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TCI Government to Fully Fund Redevelopment of Howard Hamilton International Airport

By Vivian Tyson NEWSLINE Editor-In-Chief

The Turks and Caicos Islands Government has announced that it will fully finance the redevelopment of the Howard Hamilton International Airport, rejecting all bids previously submitted for the project.

Premier Washington Misick made the declaration during his State of the State Address on Thursday, February 26, 2026, at the Shore Club Resort.

Misick told the nation that after reviewing the proposals, the Government determined that none met its expectations and instead opted to take complete ownership of the airport's transformation.

"Having reviewed the bid proposals and decided not to accept any of the bids for the Howard Hamilton International Airport, I am pleased to say that it hasn't stopped there," the Premier said.



The Howard Hamilton International Airport

"The Government has decided to take full ownership of the airport redevelopment."

He explained that this approach would ensure that revenue generated from the aviation sector

remains within the country and is reinvested directly into modernizing airport infrastructure for the benefit of Turks and Caicos Islanders.

"This ensures that the revenue generated from our aviation sector is reinvested directly into modernizing our airports for the benefit of our people," Misick said.

Tourism Growth and Resilience

The announcement comes against the backdrop of steady, though moderating, tourism growth.

According to data from Experience Turks and Caicos, stayover visitor arrivals climbed from 560,000 in 2022 to 580,000 in 2023, and then to 642,000 in 2024. In 2025, arrivals levelled off slightly at 641,000. Meanwhile, cruise passenger arrivals in Grand Turk have surpassed one million annually.

Premier Misick acknowledged that while 2025 showed flattened stayover growth, it was not a negative year. He cited global shifts in travel patterns, increased competition, higher costs, and changes in external economic policies that affected discretionary travel spending.

"Five years ago, our economy stopped. Tourism shut down. Revenue fell sharply. Families worried. Businesses struggled," he reflected, referencing the pandemic-era collapse. "But we reopened responsibly. We rebuilt carefully."

Looking ahead, the Government is projecting modest growth of approximately three percent in 2026.

"That is steady, realistic, and sus-

tainable," the Premier noted, adding that sustainability remains central to national policy.

Focus on Sustainability and Reform

The Turks and Caicos Islands recently completed what the Premier described as the first tourism-carrying capacity study in the Caribbean. Cabinet has also approved the creation of a dedicated unit focused on economic and tourism sustainability.

The study will guide development decisions and ensure that growth does not outpace infrastructure or compromise environmental and social priorities.

"Tourism cannot simply grow," Misick cautioned. "It must benefit the Turks and Caicos Islands. It must be sustainable. TCI cannot only be a conduit for other people to make money. It must be managed with discipline."

DMO Right Idea; Poorly Executed

The Government also plans to restructure Experience Turks and Caicos, the country's Destination Management Organization (DMO). While defending the concept behind its creation, the Premier admitted its execution had been flawed.

"The DMO was the right idea, but it was poorly executed," he said, adding that reforms will ensure alignment with the public finance management framework and shift fully toward data-driven decision-making and long-term destination management.

Gateway to the Nation

Emphasizing the importance of airport infrastructure, the Premier described the Howard Hamilton International Airport as the gateway to the country's tourism industry and the first and last impression for visitors.

"Our airports are the gateway to our tourism industry and the first and last impression of the Turks and Caicos Islands for every visitor who arrives on our shores," he said.

By assuming full control of the redevelopment project, Misick intimated that the Government is positioning itself to directly shape the future of the nation's primary gateway, while keeping control of one of its most critical revenue streams firmly in public hands.



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Minister of Innovation, Technology and Energy Hon. E. Jay Saunders

The Turks and Caicos Islands Government's new e-Pay system has generated more than \$1 million in revenue in less than two weeks, marking what officials describe as a strong start for the territory's push toward digital transformation.

The electronic payment platform, which was officially launched on Friday, February 13, 2026, is already showing impressive uptake among residents and businesses. Speaking to NewslineTCI, E. Jay Saunders, Minister of Innovation, Technology and Energy, confirmed that as of February 24, the system had processed over a million dollars in payments.

According to Minister Saunders, the early performance metrics underscore growing public confidence in the new platform.

"As of the 24th of February, we have achieved the following,"

he said. "Total users: 991. Total number of payment transactions: 1,398. Total dollar amount of payment transactions: \$1,063,816."

The figures reflect activity within just 11 days of the system's launch, suggesting that residents were quick to embrace the convenience of digital government services.

Streamlining Government Payments

The e-Pay system was launched at the Treasury in Providenciales and enables residents to settle government receipts immediately through an electronic payment portal. The platform eliminates the need for customers to stand in long lines or travel between departments to complete transactions.

