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\$75M for MV Barima families

More than \$75 million in financial assistance has been provided to families affected by the MV Barima tragedy, as the government continues its coordinated recovery and support efforts through the H.E.A.R.T. Initiative.

Since its official launch back in July, the initiative has coordinated assistance for more than 750 affected persons across Regions One through Ten, providing support ranging from funeral and memorial expenses to housing, education, legal and psychosocial services.

According to a release from the secretariat, the initiative has garnered

more than \$75 million in financial and material assistance helping families with funeral, memorial and wake-related expenses.

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‘Abundance’ in Guyana sees arrival of largest FPSO

THE Guyana Oil and Gas Energy Chamber (GOGEC) warmly welcomes the arrival of the Errea Wittu, Guyana’s fifth Floating Production, Storage and Offloading (FPSO) vessel, marking another significant milestone in the continued development of Guyana’s offshore oil and gas industry.

According to a press release from GOGEC, named Errea Wittu, meaning “Abundance” in the Warrau language, the vessel represents not only the scale of Guyana’s emerging energy industry but also a meaningful recognition of the country’s rich Indigenous heritage. GOGEC is proud to see Guyana’s offshore operations progressing with the arrival of the fifth FPSO, following the successful deployment of the Liza Destiny, Liza Unity, Prosperity, and ONE GUYANA vessels.

The Errea Wittu, constructed by MODEC for the Uaru development in the Stabroek Block, is expected to commence production in September, 2026, and is designed to produce approximately 250,000 barrels of oil per day at peak capacity. The US\$12.7 billion Uaru development is targetting an estimated more than 800 million barrels of recoverable oil, representing a substantial addition to Guyana’s production base and an important contributor to the country’s economic development.

With current production from the Stabroek Block at approximately 900,000 barrels per day, the arrival and commissioning of Errea Wittu are expected to take Guyana’s production beyond the one-million-barrel-per-day milestone.

GOGEC also extended its congratulations to ExxonMobil Guyana Limited, for its continued leadership in advancing Guyana’s offshore developments. *More, Page 8*

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Mottley urges Caribbean businesses to cap markups on essential goods

Barbados Prime Minister Mia Mottley is calling on regional conglomerates to limit profit margins on essential goods and adopt the island's Price Compact as a model for helping Caribbean consumers cope with rising costs.

Mottley made the call Monday night while addressing the opening of a BDS\$46 million Massy Stores branch at Worthing, where she renewed her appeal for businesses to accept lower margins on basic necessities.

She previously raised the issue during a meeting with Caribbean private sector leaders in St. Lucia last month, arguing that major regional

companies have a role to play in easing the cost-of-living pressures facing households.

Mottley urged supermarkets to consider a 15% markup on a basket of essential goods, while allowing higher margins on nonessential products.

"The simple premise is not that you have no markup, but that you limit your markup to 15 per cent," she said.

The prime minister argued that keeping basic goods affordable was essential to national stability, particularly in small island states where economic inequality can have wider social consequences.

"As a country of 166 square miles,



Barbados Prime Minister Mia Mottley

where national security and national stability matter, and where we do not have the luxury of creating a space for the haves and the have-nots ... this country must guarantee people the ability to eat, to remain clean, and to remain capable of cleaning their environment to avoid public health crises," Mottley said.

She previously singled out Massy over its profits in Barbados, arguing that the company could have accepted lower earnings and left more money in consumers' pockets.

At Monday's event, Massy officials announced plans to reduce markups on another 100 everyday products before the end of the week. The items include tuna, corned beef, rice, feminine hygiene products and diapers.

Mottley welcomed the move and said more than half of the products covered under the Price Compact remain cheaper than they were when the initiative was introduced in July 2022.

She said Barbados' experience should not remain limited to the island

and urged regional governments and businesses to explore how the model could be expanded across the Caribbean.

"It is not sufficient for us to have practised and done the Price Compact in Barbados and to have achieved the results that we have achieved in the last four years and believe that we should keep it to ourselves," she said.

Mottley pointed to continuing geopolitical uncertainty, including conflict in the Middle East, as a factor contributing to volatility in global supply chains. She said uncertainty makes it harder for shippers and suppliers to plan and can ultimately drive up consumer prices.

The prime minister called for renewed regional discussions following the issue's consideration at the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) summit in St. Lucia in July.

"If we can do that from where you stand as a regional multinational corporation that is delivering for people and where I stand as the lead prime minister

for CARICOM Single Market and Economy ... then I believe that the people of the region can benefit from the value which we add," Mottley said.

She said the broader goal should be ensuring Caribbean families can continue to afford essential food, water, sanitation and other necessities despite global economic pressures.

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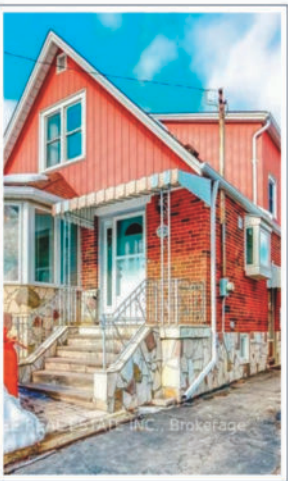
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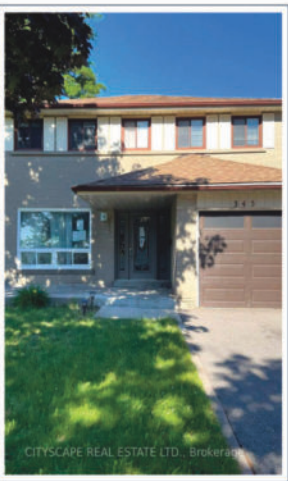
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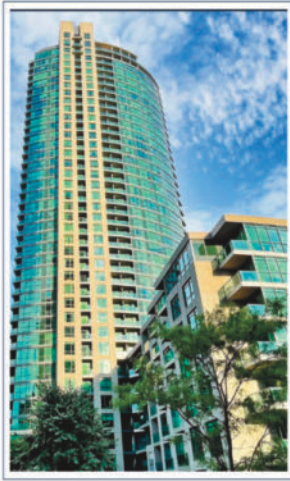
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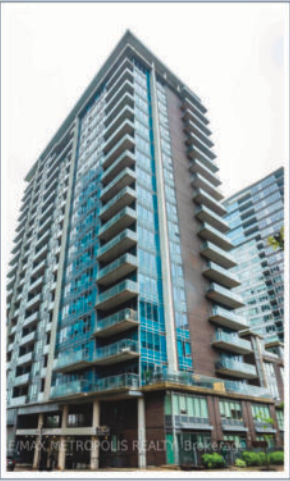
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Historic energy deals to boost T&T’s oil and gas development

Trinidad and Tobago is poised to benefit from major new energy opportunities and strengthened regional energy security following the historic signing of licences for the exploration of hydrocarbons in Venezuela’s Loran Phase 2 development and the Plataforma Deltana area.

Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar, MP, SC, has welcomed the development, which places Trinidad and Tobago in a strategic position to monetise potentially more than 12 trillion cubic feet (TCF) of natural gas from several cross-border and regional fields using the country’s existing energy infrastructure.

The Honourable Prime Minister extends her warmest congratulations to Interim President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Her Excellency Delcy Rodríguez, and the people and Government of Venezuela on the historic signing of the licences.

Prime Minister Persad-Bissessar also congratulates bpTT, which has been granted a joint interest and operatorship of these strategic assets, and welcomes XRG, ADNOC’s international energy investment company, into the region as it seeks to advance its global gas portfolio in the Western Hemisphere. XRG will hold a joint interest in the licence together with UCC Oil and Gas.

The Loran field forms part of the Loran-Manatee cross-border gas field, which holds an estimated 10 TCF of natural gas. On the Trinidad and Tobago side, Manatee is being developed

by Shell, with first gas expected in the second quarter of 2027.

The National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago (NGC) also recently signed an agreement with bpTT for the joint exploration and development of the Manakin-Cocuina field. The award of the new licences therefore provides another significant opportunity for the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago to deepen its longstanding and valued relationship with bpTT.

The Government has also been engaged in discussions with XRG with the intention of fostering the company’s entry into Trinidad and Tobago and the wider Latin American region.

The award of these licences places Trinidad and Tobago and NGC in a strategic position with respect to the potential monetisation of hydrocarbons to be explored and developed from these areas.

Together with potential volumes from Dragon, Manatee, Loran Phase 1 and Manakin-Cocuina, there is the potential for more than 12 TCF of natural gas to be monetised through Trinidad and Tobago, making use of the country’s existing energy infrastructure.

Prime Minister Persad-Bissessar said this represents an unprecedented opportunity for Trinidad and Tobago and Venezuela to work together with international energy partners to advance the economic interests of both countries and deliver tangible benefits to their people, while providing an attractive environment for international



bp has taken full control of the Calypso Field

investors.

The exploration and development of these resources also have the potential to significantly strengthen energy security for Trinidad and Tobago, Venezuela, the Caribbean region, and the wider international community.

Trinidad and Tobago is strategically positioned as a natural destination for the monetisation of these resources through its pipeline infrastructure, the Atlantic LNG facility and an established downstream petrochemical sector.

The Government of the Republic

of Trinidad and Tobago looks forward to working closely with the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, bpTT, XRG, UCC Oil and Gas, and other international partners to ensure the timely, efficient, and economically beneficial exploration and development of these resources.

This historic development represents another major step towards securing Trinidad and Tobago’s energy future, revitalising the country’s energy sector and strengthening cooperation with Venezuela for the long-term prosperity of both nations.

GuySuCo’s CEO sues opposition leader for defamation

OPPOSITION Leader Azruddin Mohamed is facing another legal challenge, with Dr Paul Cheong, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Guyana Sugar Corporation (GuySuCo), filing a High Court lawsuit over statements published on Mohamed’s Facebook page.

Cheong is now seeking more than \$10 million in damages from Mohamed in the defamation action arising from a

video published on the “Team Mohamed’s” Facebook page on August 11.

In his Statement of Claim filed in the High Court in Demerara on August 17 by Attorney-at-Law Rajendra Jaigobin, Cheong said the publication has “seriously and irreparably damaged” his reputation and standing.

