capita, we are one of the largest consumers of poultry products. We consume more chicken, per capita, than the United States of America. I believe that the FAO stats show that Guyana’s poultry meat consumption is approximately 77 kilograms per person annually. So, demand locally, leaving out people coming into the country, the oil and gas industry, and the hospitality industry, will increase,” he said.

The Minister said Government is therefore working with producers and other stakeholders to expand local production and strengthen the industry’s capacity to meet growing demand.

He noted that one of the measures being pursued is the development of a local hatching egg industry. Guyana currently uses approximately 54 million hatching eggs annually, and Government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with a company to establish infrastructure for the local production of hatching eggs.

“As a government, we’ve been putting systems in place by working with poultry producers. We’re also working to put systems in place to produce hatching eggs. We are using approximately 54 million hatching eggs annually. We’ve signed an MoU with a company to commence the production of hatching eggs. In a year from now, we should see infrastructure in place,” he said.

The Minister said the investment in local production is part of the Government’s broader efforts to strengthen Guyana’s food security, build resilience within the poultry industry and contribute to the CARICOM initiative to reduce the region’s food import bill by 25 per cent by 2030.



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ExxonMobil signs major exploration deal for offshore Trinidad

ExxonMobil has signed a deal to explore for oil and gas off the coast of Trinidad and Tobago, a decade after making the world’s largest discovery in a generation in nearby Guyana.

The Texas oil giant was awarded a 7,165 square kilometer block named TTUD-1 about 190 miles (306 kilometers) off the coast of the Caribbean nation on Tuesday. Exxon has agreed to acquire 3D seismic data over a portion of the block as part of the production sharing contract, Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar said. The “mandatory” first phase is expected to cost the company \$42.5 million, she said.

Exxon’s projected spend could rise to more than \$20 billion if the company finds oil or gas in the ultra deep water block, according to Trinidad and Tobago Energy Minister Roodal Moonilal.

The oil major discovered more than 11 billion barrels of crude in Guyana after drilling the first exploration well in 2015, at a time when many of its peers balked at the

prospect.

“We’re going to bring Exxon Mobil’s leading technology capability directly from Guyana,” said John Ardill, Exxon’s vice president for exploration.

The aim is to make Trinidad and Tobago the “energy capital” of the Caribbean once again, Persad-Bissessar said. Her government would accelerate the “responsible” exploration of unexplored land and marine acreages, continuously improve acreage award processes and undertake a comprehensive review of the oil and gas taxation regime to ensure her country remains an internationally competitive hydrocarbon province.

To reduce risk, Trinidad and Tobago merged seven blocks into one during negotiations with Exxon. “Consolidation of the blocks removes risk in both exploration and development of the block,” the Energy Chamber of Trinidad and Tobago said.

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One of Exxon’s floating platforms that will drill in Trinidad & Tobago

US to invest US\$85.5M in bauxite operations in Guyana

THE United States Government has announced a US\$85.5 million investment to strengthen its supply of refractory-grade bauxite, with the funding to be used in part to acquire and expand the First Bauxite mine in Guyana.

The announcement was made in a statement issued by the US Department of War on August 7, which said the investment agreement with Strategic Bauxite USA, LLC (SBX) is intended to establish a secure, vertically integrated US supply chain for refractory-grade bauxite.

The US\$85.5 million equity investment is being provided through the Department of War’s Industrial Base Analysis and Sustainment (IBAS) programme.

The US Department of War said the investment will be complemented by US\$64.5 million in private-sector co-investment, bringing the total funding committed under the agreement to US\$150 million.

The funds will be used to acquire and expand the First Bauxite mine in Guyana, develop new calcination facilities for primary processing and support a subsequent project to construct a brown-fused alumina facility in the United States.

According to the statement, the initiative is aimed at reducing US dependence on imported refractory-grade bauxite, with the majority of the country’s supply currently sourced directly from China or Chinese-owned entities.

Once fully operational, the project is expected to meet 100 per cent of US military demand for brown-fused alumina and 100 per cent of US demand for refractory bauxite, according to the US Department of War.

The agreement forms part of the US Government’s efforts to secure access to critical minerals and strengthen supply chains considered important to national defence.

Michael Cadenazzi, Assistant Sec-

retary of War for Industrial Base Policy, said secure regional access to critical minerals is important to US defence readiness.

“This partnership with Strategic Bauxite through the equity funding and analysis provided by the IBAS programme ensures that critical materials in the western hemisphere stay in supply chains that protect the United States and its allies,” he said.

George K. Kollitides II, Director of the Economic Defense Unit, said the US Government was seeking to address supply-chain vulnerabilities rather than waiting for them to become security threats.

The statement said refractory-grade bauxite is used to manufacture high-temperature-resistant materials for critical military components, including heat shields, thermal barriers and turbine engines used in guided missiles, rockets, military aircraft and space systems.

Beyond defence, this high-purity bauxite is a vital raw material for steel

and aluminium production, energy infrastructure, and industrial furnaces, making it a cornerstone of a modern, industrial economy.

This agreement also serves as an example of how the Department is coordinating across the interagency to support national security requirements.

As part of the broader effort, the Department of State provided critical funding to support infrastructure associated with the project, enabling the U.S. government to act quickly and reinforce the long-term viability of the supply chain.

The investment is therefore expected to strengthen Guyana’s role in supplying a mineral that the United States considers strategically important to its defence and industrial base.



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EDITORIAL & OPINIONS

T&T's turnaround

For years, Trinidad & Tobago seemed to be on a downward slide from the economic giant it once was, seeing its industries shuttered and workers laid off en masse.

As we watched Guyana boom, it was troubling to see T&T go in the other direction. We were all used to the twin island nation being the “New York” of the Caribbean, and it was disturbing to see the impact of the mismanagement of the economy on the once bright light of the region.

Less than 18 months after general elections, however, we are seeing a shift.

The Kamla Persad-Bissessar government is showing that voters made the right choice when they elected the UNC in April 2025. Just this week alone, the government announced major investments in the country's oil and gas industry, as well as in its industrial estate, once the engine of the non-oil economy.

On Monday, oil giant BP agreed to acquire the majority stake in the Calypso gas project offshore Trinidad and Tobago, giving the company full ownership and operatorship of the early-stage deepwater natural gas development.

In a deal that will see the TT government retain 20%, Calypso is an early-stage deepwater gas project offshore Trinidad and Tobago, where BP is the country's largest supplier of natural gas to the domestic market and holds a 45% interest in the Atlantic LNG facility.

In the meantime, another oil company, Predator Oil and Gas, has moved its Snowcap-3 appraisal well in Trinidad closer to drilling, awarding the site preparation contract to NABI Construction with civil works set to begin immediately.

The Snowcap well site is believed to hold vast reserves of light crude, and previously produced over 1500 barrels a day. The new drilling site is expected to yield much more than that.

As well, ExxonMobil has signed a deal to explore for oil and gas off the coast of Trinidad and To-

bago, a decade after making the world's largest discovery in a generation in nearby Guyana.

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Then there is new investment into the long-dormant Pt Lisas steel mill. Pinnacle Steel and Vanadium Corporation has revived the former ArcelorMittal steel facility in Trinidad and Tobago to produce vanadium, supplying nearly 50% of United States consumption.

US Deputy Secretary of State Christopher Landau attended the recommissioning ceremony on Monday, pointing out the strategic necessity of reducing reliance on China.

The revived plant will generate 644 local jobs.

All of this means that T&T is roaring back onto centre stage as an industrial giant, with gas and oil fuelling its economy once again.

Analysts are calling what is coming as the country's “second oil boom”, referring to the first one in the 1970s when then Prime Minister Eric Williams famously said, “Money is no problem.”

Of course, we all know what happened with the money from the boom, which was squandered on ego-driven projects with no investment in alternate sectors of revenue.

In the current scenario, we believe the Kamla Persad-Bissessar led government will do things differently, having learned a bitter lesson about putting all of the country's eggs in one basket.

Diversification of the economy has been a priority for this Prime Minister from the day she took office.

Meanwhile, the PM has not had an easy ride. Her decision to go after high-placed white collar criminals has placed a target squarely on her back, especially since she claims these criminals got favourable treatment from the previous PNM government.

Her actions have not gone unnoticed by the Trump administration, which appear to back her. The US has cancelled the visas of some 26 prominent members of T&T society, as investigations continue into their activities.

The response has been vicious. She has been attacked racially, and the PNM, now in opposition, is using every opportunity it can to fuel an ethnic divide in its attempt to appeal to its Afro Trinidadian base.

Kamla, however, has stood firm, and continues to work to turn around the country's economy, the results of which we saw this week with the major investments in oil and gas, and steel.

We commend the T&T PM for her resolve to do what is right by the people of her country.

The lasting impact of childhood trauma

Dear Editor,

THE experiences children encounter during their early years can shape who they become and influence their emotional, social and mental well-being throughout life.

While childhood is often viewed as a time of innocence and growth, many children face challenges that can leave lasting effects if they are not recognised and addressed.

Experiences such as abuse, neglect, violence or prolonged exposure to stressful environments can impact a child's sense of safety, self-esteem and ability to form healthy relationships. The effects of childhood trauma do not simply disappear with time; without proper support, they can continue to affect a person well into adulthood.

This is why creating safe and supportive environments for children is so important. Children need adults who will protect them, listen to them and provide the guidance and care necessary for healthy development.

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As a society, we must recognise that investing in children is investing in the future. Every child deserves the opportunity to grow up feeling safe, loved and supported.