Under the new system, once a government receipt is issued, whether at the Department of

ePay system rakes in over a million in under 2 weeks

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Motor Vehicles (DMV) or another agency, payments can be made on the spot using the digital portal. Previously, individuals often had to leave one office and travel to the Treasury to finalize payments.

The nationwide rollout forms part of the Government's broader strategy to digitize public services, modernize access, and improve overall efficiency in the public sector.

Officials say the early adoption rate is encouraging and points to increasing comfort with online financial transactions in the territory.

Temporary Capacity Constraints

Despite the strong start, Minister Saunders acknowledged that the system has experienced minor technical challenges due to high usage.

"On the 24th of February, we started noticing capacity constraints whereby some users got 'The Voucher Service is unavailable' error," Saunders explained. "This happens when a large number of payees try to make payments at the same time."

He noted that while the Government's IT team successfully integrated the e-Pay solution with the existing tax application, which ultimately accepts and processes payments—the older tax system has inherent capacity limitations.

"Our IT team did a tremendous job getting the ePay solution to work with the government's tax application," Saunders said. "However, that application has capacity limitations and we're hitting them quicker than projected."

According to the Minister, the Turks and Caicos Islands Government (TCIG) is already in the process of upgrading the tax application. He expressed confidence

that the capacity issues will be short-lived.

"In the meantime, the IT team is looking into how we can squeeze more capacity out of the current systems," he added.

Officials believe that once upgrades are completed, the system will be able to handle significantly higher transaction volumes without interruption.

Positive Public Response

Minister Saunders described the public response to the new payment method as overwhelmingly positive.

"The public's response has been great," he said. "I've personally received lots of feedback from the public on how we can improve the user experience of ePay, and no one has complained about it."

He added that more residents are signing up daily and that transaction volumes continue to rise.

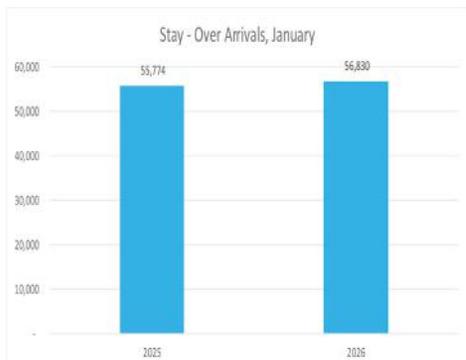
"As long as we can manage the capacity issue of the tax application, we should see continued growth in the usage of ePay," Saunders stated. "So far, the public appears happy with ePay."

The strong early performance suggests that the territory is moving steadily toward a more digitized public service infrastructure. By reducing physical queues and allowing immediate payment at the point of service, the system is expected to improve efficiency, enhance revenue collection, and provide greater convenience for residents.

With more than \$1 million processed in under two weeks, the e-Pay system's debut signals a promising shift in how government services are delivered in the Turks and Caicos Islands—one that officials hope will continue to gain momentum in the months ahead.

TCI Makes Positive Start to 2026 with Increase in January Stayover Arrivals

The Turks and Caicos Islands began 2026 on a positive note, with stayover arrivals in January surpassing the same period in 2025.



Preliminary figures indicate that 56,830 stayover visitors arrived in January 2026, representing a two percent increase year-on-year. The steady growth continues the positive momentum experienced at the close of 2025.

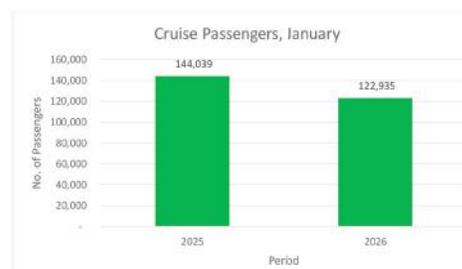
Mr. Paul Pennicook, Interim CEO Consultant, attributed the encouraging performance to new collaboration with tour operator partners as well as increased airlift from key

source markets.

“We anticipated a strong January performance following the growth recorded in November and December. The winter season has traditionally been a robust period for the Turks and Caicos Islands, and this year that strength has been further supported by enhanced collaboration with partners and expanded airlift from Canada and the United States. We are cautiously optimistic about maintaining this upward trajectory in the weeks and months ahead.

Cruise Sector

In cruise, preliminary figures show 122,935 cruise passenger arrivals in January, reflecting a 15 percent decrease compared to January 2025. The decline is attributed to a reduction in cruise calls during the month. A total of 33 vessels called on Grand Turk in January, seven fewer than during the corresponding period last year.



Marketing Shows

As part of its ongoing efforts to position the Turks and Caicos Islands as a premier luxury destination, Experience Turks and Caicos has been actively participating in the Travel & Adventure Shows across several major cities in the United States.