He said the damage is likely to continue among his colleagues, em-

ployees, professional associates and members of the public in Guyana, the Caribbean and internationally. The claimant said the impact has already extended into his personal and professional relationships.

“Indeed, persons who have worked with the Claimant for years before the publications have avoided and shunned him,” the court document stated.

Cheong further claimed that members of his profession have confronted

him about the contents of Mohamed’s publication.

The lawsuit alleged that the publication brought Cheong into “public scandal, disrepute, contempt” and severely injured his character, credit and reputation.

It also said the allegations subjected him to “ridicule and odium,” lowering his standing in the estimation of ordinary and reasonable readers and listeners.

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EDITORIAL & OPINIONS

Canada First

There are rare times in history when an entire country is called to stand together in defence.

This is one of those times in Canada.

As Prime Minister Mark Carney has said, bluntly, "You're at war when you're attacked, and we got attacked."

And there's no question that the latest round of tariffs on Canada imposed by the US President Donald Trump is an attack on this country. It is meant to weaken Canada economically as he attempts to carry out his threat to make us the 51st state.

But more than just tariffs, what is equally as concerning -- or perhaps even more so -- are Trump's last-minute efforts to take our sovereignty from us.

He reportedly did so by first demanding veto power on any trade deal Canada signs, meaning that if we agreed, this country could not pursue or enter any trade relationship to seek our own economic interests with any other country. That is basically saying that we can no longer be the architects of our own future.

Then the U.S. demanded last-minute concessions relating to Quebec's French-language protections, a central pillar of our culture and identity as a country that has two official languages: French and English.

The Trump administration has singled out two Canadian laws as pressure points in the negotiations: Bill 96, an act that identifies French as the official language of Quebec, as well as Bill 109, which affirms the cultural sovereignty of the region and grants it the ability to set French-language quotas for French-language content.

American officials have claimed that the laws

have placed an undue burden on U.S. manufacturers, requiring them to produce packaging, controls, and instruction manuals in French in order to sell products in Quebec.

Some of America's biggest streaming companies—including Netflix, YouTube, Apple, and Spotify—have also argued against the laws, contending that there are practical issues relating to the theoretical implementation of language quotas in their databases.

Quebec Premier Christine Fréchette was aghast at the idea.

"Our culture, our language, is central to our identity, and it is important to exclude that from the negotiating table," she said after learning of the demand.

Other demands including higher tariffs on trucks made in Canada than on cars, a clear shot at the fact that trucks are the bigger seller in the USA and that most of the big three manufacturers have truck assembly plants in Canada.

There were also other demands, all introduced at the last minute, that the Canadians found unacceptable.

Prime Minister Mark Carney suspended the talks on Friday, triggering President Trump's 50 percent tariff rate on roughly \$28 billion in Canadian exports. Carney has promised to match the tariffs "dollar for dollar," and have since introduced measures to impose up to 50% tariffs on roughly \$28 billion in American imports that will take effect on September 8.

In a powerful speech delivered the day after the Canadian team walked away from the table, Carney

referred to the United States as untrustworthy and unreliable, informing the Canadian public that the country would need to forge a more independent future without the U.S.

"We cannot control the storm blowing in from Washington," Carney said. "We can chart a new course by building Canada strong at home and diversifying our trading relationships abroad."

The "new U.S. tariffs are designed to hurt us and divide us," Carney continued. "They're a miscalculation."

Carney also said any deal with Trump are those signed in pencil, meaning they have no worth.

The country has stood strongly behind Carney, with the majority of people across all party lines supporting his decision to walk and to impose counter-measures.

What this all means, of course, is that all Canadians will be facing some pain in the wallets in coming months. What it also means is that Canadians can make a conscious decision to buy Canadian products and services, and reduce or eliminate all planned travel to the USA, both measures which, over the last 18 months, have cost the USA billions in lost revenue.

We need to stay "Elbows Up", and show Trump that Canada is no walk-over.

The world is looking at our response, as they too want a way to stand up to the bully in Washington. Many countries around the world have already started their own boycotts of American goods, and are choosing Canadian when and where they can.

So in this war, we have allies. But our best allies are ourselves. Let's stand together.

Open letter to the President of the CCJ

Dear Editor,

Honorable Justice Anderson, I am a citizen of Guyana, and the events pertaining to the CCJ of the past weeks have caused great concern to me as it relates to the working of the court and the attack on your personal integrity; I regard the request for you to recuse yourself from matters that may involve the Mohamed family as particularly reprehensible. Over the years the CCJ has been of immense importance to Guyana in maintaining our functioning as a country of laws. I commend the service you and your colleagues have provided over the decades.

It is with this in mind that I write to ask that the CCJ considers the policy position that Justice Arif Bulkan (A Born Guyanese) never be appointed to any panel that considers a matter involving Guyana, it may well be that the policy extends to Justices born in any subscribing state going forward.

In the case of Justice Bulkan, I can attest to a lifelong friendship with Guyanese lawyer/politician Nigel Hughes; were Hughes simply a practicing attorney, this would not be considered (in my opinion) particularly compromising, however, Mr. Hughes is/was the political leader of the Alliance for Change and is an acknowledged advisor to the Mohamed family. For many years visitors to the office of dentist, Dr. Jennifer Bulkan, sister of Justice Bulkan were greeted by a prominently displayed photograph of Justice Bulkan and Mr. Hughes in tight platonic embrace. Notably, Hughes and Bulkan served on the same legal team representing THE Society Against Sexual Orientation Discrimination (SASOD), Guyana Trans United (GTU) in the historic Cross-dressing appeal in 2016. (see attached) Photographic evidence also exists of the Mohameds visiting the office of Mr. Hughes post-sanctions.

It could not have escaped the court's notice that confidential emails carefully crafted to cause mischief if ever public were leaked exclusively to the Trinidad Express newspaper and by what cannot be explained as coincidence, so too was the press release asking for the reclusion of yourself (Justice Anderson) from cases involving the Mohameds given to the Express also as an exclusive (an unheard of situation for a press release).

It is ultimately for the court to decide on policy and panel compositions but for the sake of the public perception of the integrity of the CCJ, I would ask that at the very minimum, questions be asked and answers be made public for scrutiny.

I thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours truly,
Robin Singh



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Tariffs on American goods coming, Fed's give \$7.5 B to help workers

By Milan Maharaj
LJI REPORTER

Canada is placing new tariffs on certain selected American exports while giving \$7.5 billion extra to Canadian workers and firms that have been hit hardest by the latest round of trade war between the two countries.

Finance Minister François-Philippe Champagne made an announcement on August 25 that Canada would retaliate against the new tariffs imposed by the United States dollar for dollar and rate for rate. The new tariffs will go into effect starting September 8 and will be imposed on about \$27.6 billion of American imports.

The tariffs will range from 15% to 50%, based on the respective rate applied by the United States. According to Canadian officials, the measures would target sectors and industries that had been affected by the new tariffs imposed by America.

According to the federal government, the measures follow the decision of the U.S. government to implement a tariff of 50 percent on \$27.6 billion worth of goods exported by Canada from Aug. 22. Ottawa had attempted to negotiate with the U.S. government to try to reach a deal on trade but had to suspend the negotiations after Canada was offered some unfavourable terms.

For Canadian businesses, the measures present another level of uncertainty amidst tough trading conditions. Canadian businesses that import goods or depend on supplies from the U.S. could incur more costs due to tariffs and the effects on pricing of imports.

The federal government says that the new aid package aims to assist businesses in continuing with their activities amid the trade war. The \$7.5 billion package is part of nearly \$25 billion in measures provided since the implementation of the tariffs by the U.S. government.

One of the key measures in the response is the Canada Strong Diversification Fund that will be managed via the Strategic Response Fund. The program is supposed to assist companies in adapting to changes, improving their business processes and searching for opportunities beyond the United States' market.

At the same time, the government has highlighted its intention to support small and medium businesses, which may have less financial reserves for ab-



The trade war between the US and Canada will cost consumers on both sides of the border

sorbing additional expenses or looking for new customers. According to the authorities, such measures are meant to offer a quick way for getting financial help to companies and workers who suffer directly from the imposition of tariffs.

The issue is particularly significant for Canada owing to the special economic relationship between these two states. For many years, Canadian producers of goods and services, farmers, producers of energy and others have enjoyed free access to the American market, while US firms need Canadian resources and goods.

Thus, Ottawa has tried to reduce dependence on the American market by offering companies the opportunity to search for new export markets. Additionally, finance experts have discussed strengthening of trade within the country and popularization of domestically produced goods and services.

This is not the first counter-tariff action undertaken by Canada. Old counter-tariffs on some products like automobiles have stayed active, and the federal government has maintained a tariff remission scheme which offers exception in special cases.

The new tariffs were announced amidst growing uncertainty about

Canada-US trade situation. Both nations maintain a close relationship and their supply chains interlink in many cases during the manufacturing of certain goods; thus, long-term tariffs would affect both economies.

According to the Canadian government, their move is aimed at the protection of national industry and at putting more pressure on the US side for negotiation. Nevertheless, the government of Canada also stated that Ottawa will cooperate with provinces and territories to address the impact of the trade conflict on the economy.

The new Canadian tariffs will

come into force starting from September 8 at 12:01 AM. Goods being shipped to Canada on September 8 would be exempted from the tariffs.

With the conflict ongoing, the government of Canada states that its main concern is ensuring protection for workers and companies in the country as well as boosting the country's resilience against disruptions in global trade. These latest actions form yet another milestone in Canada's counter-measures against the tariff actions taken by the US, but there still remains the opportunity for negotiations.



Guyana's fifth, largest FPSO arrives

GUYANA'S offshore oil production is set to cross the one-million-barrel-per-day mark following the arrival of Errea Wittu, the country's fifth and largest Floating Production, Storage and Offloading (FPSO) vessel.

The Government of Guyana, through the Ministry of Natural Resources, and operator ExxonMobil Guyana, in separate statements on Friday, both welcomed the vessel's arrival, calling it a major milestone for the country's fast-growing oil and gas sector.

Built by MODEC for the Uaru development in the Stabroek Block, the Errea Wittu is expected to begin production in the fourth quarter of 2026. The US\$12.7 billion project targets more than 800 million barrels of recoverable oil.