Yours faithfully,

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Feds, City of Toronto to pump \$2.7 billion into affordable rental units

By Milan Maharaj
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The federal government and the City of Toronto are going to allocate more than \$2.7 billion for the construction of thousands of rental units in Toronto during the next three years as the government continues its work on solving the problem of the housing shortage in Toronto.

This partnership was announced by Prime Minister Mark Carney and Toronto's Mayor Olivia Chow on Aug. 5. They claimed that this project would help to launch projects which have been already developed, approved and permitted, but could not start because of financial problems. More than 18 projects will be supported within the initiative, and over 5,600 rental units will be created.

Over 4,500 rental units will start their construction even during the current year. The portfolio will contain several types of rental units, including affordable, supportive, rent-g geared-to-income and rent-controlled units.

According to government officials, the diversity in housing types is supposed to cater to varying needs in the population of Toronto. The partnership will employ two main strategies; the non-market housing strategy through Build Canada Homes and the market rental housing strategy through the Apartment Construction Loan Program under Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

Through Build Canada Homes, the federal government will invest over \$310 million into nine projects on lands that will be leased from the City of Toronto. These projects are expected to deliver 1,900 rental units including over 700 supportive and affordable units as well as more than 1,100 rent controlled units.

The City of Toronto will contribute land at negligible costs as part of the deal. In addition, the City will be investing over \$530 million through capital funds and financial incentives. Some of the projects will receive exemptions from municipal and school property taxes for up to 99 years.

The other segment of the partnership is based on market housing where over \$1.8 billion of affordable financing will be invested in nine projects to deliver more than 3,700 rental units, out of which over 1,000 will be affordable units.

\$600 million will additionally be



provided in funding for other Toronto housing projects once they are ready to move ahead, which may allow the partnership to construct even more buildings than what has been specified.

This announcement comes amid growing housing challenges for Toronto. Growing construction costs, land availability problems, and financial difficulties have hindered developers and nonprofits from being able to boost Toronto's housing stock.

According to advocates of the policy, adding rental units is among the ways that such challenges can be addressed through providing the necessary funding and land. This is meant to ensure that unfeasible projects become feasible.

The collaboration includes projects aimed at innovation in construction and sustainability including mass-timber construction in Dundas Street West and volumetric modular construction in Wellington Street.

According to the Federal Government, the above techniques help to minimize construction waste and enhance construction time while cutting down emission levels by up to 22 percent.

However, the deal also involves the construction of Indigenous-led housing. A 100-unit supportive housing project at 15 Denison Avenue will be conducted by an Indigenous organization, thus offering special accommodation for Indigenous people of the community.

One more benefit of the construction program will be employment. According to the federal government, the

entire set of projects can provide about 2,100 jobs annually during the process of construction.

Additionally, it is noted that the projects will favor the usage of Canadian resources, especially steel and lumber, following the government's Buy Canadian Policy.

The agreement in Toronto is part of the national housing strategy put forth by the government. "Build Canada Homes" was introduced in September as a federal program that aims to quicken housing construction in Canada. Since its introduction, the government claims that the organization has committed to the construction of almost 17,000 units through 17 partnerships, out of which more than 1,900 units have already started construction.

Measures have been implemented by the federal government to help bring down the costs of purchasing newly constructed houses. "Ottawa has removed the GST tax on homes valued at up to \$1 million for first time buyers,

potentially saving homeowners up to \$50,000". Also, "Ontario has removed the entire 13% HST on eligible new homes, potentially saving the buyer up to \$130,000".

Toronto was awarded an extra \$1.5 billion from the Canada-Ontario Partnership to Build. This was done to cut down the cost of residential development by 40 to 60 percent. It is estimated that the move could help cut down the costs of building a new house by \$83,000.

According to the federal government, collaboration among various levels of governments is key for boosting home construction in order to meet the demands and challenges in terms of increasing the number of homes.

Over 4,500 homes are projected to enter the construction phase before the end of 2026, while the rest will follow suit in the following three years. It is claimed by government officials that the partnership will boost Toronto's rental housing stock.



DDL breaks ground on US\$10M expansion in St. Kitts and Nevis

DEMERARA Distillers Limited (DDL) has broken ground on a US\$10 million redevelopment and expansion project in St. Kitts and Nevis, significantly strengthening the Guyanese company's manufacturing and distribution footprint across the Eastern Caribbean.

The project, being undertaken through Demerara Distillers (St. Kitts and Nevis) Limited, will see the company's existing facilities at Bird Rock transformed into a modern, multi-purpose complex with expanded bottling, packaging and state-of-the-art warehousing capacity.

The sod was officially turned on Thursday, August 6, marking another major regional investment by the Guyanese beverage manufacturer, which first established operations in the Federation in 1996.

According to DDL, the expanded



DDL's Komal Samaroo and St Kitts PM Terrence Drew turn the sod

operation is expected to become a key distribution hub serving St. Kitts and Nevis and neighbouring Eastern Caribbean markets.

The development will go beyond manufacturing and logistics, with plans

for dedicated retail and commercial spaces and an interactive Heritage Centre modelled after the company's facility at its Diamond, Guyana headquarters. The new Heritage Centre is expected to showcase the history and

cultural legacy of rum in St. Kitts and Nevis through curated tours and immersive experiences catering to residents and international visitors.

Prime Minister of St. Kitts and Nevis, Dr Terrence Drew, welcomed the investment, describing it as a demonstration of confidence in the country's economy and its ability to attract serious investors.

DDL Executive Chairman, Komal Samaroo, said the expansion demonstrates the company's long-term commitment to St. Kitts and Nevis and to strengthening economic integration and trade within CARICOM.

"Demerara Distillers has been an integral part of the business landscape in St. Kitts and Nevis for 31 years," Samaroo said. He noted that the investment extends beyond physical infrastructure and is intended to strengthen the company's regional operations.

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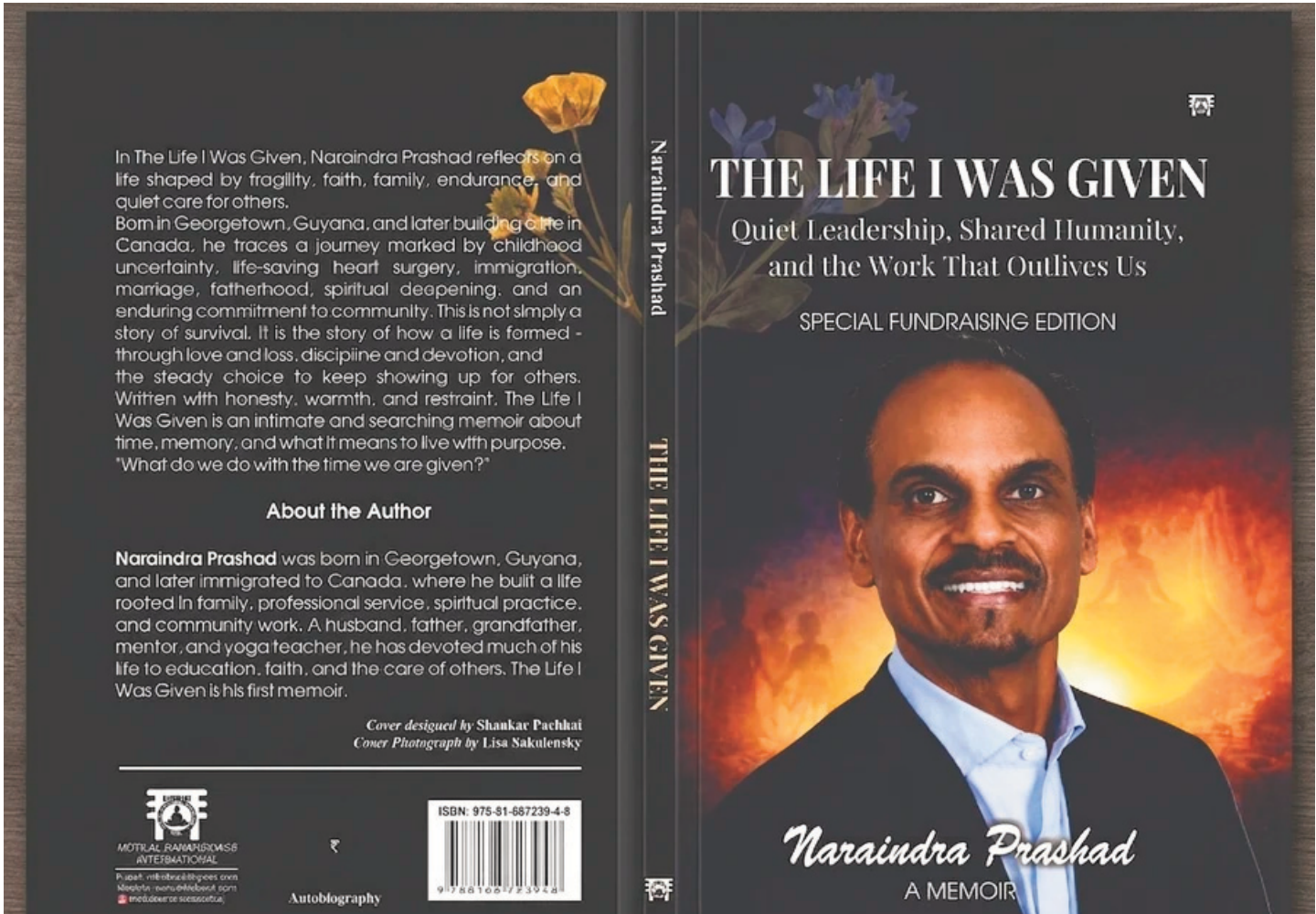
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Prashad is a Chartered Professional Accountant and seasoned university administrator with a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Commerce and Economics from the University of Toronto. His career arc has been diverse, spanning initial years in the corporate world

followed by a significant 25-year leadership tenure at his alma mater. He has also served as President of the Alumni Association at the University of Toronto Scarborough Campus and currently sits on the University’s College of Electors.