The destination has already been showcased in Washington, D.C., New York, and Chicago, with Fort Lauderdale and Denver scheduled in the coming weeks.

Public Relations Manager Laura Dowrich represented the Turks and Caicos Islands alongside the destination’s U.S. marketing agency, ABA Global.

“One of the most encouraging take-

aways from these shows is that the Turks and Caicos Islands is indeed on travellers’ radar. We met many visitors who shared fond memories of their time here, others who already have trips booked and were seeking recommendations on activities and dining, and many more who aspire to visit. It was a pleasure highlighting our multi-island destination and sharing the many experiences that make the Turks and Caicos Islands truly special,” said Ms. Dowrich.

Awards & Recognition

Building on a stellar year of accolades in 2025, the Turks and Caicos Islands has begun 2026 with additional international recognition.

The destination earned a Gold Badge in the U.S. News & World Report rankings, placing #5 in Best Family Vacations in the Caribbean and #5 in Best Beaches in the World. In the USA Today 10Best Readers’ Choice Awards, Grand Turk was ranked #10 among the Best Caribbean Islands to V

High School Students Trained as Peer Educators Across TCI

The Health Promotion and Advocacy Unit within the Ministry of Health and Human Services announces the successful delivery of Peer Education Training conducted between November 2025 and January 2026 across Providenciales, South Caicos, and Grand Turk.

A total of 71 high school students have been equipped with the knowledge, confidence, and practical skills needed to serve as positive role models and change agents within their schools and communities.

Training Focus Areas

Participants engaged in a comprehensive curriculum designed to strengthen life skills, promote health awareness, and empower young leaders. Key focus areas included:

Core communication and con-

flict resolution skills to help students interact effectively and support their peers.

Health and mental health education, including sexual and reproductive health, HIV prevention, substance abuse, nutrition, and emotional well being.

Self care and resilience skills to manage stress, build confidence, and cope with challenges. Substance abuse awareness, focusing on risks, consequences, and helping peers make safer choices.

Gender equality and social justice principles promoting inclusivity, respect, and the prevention of gender-based violence.

Digital literacy and online safety to support responsible, secure use of technology and social media.

A Sustainable Approach to

Youth Empowerment

This training cycle represents a significant step toward establishing a sustained, long term peer education programme across the Turks and Caicos Islands. It is not a one off intervention, but part of a continuous effort to develop a strong, empowered network of youth leaders who can influence positive behaviour change within their schools.

The Minister of Health and Human Services, Hon. Kyle Knowles, noted:

“This initiative marks an important investment in the future of our young people. By equipping students with leadership, communication, and health promoting skills, we are strengthening school communities and empowering the next generation to make informed, positive choices.”

The Health Promotion and Advocacy Unit will continue its commitment by expanding the programme in the upcoming school year to include North Caicos, along with another round of training across all islands. Ongoing mentorship and refresher sessions will further strengthen students’ skills and support continuity within schools.

By investing in these 71 young leaders, the Ministry of Health and Human Services and local education partners are fostering a generation equipped to champion health, inclusion, and overall well being. These peer educators now serve as ambassadors for positive change, contributing to safer, healthier school environments throughout the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Gov't Halts New Hotel Development in Providenciales to Safeguard Sustainable Growth

By Vivian Tyson NEWSLINE Editor-In-Chief

The Turks and Caicos Islands Government has announced an immediate pause on the approval of new hotel and tourism developments in Providenciales, signaling a major policy shift aimed at managing rapid growth and protecting long-term sustainability.

Premier Washington Misick made the announcement during his State of the State Address on Thursday, February 26, at The Shore Club Resort on that island. "My fellow Turks and Caicos Islanders, the Cabinet, recognizing this, has approved a draft sustainable tourism and spatial development policy," Misick said. "And with immediate effect, we are pausing the approval of new tourism developments in Providenciales pending full public consultation."

The Premier was clear that the measure is not intended to stifle investment, but rather to ensure that development does not outpace the country's capacity to support it.

"Let me be clear, let me be clear, this is not anti-investment. It is pro-sustainability," he stressed. "I believe every one of us could see it on the roads every morning and every evening and in other areas."

Providenciales, the country's main tourism hub, has experienced unprecedented expansion over the past decade. However, the rapid growth has placed mounting pressure on infrastructure, housing, traffic flow, environmental protection and social cohesion.

"Providenciales has grown rapidly and growth must not outpace infrastructure, housing, environmental protection, or social cohesion," Misick said. "We wouldn't be responsible if it did." He emphasized that responsible leadership requires careful assessment of cumulative impacts and the introduction of safeguards before further large-scale developments are approved.

"Responsible leadership requires that we assess the cumulative impact and put safeguards in place," the Premier stated.



A section of the audience at the State of the State Address.