Minister of Natural Resources Vickram Bharrat said the vessel's arrival represents an important chapter in Guyana's oil-and-gas development story.

"With first oil expected in the fourth quarter of 2026, production is



The Errea Wittu in Guyana

poised to cross the one-million-barrel-per-day mark. This is a major development for our country, and one that brings with it greater responsibility to ensure Guyanese continue to benefit from the sector," he said.

The minister added that as production increases, the government remains

committed to transparency in managing the country's petroleum revenues and to ensuring Guyanese share in the opportunities created by the industry.

"The government will continue to disclose petroleum revenue receipts through the National Assembly, ensuring the people of Guyana are kept in-

formed about the revenues earned from their resources," he said, adding: "We will also continue to push for greater local content opportunities so that more Guyanese workers and businesses can participate in and benefit from the growth of this industry."

In its own statement, ExxonMobil said the vessel's name, Errea Wittu, means "Abundance" in the Warrau language, a choice the company said honours Guyana's Indigenous heritage, and reflects the opportunity and growth the project represents.

The company said it was proud of the role Guyanese companies and professionals have played in reaching the milestone, and that its teams are now focused on preparing the vessel for start-up.

The Stabroek Block currently produces approximately 900,000 barrels of oil per day. It is operated by ExxonMobil Guyana Limited, which holds a 45 per cent interest, alongside Chevron, with a 30 per cent stake, and CNOOC Petroleum Guyana Limited, with 25 per cent.

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What Guyana should be preparing for as OMAI moves forward

THE Preliminary Economic Assessment for Avalon Gold Exploration’s OMAI Gold Project provides more than an early picture of what a future mine could look like. It also gives Guyana something equally valuable: time to prepare for the opportunities and requirements that could accompany a major new development.

That preparation matters because the wider value of a project is not determined only when construction begins or production starts. It is also shaped in the years beforehand, as workers develop skills, businesses strengthen their capabilities and the project progresses through the technical, environmental and regulatory processes required before development.

OMAI is being assessed as a potential 18-to-20-year operation involving approximately GUY\$300 billion in investment. Avalon Gold Exploration Inc. is working towards a 2030 production objective, subject to further technical studies, environmental and regulatory approvals, financing and a future con-



The Omai Gold Mine in Guyana's interior

struction decision. The creation of 1,500 to 2,000 workers is expected during construction and approximately 900 direct long-term jobs during operations.

That creates an important planning window.

For Guyana’s workforce, the question is not simply how many jobs a future mine could create, but whether workers will be prepared for increasingly specialised and higher-value roles. Modern large-scale mining requires

technical expertise across engineering, equipment operation and maintenance, environmental management, occupational safety and other specialised areas. Building those capabilities requires training, practical experience and pathways that allow workers to progress into more technical and supervisory positions.

Those skills can also extend beyond one project. Experience gained in mining can remain relevant across construction, manufacturing, energy, logistics and other industrial sectors.

The same principle applies to Guyanese businesses.

A major development can generate substantial demand for goods and services, but demand alone does not guarantee meaningful local participation. Companies must be able to meet the safety, quality, financial and project-delivery standards required for increasingly complex work.

The more useful measure is therefore not simply how much procurement could take place locally, but whether participation helps Guyanese companies become more capable and competitive over time.

There is another side to that preparation.

As workers and businesses position themselves for possible opportunities, Avalon will also have to continue demonstrating that the project can meet the technical, environmental, regulatory and safety expectations associated with modern large-scale mining.

Major projects are judged not only on their economic potential, but on how effectively risks are managed, environmental impacts are assessed, workers are protected and operations are planned across the life of the development.

For OMAI, the period ahead therefore involves more than advancing an economic case. Further engineering, environmental assessment, regulatory review and project planning will help determine whether and how the development moves forward.

That process matters because responsible project development is part of what allows major investment to translate into sustainable economic activity.

This creates a useful balance in how OMAI’s potential contribution should be considered.

If the project advances, it could create significant demand for labour, suppliers and technical services. Guyana has an opportunity to use the years ahead to strengthen its capacity to meet that demand. At the same time, Avalon must continue the work required to demonstrate that a project of this scale can be developed and operated responsibly.



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Minister of Education Sonia Parag and other officials with the first cohort of the Guyana STELLAR Programme

CPCE launches first-of-its-kind STEM teacher training programme in Guyana

THE Cyril Potter College of Education (CPCE) in partnership with the Ministry of Education and with support from the ExxonMobil Foundation on Monday launched the Guyana STELLAR programme, an initiative that focuses on STEM teacher training.

STELLAR, in this case, means “STEM Teacher training, Enhancing Learning, Leadership and Academic Rigor.”

Marked as another important step in the transformation of education in Guyana, the launch of this associate degree in STEM education programme at the CPCE is the first-of-its-kind in not only the Caribbean, but also in the Southern Hemisphere, and is said to be a response to a clear national reality: Guyana is changing, and our education system must change with it.

By investing in STEM-focused teacher training, the college is contributing significantly to improving the quality of teachers’ work.

Therefore, teacher training plays a critical role in ensuring that STEM education is effectively delivered in our schools. Teacher candidates in the CPCE should be exposed to modern

teaching strategies, digital technologies, practical investigations, engineering and science, and mathematics-based problem solving.

Through hands-on activities, future teachers will be able to learn how to make STEM subjects more engaging, relevant, and accessible to all students. Well-trained teachers will also be able to help students develop curiosity and competence in areas that are essential for future careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

The programme initially had 70 listed candidates. However, only 62 attended a training session hosted by the college on Monday.

Delivering the feature address, Minister of Education, Sonia Parag said that this first cohort is part of an important part of our history in education.

STEM education, she said, is going to revolutionise education for the future. It revolves around science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

“You’re going to be in a good place at a good time when this is going to not only allow you to teach, but it’s going to allow you to participate fully in this transformation that is taking place, and

that’s exactly what we want, because somebody said that you can have talent, but you don’t always have opportunities,” the minister said.

Continuing, she noted that the entire point of making education accessible, and building the infrastructure is to improve the quality of education. She said, “Now we’re moving to ensure that we can revolutionise, but also improve the quality of education, so it’s not just physical anymore. It’s ensuring that what you are going to obtain is going to prepare you to become globally competitive, and that is exactly where I need to

go. We need to lead in many things, not just oil. We need to lead in education as well.”

The minister encouraged this first cohort to remain focused and be involved in the learning process.

“Do it with zest. Get up every day. Say to yourselves that you are going to make it in whichever part of that programme you’re at, and do it because that will work for you, and you will be very successful because that’s why we need you to be successful. You have to pass on the information,” the minister said.

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President Ali urges responsible social media use, warns against ‘calculated’ misinformation

PRESIDENT Dr Irfaan Ali has issued a strong appeal for responsible use of social media in Guyana, warning that the spread of misinformation is often a deliberate act designed to achieve divisive and harmful outcomes.

Responding to questions during a recent press conference the President condemned the reckless circulation of false information and distressing images online, particularly during times of tragedy.

He stressed that misinformation is not accidental, but intentional.

“Misinformation is always calculated information. Misinformation is a description, but it’s calculated for a specific purpose so whether its media houses, whether its individuals or leaders a calculated move by persons or entity to achieve a calculated outcome,” President Ali said.

Dr Ali noted that the only effective antidote to misinformation is a culture grounded in facts and credible reporting.

“Around the world, the only thing that can combat misinformation are fact-based analysis, separating facts, understanding facts, listening to credible sources, credible sources, and also sources that you can trust. That is important,” he told reporters.

The President was particularly critical of how social media was used during the recent MV Barima tragedy, describing some of the content shared as “unthinkable.”

“It is very unfortunate that we can misuse social media in such a way... Even in a tragedy, the type of photographs that were shared is just, you



President Ali has warned against misinformation on social media

know, unthinkable. It’s unthinkable,” he said.

Calling for higher ethical standards online, Dr Ali rejected the notion that social media is a ‘lawless space’ in Guyana.

“I call on every Guyanese to use social media in a manner that has some sort of ethical basis [and] moral basis,” he urged.

He pointed to far-reaching social media laws in the United Kingdom as an example of how jurisdictions are tightening regulation in response to digital harms and confirmed that both

Guyana and the wider Caribbean region are examining similar reforms.

“As you know, in the UK there are laws for social media that are far-reaching, and the region is looking at this in totality, but we too are looking at how we can amend our laws to address the very concerns that you would have raised,” President Ali noted.

Back in June of this year, the government launched a national consultation aimed at examining the impact of social media on children and developing a framework to better protect young users in the country’s rapidly expand-

ing digital environment.

That consultation which was coordinated by the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs and Governance on behalf of President Ali, brought together representatives from government agencies, civil society organisations, schools, parent groups, technology stakeholders, and child protection advocates.

The initiative sought to gather recommendations that will guide future policies, legislation and public education efforts focused on online safety and digital wellbeing.

The World Guyanese Congress (WGC) is a federally incorporated non-partisan global organisation that represents the interests of citizens of Guyanese heritage around the world. The organisation focuses on the successful development of our communities globally with an emphasis on leadership development and collaborative activities in diaspora communities to strengthen the community worldwide.

The organisation is headquartered in Toronto, Ontario, Canada and led by a Chairman and Executive Committee supported by an Advisory Council and various Committees as well as a Board of Governors that acts as ambassadors for the organisation. It has nine national and regional chapters:

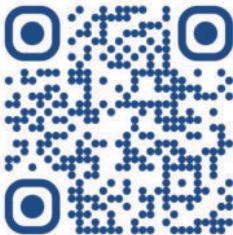
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Gov't targets 50 per cent cut in electricity costs through phased roll-out

GUYANA is pressing ahead with plans to slash electricity costs by 50 per cent nationwide through a phased programme of solar installations and other renewable energy projects, President Dr Irfaan Ali has said.

Speaking at a recent press conference, Dr Ali said the reduction was a key manifesto commitment and confirmed that some communities are already benefiting from lower tariffs.

He noted that areas such as Bartica and parts of Region One have seen initial cuts following the commissioning of solar farms and battery storage.