He serves as President of the East Meets West Children’s Education Fund, a registered Canadian charity that as-

sists children in Guyana, India and Nepal in getting school supplies.

The Life I was Given is currently available online at <https://shaandy-nasty.com>. The book launch is scheduled for August 15 at 2 p.m. at 139 Copley Street, Pickering.

For more information on the Children’s charity, please visit www.emw-cef.org.

GO-Invest targets export opportunities, investment growth in Berbice

BUSINESSES and entrepreneurs across Region Six are being positioned to tap into new investment and export opportunities as the Guyana Office for Investment (GO-Invest) intensifies efforts to strengthen production and expand the reach of Guyanese products into regional and international markets.

Guyana’s Chief Investment Officer and Member of Parliament, Peter Ramsaroop, in collaboration with the Berbice Chamber of Commerce and Development Association (BCCDA), recently engaged businesses and entrepreneurs from across the region on strategies to attract investment, expand exports and accelerate business growth.

During the engagement, Ramsaroop said GO-Invest is committed to working directly with businesses across Guyana to unlock investment opportunities, strengthen productive sectors and prepare more local companies to compete internationally.

He encouraged Region Six businesses to capitalise on the government’s

investment-friendly policies by moving increasingly towards value-added production, improving quality standards and strengthening packaging and branding.

These steps, he noted, will be critical to ensuring that more Guyanese businesses become export-ready and are able to penetrate larger markets.

The engagement forms part of efforts to advance President, Dr. Irfaan Ali’s Vision 2030 for a diversified and globally competitive economy driven by increased production, exports, innovation and private-sector growth.

Ramsaroop pointed to Berbice as an important component of that transformation, noting the significant investments being made and planned across infrastructure, agriculture, energy, manufacturing, logistics and industrial development.

These investments are expected to strengthen Region Six’s position as a major centre for agro-processing, manufacturing, investment and export-led

economic activity.

As Guyana’s national investment promotion agency, GO-Invest facilitates local and foreign investment, promotes exports and assists businesses seeking to establish, expand and scale their operations.

The agency also connects entrepreneurs and investors with government services and strategic partners, while its Investment Charter is intended to help create an enabling environment for business growth, innovation and sustainable employment.

Meanwhile, Member of Parliament Zamal Hussain highlighted the government’s planned development bank as another important mechanism for expanding economic participation.

He said greater access to financing would allow entrepreneurs, manufacturers and small and medium-sized enterprises to invest in their operations, increase production and take advantage of emerging opportunities in Guyana’s expanding economy.

BCCDA President Samantha Reid also reaffirmed the chamber’s commitment to supporting entrepreneurs and strengthening collaboration among businesses in Berbice.

She underscored the importance of continued partnership with GO-Invest to help businesses across the region become investment and export-ready.

The engagement also highlighted several businesses that have expanded production, attracted investment, entered export markets and generated employment with support from GO-Invest.

The agency said these successes demonstrate the growing competitiveness of Guyanese enterprises as efforts continue to build a stronger, diversified and export-driven economy.

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President Dr Irfaan Ali continued public consultations with residents of Good Hope, Essequibo Coast, sharing the proposed blueprint for the community and listening to their views, priorities and ideas.

Model communities must go beyond roads, drains — President Ali

THE government is advancing a broader approach to community development that goes beyond roads, drains and buildings, with President, Dr. Irfaan Ali emphasising that sustainable communities must also incorporate culture, recreation, safety, environmental protection and economic opportunities.

The Head of State outlined the vision while engaging residents of Kaneville, East Bank Demerara, as part of the government's Model Village Initiative.

While roads, drainage and other physical infrastructure remain critical investments, President Ali said these are ultimately assets that must support the people and social systems that make communities thrive.

"A community is not a place of roads and drains and buildings; those are assets of the community," President Ali said.

He explained that the govern-

ment's approach is intended to ensure communities across Guyana benefit from comparable standards of basic services and infrastructure while retaining the characteristics that make each village unique.

"Every community cannot be the same, but every community must enjoy similar level of service, similar level of infrastructure," the president said.

According to the Head of State, development must incorporate spaces and facilities that encourage residents to interact, participate in community life and enjoy recreational activities.

He pointed to recreational facilities, green spaces, tree planting and beautification, places of worship and other community spaces as important components of creating healthier and more liveable neighbourhoods.

Environmental protection and biodiversity must also be integrated into that development, President Ali said,

noting that trees, waterways, fish, ecosystems and other forms of life contribute to the overall character and well-being of communities.

Equally important, he said, is creating an environment where residents, particularly children, women and senior citizens, can feel safe.

"Our elders can walk in the streets safely. They can have green spaces to go and sit down. Our children can be safe, women can be safe," he said.

Economic opportunities must also be incorporated into community planning, with infrastructural investments helping to create the conditions for residents to live, work, establish businesses and build better futures.

President Ali said the vibrancy of communities is also reflected in their people and the activities that bring residents together, pointing to football, cricket, tennis and other recreational activities involving young people.

He contrasted vibrant communities, where children can safely play and neighbours interact, with neighbourhoods where streets become inactive and residents increasingly disconnected from each other.

The president also underscored the importance of neighbourliness, discipline and respect for laws and community standards, noting that residents themselves have a responsibility to protect and maintain their surroundings.

He said the government's Model Village Initiative therefore embraces a "holistic, collaborative system" that brings together the ecology, economy, environment and energy of communities.

The wider initiative seeks to establish a framework for developing modern, sustainable and cohesive communities, while preserving the unique identity, culture and heritage of individual villages.

Guyana opposition leader calls for re-view of CCJ judges’ internal dispute

Guyana Opposition Leader Azruddin Mohamed is calling for an independent examination of concerns raised in internal correspondence among judges of the Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ), including allegations about the handling of his extradition appeal.

The correspondence, reported by the Trinidad Express, details an internal dispute among CCJ judges that began over a proposed judicial dress code but expanded into broader concerns about the leadership of CCJ President Justice Winston Anderson, judicial independence and the administration of the court.

Mohamed's office said Sunday that the correspondence raises questions about the administration of the regional court and the handling of the extradition case involving Mohamed and his father, Nazar Mohamed.

However, there is no indication in the correspondence reported by the Express that the disagreement among the judges would have changed the outcome of the case. All six judges ultimately agreed on the decision announced in the Mohameds' case, and four of the five judges who had raised concerns about Anderson's leadership participated in the reading of the unanimous judgment.

The dispute reportedly involved concerns raised by Justices Chile Eboe-Osuji, Chantal Ononaiwu, Arif Bulkan, Maureen Rajnauth-Lee and Peter Jamadar about Anderson's leadership, including consultation, working relationships and judicial independence, according to excerpts of the correspondence cited by the Express.



Guyana Opposition leader Azruddin Mohamed

Jamadar reportedly described an increasingly “toxic” environment at the court and identified the Mohamed extradition matter as one of two cases that he said affected the court's core judicial decision-making function.

According to the Express, Jamadar said he had experienced what he regarded as an attempt to influence colleagues whose opinions differed from those of the CCJ president.

“What concerns me is what I perceive, certainly potentially, as emerging or creeping patterns of anti-democratic approaches to us as judges of the court in matters that directly and indirectly impact our core functions,” Jamadar

was quoted as saying.

He said that if his concerns were valid, they could pose a threat to the administration of justice in both the court's original and appellate jurisdictions.

Jamadar also described his experience as going “far beyond anything” he had encountered during his years as an appellate judge and said other judges had expressed concerns.

Eboe-Osuji subsequently backed Jamadar's concerns, according to Mohamed's office, and referred specifically to the Mohamed case.

Eboe-Osuji reportedly alleged that Anderson intended to announce the

court's decision at a time and in a manner that a majority of the judges had strongly objected to.

“In the Mohameds’ case, it was stunning to hear Winston pointedly inform us that he was going to announce a decision of the court at a time and in a manner in which a clear majority of his colleagues had very strongly communicated to him as inappropriate,” Eboe-Osuji was quoted as saying.

The correspondence, as reported, indicates that the disagreement concerned the timing and manner in which the decision would be announced. It does not establish that the judges who objected to those issues disagreed with the substance or eventual outcome of the ruling.

The CCJ on July 29 unanimously dismissed an appeal by Mohamed and his father challenging a decision by Guyana's home affairs minister to issue an Authority to Proceed with extradition proceedings requested by the United States. The ruling cleared the way for extradition proceedings in the Georgetown Magistrates' Court to resume. The United States is seeking the extradition of the two men to face an 11-count indictment alleging conspiracy, mail and wire fraud, and money laundering. The Mohameds have challenged the extradition proceedings in Guyana's courts.

Mohamed's office said the internal correspondence nevertheless raises questions about whether attempts were made to influence judges during deliberations and whether established procedures governing judicial decision-making were followed.