12-year-old Cassidy Hamilton delivering a soothing rendition at the event.

While Providenciales will see a temporary halt in new hotel approvals, Misick said government is "actively entertaining and encouraging" development in the Family Islands as part of a strategy to promote balanced national growth.

"At the same time, we are actively entertaining and encouraging development in our family islands to expand opportunity, ease pressure on Provo, and promote balanced national growth," he said.

He pointed to a "very viable project" for Salt Cay, describing it as a "low-impact, high-end, high-brand project," which government hopes to advance soon once outstanding matters are resolved.

"We will continue to build, but we will build wisely, sustainably,

and for the long term," Misick declared.

Beyond physical development, the Premier also highlighted efforts to ensure Turks and Caicos Islanders benefit more directly from the country's tourism-driven economy through the introduction of a Heritage Investment initiative.

"Because we cannot sustain national prosperity without broad-based participation by Turks and Caicos Islanders," he said.

According to Misick, the Heritage Investment programme is designed to provide greater access to investment opportunities, increase local ownership in major developments, create pathways for Islanders to build equity and wealth, and strengthen participation in the tourism value chain.

"Keeping more economic benefits within our communities" remains a key goal of the policy, he added.

The Premier also celebrated what he described as tangible success stories from the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) programme and Invest TCI initiatives.

"This week, I personally reached out to several recipients of the MSME program to hear firsthand how they have benefited from its incentives and funding," Misick said.

In Grand Turk, Beverly Harvey used MSME support to establish a thriving vacation rental business that supplements her income. In Providenciales, Lavina Bishop transformed grants and guidance from Invest TCI into multiple successful small businesses. Holly Hamilton of Island Sprouts was able to cut her electricity bill nearly in half with solar energy support, strengthening her operations and boosting local food production.

In North Caicos, Tracy Higgs expanded her organic farm into a manufacturing operation, even harvesting a 27-pound pumpkin from land she once struggled to access. In South Caicos, more than 20 fishing families have collectively shared in over \$1.5 million in grants to upgrade boats, equipment and livelihoods. Meanwhile, in Middle Caicos, a young tour operator expanded his ecotourism business as Bambarra Beach continues to grow in popularity.

"Ladies and gentlemen, these are not campaign stories. They are national stories," the Premier declared. "When governance is disciplined, lives change."

In a symbolic gesture of support for local enterprise, attendees at the address received gift boxes filled with locally made products from MSME recipients instead of the usual branded memorabilia. "Where ambition becomes enterprise, creativity becomes income, and opportunity becomes ownership," Misick said. "Investing in our people is essential, but we must also continue to strengthen the sector that powers our economy."

Water TAXI – TCI Alternative?

Why Providenciales Needs a Water Taxi System—Now

An Op-Ed By Paladin

Providenciales has a traffic problem. Not a mild inconvenience, not a seasonal annoyance—an everyday, three-times-a-day gridlock that has become part of the island's identity. Yet, strangely, one of the simplest, most proven solutions used across the Caribbean remains completely absent from our shores: **water taxis**.

If you've ever visited Freeport, Grand Bahama, you know exactly how seamless and sensible water taxis can be. I used them often—hopping between hotels, restaurants, and marinas with ease. Many of the residents living in Provo today have lived or spent time in Grand Bahama, so the concept is hardly foreign. Which raises the obvious question: **Why has Providenciales never implemented a water taxi system along the Grace Bay corridor?**

We talk endlessly about traffic, but we rarely talk about the full picture. Yes, we need better roads. Yes, we need smarter planning. But we also need to confront the reality that thousands of workers live far from the Grace Bay job market. If we want to reduce congestion, we must bring workers closer to work—or bring work closer to workers.

A water taxi system does exactly that.

A Practical, Affordable, Immediately Deployable Solution

Let's start with the basics: Blue Hills and Kew Town are two of the island's largest residential communities. Grace Bay is the island's largest employment zone. The coastline between them is calm, shallow, and naturally suited for marine transit. The distance is short. The demand is high. The infrastructure is minimal.

So why not connect them?

Below is one realistic scenario for a fully operational, financially grounded water taxi system tailored specifically to Providenciales' coastline—from **Blue Hills Jetty → Grace Bay → Blue Haven**.

The Proposed Providenciales Water Taxi System

1. Two Routes, One Simple Network

Express Route (1 boat)

- Blue Hills Jetty → 6 key stops → Blue Haven
- Runs every hour
- Designed for commuters, locals, and tourists

Local Route (3 boats)

- Blue Hills Jetty → every hotel along Grace Bay → Blue Haven
 - Runs every 30 minutes during peak hours
 - Hop-on/hop-off convenience
- This dual system ensures both speed and accessibility.