“One of the things that we have committed to in the manifesto is the reduction in the cost of electricity, and we are fully committed to the reduction of that cost, and that is to bring it down by 50 per cent for consumers across the country,” he said adding:

“We have started, especially in areas where we had the solar installation and where we had the battery backup system. In those areas, we have been able to already announce phased reduction in the cost of electricity. Both in Bartica when I was there on the cabinet outreach, and I think in Region One, we have addressed the issue of a phased re-



Guyana President Dr Irfaan Ali

duction.”

In Bartica 1.5-megawatt solar photovoltaic farm is now supplying power to the Region Seven community.

This was an investment of more than \$703 million has resulted in an output of 6,148 drums of diesel, with electricity costs now being reduced by 25

per cent.

Dr Ali said similar assessments are under way for other communities equipped with renewable systems, including solar projects in Region Two, Leguan and Wakenaam, as well as hydro-powered Lethem.

“I’ve committed to, in other areas, for example, in Region Two, where we have the solar system, and in Laguan and Wakenam, where we have that solar system to look also at the phased reduction there,” he added.

“Lethem is also one community where we have the hydro... those analyses are being conducted so that though the initial phased reduction, the tariff can be looked at in those communities. So, we are committed to this, and the consumers will definitely benefit,” he told reporters, while assuring consumers they would “benefit tremendously” as the programme expands.

Guyana has rapidly expanded its

energy infrastructure. Under its Low Carbon Development Strategy (LCDS) the country has taken a transformative approach to energy that seeks to reduce reliance on imported fossil fuels, by diversifying energy sources and ensuring affordable, reliable energy access for all Guyanese.

The aim is to integrate renewable resources such as solar, hydro, wind, biomass, and natural gas to meet growing energy demand, while keeping emissions low.

Further, the 300 MW Wales Gas to Energy project, Guyana’s largest infrastructural initiative to date, aims to reduce electricity costs by 50 per cent and support domestic production of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) for cleaner household cooking.

Beyond immediate energy benefits, the GtE project is expected to enhance industrial competitiveness and strengthen the country’s energy mix.

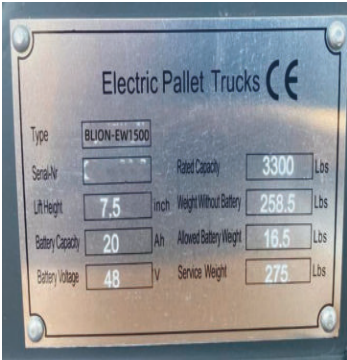


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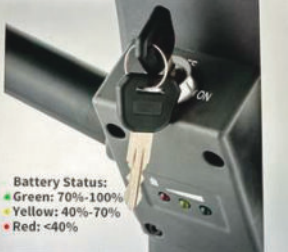
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Region Eight gets \$140.8M Simulation Centre to strengthen healthcare training

THE Ministry of Health has further strengthened health sciences education in Region Eight (Potaro-Siparuni) with the commissioning of a new Simulation Centre valued at \$140,848,000.

The facility was officially commissioned on Saturday August 22, 2026, by Minister of Health, Dr Frank Anthony, marking another significant step in the government’s efforts to expand healthcare training opportunities and build a skilled health workforce across the country.

The new Simulation Centre is designed to provide students and healthcare workers with hands-on, practical training in nursing and other healthcare disciplines.

The facility will allow trainees to develop and refine essential clinical skills in a controlled environment before applying those competencies in healthcare settings.

Delivering the feature address at the commissioning ceremony, Minister Anthony explained that the facility will address an important component of nursing education by allowing students to complete practical aspects of their training within the region.

“Whether it’s learning how to give an infusion, find a vein, deliver a baby, whatever the skill we require each nurse to know, this facility will enable it. We are not only going to train nurses; we are going to train other categories of healthcare workers,” Minister Anthony said.

He emphasised that while theoretical knowledge remains important, healthcare professionals must also be equipped with the practical competencies necessary to perform effectively in clinical settings.

According to the Health Minister, the Simulation Centre will therefore play a critical role in ensuring that trainees are better prepared to apply their knowledge and skills when providing care to patients.

Dr Anthony expressed the ministry’s satisfaction with the completion and commissioning of the facility, noting that it represents another boost to healthcare development in Region Eight.

By expanding training opportunities within the region, the initiative will also help to develop a stronger local healthcare workforce and create opportunities for persons interested in pursuing careers in the health sector.

The minister also highlighted other ongoing investments aimed at transforming healthcare delivery in Region Eight, including the Kato Hospital, which is currently under construction.

He noted that the hospital will be the first of its kind in the region, a modern, state-of-the-art healthcare facility that will significantly enhance access to quality health services. Importantly, the Ministry intends to build the workforce required for the facility by training and employing persons from within the region.



The new Simulation Centre in Region Eight

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Government prepared to invest ‘last and bottom dollar’ in the people—AG Nandlall

ATTORNEY General and Minister of Legal Affairs Anil Nandlall, SC, has emphasised that government is prepared to invest its “last and bottom dollar” in Guyanese, but has urged citizens to equip themselves with the necessary skills and certifications to compete for jobs as skilled foreign workers enter the local labour market.

He warned that Guyana’s rapidly expanding economy is attracting skilled workers from around the world, increasing competition for jobs in the local labour market.

Nandlall said Guyana’s economic growth and growing attractiveness to investors have resulted in people from other countries migrating to Guyana, including undocumented migrants whom he described as educated, disciplined and skilled.

He said this presents a challenge for Guyanese workers seeking employment, particularly in sectors where employers are looking for qualified and certified personnel.

“We live in a free economy. We can’t just not hire people once they are qualified because they are foreigners,” Nandlall told graduates at a recent Board of Industrial Training (BIT) graduation ceremony.

However, he said the government is working on a statutory framework aimed at protecting the interests of Guyanese as more foreigners come to the country to live and work.

Nandlall said the government has a “primary and principal duty” to ensure that Guyanese receive priority and preference, describing this as their “birthright.” At the same time, he urged Guyanese to take responsibility for preparing themselves for the opportunities available.

“You have to qualify yourselves. You have to be certified,” he told the graduates.

The Attorney General was at the time speaking to 288 graduates who completed training in eight occupational areas, with taxpayers investing \$21,541,600 in their training.

The areas included heavy-duty equipment operation, electrical installation, air-conditioning and refrigeration, commercial food preparation and agro-processing.

He therefore emphasised the importance of these technical skills, describing them as “crucially required in the developmental equation of this country.”

Nandlall said the technical skills acquired through the programme are important to Guyana’s development, but he used the opportunity to encourage the graduates not to regard their newly acquired qualifications as the end of their education.

“Graduating today, I want you to consider that as only a baby step in the journey that I would like you to take,” he said, urging them to use the training



Guyana Attorney General Anil Nandlall

as a stepping stone towards further education.

He said the need for certification will become increasingly important as Guyana’s economy develops and more international businesses establish operations here.

Nandlall pointed specifically to the hospitality industry, noting that Guyana already has several five-star hotels operating, with more under construction. He said the country could have about 10 branded hotels within the next two years, creating demand for workers who meet international standards.

He said practical ability alone may not be sufficient to secure some of these positions.

Nandlall used chefs as an example, noting a person may be an excellent cook but could still be overlooked for employment at an internationally branded hotel without formal certification.

He made a similar point about maintenance workers, stating a skilled plumber, mason or electrician without certification could find themselves working in a lower-level position while a certified worker secures the better-paying opportunity.

He said this demonstrates why workers must ensure that their practical experience is supported by recognised qualifications.

“That is the challenge that you have to accept and work towards overcoming,” Nandlall noted.

The Attorney General also pointed to the government’s investment in education and training as part of its effort to prepare Guyanese for the changing labour market.

Nandlall also highlighted the

Guyana Online Academy of Learning (GOAL) scholarship programme, revealing more than 54,000 scholarships have been issued to date.

He said the programme is designed to accommodate people from different educational backgrounds, including those who may not initially have the academic qualifications required to enter higher-level programmes.

According to Nandlall, preparatory courses are available to help people meet the requirements for further studies, while the programme offers academic and non-academic opportunities ranging from certificates and diplomas to masters and doctoral degrees.

He also pointed to the government’s decision to make the University of Guyana (UG) free and to cover the cost of the Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC) examination and Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE), stating these measures are intended to make education more accessible to Guyanese.

Nandlall further highlighted plans for an oil and gas institute at Port Mourant, noting that the facility will provide specialised training for Guyanese to meet the requirements of the country’s growing oil and gas sector.

He explained, “We recognise that it’s a new sector [and] you are not exposed to the skill set that that sector requires, and that’s why we are building that place where you can be educated. That is why we passed the local content legislation to protect jobs in that sector and to ensure that you get the jobs in the sector that you are qualified for.”

“That legislation alone has created thousands of jobs and has caused over a billion U.S. dollars to be invested in the local sector. That one piece of law that we passed.”

Nandlall urged the graduates to take advantage of the opportunities being provided and to continue investing in themselves.

He stated, “So, my friends, your lives and your destiny are in your own hands. I assure you that you have a government in place that is offering you all the opportunities and will afford you all the educational pursuits and will pay for it.”

The Attorney General said Guyana’s natural resources give the country an important economic advantage but stressed that its people remain its most valuable resource.

Drawing comparisons with countries such as Japan and Singapore, he argued that investment in human resources can transform a country’s economic prospects.

Guyana, he said, has both abundant natural resources and the opportunity to develop a highly skilled workforce capable of managing and benefiting from those resources.

He therefore encouraged the graduates to continue acquiring qualifications and skills so they can compete effectively in a labour market that is becoming increasingly attractive to foreign workers.