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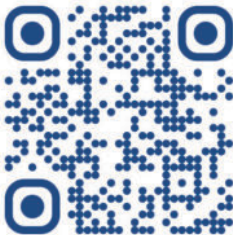
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CTO to Launch Caribbean Tourism Research Forum at SOTIC 2026

The Caribbean Tourism Organization (CTO) will introduce the inaugural Caribbean Tourism Research Forum as part of the 2026 State of the Tourism Industry Conference (SOTIC), creating a dedicated platform to advance research, innovation and evidence-based decision-making across the region’s tourism sector.

The three-hour forum will take place Tuesday, Oct. 6, during SOTIC 2026 in Guyana under the conference theme “Tourism Futures: Smart, Sustainable, and Inclusive.” Designed as an accessible and engaging research exchange rather than a conventional academic conference, it will bring together academics, researchers, tourism practitioners, destination representatives, development partners, students and other interested delegates to share recent findings and explore practical solutions to the Caribbean’s most pressing tourism challenges.

“The Caribbean Tourism Research Forum reflects CTO’s commitment to ensuring that the future of Caribbean tourism is informed by credible research, regional collaboration and practical application,” said Aliyyah Shakeer, CTO’s director of research. “By creating



A CTO delegation during a recent outreach in Canada

stronger connections between researchers, policymakers and industry leaders, we can better equip our destinations to make informed decisions that support a smarter, more sustainable and more inclusive tourism industry.”

The program will feature two research showcase sessions. The first, “Emerging Research from Caribbean Universities,” will highlight recent or ongoing work from universities and research institutions.

The second, “Research in Practice: Applied and Destination Insights,” will focus on studies addressing specific policy, planning, market or destination-management challenges.

Presentations may examine topics including visitor behavior and changing travel patterns, tourism demand and forecasting, sustainable and regenerative tourism, climate resilience, community-based tourism, workforce development, artificial intelligence and digital transformation, destination competitiveness, market intelligence, economic impact and product development.

Each session will include concise

presentations followed by moderated discussion with the forum concluding in a joint conversation on strengthening links between academic research and industry needs. Presentations will be limited to approximately 10 minutes and designed to be accessible to both technical and non-technical audiences.

The forum aims to raise the visibility of tourism research conducted across the Caribbean, demonstrate how applied research addresses real destination and industry challenges, and identify opportunities for collaboration among universities, tourism organizations, governments, development partners and the private sector. It reinforces the importance of evidence-based tourism planning and decision-making.

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Bath Regional Hospital records over 60,000 patient visits in first year

THE Bath Regional Hospital has recorded more than 60,000 patient visits since it began operations following its commissioning a year ago.

The facility is now providing several specialised services that were previously unavailable in Region Five.

In an interview with the Department of Public Information (DPI), Medical Superintendent Dr Daniel Robertson described the hospital’s first year as a significant improvement in providing access to healthcare, particularly with the introduction of services such as computed tomography (CT) scanning, urology, intensive care and neonatal intensive care.

Dr Robertson noted that the availability of CT scan services at the hospital has significantly reduced the need for residents to travel to the New Amsterdam Regional Hospital or the Georgetown Public Hospital to access diagnostic imaging.

The hospital has also expanded access to specialised care through its urology service, with an in-house urologist now available to residents.

Dr Robertson noted that the establishment of the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) has further strengthened the hospital’s capacity to manage critically ill patients.

“To date we’ve admitted over 50 patients. These patients would have received a level of care only previously accessible at Georgetown Hospital or at New Amsterdam Hospital,” he explained.

Additionally, the hospital’s Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) has also provided specialised care for newborns requiring additional medical attention, reducing the need for patients to be transferred outside the region.

According to the medical superintendent, the facility has also increased the region’s capacity to perform surgical procedures.

While surgeries were previously conducted at the Mahaicony Hospital, where there was one functional theatre, the Bath Regional Hospital now has three operating theatres.

The community’s response to the hospital has generally been positive. The medical institution has treated more than 60,000 patients through its outpatient, inpatient, and accident and emergency services since opening.

Looking ahead to the hospital’s second year of operation, the medical

superintendent said greater emphasis will be placed on strengthening outreach services and bringing healthcare closer to communities across Region Five. This includes expanding the recently introduced Men’s Health Clinic to communities throughout the region, to encourage men to access preventative and other essential healthcare services.

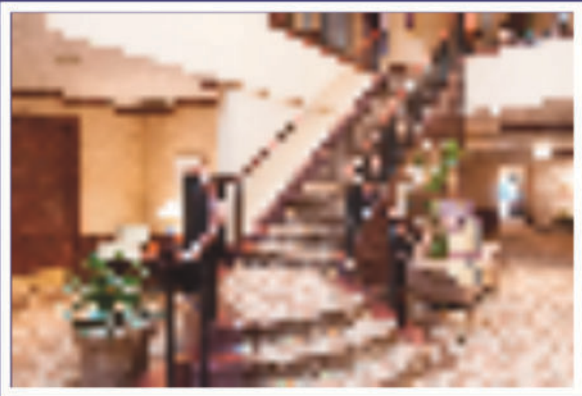
“With the guidance and assistance of the Ministry of Health and the Regional Democratic Council, we’re looking to extend and improve our outreach services across the region,” Dr Robertson said.



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Gov't strengthens irrigation, water-storage measures as El Niño intensifies

THE government is strengthening irrigation and water-storage measures to protect agricultural production, as Guyana enters what Agriculture Minister Zulfikar Mustapha described as one of the country's most extreme El Niño periods.

Mustapha made this disclosure on Monday during a meeting with representatives of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCCI), where challenges facing farmers and the wider agriculture sector were discussed.

The minister said there is a 97 per cent chance of persistent drought-like conditions across the country, prompting the Ministry of Agriculture to intensify preparations to ensure adequate water supplies are maintained for farmers.

He said the country's established water conservancies are currently at full capacity, while additional systems are being put in place to strengthen water availability during the prolonged dry conditions.

Ahead of the dry season, the ministry has also provided additional water-storage tanks to farming communities in hinterland areas and constructed reservoirs to increase access



Agriculture Minister Zulfikar Mustapha (centre) with representatives of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce

to water for agricultural activities.

He said that dual-purpose structures established during the rainy period as part of the ministry's mitigation efforts have also been acti-

vated and are now complementing the existing systems to help maintain water supplies for farmers and other stakeholders.

Minister Mustapha said the meas-

ures are aimed at reducing the impact of the prolonged dry conditions on farmers, and ensuring that agricultural production can be sustained throughout the El Niño period.

Nursing Hybrid Training Programme celebrates Graduation

A total of 669 nursing students yesterday graduated as the first cohort of the Ministry of Health's Professional Nursing Hybrid Training Programme, marking a significant milestone in the advancement of nursing education and healthcare delivery in Guyana.

The three-year programme was designed to provide aspiring nurses with a flexible, competency-based learning experience through a blended approach that combines online theoretical instruction with face-to-face practical and clinical training. The programme equips graduates with the knowledge, clinical skills, and professional competencies required to deliver safe, high-quality, patient-centred care across the country's health system.

Delivering the keynote address, Minister of Health, Honourable Dr. Frank Anthony, urged the graduates to strive for excellence in the nursing profession, reminding them that compassion and humanity must remain at the heart of the care they provide.

He encouraged the new nurses to be dependable, humble, and committed to serving patients with professionalism and empathy. The Minister also challenged the graduates to embrace innovation and continuous learning to enhance the quality of healthcare delivery, while never losing sight of their calling and purpose as nurses.

Reflecting on the significance of the occasion, Dr. Anthony described the graduation as a testament to the



President Irfaan Ali and Minister of Health Frank Anthony with the first cohort of graduates

transformation taking place within Guyana's healthcare and education sectors.

"Today, this graduation is about the transformation that is happening in our country. It is our desire that you will be the first to demonstrate that high-quality nursing education can reach every corner of our country," Dr. Anthony emphasised.

The Minister further noted that the graduates have permanently changed

the landscape of nursing education in Guyana by proving that the hybrid training model is both effective and accessible.

"Future generations will benefit because you have proven that this model works. This model works, and that's why so many of you are here today," he said.

The graduation reflects the Ministry's continued commitment to strengthening the nursing workforce,

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Major waterfront development, infrastructural upgrades for Charity

RESIDENTS of Charity were presented with an ambitious package of infrastructure, waterfront and community development plans on Monday, as government advances its Model Village Initiative across Region Two (Pomeroon-Supenaam).

The public consultation, held at the Charity Secondary School, was attended by President Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali along with Cabinet Ministers and focused on proposed improvements aimed at transforming Charity into a stronger, safer, greener and more climate-resilient community.

The proposed Community Development Area covers approximately 271 acres, encompassing residential, commercial and public spaces throughout the community.

Among the major proposals is the development of the Charity waterfront, which is expected to become a more organised and attractive public space while improving safety and accessibility.

Under the concept, dedicated mooring berths would be established for small boats, providing safer and more efficient docking facilities for persons using the waterfront.

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Guyana establishes maritime safety audit team after deadly MV Barima disaster

Guyana President Irfaan Ali has announced the establishment of a Safety and Compliance Audit Team to conduct a comprehensive review of the safety and compliance standards governing marine vessels operating in the country.

Ali said the three-member team is part of the government's ongoing efforts to strengthen maritime safety and prevent future tragedies following the sinking of the MV Barima last month.

The July 18 disaster, regarded as Guyana's worst maritime tragedy, occurred as the MV Barima was traveling from Georgetown to Port Kaituma in the Barima-Waini region. According to officials, the vessel was carrying 179 passengers and crew members.