2. The Boats

All vessels share the same specifications for efficiency:

- 45 ft diesel-powered boats
- 25–30 passenger capacity
- Shallow draft for beach landings
- 1 captain + 1 mate
- Fully compliant with TCI maritime safety standards

These boats are already common across the region. In fact, several were brought to Provo years ago for this very purpose—and still sit unused across from the former Miss Moonie's Restaurant.

3. Minimal Infrastructure, Maximum Impact

Only **one dock** is required: Blue Hills Jetty.

Every other stop is a **beach landing**, dramatically reducing capital costs and speeding up deployment.

4. Fares That Make Sense

- **Local Route:** \$3
- **Express Route:** \$5
- Children under 5: Free

- Optional resident discount card
- Affordable enough for workers.
- Attractive enough for tourists.
- Sustainable enough for operators.

5. Who Benefits?

Tourists

- A scenic, Instagram-worthy way to explore Grace Bay
- Avoids taxis and road congestion

Locals

- Reliable, inexpensive transportation
- Faster commute to Grace Bay jobs

Government

- Fewer cars on the road
- Reduced congestion
- New maritime jobs

Hotels

- A new guest amenity
- A reliable staff transport option

- Potential revenue-sharing partnerships

Everyone wins.

6. Environmental & Regulatory Alignment

The system is designed to avoid seagrass beds, turtle nesting zones, and sensitive areas. Boats operate at low wake, follow designated landing corridors, and meet all TCI maritime safety requirements.

7. The Economics Work

A 45 ft diesel vessel burns roughly 10 gallons per hour.

At \$8.50/gal, that's **\$85/hour** or **\$1,020/day** per boat.

A four-boat fleet costs **\$4,080/day** in fuel—manageable with the proposed fare structure and expected ridership.

So What's the Hold-Up?

Providenciales has reached a point where traffic is no longer a nuisance—it's a threat to quality of life, tourism experience, and economic efficiency. The government cannot solve this with roads alone. We need alternatives. We need creativi-

ty. We need courage.

A water taxi system is not a fantasy. It is not a luxury. It is not untested. It is a **practical, proven, regionally appropriate solution** that could be implemented far faster than any road expansion.

Whether the system is government-owned, privately operated, or a public-private partnership is a debate for policymakers and investors. The financial model, branding, route maps, environmental impact study, and phased rollout can all be developed.

The point of this Op-Ed is simpler:

Providenciales has a realistic pathway to a water taxi system.

We just need to stop ignoring it.

My objective is achieved if this piece makes you pause—just for a moment—and imagine a different kind of commute. One where workers glide across turquoise water instead of sitting in bumper-to-bumper traffic. One where tourists explore Grace Bay by sea, not by shuttle. One where the island embraces the ocean not just as scenery, but as transportation. It's time to put the water back into our transit system.



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URBN Villas Long Bay Launched

By Vivian Tyson NEWSLINE Editor-In-Chief

URBN Villas held their official launch on Thursday, February 26, unveiling a bold new chapter of modern living in Long Bay. Set just off Long Bay Beach Drive, only moments from the shoreline, the four-villa development introduces a sleek architectural style that blends contemporary design with the relaxed elegance of the Turks and Caicos lifestyle.

The launch event brought together real estate professionals, stakeholders, and invited guests eager to witness what is being described as a fresh and distinctive offering in the local property market. “We’re excited to be here at the launch of URBN Villas in Long Bay,” said Sean O’Neill, Managing Partner of the Agency of Turks and Caicos. “This presents a new, modern style of home here in Long Bay, set just back from the beach.”

The development consists of four thoughtfully designed villas. One has already been sold, another has just been completed and is currently being showcased as a showhouse, and two more are available for pre-construction purchase. Even at this early stage, interest has been strong.

What sets URBN Villas apart, O’Neill explained, is the level of quality delivered at its price point.

The villas range in price



from \$2.2 million to \$2.6 million, positioning them as a premium yet competitive option within the luxury market. Spacious layouts, modern finishes, and private outdoor living areas are central to the design, offering buyers the feel of an upscale coastal retreat without being directly on the sand.

“This is beachfront-quality development at a price set back from the beach,” he emphasized.

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Ministry of Health Issues Advisory on Increase in Acute Respiratory Infections

The Ministry of Health and Human Services is advising the public of a recent increase in cases of acute respiratory infections (ARIs) which have been identified through its surveillance system.

Health facilities have reported a rise in patients presenting with symptoms including fever, cough, sore throat, nasal congestion, fatigue, and headache. A notable proportion of cases has been observed among young children. Where testing has been conducted, influenza A has predominantly been identified.