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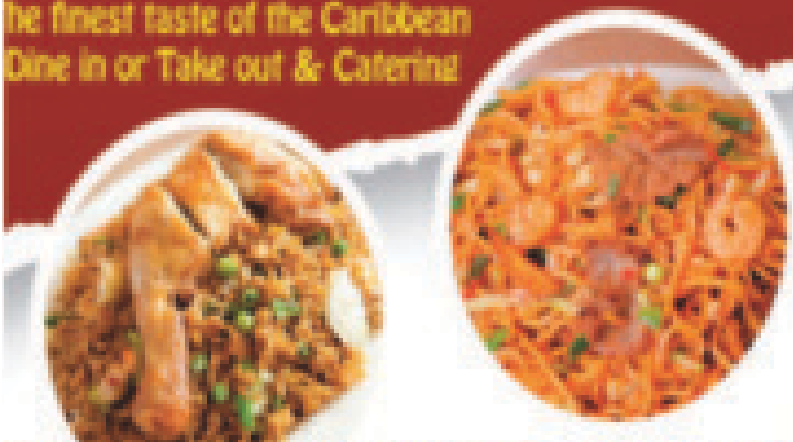
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300 acres of onions to cut import bill - Minister Mustapha

GUYANA is on track to reap its first large-scale onion harvest by the end of this year, with 300 acres now under cultivation following a successful pilot project in Region Nine (Upper Takutu-Upper Essequibo).

Speaking with reporters on the sidelines of an event on Friday, Minister of Agriculture, Zulfikar Mustapha, said the crop is expected to meet a significant share of the country’s onion demand, cutting the foreign exchange currently spent on imports. “300 acres of onions will satisfy the demands in Guyana, but at the same time we want to be a net exporter, and we are building a food hub along the Linden/Soesdyke highway,” Minister Mustapha highlighted.

The onion push is part of a broader diversification drive that includes corn, soya, broccoli, cauliflower, carrot and lettuce, high-value crops.

They are supplying the hospitality and tourism sectors and reducing reliance on imported produce. The minister also confirmed that Guyana is exploring wheat production, following a trial already under way in the country.

He said discussions with Zimbabwe’s ambassador could see Guyana access technical expertise from Zimbabwean specialists who have mastered tropical wheat cultivation.

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American tourist faces at least 15 years in prison in JA for ammunition left in luggage

An American tourist is facing a potential lengthy prison sentence in Jamaica after two loaded ammunition magazines were allegedly found in his luggage.

Igor Andrusceak, of Athens, Georgia, was vacationing in Jamaica with his wife and three children when the magazines were reportedly discovered at Sangster International Airport in Montego Bay on July 28.

The two magazines allegedly contained 15 rounds each, for a total of 30 rounds of ammunition.

Andrusceak told Atlanta television station 11Alive that he had removed his handgun and other everyday items from his backpack before traveling but failed to notice that the magazines remained in a mesh compartment.

“I pulled my gun out of there because that’s my everyday carry, right? So, I put that all in my safe,” he said.

He said he also removed other items, including a pocketknife and nail clippers, from the backpack before leaving for Jamaica.

According to Andrusceak, the ammunition was not detected when the bag went through Transportation Security Administration screening in Atlanta.

He said airport security personnel in Jamaica pulled him aside after his backpack was screened and discovered the magazines. Andrusceak said he was initially given the impression that he would be allowed to continue his journey but was later detained at the Frontier Airlines gate as he prepared to return home.

He was arrested and taken to the Freeport police station in St. James,



Igor Andrusceak, of Athens, Georgia

where he spent less than 24 hours in custody before appearing in court and being granted bail. Andrusceak is scheduled to return to court on Oct. 29.

“I feel foolish,” he told 11Alive. “Like, you understand how bad I felt for making that mistake.”

The case highlights the severe penalties under Jamaica’s firearms laws, which apply to unauthorized possession of ammunition.

Under the Firearms (Prohibition, Restriction and Regulation) Act, unau-

thorized possession of a firearm or ammunition can result in life imprisonment if the matter is dealt with in the Circuit Court, which includes the High Court Division of the Gun Court.

Jamaica’s Court of Appeal has clarified that the sentence for unauthorized possession of a firearm or ammunition is mandatory life imprisonment, with the convicted person required to serve at least 15 years before becoming eligible for parole.

Recent cases illustrate the serious-

ness of the provision. In February, a St. Andrew man convicted of unauthorized possession of ammunition was sentenced to life imprisonment and ordered to serve 15 years before becoming eligible for parole.

For Andrusceak, however, no sentence has been imposed and he remains presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty. His defense is expected to center, at least in part, on his account that the magazines were inadvertently left in his luggage.

Antigua PM tells Bar Association to ‘piss off’

Prime Minister Gaston Browne has dismissed a call from the Antigua and Barbuda Bar Association (ABBA) for him to withdraw what the association described as a threat against a sitting judge of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court.

The ABBA on Wednesday called on Browne to “withdraw the threat” and publicly affirm that no immigration or other executive power would be used to influence, intimidate, punish or remove a judicial officer because of decisions made in the lawful exercise of judicial office.

Browne, however, responded sharply to the association in a post on his Facebook page, referring to the ABBA as “defunct” and writing: “Here is my response to your request for an apology: Piss off.”

The dispute stems from remarks

Browne made Monday during a National Security meeting about what he described as short sentences being imposed by judges despite Parliament passing legislation allowing for harsher penalties in response to rising gun crime and violence.

Addressing a judge whom he did not identify by name, Browne said: “Brother man, if you cannot follow the lead of parliament to give longer sentences, leave our country voluntarily otherwise we are going to deport you and make you persona non grata. You know who you are. This is the Prime Minister of the country saying this.”

The ABBA said it had “noted with deep concern” the statement, arguing that the threat of deportation could not be reconciled with Browne’s assertion that he did not intend to interfere with the judiciary.

In a three-page statement, the association described Browne’s remarks as “a grave threat to the independence of the judiciary” and said they were incompatible with the constitutional separation of powers and the rule of law.

The ABBA said the Constitution allows Parliament to make laws for the “peace, order and good government of Antigua and Barbuda,” but argued that neither Parliament nor the executive can act in a manner inconsistent with the constitutional order.

The association also emphasized that the separation of powers is a fundamental principle underpinning constitutions based on the Westminster system, including Antigua and Barbuda’s Constitution.

According to the ABBA, Browne’s direction that a judge “follow the lead of parliament” on sentencing

amounted to the kind of executive interference that the separation of powers is intended to prevent.

The association said determining the severity and duration of sentences imposed on convicted offenders is a function of the judiciary.

“It has been held that the determination of the duration of a sentence must remain in the hands of the court and not those of the executive,” it said. “Any arrangement by which the executive or legislature dictates or coerces the outcome of sentencing decisions violates the common law constitutional principle that underpins the separation of powers.”

The association also took particular issue with the threat to deport the judge and declare the individual persona non grata.

CCJ president rejects allegations of panel fixing and interference in judgments

Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ) President Justice Winston Anderson has rejected allegations of panel fixing and interference in judicial decisions, while acknowledging that he may have handled some internal matters too forcefully.

In a statement issued from Port of Spain, Anderson addressed recent reports and publications concerning the court's internal affairs, saying the disclosures had caused "concern, anxiety and profound sadness" within the institution and across the Caribbean.

He strongly condemned the unauthorized disclosure and publication of confidential court material, including internal deliberations and correspondence.

"Such disclosures and their publication are wholly unacceptable and strike at one of the fundamental principles upon which every independent judiciary depends," Anderson said.

He said the disclosures undermine trust in judicial deliberations and collegiality, as well as public confidence in the judiciary.

Anderson's statement addressed several allegations involving his leadership of the court, including consultation with judges and staff, judicial dress, the composition of panels, alleged attempts to influence judgments and his involvement in discussions concerning Guyana's judicial leadership.

One of the disputes centered on the removal of a CCJ judge from an interlocutory panel in *D'Almada v. Trinidad and Tobago*.

Anderson said the decision was made because the judge had declined to follow the court's established practice concerning judicial attire.

According to Anderson, the judge had appeared in court wearing traditional national dress during proceedings in December 2025 and again in April 2026.

He said he raised the issue privately with the judge on June 10, 2026, but was unable to secure an agreement to follow the court's established practice of wearing judicial robes or appropriate bench attire.

Anderson subsequently removed the judge from the panel hearing a procedural application in the *D'Almada* case scheduled for July 2.



CCJ President Justice Winston Anderson

He said he made clear in writing that the decision was based solely on the issue of judicial attire and had nothing to do with the judge's views, participation in conferences or deliberations, or opinions on the case.

The judge was later assigned to the panel for the substantive hearing, Anderson said.

He also defended efforts to establish a formal judicial dress code, saying the issue was institutional rather than personal.

Anderson said he has since recognized that he "may have approached the matter of the handling of the issue dress code too strongly."

He said the question of whether national dress should be permitted on the CCJ bench should ultimately be determined through consultation across the region.

Anderson described allegations that CCJ panels were constituted or changed to influence the outcome of cases as among the most serious claims made against the court.

"The allegation is wholly untrue," he said.

He maintained that the president has historically been responsible for constituting court panels and that the responsibility has been exercised to ensure the orderly, efficient and impartial administration of justice.

Anderson again said the change to the *D'Almada* interlocutory panel was motivated solely by the issue of judicial attire.

He pointed to the outcome of the hearing as further evidence, saying all five judges subsequently agreed unanimously that leave should have been granted for the substantive matter to proceed.

He said the substantive hearing would be heard by the full bench, including the judge whose removal had prompted the controversy.

Anderson also announced a change intended to prevent future concerns over panel composition.

"Going forward, every Judge of the Court will be required to sit on every panel, unless the Judge opts out for a legitimate reason and is excused," he said.

He rejected suggestions that a judge's nationality or other personal characteristic should be considered when assessing impartiality.

"To suggest otherwise is to undermine not merely an individual Judge, but confidence in Caribbean justice itself," Anderson said.

He described the suggestion that the attire dispute amounted to panel fixing as "irresponsible, intellectually dishonest, injudicious and quite simply, malevolent."

Anderson also rejected allegations

that he had attempted to influence judges' decisions.

He said judicial independence is protected by the CCJ's constituent instruments, judicial oaths and internationally recognized standards, including the Bangalore Principles of Judicial Conduct.

Addressing the *Nazar Mohamed and Azruddin Mohamed v. Minister of Home Affairs* case in Guyana, Anderson said disagreements during the preparation of judgments are normal in an appellate court.

He said judges routinely engage in robust discussions and consider competing legal analyses before reaching a final decision.

Anderson stressed that all seven judges were unanimous in the disposition of the *Mohamed* appeal.