Authorities said 72 bodies have been recovered, 76 people rescued and at least 30 others remain missing.

In a statement on Friday, the government said coordinated search and recovery operations remain ongoing but there have been no additional verified developments beyond previously released information.

"Further press briefings will be convened when significant and verified operational developments arise. In the interim, any information relevant to the ongoing operations will be communicated through the established channels. The Government of Guyana remains committed to supporting the affected families, maintaining the integrity of the ongoing operations and ensuring that the public receives accurate and verified information," the statement said.

The newly established audit team comprises former Director General of the Maritime Administration Depart-



The MV Barima sank in July with the loss of over 100 lives

ment, Dr. Ivor English; Colonel Julius Skeete of the Guyana Defence Force; and marine officer and ship surveyor Captain Joseph Lewis.

According to Ali, the team brings together extensive technical expertise and practical experience in marine administration, maritime operations, and vessel inspection.

The president said the team has been tasked with carrying out "a comprehensive assessment of compliance with applicable maritime safety require-

ments governing vessels operating in Guyana."

"It will also make recommendations to strengthen regulatory oversight, improve enforcement mechanisms and ensure that vessels, operators and the country's regulatory systems adhere to the highest practicable standards of safety and accountability," Ali said.

He added that the Safety and Compliance Audit Team is part of a broader package of government measures aimed at improving maritime safety, restoring

public confidence in water transportation and helping to prevent similar disasters.

The announcement comes a day after a five-member Commission of Inquiry was sworn in to investigate the sinking of the 87-year-old MV Barima.

The commission, chaired by Godfrey Philip Smith, will independently examine the circumstances surrounding the disaster and submit its findings, observations and recommendations upon completion of its work.

Guyana begins process to salvage sunken boat

The Guyana government has begun efforts to secure a specialised marine salvage contractor to recover the MV Barima, the passenger and cargo vessel that capsized and sank off the country's northwest coast on July 18.

The Ministry of Public Utilities and Aviation, through the Maritime Administration Department (MARAD), has invited qualified firms with extensive regional salvage experience to submit Expressions of Interest for the recovery operation.

The MV Barima is currently resting in waters approximately 13 to 15 metres deep, presenting a technically challenging salvage operation due to strong tidal currents, limited underwater visibility and difficult sea conditions.

Interested companies must demonstrate the technical expertise, specialised equipment and operational capacity re-

quired to safely recover the vessel while preserving evidence that may assist the Commission of Inquiry established by President Mohamed Irfaan Ali.

Contractors will also be required to provide details on their proposed salvage methods, environmental protection measures, key personnel, implementation timelines and health and safety systems.

The selected contractor must also demonstrate the ability to keep the recovered vessel upright on a barge for several weeks after the salvage operation.

The MV Barima, which was regarded as one of Guyana's most important passenger and cargo vessels, measures approximately 38.6 metres in length, with an 8.9-metre beam and a depth of 2.9 metres. The vessel is powered by twin Caterpillar C18 diesel en-

gines and Caterpillar diesel generator sets.

The salvage effort comes as authorities continue investigations into the July 18 sinking, which is regarded as Guyana's worst maritime disaster. The recovery of the vessel is expected to support the work of the Commission of Inquiry by helping preserve evidence related to the circumstances surrounding the tragedy.

Expressions of Interest must be submitted electronically to MARAD by the close of business on Friday, August 14, 2026.

Following an evaluation process, shortlisted firms will be invited to the next stage of procurement, which will include detailed technical specifications, site information and contractual requirements for the salvage operation.

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Trinidad & Tobago is back in the steel business as Pt Lisas mill re-opens

The restarting of the former steel plant at Pt Lisas in Trinidad's industrial estate will restore 644 jobs and create additional employment opportunities, United States Deputy Secretary of State Christopher Landau has said.

He described the project Monday as a major win for both Trinidad and Tobago and the United States.

Initial capital investment over the next two years will amount to US\$250 million, while total planned investment, including future expansion and modernisation will reach US\$750 million.

The company is also expecting first production, subject to refurbishing, approvals and permitting, by the end of 2027.

The plant is being reopened by Pinnacle Steel and Vanadium Corporation, a US-based metals and industrial investment company which has acquired the Pt Lisas Steel Mill through its local subsidiary, Ibis Steel Company of T&T Ltd.

Speaking at a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Mediterranean Drive, Pt Lisas Industrial Estate, Couva on Monday Landau said, "This is not just the metal that we're seeing here; it's the lives that are impacted. The minister (Works and Transport Minister Jearlean John) spoke, I think, very eloquently about the 644 jobs. Those jobs are coming back, as well as all the many other jobs indirectly, and that's a win not only for Trinidad but also for the United States."

He said the project demonstrated how private-sector investment could translate into tangible economic benefits, particularly after years of industrial decline.

"I mean, here you see something...you see steel. You see vanadium. You see actual, real things. You're going to be jobs. Those gates are going to reopen," Landau said.

The former plant closed in 2016, resulting in 644 workers losing their jobs.

Landau said its revival represented more than the reopening of an industrial facility, describing it as a return of manufacturing capacity and economic opportunity.

"I think there is nothing more beautiful, frankly, than being able to see a plant like this that's been shuttered come back to life. It's like Lazarus arising



Re-opening: The Pt Lisas Steel Mill

from the dead again," he said.

Landau said the investment also demonstrated the importance of attracting US companies to international markets, noting that American businesses had been reluctant to pursue opportunities overseas.

"I travel around the world a lot in my job, and you know the question that I probably get more often than any other question is, where are the Americans?" he said.

Landau said he was therefore

pleased that Pinnacle had chosen to invest in T&T.

"Thank you for recognising the value of international investments for the good of the American people," he said.

He described the project as a "win-win" because T&T stands to gain jobs and economic activity, while the United States gains access to critical minerals needed for its industrial supply chains.

"We need these critical minerals. You need jobs. You have tailings (waste

rock) and industrial residue that's been left over from 100 years of industrialisation. This is a perfect example of what we're talking about. That is great for Trinidad. It's great for the United States," said Landau.

The Deputy Secretary of State said the US had learned the consequences of allowing its own mining and processing industries to decline, leaving the country dependent on foreign sources for critical minerals.

Jamaica issues first casino licence

Jamaica has issued its first casino operator's licence, clearing the way for casino gaming to begin at the Princess Grand Jamaica Resort in Green Island, Hanover, more than a decade after lawmakers began developing the country's regulatory framework.

The Casino Gaming Commission (CGC) announced Wednesday that it granted the inaugural licence to Adamas Grand Casino Limited, marking a major milestone in the establishment of Jamaica's regulated casino gaming industry.

The casino will operate at the Princess Grand Jamaica Resort under a management agreement with Grupo Orenes, a Spanish gaming and hospitality company with casino operations in Spain, Mexico and Andorra.

The licence brings forward plans first announced when Princess Hotels & Resorts unveiled its roughly US\$800 million investment in Hanover, which included a casino as part of the planned integrated resort development.

According to the CGC, Adamas Grand Casino Limited underwent a comprehensive review process that assessed the company's ownership structure, financial capacity, integrity and business competence under the Casino Gaming Act.

Before opening to the public, the operator must meet additional regulatory requirements, including implementing approved internal controls, surveillance systems, responsible gaming measures, anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing procedures, player protection protocols and integration with the Commission's Gaming Management Information System.

Finance and the Public Service Minister Fayval Williams said the approval reflects Jamaica's efforts to attract international investment while maintaining strong regulatory oversight.

"The granting of this licence reflects Jamaica's continued progress in building a modern economy underpinned by strong institutions and transparent regulation," Williams said.

She said casino gaming will be subject to the same anti-money laundering and beneficial ownership standards applied across Jamaica's financial sector. Williams also highlighted the potential economic impact of the Princess development, saying the project is expected to create hundreds of temporary and permanent jobs, expand Jamaica's tourism offering and provide opportunities for local businesses.



Guatam Adani is one of India’s richest men

US judge drops bribery and fraud case against Indian billionaire Gautam Adani

A US judge has dismissed criminal charges against Indian billionaire Gautam Adani, bringing a high-profile bribery and fraud case against one of India's richest businessmen to an end.

In 2024, Adani was accused of allegedly paying bribes to Indian officials for high-profile renewable energy projects and misleading US investors about it. Adani and his companies have consistently denied wrongdoing.

Adani has welcomed the court order and said he accepted the decision with "humility" and "deep respect" for the judicial process.

In a 47-page order, US District Judge Nicholas Garaufis on Monday approved the Justice Department's request to drop the charges against Adani.

However, the judge strongly criticised the way the decision was reached.

He said R Trent McCotter, principal associate deputy attorney general, had worked with Adani's lawyers on the dismissal without consulting prosecutors and investigators who had handled the case.

Judge Garaufis described the process as "highly unusual", saying McCotter appeared to have substituted his own judgement for that of officials directly involved in the investigation.

Reporters have not seen the official court-filed order but has reviewed a copy published by CourtListener, a US non-profit court archive. Other news organisations have also reviewed the ruling.

In May, the Justice Department asked for the charges to be dismissed, arguing that much of the alleged conduct had taken place outside the US, making the case difficult to prosecute, and that pursuing it no longer aligned with the department's priorities.