While most infections are generally mild and resolve with appropriate supportive care, some individuals, particularly infants, young children, older adults, pregnant women, and persons with chronic medical conditions such as diabetes, or heart disease, may be at higher risk of complications. The Ministry is closely monitoring the

situation and working with healthcare providers to ensure readiness.

What the Public Should Know

Acute respiratory infections spread primarily through respiratory droplets when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks. They can also spread through contact with contaminated surfaces.

Protective Measures for Everyone

- The Ministry urges the public to take the following preventive steps:
- Wash hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your elbow when coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid close contact with individuals who are sick.
- Stay home if you are experiencing symptoms to prevent spreading infection.

- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces such as door handles, phones, and toys.
- Ensure good ventilation in homes, schools, and workplaces.
- Wear a well-fitting mask in crowded or poorly ventilated settings, especially if you have symptoms or are at higher risk.

Guidance for Parents and Caregivers

The Ministry notes an increase in respiratory infections among children, particularly those in daycare and school settings. Parents and caregivers are advised to:

- Keep children home from school or daycare if they are unwell.
- Take the sick child to a primary health care facility to obtain a sick note and to be tested.
- Inform the school of the child's absence and provide the reason for the absence.
- Teach children proper hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette.
- Ensure children are up to date on routine immunizations, including seasonal vaccinations where applicable.
- Monitor children for symptoms such as persistent fever, rapid breathing, wheezing, unusual sleepiness, poor

feeding, or dehydration.

- Seek prompt medical care if a child develops difficulty breathing, bluish lips or face, chest indrawing, or symptoms that worsen or do not improve.

When to Seek Medical Attention

Individuals should seek immediate medical attention if they experience:

- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- Chest pain
- Persistent high fever
- Confusion or excessive drowsiness
- Symptoms that worsen or fail to improve after several days

The Ministry of Health continues to enhance surveillance, support healthcare facilities, and engage with schools and community partners to limit further spread. Public updates will be provided as necessary.

The cooperation of the general public is essential in reducing transmission and protecting vulnerable members of our communities.

For more information, please visit and follow the Ministry of Health's Social - Facebook: [facebook.com/tciministryofhealth](https://www.facebook.com/tciministryofhealth); Instagram: [@tciministryofhealth](https://www.instagram.com/tciministryofhealth).

Office of the Complaints Commission connects with the Public through Providenciales Pop-Up Outreach

The Office of the Complaints Commission (OCC) recently completed a successful two-day public outreach initiative in Providenciales as part of its ongoing campaign to increase public awareness and accessibility across the Turks and Caicos Islands.

On 19th - 20th February 2026, the Commission hosted pop-up information booths at key community locations, including IGA Graceway on Leeward Highway, Butterfield Square, and Smart. The outreach provided residents and visitors with the opportunity to engage directly with the OCC team, learn more about the Commission's role, and receive guidance on how to access its services.

The Commission estimates that approximately 200-300 persons were reached over the two-day period

through face-face conversations and the distribution of informational materials. Team members highlighted the OCC's mandate, explained the complaint process, and answered questions from members of the public.

The initiative was met with a warm encouraging response. Many individuals welcomed the opportunity to better understand the work of the Commission. These pop-up engagements form part of the Commission's continuing efforts to ensure that residents throughout the Turks and Caicos Islands are aware that an independent avenue exists to address concerns relating to the public services and administration.

The OCC looks forward to expanding its community presence in the months ahead.



THE LOREN UNVEILS “CAMP”

A Limited-Time Culinary Pop-Up at Turtle Cove



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More than a restaurant, CAMP is a curated culinary journey blending food, art and nature.
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This March, The Loren at Turtle Cove in Turks & Caicos will debut CAMP, an exclusive 60-seat open-air culinary pop-up designed to immerse guests in an elevated yet nature-connected dining experience.

Set against the breathtaking backdrop of Turtle Cove in Providenciales, CAMP draws inspiration from the celebrated culinary artistry of The Loren’s flagship properties in Austin and Bermuda, reimagined through the vibrant flavors and coastal traditions of the Turks & Caicos Islands.

More than a restaurant, CAMP is a curated culinary journey blending food, art, and nature. Throughout its limited spring residency beginning March 12, 2026, guests will enjoy a dynamic calendar of im-

mersive programming, including a Boat-to-Table Fishing Experience where diners embark on a private charter and return for a captain’s table tasting menu built around the day’s fresh catch.

The experience will also feature the Camp Artist Studio, a rotating creative space celebrating art and expression in real time, along with a specially curated Art + Culinary Experience in collaboration with contemporary artist Erik Parker. Select evenings will showcase The Loren Guest Chef Series, welcoming award-winning chefs from across the Loren Hotel Group portfolio to headline intimate dining events.