He also noted that dissenting judgments are not published in the court's Original Jurisdiction, where unanimity is standard practice among international courts exercising similar jurisdiction.

"The suggestion that judicial views were suppressed or that any Judge was directed to reach a particular conclusion is therefore wholly without foundation," he said.

Anderson also addressed criticism of his meetings with Guyana's president and opposition leader over the country's prolonged use of acting appointments for the offices of chancellor and chief justice.

He noted that Guyana has gone more than two decades without substantively appointed holders of its two highest judicial offices.

Anderson said his concern was not directed at any particular government or political party but at what he considers the constitutional importance of having permanent office holders protected by judicial tenure.

He cited Article 122A of Guyana's Constitution, which provides for an independent judiciary free from political, executive and other forms of direction and control.

Anderson also pointed to statements by his predecessors, former CCJ presidents Sir Dennis Byron and Justice Adrian Saunders, who had previously raised concerns about the absence of substantive appointments.



Imran Khan, shown here in 2022, has been in jail since 2023 on corruption charges

14 former Indian skippers call on Pakistan to give Imran Khan care he needs

A group of former cricket captains, including Indian batting legend Sunil Gavaskar and one of England's longest-serving skippers Sir Alastair Cook, have called on Pakistan to ensure its ex-PM Imran Khan be given proper care while in custody.

The cricketer-turned-politician has been in jail since 2023 on corruption charges which he denies.

In a letter to Pakistan's current leader Shehbaz Sharif, the 21 former skippers aired concern that Khan, 73, was allowed "only a few hours" at a hospital last week where he was examined by a state-appointed team.

Khan's party has also filed a contempt petition against the government for not giving him access to his own doctors, as ordered by the top court.

The former cricket captains laid out three demands in their letter, the first of which is that Khan be assessed by a medical board directed by Pakistan's Supreme Court – which would include his personal physicians – particularly on the reported loss of vision in his right eye.

They also urged authorities to allow weekly visits by Khan's family, as ordered by the court, "without interruptions or administrative delays".

Finally, they asked that any treatment recommended by the medical board be "provided without delay".

"Imran Khan is 73 years old and has now spent more than three years in custody," read the letter initiated by former Australian captain Greg Chappell.

"Whatever the legal and political arguments surrounding his case, the basic decency of ensuring a court-ordered medical process is actually completed is not, in our view, a controversial request."

Among the other signatories were England's Michael Atherton, Michael Brearley, Nasser Hussain, Andrew Strauss and David Gower, India's Kapil Dev and Dilip Vengsarkar, and Australia's

Belinda Clark, Adam Gilchrist, Steve Waugh and Kim Hughes.

Fourteen of the former skippers had also supported an earlier appeal for "humane treatment and proper medical care" for Khan which was submitted in February.

Khan's lawyer claimed at the time that his client had 15% vision left in his right eye after prison authorities failed to take action.

The signatories of both letters had described themselves as "former colleagues and rivals who share a bond forged on the cricket field", adding that the bond "transcends the borders and disputes that too often divide countries".

Khan, who previously captained the Pakistan national cricket team, served as Pakistan's prime minister from 2018 to 2022.

He was imprisoned in August 2023 and has faced charges in more than 100 cases, ranging from leaking state secrets to selling state gifts, all of which he and his party Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf say are politically motivated.

His jailing sparked large-scale protests by supporters, which were met with a crackdown by authorities.

Pakistan's Supreme Court had on Tuesday directed the government to transfer Khan to a private hospital to be examined by physicians.

He was instead seen by doctors at a government-run hospital in Islamabad, who deemed him "medically fit", before he was moved back to prison.

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TAURUS (April 21 - May 21): The Sun in the most dynamic area of your chart will give you all the courage and confidence you need to tackle tasks that on other occasions might be too much for you. Don't go to extremes this week, but do follow your dreams.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21): You can accomplish a great deal over the next few days by working with people who share your aims and ambitions. You will be on the same level of thinking to such an extent that it's almost as if you can read each other's minds.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23): Mars in your sign gives you the drive and determination to get things done, but you must make sure that you have a clear vision of where you are going and what you aim to achieve. If not, a lot of your efforts could go to waste.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23): You have so much to be thankful for and so much to look forward to, and even though the Sun has now left your sign, you still possess the energy and ambition to make your mark. Work hard over the next few days, and play hard as well.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23): The days of working quietly behind the scenes are over, and with your ruling planet Mercury about to join the Sun in your sign, there is no reason why you need to hide yourself away. Your audience wants you to put on a show.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23): If you want to impress someone in a position of authority, you must call on the power of Venus in your sign to charm your way into their good books. A more aggressive approach not only won't work but could be counter-productive.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22): Other people will make decisions for you if you let them, but the message of the stars for the week ahead is that you must be the one who seizes the initiative and calls the shots. Career-wise, you still have a great deal going for you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21): The Sun in the area of your chart that governs your professional status is about to be joined there by Mercury, planet of communication. That means there is no excuse for neglecting to make a noise about what you are capable of, so speak up!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20): As one of the zodiac's Earth signs, you tend to avoid taking risks, but the Sun's recent move into the most adventurous area of your chart will negate that. If you feel like striking out in a new direction, just do it. Broaden your horizons.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19): Ignorance may be bliss, but if you stumble upon a situation that could benefit from your assistance, you can't just pretend not to have noticed. Your special ability to turn negative inputs into positive outcomes will be much in demand this week.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar. 20): If you feel the need to criticize what someone gets up to, that's fine, but don't go too far and paint them as some kind of criminal. Call it as you see it, but make allowances for other people's failings — as they make allowances for you.

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Rowley asks T&T government to disclose number of nationals with US visas revoked

Former Prime Minister Dr. Keith Rowley is calling on the Trinidad and Tobago government to disclose how many nationals have had their United States visas revoked after Washington said visas had been canceled for reasons including conduct that “endangered national security.”

In a statement posted to Facebook on Monday, Rowley questioned whether the government had reported Trinidad and Tobago nationals to US authorities for possible visa cancellation.

Rowley noted that calls had previously been made by individuals in Trinidad and Tobago for his US visa, as well as that of former Prime Minister Stuart Young, to be canceled.

He also said that, more recently, members of the ruling United National Congress (UNC) and people close to the party had been warning citizens about potentially losing their US visas.

Rowley said he wanted to thank US authorities “for going public to tell the traumatized citizenry in this country the conditions under which visas are revoked”.

According to Rowley, the US Department of State said in a news release on Aug. 10 that visas had been revoked from individuals who violated the terms of their US visas, committed crimes, called for violence against US citizens, defrauded Americans, abused



Former T&T Prime Minister Keith Rowley

the immigration system or endangered national security.

Rowley questioned whether he or Young had committed any of the offenses cited by the US government.

“Today I want to ask Mrs. Kamla Persad-Bissessar and all the others who made this call and even wrote to the US Government calling for the visas of both Stuart Young and Rowley to be canceled: which of these offenses were they guilty of?”

He also questioned the circumstances surrounding the cancellation of

the visa of a person he described as a close associate and messenger of Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar.

“Incidentally, is the Prime Minister prepared to share with the country which of these offenses her close friend and messenger violated, resulting in the cancellation of his visa well before she came into office?”

Rowley further called on Persad-Bissessar to disclose whether her government had communicated with US authorities about other Trinidad and Tobago nationals.

He asked the prime minister to “tell the country, besides Rowley and Young, how many other citizens she and her Government have reported to the US Government with a recommendation to have their visas canceled?”

Rowley’s comments come amid heightened attention in Trinidad and Tobago over US visa revocations and the circumstances under which Washington can cancel visas held by foreign nationals.

St. Lucia signs US agreement to facilitate deportation of third-country nationals

The St. Lucia government has signed a non-binding agreement with the United States that could allow Washington to transfer third-country nationals facing deportation to the Caribbean country.

External Affairs, International Trade, Civil Aviation and Diaspora Affairs Minister Alva Baptiste told Parliament that the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed in Washington following discussions that began in 2025, when the US approached several CARICOM countries about cooperation on immigration matters.

Baptiste stressed that the agreement is non-binding and that any proposed transfer would remain at the discretion of both governments.

The MOU establishes a framework under which the US government may propose transferring third-country nationals to St. Lucia, while the St. Lucian government would have the discretion to

accept or reject each proposal, in whole or in part.

“The MOU further states at Section 2.1, the Government of the United States of America may in its complete discretion propose to the Government of St Lucia the transfer of such third-country nationals, and the Government of St Lucia may in its complete discretion consider accepting such a proposal in whole or in part,” Baptiste said.

Under the agreed operating procedures, individuals eligible for transfer would have to meet specific criteria, including having final or expedited orders of removal from the United States and receiving medical authorization to travel from the US Department of Homeland Security.

Certain individuals would be excluded from the arrangement.

They include unaccompanied minors under 18, St. Lucian citizens or nationals, and individuals with criminal

records known to US authorities, except where those records relate to violations of US immigration law.

The agreement also establishes a preliminary limit of no more than 10 people per quarter who could be transferred to St. Lucia.

The US is expected to provide St. Lucian authorities with a flight manifest five days before a proposed removal. St. Lucia would then have two days to respond with the cases it accepts and identify anyone who should not be permitted to board the flight.

Baptiste said a major consideration for the government has been the financial cost of implementing the arrangement.

He said the Philip J. Pierre administration has limited resources and wants to ensure that any agreement does not place an undue burden on St. Lucia.

“The major consideration for St Lucia in all this has been the extent to

which the United States was committed to financially support the programme it had requested of St Lucia to undertake, taking into account St Lucia's limited resources and circumstances,” Baptiste told legislators.

“Given the potential policy, financial and institutional implications of such an arrangement, the government considered it necessary to undertake a comprehensive technical assessment to determine the resources, governance arrangements and financial commitments that would be required to implement the programme effectively,” he added.

Baptiste said Cabinet last week approved a memorandum from the Ministry of External Affairs outlining St. Lucia's financial requirements for implementing the agreement.

The package has since been submitted to the US Embassy, with the government awaiting Washington's response.

Barbados, Venezuela move to deepen ties as Mottley visits Caracas

Barbados Prime Minister Mia Mottley arrived in Venezuela on Monday for talks with acting President Delcy Rodríguez aimed at strengthening bilateral relations between the two Caribbean nations.