The request came after Adani hired a new legal team led by Robert J Giuffra Jr, co-chair of the US law firm Sullivan & Cromwell and a personal lawyer to President Donald Trump. Giuffra had reportedly met Justice Department officials

earlier this year to raise concerns about the case.

Judge Garaufis initially resisted the government's request. In June, he said its explanation for abandoning the prosecution was insufficient and ordered officials to provide more information.

He also questioned whether Adani's pledge to invest \$10bn (£7.5bn) in the US and create 15,000 jobs had played a role in the decision.

Adani had announced the investment in November 2024, in a post congratulating Donald Trump on his election victory. There were later reports that Adani's lawyers had raised the investment during discussions with the Justice Department about the case.

Adani's lawyers said the investment was never offered in exchange for dropping the charges.

Judge Garaufis ultimately concluded that it had not influenced the Justice Department's decision.

But he said the public could draw its own conclusions about how such discussions might affect perceptions of equal justice and the rule of law.

The judge also found that McCotter's decision appeared to have been made without meaningful input from the prosecutors who brought the case or investigators at the FBI and Securities and Exchange Commission.

"The irregularities in the decision to dismiss the indictment are concerning," Garaufis wrote.

The charges against Adani were dismissed with prejudice, meaning they cannot be brought again.

Adani, who never appeared in a US court during the proceedings, welcomed the ruling. "Throughout this challenging period, our faith in truth, fairness and the rule of law remained unwavering," he wrote on X.

The criminal case is separate from other US proceedings involving Adani and his companies.



ARIES (March 21 - April 20): The more you look for something that is missing today, the more likely it is you won't find it, so focus on unrelated matters and don't be surprised when you locate the mislaid item where you least expect to, maybe right under your nose!

TAURUS (April 21 - May 21): You may have your suspicions about what someone has been up to, and you may be right, but don't go public with it. Give them time to own up to whatever careless or unwise thing they have done. At the very least, you'll stay friends.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21): You won't lack for good ideas over the next few days, but not everyone will be as amazed by your brilliance as you seem to be. Maybe it's sour grapes on their part, or maybe they can see where you have not thought things through.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23): You need to cut through the confusion in your private life and get to the heart of a matter that has been causing a lot of people a lot of problems. There has been far too much suspicion of late, and everyone needs to be more trusting in future.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23): If you have been thinking about starting a creative or artistic project, then now is the time to stop thinking and start acting. Having gone over it in your mind a thousand times already, you really don't need to prepare any further.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23): You may be a skeptic by nature, but what happens over the next few days will make it apparent that something you previously thought was nonsense actually has some truth behind it. Just don't go to the opposite extreme and become an uncritical believer.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23): Someone needs to take charge and start making things happen, and it looks as if that someone will have to be you. Use the influence of Venus in your sign today to upgrade your powers of persuasion and get everyone working alongside you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22): This could be a make-or-break week for you on the career front as colleagues and employers look closely at your efforts and decide whether or not to back you. Most likely they will, but it's not the end of the world if they don't.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21): The task ahead of you may seem daunting, but you have confronted bigger challenges in the past and come out on top, so there is no reason to think you can't do it again. Fortunately, very few people possess as much self-belief as you!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20): If someone you recently fell out with offers you an apology today, you must be big enough to accept it. Most likely, you were as much to blame for the situation as they were, so let them know you appreciate their desire to move on.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19): Venus links with Pluto in a way that will inspire you to search further afield for your fun. If you feel the urge to travel, then get moving soon, but don't forget that with Pluto moving retrograde, you will also need a fallback plan, just in case.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar. 20): If a friend or loved one guesses your big secret today, there will be no point trying to deny it. This is one of those occasions when the best way forward will be to brazen it out and pretend you don't care what other people think or say.

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Antigua and Barbuda asks Rubio to reconsider visa measures affecting citizens

The Government of Antigua and Barbuda has formally requested that the United States review visa restrictions and the Visa Bond Program affecting nationals of the Caribbean nation.

Antigua and Barbuda’s Ambassador to the United States, Sir Ronald Sanders, delivered a diplomatic note on Monday to US Secretary of State Marco Rubio requesting an early review of the measures. The move follows a letter from Prime Minister Gaston Browne to US President Donald Trump asking that he direct a review.

The diplomatic note references the recent publication by the US Department of State of the final rule establishing the permanent Visa Bond Program. The program is intended to encourage foreign governments to strengthen cooperation with the United States in areas including information sharing, identity verification, screening and vetting, document security, and compliance with US immigration requirements.

The Antigua and Barbuda government said it has responded positively to those objectives by implementing a series of measures aimed at addressing concerns previously raised by US authorities.

The note argues that the publication of the final rule provides an opportunity for the US Department of State to assess whether those objectives have



Antigua & Barbuda Prime Minister Gaston Browne

been substantially achieved in relation to Antigua and Barbuda and whether the country’s continued inclusion in the Visa Bond Program and related visa measures remains necessary.

The government said it is seeking an early review, maintaining that it has taken practical steps to address US concerns and has substantially achieved the objectives outlined by the Department

of State.

Prime Minister Browne said the diplomatic note, delivered by Ambassador Sanders, forms part of the government’s continued engagement with the United States.

“Our government has consistently responded in good faith to concerns raised by the United States and has taken practical measures to address

them. We believe it is now appropriate for those actions to be recognized through an early review of the restrictions that continue to affect our citizens,” Browne said.

He added that Antigua and Barbuda remains committed to strengthening the longstanding relationship and cooperation between the two countries.

Jamaica offers support to students in Cuba as energy crisis disrupts studies

The Jamaican government says it remains committed to supporting hundreds of students studying in Cuba as the island continues to grapple with a severe energy crisis that has disrupted education, transportation and daily life.

Foreign Affairs Minister Kamina Johnson Smith said the government is monitoring the welfare of approximately 270 Jamaican students still pursuing studies in Cuba, including 40 students enrolled through Cuban scholarships supported by Jamaica.

Speaking during a post-Cabinet press briefing Wednesday, Johnson Smith said students facing difficulties can access assistance, including travel support for those who wish to return home but cannot afford the cost.

“Our concern remains for their safety, well-being, and academic continuity,” Johnson Smith said.

She said one privately funded student has formally notified authorities of

his return to Jamaica, while more than 65 students, including five government scholarship recipients, have completed their medical studies for the 2025-2026 academic year.

“Three others have indicated that they are in the process of continuing their studies elsewhere through academic transfer,” she said.

Johnson Smith noted that the figures may not reflect all students who have returned to Jamaica, as some privately funded students have not formally informed the government of their status.

She said the Ministry of Foreign Affairs continues to maintain communication with students through established channels, including a WhatsApp group connecting about 320 students with officials in Kingston and the Jamaican Embassy in Havana.

The platform has also helped identify privately funded students who were previously not registered with Jamaican

authorities.

Cuba’s worsening energy crisis has created challenges for Jamaican students, with prolonged electricity outages affecting university operations, online learning, transportation and access to essential services.

Earlier this year, Johnson Smith said some Jamaican students reported temporary class suspensions, while others moved to online learning that was affected by unreliable electricity and internet access.

The government is also working with the Ministries of Education, Finance and Health, along with medical institutions, to explore options for students who want to return to Jamaica and continue their studies locally.

Meanwhile, Johnson Smith said Jamaica has contributed US\$100,000 in humanitarian assistance to Cuba through the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) as the regional bloc responds to the is-

land’s growing needs.

She said Jamaica continues to support dialogue between Cuba and the United States while advocating that civilian needs remain central.

“Civilian needs must remain the highest priority,” she said.

Johnson Smith also provided an update on Cuban medical professionals working in Jamaica following the conclusion of the long-standing health cooperation arrangement between the two countries in March 2026.

She said some Cuban doctors who previously left Jamaica have returned under individual contracts with the Ministry of Health and Wellness, while others who remained in the country continue providing services under similar arrangements. The minister said Jamaica continues to recognize the contribution of Cuban medical professionals to the country’s health system over several decades.

Barbados launches scholarships in Black Studies and reparatory justice

Barbados will establish three post-graduate scholarships focused on Black Studies and reparatory justice as part of the country’s ongoing campaign for reparations for slavery, Prime Minister Mia Amor Mottley announced in her Emancipation Day message.

The scholarships will be offered through the Ministry responsible for Pan African Affairs in the Prime Minister’s Office, in partnership with The University of the West Indies’ Cave Hill and Mona campuses and the University of Glasgow.

Under the initiative, at least three Barbadians will pursue master’s degrees at the University of Glasgow in Black Studies and related disciplines, with a focus on reparatory justice.

“These scholarships are freedom carried into knowledge. Across the same Atlantic that carried our ancestors in chains, their descendants will now travel by choice, rooted in identity and equipped to shape the work of justice,” Mottley said.

The prime minister said the programme reflects Barbados’ commitment to advancing the reparations movement following recent developments at the regional and international levels.

In her Emancipation Day address, Mottley paid tribute to the enslaved Africans whose resistance helped shape modern Barbados, highlighting National Hero Bussa as a symbol of the fight for freedom.

“Bussa remains one of the clearest symbols of that courage. The uprising he led declared that our people had never consented to enslavement and would



Barbados Prime Minister Mia Mottley

never accept it as their destiny,” she said.

Mottley said while emancipation ended the legal institution of slavery, it did not repair the economic and social damage caused by generations of exploitation.

“Emancipation removed the legal chains, but did not restore the land, wealth or opportunity taken from generations,” she said. “Reparatory justice is

truth spoken, responsibility accepted and repair made practical. An apology without repair is eloquence without justice.”