CAMP’s menu celebrates the refined craftsmanship synonymous with The Loren brand while hon-

oring the bold, fresh flavors of the islands. Signature highlights include a Fish Fry Sandwich — a chef-driven reinterpretation of Bermuda’s beloved classic infused with Turks & Caicos fish fry influence — and the CAMP Signature Cocktail, crafted with The Loren’s exclusive private-label rum. Seasonal dishes will spotlight coastal techniques, fire-forward cooking, and premium island ingredients.

Leading the culinary vision is Chef Christian Grindrod, whose approach bridges sophisticated technique with relaxed island authenticity.

Framed by the future site of The Loren Turks & Caicos hotel, slated to open in 2027, the beachfront pop-up sits on a scenic hilltop

overlooking the private marina, luxury Ocean and Marina Residences, and Villa Estates currently on the market, offering guests an exclusive preview of the brand’s next chapter in the Caribbean.

CAMP represents the next evolution of The Loren’s signature hospitality in Turks & Caicos — bringing together the artistry of its Austin and Bermuda kitchens, the natural beauty of the islands, and the approachable sophistication that defines the brand, while inviting guests to experience a refined, immersive culinary destination unlike anything else in the region.

For reservations and additional information, guests may visit Camp by The Loren | Turks & Caicos Dining Experience.

Mandatory Child Safeguarding Training for Community Cab Drivers

The Department of Family and Children Services wishes to inform the general public that all individuals who have registered, or intend to register, as Community Cab Drivers are required to complete mandatory Child Safeguarding Training with the Department of Family and Children Services. This training is essential

as Community Cab Drivers will be responsible for transporting minors, including children who may be vulnerable to abuse, neglect, exploitation, or harm. As such, drivers have both a legal and ethical responsibility to help protect children and respond appropriately to safeguarding concerns. The training will

equip drivers with the knowledge and skills to recognise signs of abuse, understand their safeguarding responsibilities, and ensure the safety and well-being of every child in their care. All Community Cab Drivers are required to register in advance by scanning the official QR Code provided. Registration is

mandatory to attend the training and to remain eligible to operate as a Community Cab Driver. The Department of Family and Children Services remains committed to safeguarding all children and ensuring that those entrusted with their transportation are properly trained and prepared to protect them.

STRICT ENFORCEMENT OF ELECTRICAL LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR WORK PERMIT APPLICATIONS

The Commissioner of Labour hereby advises all employers, agents, and contractors of the enforcement of the statutory licensing requirements applicable to persons performing electrical work in the Turks and Caicos Islands. Pursuant to section 68 of the Electricity Act, no person may carry out electrical work of any nature unless he or she holds a valid license issued by the Electrical Board and is licensed in one of the prescribed categories, including:

- Electrical Engineer
 - Master Electrician
 - Journeyman Electrician
 - Wireman
 - Lineman
 - Apprentice
 - Engineer-in-Training
- Under the Act, the licensing of electricians is administered by the Electrical Board, and in certain cases the grant of a work permit requires consultation with the Board. Employers are therefore required to ensure that persons proposed to undertake electrical work are properly li-

censed in accordance with the law. With immediate effect:

- Work permit applications for electricians, or for persons employed in any capacity involving electrical work, must be accompanied by proof of the appropriate electrical license or approval issued by the Electrical Board.
- Applications which do not include the required documentation may be returned or deferred pending compliance.
- Employers remain responsible for ensuring that

persons engaged in electrical work hold the appropriate license as required by the Electricity Act.

- Claims of pending approval or anticipated licensing will not ordinarily be sufficient for the purposes of processing such applications.

The Employment Services Department will continue to liaise with the Electrical Board to monitor compliance and to take appropriate administrative action where breaches are identified, in accordance with the applicable legislation.

Excellence, Leadership and Legacy Honoured at TCHTA Star Awards 2026

The Turks and Caicos Hotel and Tourism Association (TCHTA) hosted a spectacular 17th Annual Star Awards at Beaches Turks and Caicos Resort Villages and Spa, honouring those whose dedication and performance throughout 2025 elevated the destination and strengthened the tourism industry.

Before a full audience of industry leaders, government officials, and hospitality professionals, the evening celebrated excellence across every tier of the sector- from stand-out individuals to the properties, restaurants, and organisations that define the Turks and Caicos tourism product.

The programme opened with a live entrance serenade by Moe'Ments of Sax & TESS, followed by vibrant performances from the Beaches Entertainment Team. The evening was masterfully hosted by Emcee Super P the Entertainer who was later joined by media personality and TCHTA Director Omega Simmons for the awards announcements.

The formal programme included remarks from the Honourable Zhavargo Jolly, Minister of Tourism, and the Honourable Jamell Robinson, Deputy Premier, reinforcing Government's commitment to sustaining excellence within the nation's leading economic sector.