Mottley said discussions in Caracas focused on expanding cooperation in several areas, including energy and food security, agriculture, fisheries, tourism and trade.

“President Delcy Rodríguez welcomed me warmly to Caracas, and from the outset our focus was on our people and the possibilities we can create for them,” Mottley said in a statement.

According to the prime minister, the two countries have agreed to pursue initiatives that could create new opportunities for Barbadian farmers, fishers and businesses while improving the movement of goods between the countries.

“The work we have agreed can strengthen Barbados’ energy and food security, create new openings for our farmers, fishers and businesses, build stronger tourism and trade links, and improve the movement of goods,” Mottley said.

She said the cooperation could also provide opportunities for Barbadians through scholarships, language training and exchanges in music, energy and fisheries.

Mottley also highlighted Barbados’ humanitarian assistance to Venezuela following earthquakes in June, when the country deployed rescue workers and medical teams and provided humanitarian supplies and a field hospital in Guare-



Barbados Prime Minister Mia Mottley with Venezuela Acting President Delcy Rodriguez at a parade in Caracas

Guarenas.

“We have already seen the human value of this friendship,” she said. “When the earthquakes struck Venezuela in June, Barbados answered with rescue workers, medical teams, humanitarian supplies and a field hospital in Guare-

nas.”

The prime minister said the agreements between the two countries should ultimately translate into tangible benefits for Barbadians.

“Agreements such as these must be felt at home in the choices our young

people have, the markets our producers can reach and the greater security of every Barbadian family,” Mottley said.

“That is how we build a stronger Barbados and remain the kind of neighbour that shows up when it matters.”

Guyana’s candidate leads straw poll to be next UN chief

Guyana’s Carolyn Rodrigues-Birkett has emerged as the leading candidate in the second informal United Nations Security Council straw poll in the race to become the next UN secretary-general.

Rodrigues-Birkett received eight “encourage” votes, three “discourage” votes and four “no opinion” votes, according to results released by Guyana’s Department of Public Information.

She finished ahead of Rebeca Grynspan, who led the first round and received seven “encourage” votes, four “discourage” votes and four “no opinion” votes in the latest poll.

A straw poll is an informal, non-binding vote used by the 15-member Security Council to gauge support for candidates seeking the UN’s top post. Members indicate whether they “encourage” or “discourage” a candidate or have “no opinion.”

In the first straw poll, Grynspan received 10 “encourage” votes, two

“discourage” votes and three “no opinion” votes. Rodrigues-Birkett received nine “encourage” votes, two “discourage” votes and four “no opinion” votes.

While support for both candidates declined in the second round, Grynspan lost three “encourage” votes compared with Rodrigues-Birkett’s decline of one, putting the Guyanese candidate at the top of the latest poll.

The straw polls are designed to help Security Council members assess the level of support for each candidate and gradually narrow the field.

However, Rodrigues-Birkett’s lead does not mean she has been selected as the next secretary-general. The Security Council must ultimately agree on a candidate to recommend to the UN General Assembly, which makes the formal appointment.

Votes in the straw polls are anonymous, meaning it is not known which countries encouraged or discouraged individual candidates.



Carolyn Ridrigues-Birkett

The positions of the Security Council’s five permanent members —

China, France, Russia, the United Kingdom and the United States — are particularly important because each holds veto power over the Council’s eventual recommendation.

Rodrigues-Birkett, a former Guyanese foreign minister, was nominated by Guyana to succeed current Secretary-General António Guterres.

Further consultations and straw polls are expected as the Security Council works toward identifying a candidate who can secure enough support for a formal recommendation to the General Assembly.





The funds from Taiwan will help capitalize the proposed bank in St Vincent and the Grenadines

Taiwan pledges US\$2 million grant for St. Vincent development bank

Taiwan has committed at least US\$2 million in grant funding to help establish a national development bank in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Prime Minister Godwin Friday said following a recent visit to Taipei.

Friday told reporters that the funding would help capitalise the proposed bank, while Taiwan has also indicated that additional financing could be made available on soft terms.

“We can say there’s a commitment of at least two million US dollars as a grant to help to capitalise the bank with other funding available on soft terms,” Friday said.

The prime minister said discussions about the development bank had already begun before his delegation travelled to Taiwan and that Taiwanese officials were aware of the government's plans.

He said the government had approached its international partners for assistance after considering concerns raised by the International Monetary

Fund (IMF) about the proposed institution.

Friday said he was less enthusiastic about borrowing at concessional rates but acknowledged that the government would have to determine whether such financing would benefit the economy.

“We have to balance the benefit of that with the advantage or the good that it will do in the economy and to see whether it makes sense to borrow three or 3.5 per cent and then lend on,” he said.

The government is now working on legislation to establish the development bank, with public consultations already held on the initiative, Friday said.

The proposed institution is intended to address what the prime minister described as a long-standing lack of access to capital, particularly for ordinary Vincentians and small businesses that have struggled to obtain financing through the existing financial system.

However, Friday stressed that the development bank would operate as a

commercial institution rather than a charity.

“It’s a bank; it’s not a charity,” he said. “We are going to manage it on business principles, but it will be much more supportive to small businesses.”

He said the bank would provide an environment of encouragement, support and mentorship to help small and medium-sized businesses succeed.

Friday also said the institution's success should not be judged primarily by the dividends it pays to the government, but by its broader impact on the economy.

The bank's structure will take into account IMF concerns about governance and the potential for development banks to increase government debt, he said.

Beyond the development bank, Friday said Taiwan has also agreed to provide US\$1 million annually in grant funding for social and community empowerment programmes.

Part of the funding will be used to

seed the long-discussed constituency development fund, with support targeted at groups including women and young people.

Friday said the goal was to use the funding to increase economic opportunities and help people become more productive.

“This is all, you know, very, very good opportunity for us to be able to, as we say, put money into people’s pockets by making them productive,” he said. “So that if we invest \$100, they can make \$200 from it. That’s the way you do it.”

The prime minister described his Taiwan visit as producing a range of opportunities for St. Vincent and the Grenadines, although he acknowledged that some initiatives would take longer than others to materialise.

“This trip gave us a lot of possibilities. Some of them will bear fruit more quickly than others, but we are moving towards that,” he said.



Jamaica Opposition raises security concerns over US military agreement

Jamaica’s Parliamentary Opposition is seeking a full briefing from the Government on the newly signed Status of Forces Agreement between Jamaica and the United States, citing national security considerations and the need for clarity on safeguards protecting the country’s interests.

Opposition Spokesperson on National Security Fitz Jackson has written to National Security and Peace Minister Dr. Horace Chang requesting details of the agreement at the earliest opportunity.

The Opposition said it wants to ascertain the key provisions of the agreement, the safeguards established to protect Jamaica’s national interests and security, and other matters arising from its implementation.

Jackson acknowledged the sensitive nature of national security matters and said the Opposition would observe the customary parliamentary confidentiality applicable to such issues.

However, he said that given the execution of the agreement, it is important for the Parliamentary Opposition to be properly briefed on its provisions and the measures in place to safeguard Jamaica’s interests. The Opposition said it is awaiting the requested briefing.

The Status of Forces Agreement, or SOFA, was announced in a joint statement by the Jamaican and U.S. governments on Thursday.

The agreement, signed Aug. 20, formalises the terms governing the presence of U.S. military personnel in Jamaica while conducting mutually agreed activities, including military training exercises and joint operations.



US official Pete Hegseth (left), and Jamaica’s Deputy Prime Minister Dr Horace Chang

It followed discussions between U.S. Secretary of War Pete Hegseth and Chang, who is also Jamaica’s deputy prime minister, during a bilateral meeting on the sidelines of the Americas Counter Cartels Coalition Forum in Panama on Aug. 12.

A SOFA establishes the terms

under which members of one country’s armed forces may temporarily operate in another country for agreed activities. More than 120 countries have similar agreements with the United States.

In their joint statement, the Jamaican and U.S. governments said the agreement signals to criminal organisa-

tions operating in the region that both countries are committed to expanding cooperation against groups involved in trafficking guns, drugs and people.

The agreement also provides a framework for further cooperation in regional security, defence and disaster response.

JA woman facing lottery scam charges in US

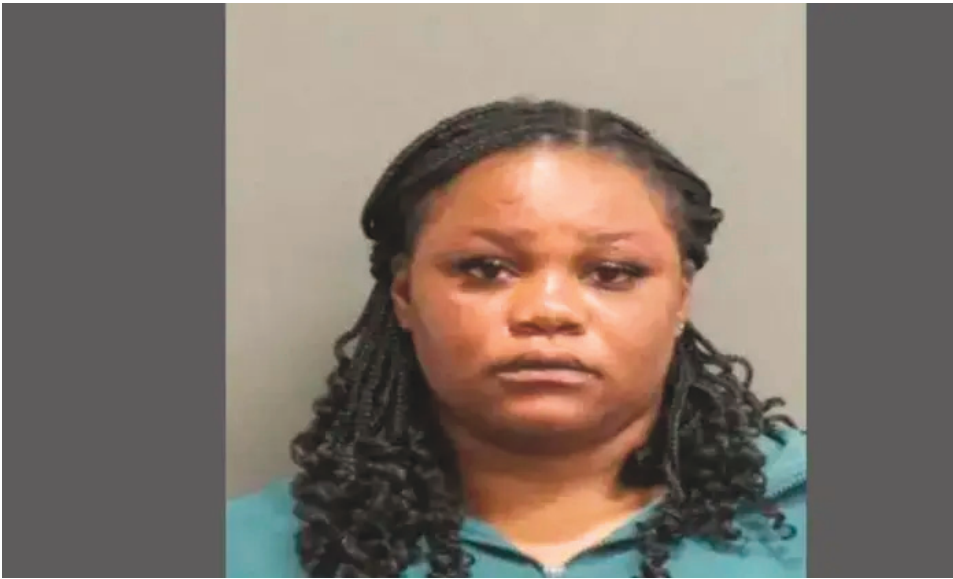
A Jamaican woman accused of participating in a lottery scam that allegedly defrauded Kentucky residents of about \$80,000 has been returned to the United States to face charges.