She noted that the United Nations General Assembly and CARICOM have made advances in the global reparations conversation and said Barbados will continue to play a leading role while preparing future generations to continue the movement.

Mottley also argued that the principles of emancipation must extend beyond historical recognition and be reflected in efforts to address modern inequality, violence and exclusion.

“There can be no freedom where violence silences hope, inequality closes doors or indifference strips another person of dignity,” she said.

Holness says Jamaica’s reparations push is about justice

Prime Minister Andrew Holness is urging Jamaicans to view the country’s pursuit of reparations for slavery as a broader fight for justice, dignity and recognition rather than simply a bid for financial compensation.

Holness said no amount of money could fully repay the harm caused by centuries of slavery and urged citizens to see reparations as an acknowledgment of the historical injustices committed against Africans and their descendants.

“Look at it from the perspective of respect, dignity, the change in how international institutions operate, the return of artefacts and things that represent our culture to their rightful owner,” Holness said. “A change in the flow of investments to support the development of the social infrastructure that is needed to actually repair the damage caused by slavery. This is how we should be looking at reparations.”

The prime minister was speaking

during a press conference Monday following bilateral talks with Ghanaian President John Dramani Mahama at the Office of the Prime Minister in Kingston.

Holness said Jamaica continues to explore several avenues in its reparations campaign, including a planned petition to the British monarch seeking consideration of legal questions related to the legacy of the transatlantic slave trade and the enslavement of Africans.

“Locally, we have been pursuing our own actions for reparations. We have passed in our Parliament a resolution which we will now perfect by presenting that petition to His Majesty, The King, and we expect that there will be some responses which will further advance the reparations cause,” he said.

Jamaica’s efforts come amid renewed international discussions on reparatory justice following Ghana’s successful push for a United Nations resolution recognizing the trafficking of



Andrew Holness

enslaved Africans and racialized chattel enslavement of Africans as the “gravest

crime against humanity.”

The resolution, which received support from 123 countries, including Jamaica, has opened further discussions about addressing the legacy of slavery, Mahama said.

“There was a lot of apprehension before the moving of the resolution. But the response is beginning to become positive, even from countries that abstained from voting,” the Ghanaian president said.

Mahama said some European nations that initially abstained have since expressed interest in participating in discussions on reparations and reconciliation. He pointed to recent actions by countries including France, the Netherlands and Germany involving the return of cultural artefacts to African nations. He also highlighted apologies from religious institutions, including the Catholic Church and the Archbishop of Canterbury, over historical links to the slave trade.

Exxon, BP make major moves in Trinidad & Tobago's oil & gas

Trinidad and Tobago Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar announced Monday that energy multinational BP has agreed to sell a 20% stake in a block that contains the Trinidad part of the cross-border Cocuina-Manakin natural gas field to the National Gas Company (NGC).

Persad-Bissessar's announcement was made at a function at the Diplomatic Centre, St Ann's, during the official visit of United States Deputy Secretary of State Christopher Landau.

The Prime Minister signalled industrial renewal in T&T and said the country will be securing the gas needed to sustain it.

She said Monday marked a major advance in the Manakin-Cocuina project.

She noted that Manakin lies in Trinidad and Tobago's Block 5, while Cocuina lies across the maritime border in Venezuela's Plataforma Deltana Block 4.

Persad-Bissessar recalled that, in February 2015, both governments agreed to develop the field as a single unit, apportioning 66% to Manakin and 34% to Cocuina.

She said this makes Manakin-Cocuina the only unitised cross-border gas field in the Western Hemisphere where agreement has been reached to develop the entire field.

Manakin operates under the Block 5 Production Sharing Contract, with BP affiliate Amoco Trinidad Gas BV as contractor, and BP agreed to assign NGC a 20% interest, she noted.

The Prime Minister said that on May 28, 2024, NGC and BP received an OFAC licence to negotiate for Cocuina.

Persad-Bissessar noted that Venezuela issued a 20-year licence on July 29, 2024, granting NGC a 20% stake and BP an 80% stake in those fields.

She said negotiations for NGC's Manakin interest began around August 2024 but remained incomplete when the Government changed in April 2025.

She pointed out that the Cocuina Joint Operating Agreement governs the Cocuina licensees; the Block 5(b) Farm-Out Agreement gives NGC participation in Block 5(b), including



US Deputy Secretary of State Christopher Landau, centre, shares a doubles with the Prime Minister

Manakin; and the Block 5(b) Joint Operating Agreement governs the BP and NGC affiliates.

"These agreements align NGC across the field, remove a major obstacle and allow BP to accelerate its final investment decision, completing in a little over one year what remained undone for more than ten years," she said. "That field (Manakin-Cocuina) is expected to become the first successful cross-border development to monetise gas through Trinidad and Tobago."

She said Government was delighted this has been brought to fruition as she expressed gratitude to bpTT president David Campbell.

She said there was a second announcement in which BP has acquired all the shareholding of Woodside.

"Since I came into office we have been trying to get Woodside to do something with the Calypso field and if you not doing something, sell it. Congratulations, Mr Campbell, after one year you were able to acquire all the shares from Woodside so you are now

100% tied up with that Calypso field which would again bring much needed energy to Trinidad," she said.

Calypso, a major domestic gas source and first deep-water development, covers Blocks TTDA 14 and 23(a), was awarded to BHP Billiton during the 2012-2014 bid rounds under her first administration, she recalled.

Persad-Bissessar said after returning to office in April 2025, she met BP Executive Vice President William Lin, Campbell and a Woodside team led by Vice President Grant McKenzie.

She said they established a project concept, a path to a final investment decision and discussions on possible NGC equity participation.

She said on August 6, 2026, just over 16 months after her Government took office, BP agreed to acquire Woodside.

She said this will accelerate project sanction, reduce costs, maximise the use of NGC infrastructure and secure the required fiscal support from the Ministry of Energy.

She paused to recall that in July this year the Government signed MOUs with two data centre companies.

The Prime Minister further welcomed ExxonMobil, noting that within months an agreement was signed with the company.

She said together with ExxonMobil's recent endorsement of the deep-water exploration bid, BP's decision signals renewed international confidence in Trinidad and Tobago's offshore energy potential.

She said her Government will work with BP, NGC and all stakeholders to accelerate the project's final investment decision and production.

Persad-Bissessar said ExxonMobil's return is an important vote of confidence in T&T's energy sector and this Government's drive to restore upstream exploration and investment.

She noted the company last explored T&T more than two decades ago, exiting in 2003 after unsuccessful activity.



Trinidad and Tobago police defend deployment of new mobile units

The Trinidad and Tobago Police Service is defending its decision to deploy a new generation of mobile police units, saying the initiative will strengthen its ability to respond to crime and emergencies across the country.

The TTPS said Friday that mobile police units are not new to Trinidad and Tobago, but the force is now procuring what it describes as “micro-police units” with greater capacity and more advanced technology than earlier models.

According to the police service, the units can be relocated across the country with minimal foundation construction and can accommodate more officers and technology than previous versions.

The locations will be determined using crime data from the TTPS Crime and Problem Analysis Branch, allowing the units to be positioned strategically based on emerging crime trends and community needs.

The units will serve multiple purposes, including community engagement, rapid response to local issues, major incident planning and coordination, and serving as forward operating bases for specialized police operations.

They will also support on-the-ground incident command during emergencies, tactical deployments and crime suppression initiatives.

Commissioner of Police Allister Guevarro acknowledged criticism of the strategy but said the police service would remain focused on its public safety responsibilities.

“Yet it is passing strange that individuals who claim to possess security expertise fail to grasp such a basic concept, choosing instead to dismiss any and all initiatives introduced by law enforcement,” Guevarro said.



The Police Posts are intended to fight crime in the communities

“The TTPS will not be distracted by such commentary. Our responsibility remains the protection of public safety, and these mobile units are a strategic tool designed to strengthen our operational reach, enhance responsiveness, and improve overall effectiveness,” he said.

Guevarro said members of the public could be assured that TTPS initiatives are guided by data, statutory responsibilities, transparency and accountability.

“The mobile police units represent another step in building a modern, responsive and trusted Police Service,” he said.

The TTPS said the mobile units form part of its broader anti-crime strategy and are intended to give officers greater flexibility to respond to changing security needs across Trinidad and Tobago.

New US envoy to JA not yet confirmed

Kari Lake’s confirmation as the next U.S. ambassador to Jamaica has been delayed after the Senate did not vote on her nomination before beginning its August recess.

Lake’s nomination was listed for consideration on the Senate’s executive calendar, but senators did not take a final confirmation vote. Her nomination remains pending and has not been rejected.

The Senate is now scheduled to return Sept. 14, meaning Lake will have to wait until lawmakers resume their sessions for another opportunity to be confirmed.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee advanced Lake’s nomination in July, agreeing to favorably report her nomination to the full Senate.

President Donald Trump nominated Lake in May to serve as the United States’ ambassador to Jamaica. If confirmed, she would become the U.S. chief diplomatic representative in

Jamaica and take up residence at the U.S. Embassy in Kingston.

Following Trump’s nomination announcement, Lake said Jamaica was a country she knew well and expressed her desire to strengthen relations between the two countries.

“If confirmed, I look forward to strengthening the partnership between our nations, advancing America’s interests abroad, and building on the deep friendship shared by the American and Jamaican people,” Lake said.

During her June confirmation hearing before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Lake outlined several priorities for her potential tenure in Kingston.

She said she would work with the Jamaican government to address transnational criminal organizations, narcotics trafficking and lottery scamming operations that target U.S. citizens.

Lake also raised concerns about

China’s growing economic presence in Jamaica, pointing to Chinese investments in ports, infrastructure and other strategic sectors and arguing that they have long-term security implications for the United States.

She described Jamaica as an important U.S. trading partner in the Caribbean, noting that bilateral trade exceeded \$3 billion in 2025 and that U.S. visitors accounted for more than 70% of Jamaica’s tourist arrivals.

China has pushed back against concerns over its relationship with Jamaica, defending its more than five decades of diplomatic relations with the country and pointing to more than \$2.1 billion in investments and disaster-relief assistance as evidence of what it describes as a mutually beneficial partnership.

For now, Lake’s nomination remains before the Senate. The next opportunity for lawmakers to act on her confirmation is expected after the Sen-



Kari Lake

ate returns from its recess in September.

Jamaica records 20% decline in murders so far this year

Jamaica recorded 333 murders between Jan. 1 and Aug. 8, an 19.8% decline from the 415 killings recorded during the corresponding period in 2025, according to the latest crime statistics from the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF).

The latest figures show that 82 fewer people were killed during the period compared with the same period last year.

St. James recorded the highest number of murders, with 41 killings reported through Aug. 8, up seven, or 20.6%, from the 34 recorded during the corresponding period in 2025.

St. Andrew South recorded the second-highest number of murders, with 27, although that represented a 46% decline from the 50 killings recorded during the same period last year.

St. Catherine South also recorded 21 murders, down 40% from 35 in 2025, while Clarendon recorded 25, up 13.6% from 22.

St. Elizabeth recorded the largest percentage increase in murders during the period.

The division recorded 21 killings, compared with eight during the corresponding period last year — an increase of 13 murders, or 162.5%.

Manchester also recorded an increase, with 23 murders compared with 16 last year, a 43.8% rise.

Kingston Eastern recorded 21 murders, up 40% from 15, while St. Andrew Central recorded 27, an increase of 28.6%.

Several divisions recorded substantial declines.

St. Mary recorded a 63.2% de-



Decline in murders credited to better policing

cline, from 19 murders last year to seven this year. St. Andrew North recorded eight murders, down 63.6% from 22.

Portland recorded three murders, down 62.5% from eight, while

Kingston Central recorded five, a 58.3% decline from 12.

St. Andrew South recorded the largest numerical reduction, with 23 fewer murders than during the same period last year.

The JCF recorded 320 shooting incidents between Jan. 1 and Aug. 8, down 101, or 24%, from the 421 reported during the corresponding period in 2025.

St. Andrew North recorded the largest percentage decline in shootings, with seven incidents compared with 30 last year, a 76.7% reduction.

Hanover also recorded a 76.5% decline, from 17 shootings last year to four this year.

St. Andrew South recorded 25 shootings, down 56.1% from 57, while St. Ann recorded 11, a 54.2% decline from 24.

However, shootings increased in several divisions, including Manchester, where they rose 50% from 16 to 24, and Trelawny, where they increased 40% from five to seven.

The latest figures show declines across the other major crime categories tracked by the JCF.

Rape declined 11%, from 246 cases during the first seven months of 2025 to 219 this year.

Robberies fell 22.5%, from 440 to 341, while break-ins declined 9.8%, from 685 to 618.

Overall, the JCF recorded 1,831 incidents across the major crime categories tracked in its report, compared with 2,207 during the corresponding period last year — a decline of 376 incidents, or 17%.

Despite the overall decline in serious crimes, several divisions recorded increases in specific categories, including St. James, where break-ins more than doubled from 23 to 49.



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Greaves takes series honors but laments missed chance to lift West Indies

Justin Greaves walked away from the West Indies’ drawn Test series against Pakistan with another individual accolade, but the Barbadian all-rounder was left reflecting on what might have been had his fitness allowed him to make a greater contribution when the series reached its decisive stage.

Greaves was named joint Player-of-the-Series alongside Pakistan captain Babar Azam after a productive two-match campaign in which he scored 111 runs and claimed seven wickets. Yet his personal success could not fully compensate for the disappointment of seeing Pakistan level the series with an eight-wicket victory in the second Test on Wednesday.

For Greaves, the frustration centered on an issue largely beyond his control.

After producing a maiden five-wicket haul in the opening Test and earning Player-of-the-Match honors in West Indies’ 90-run victory, the 32-year-old was unable to bowl in the second match because he had not fully recovered his fitness.

‘I just really wished I could have helped’

Greaves had already demonstrated his value as both a batter and bowler in the first Test, and his absence from the bowling attack in the series finale weighed heavily on him.

He did, however, contribute with the bat when the West Indies found themselves in a difficult position during the second Test, joining Roston Chase in an important first-innings partnership.

Reflecting on the match, Greaves said he was pleased that he could still step forward with the bat when his team needed stability.

“I was happy that when things got a little bit difficult and things got a bit tricky, I was able to put my hand up in the first game, as well as this game in terms of batting. We had a tricky little situation and Roston Chase and I put on a pretty good partnership in the first innings, but just unlucky that I was unable to bowl to help the team out.”

That limitation, however, remained his biggest regret.

“I’m probably just a couple days away in terms of getting back to full fitness, but really, really looking back at it now, I just really wished I could have helped the team a little bit more,” Greaves said after the match.

The Player-of-the-Series recognition was Greaves’ second consecutive such honor in Test cricket, following his award in the preceding series against Sri Lanka.

His latest campaign reinforced his growing importance to the West Indies, particularly after his match-winning contribution in the opening Test against Pakistan.



Justin Greaves

But individual recognition offered little consolation for a player whose primary focus remains team success.

“I think my game is in a really good place at the moment, but I’m never satisfied. I always want to do better, always want to help the team.”

That mentality has helped establish Greaves as an increasingly influential figure in the West Indies setup, but the outcome in Trinidad left him and his teammates with unfinished business.

The West Indies had entered their home summer with a clear ambition:

win both Test series.

They defeated Sri Lanka before securing victory in the opening Test against Pakistan, putting themselves in position to complete an especially memorable home campaign. Pakistan, however, responded emphatically in the second match, winning by eight wickets to ensure the series ended 1-1.

Greaves acknowledged that the overall Test summer represented progress, even if the final result against Pakistan fell short of the team's objective.

“We actually set out to win both

series at home, ended up drawing this one, so not a bad international summer for us in terms of Test cricket, but looking back we obviously want to win more Test matches,” he added.

For Greaves, the latest series therefore ended on two contrasting notes: another personal milestone and another Player-of-the-Series award, but also the lingering belief that, had his body permitted him to contribute with the ball in the final Test, he might have helped West Indies turn a promising home campaign into a historic series triumph over Pakistan.

Jamaica’s sprint stars charge into World U20 finals

Jamaica's opening day at the World Athletics Under-20 Championships in Eugene, Oregon, ended with the sting of narrowly missing the podium, but the nation's brightest young athletes has already ensured the focus was trained on opportunity rather than disappointment

The mixed 4x400-meter relay team finished a heart-breaking fourth in the day's final event, but Jamaica had already laid the foundation with a series of outstanding individual performances that secured three places in Thursday's 100-meter finals and another berth in the women's discus final, keeping the country's medal hopes firmly intact.

For the second consecutive World Under-20 Championships, Jamaica was left just outside the medals in the mixed 4x400-meter relay.

Competing with two lineup changes from the preliminary round, Kevongaye Fowler replacing Shameika McLean and Jordan Rehudal taking over from Jason Pitter, the Jamaican quartet delivered a determined performance from start to finish in one of the championship's most competitive races.

Their reward was a national junior record of 3:18.78 minutes, but it was only enough for fourth place in a final where the margins separating the medalists were razor-thin.

The United States captured gold in a championship-

record 3:15.31 minutes, while Czechia earned silver with a national record 3:18.16 minutes. Australia claimed bronze after setting an area record of 3:18.45 minutes. Great Britain and South Africa, who finished fifth and sixth, also established national junior marks in an exceptionally fast race.

Jamaica will be represented by two athletes in Thursday night's women's 100-meter final after Shanoya Douglas and Theianna-Lee Terrelonge both produced composed semifinal performances.

Douglas looked comfortably in control throughout her race, cruising to victory in 11.21 seconds (0.1 m/s) ahead of American Mariah Maxwell, who clocked 11.25 seconds, while Germany's Emma Goretzka finished third in 11.40 seconds.

Terrelonge matched Douglas' time of 11.21 seconds in her semifinal, placing second behind American Mia Maxwell, whose 11.13 seconds stood as the fastest performance of the round. Switzerland's Xenia Buri also advanced after setting a national Under-20 record of 11.23 seconds.

Douglas and Terrelonge progressed as the second- and third-fastest qualifiers overall, positioning both Jamaicans as legitimate contenders for medals.

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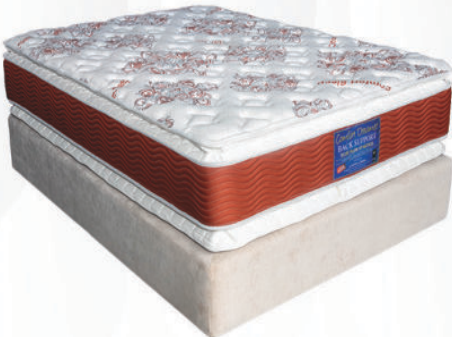
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