Jenel Chrissancia Rowe, 29, was brought back to the U.S. by federal marshals on Aug. 20 and taken into custody in Tennessee, according to local media reports.

Rowe is one of six people authorities have linked to a scheme targeting residents of Graves County, Kentucky, with letters falsely claiming they had won a \$250 million lottery prize.

According to investigators, recipients were told they had to pay fees purportedly owed to the Internal Revenue Service before they could collect their winnings.

An arrest warrant alleges that some victims were instructed to deposit money into a bank account connected to Rowe as part of the supposed tax-payment process.



Jenel Rowe — extradited to the USA

The Graves County Sheriff’s Office began investigating the scheme in December 2025 after learning that residents had received the fraudulent lottery notices. Investigators subsequently traced payments and identified suspects with connections to Florida and Jamaica.

Authorities obtained an arrest warrant for Rowe, who has ties to both locations.

Rowe arrived at Nashville International Airport on Thursday night and was transferred by U.S. marshals to Tennessee authorities. Davidson County Sheriff’s Office records show

she was booked at 10:22 p.m. She must now undergo extradition proceedings in Tennessee before she can be transferred to Graves County, Kentucky.

Authorities are seeking charges against Rowe of theft by deception and engaging in organized crime.

Three other suspects linked to the investigation are already in custody awaiting court proceedings, while authorities have identified six suspected co-conspirators in total.

The Federal Trade Commission warns that requests for taxes, processing costs, shipping charges or other fees before a person can receive supposed lottery or sweepstakes winnings are common signs of a scam.

The agency advises consumers not to send money or provide financial information in response to unsolicited prize notifications and to independently verify any claims that they have won a lottery or sweepstakes.

US reportedly preparing to revoke up to 200,000 visas of asylum seekers

The U.S. government is preparing to revoke the business and tourist visas of as many as 200,000 foreigners who have applied for or are currently seeking asylum in the United States, according to a report by The Associated Press.

If implemented, the move would represent the largest single mass visa revocation in U.S. history and could face legal challenges.

Citing State Department documents it obtained and two U.S. officials, the AP reported that the State Department is expected to announce the revocation of B1 and B2 visas issued between 2016 and 2026 to people who later sought asylum in the United States.

The action is expected to be carried out in coordination with the Department of Homeland Security.

“We are coordinating with DHS to identify and revoke the nonimmigrant visas of foreigners who have come to the United States claiming to be short-term visitors, but then file for asylum to stay here permanently,” State Department spokesman Tommy Pigott told the AP.

Pigott did not confirm how many visas could ultimately be affected, saying the number would remain fluid as revocations are carried out on a rolling basis.

According to the AP, losing a B1 or B2 visa would not automatically result in immediate deportation. Officials said many people with pending asylum cases would instead be recategorized while losing their status as business or tourist travelers.



The revocation would be the largest one in US history

The reported plans come as the Trump administration continues to tighten immigration and visa policies.

Deputy Secretary of State Christopher Landau on Monday criticized the use of visitor visas by people who sub-

sequently apply for asylum in the United States.

“People in the US and all over the world are fed up with bogus asylum claims,” Landau wrote on X. “Asylum isn't supposed to be a loophole to cir-

cumvent immigration law.”

He cited the case of a Colombian national who entered the United States on a tourist visa in 2015 and subsequently applied for asylum.

B1 visas are generally issued to people traveling temporarily to the United States for business, while B2 visas cover travel for purposes including tourism, visiting family and receiving medical treatment.

It remains unclear exactly how many B1 and B2 visa holders have sought asylum and would be affected by the planned action.

Current applicants for the visas are required to demonstrate that they intend to leave the United States after their temporary stay.

The potential mass revocation would follow a broader increase in visa enforcement by the State Department. According to the AP, the department has revoked approximately 175,000 visas over the past 18 months involving people convicted or accused of crimes, as well as some people who publicly opposed U.S. policies.

The administration has also increased scrutiny of so-called birth tourism, in which foreign women travel to the United States to give birth, allowing their children to acquire U.S. citizenship at birth.

According to the AP, State Department documents indicate that the review of existing B1 and B2 visa holders began after the department received information about asylum applications from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.



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Amazon Warriors flatten Falcons to stay perfect in CPL

The Guyana Amazon Warriors are making an early habit of turning Caribbean Premier League (CPL) contests into one-sided affairs.

They extended their unbeaten start to the Republic Bank Caribbean Premier League with a ruthless seven-wicket demolition of the Antigua and Barbuda Falcons at Sir Vivian Richards Stadium, needing just 9.5 overs to race to 121 for three after dismissing the hosts for 116 in 17 overs.

Fast bowler Shamar Joseph supplied the initial destruction, while Shai Hope and Shimron Hetmyer ensured there was never a realistic avenue for a Falcons recovery.

Antigua's innings began brightly enough, but the momentum quickly disappeared under the pressure of Guyana's attack.

Rahkeem Cornwall and Amir Jan-go put together a brisk opening stand before Cornwall ended it by handing a return catch to Khary Pierre in the second over.

Pierre struck again to remove Karima Gore for eight, but the Falcons briefly appeared to regain their footing when Jangoo and Hasan Nawaz combined for a 40-run partnership.

That resistance ended when captain Imran Tahir produced another breakthrough, with Glenn Phillips taking a spectacular catch at deep square leg to dismiss Nawaz for 20.

Phillips then turned from catcher to bowler and made an immediate impact. In his only over, he removed Jan-go for a well-made 37 from 29 balls, leaving the Falcons 84 for four.

Twelve runs later, Joseph accounted for Joshua James, and the home side's innings collapsed completely.

The final five wickets disappeared for just eight runs.

Joseph delivered the knockout blows himself, bowling Alzarri Joseph and Jayden Seales for ducks in the space of three deliveries to close out a sensational spell of 3-22.

Tahir finished with 2-15 and Pierre 2-19 as Guyana's attack dismantled the Falcons' middle and lower order.

The Amazon Warriors did give the Falcons a fleeting glimpse of an opening.

Glenn Phillips departed for 11 and Matthew Nandu followed for one, leaving Guyana at 16 for two in the third over.

What followed, however, extinguished any hope of an upset.

Hope and Hetmyer launched a spectacular counterattack, adding 99 runs for the third wicket in only seven overs.

Hope took his time initially, scoring just five runs from his first eight deliveries. Then the switch flipped.

He hammered Joseph for consecutive sixes to open the fourth over before



Warriors players celebrate another victory

producing a majestic square drive that sped to the boundary. One over later, he punished Seales with a four and a six from successive deliveries.

Hetmyer soon joined the assault.

Cornwall was dispatched for consecutive sixes in the seventh over, and Moeen Ali subsequently suffered the same fate. Hetmyer then turned his attention to Shamar Springer, smashing two sixes and a four in the 10th over.

The onslaught carried him to 49 from only 17 balls and left Guyana requiring just two runs for victory.

Springer salvaged a consolation moment by having Hetmyer caught off

the next delivery. But the match was already over in everything but name.

Quentin Sampson stepped in and finished the contest emphatically, swatting Springer over the boundary for six.

Hope remained unbeaten on 47 from 26 balls, striking four sixes and two fours, as the Amazon Warriors completed their third victory in three matches.

The victory showcased the Amazon Warriors' ability to win from either side of the equation.

Their bowlers first reduced the Falcons from a promising start to a

total of just 116, with Joseph, Tahir and Pierre combining for seven wickets.

Then, after briefly wobbling at 16 for two, their batting responded with an explosive partnership that erased the deficit in spectacular fashion.

For the Falcons, the collapse from 84 for four to 116 all out proved decisive.

For Guyana, another victory keeps their perfect record intact and reinforces the impression that the Amazon Warriors have arrived in this CPL season with little intention of slowing down.

Greaves and Matthews put West Indies cricket on top

Justin Greaves and Hayley Matthews took very different routes to the top of world cricket in July, but they arrived at the same destination.

The West Indies pair were named ICC Players of the Month for July after producing performances that resonated far beyond the Caribbean and placed the region's cricket firmly in the international spotlight.

It was the first time two players from the West Indies had received the honor in the same month and only the fifth occasion since the awards were introduced in January 2021 that two players from the same region achieved the feat.

For Greaves, the recognition reflects a rapid rise in the Test arena. For Matthews, it adds another distinction to an already decorated international career.

Together, they offered another demonstration of the depth and quality within West Indies cricket.

Greaves' month was built on an extraordinary combination of patience, stamina and match-winning production.

The Barbadian all-rounder's defining innings came against Sri Lanka at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium in Antigua, where he occupied the crease for more than eight-and-a-half hours and produced a magnificent 180 from 325 deliveries.

His marathon innings included 14 fours and two sixes

and proved instrumental in helping West Indies secure a draw in the second Test.

That result was enough to deliver a historic 1-0 series victory, West Indies' first Test series triumph over Sri Lanka in 26 years.

While Greaves was establishing himself as a Test match-winner, Matthews was adding another spectacular chapter to an already extraordinary career.

The West Indies Women's captain was virtually unstoppable during the team's three-match ODI sweep of Ireland.

Matthews scored 265 runs at an astonishing average of 132.50 and was named Player of the Series after repeatedly overwhelming the Irish attack.

Her campaign began with a century in the opening ODI, where she also combined with Realanna Grimmond in a record-breaking opening partnership as West Indies chased Ireland's 269 with ease.

Matthews then did it again.

She struck another century in the second ODI, becoming the first West Indies player to score hundreds in consecutive women's ODIs. The back-to-back centuries underlined her status among the elite performers in the women's game and demonstrated why her influence extends well beyond her individual statistics.



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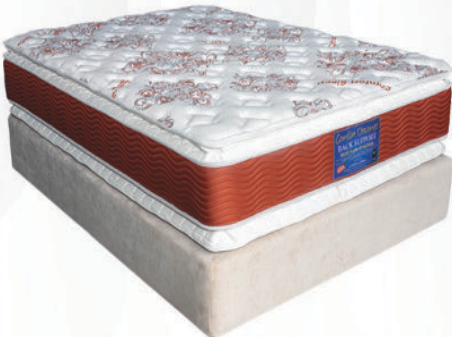
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