Delivering the night's keynote address, K. Darron Turnquest spoke of 'The Symphony of Hospitality' and challenged the industry to be people-centred, remain innovative, resilient, and globally competitive as Turks and Caicos continues to ex-

pand its tourism footprint.

Throughout the star-studded evening, awards were presented across a wide range of categories recognizing operational excellence, leadership, sustainability, and service. Honours included The Heart of Hospitality, Chef of the Year, Supervisor of the Year, Hospitality Hero, Bartender of the Year, Housekeeper of the Year, Ambassador Award, and the prestigious Employee of the Year.

In addition to these honours were the voting categories:

- Hotelier of the Year – Bela Govindjee (Seven Stars Resort & Spa)
- TCHTA Shining Star – Dave Douglas (Royal Turks & Caicos Golf Club)
- Entertainer of the Year – Julian Garland
- Hotel of the Year – Seven Stars Resort & Spa
- Restaurant of the Year – LUA Restaurant (South Bank)
- Taxi Driver of the Year – Sadrack Jean Noel (Transpalm VIP)
- Manager of the Year – Andre Maragh (Seven Stars Resort & Spa)
- Green Beacon Award – COMO Parrot Cay
- Allied Member of the Year – Champion VIP Services
- Executive Chef of the Year – Edwin Gallardo (Seven Stars Resort & Spa)
- Green Ally Award – Royal Turks & Caicos Golf Club

These awards reflect excellence across operations, sustainability leadership, culinary distinction, entertainment, transportation, and allied services. Head Judge Keith Davis provided an overview of the



Lyndon Gardiner, owner and operator of Inter-Caribbean Airways shows off his awards received at the 2026 renewal of the TCHTA Staff Awards

rigorous and transparent judging process, reinforcing the credibility and integrity of the awards.

The evening also included two distinguished Special Awards recognizing leadership beyond hospitality operations, yet fundamental to tourism success.

The Distinguished Civil Service Award was presented to Commissioner of Police Fitz Bailey, accepted on behalf of the Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Police Force (RTCIPF). The award recognized measurable progress in national security over the past year, including significant reductions in violent crime and firearm-related offences - achievements made possible through the coordinated efforts of the brave men and women across the Force under Commissioner Bailey's leadership.

The Legacy Award was presented to Dr. Lyndon Gardiner, Founder and Chairman of InterCaribbean Airways, in recognition of more than three decades of visionary leadership in Caribbean aviation. A son of Bottle Creek, North Caicos, Dr. Gardiner has built the largest private-

ly-owned airline in the Caribbean, serving 24 destinations across 18 countries and territories. His recognition was marked by a celebratory Junkanoo procession by the We-Funk Band, reflecting national pride in his regional achievements.

TCHTA President James McAnally stated: "Star Awards is a powerful reminder that our destination's success is driven by people, partnerships, and performance. Excellence across every pillar of our industry is what sustains Turks and Caicos as a premier global tourism destination." The 'golden hour' themed celebration concluded with a closing performance by the Beaches Entertainment Team and a fireworks display - a fitting close to a night dedicated to those who make Turks and Caicos shine.

"When we celebrate excellence, we strengthen the very foundation of our tourism product," said TCHTA CEO, Stacy Cox. "Star Awards reminds us that sustained success requires unity, innovation, and a continuous commitment to raising the standards for Brand Turks and Caicos."

BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWAL 2026

The Inland Revenue Department (IRD) of the Ministry of Finance, Investment & Trade wishes to inform the business community and the general public that business licenses for the financial year (FY) 2025/2026 will expire on March 31, 2026.

Customers are advised to be aware of the following in order to facilitate the renewal process:

- Renewals of business licenses will commence on March 2, 2026.
- In conjunction with the application for renewal, registered companies

are obligated to submit copies of their director registers, members/shareholders registers, beneficial owner registers and a demonstration of good standing with the Financial Services Commission (FSC).

- In conjunction with the renewal application, sole traders and partnerships are required to submit a legitimate Business Name Registration Certificate from the FSC.
- In order to avoid penalties, the application and payment for renewals must be submitted by April 30,

2026.

Please be advised that the list of certifications required for the renewal process have been significantly altered. In order to finalize the renewal process, only hotels and other short-term rental providers are required to submit their Accommodation Licensing in conjunction with their FSC Registration. Furthermore, Tourism Service Providers are required to obtain and exhibit a Tourism License from the Tourism Regulation Authority.

Given the aforementioned, it is advisable for short-term accommodation providers to request an inspection prior to the renewal deadline. Applications will not be considered until all pertinent information is received. The IRD retains the authority to request additional documentation and conduct inspections. For additional details, please consult the IRD's website, our offices in Providenciales, Grand Turk, or the District Commissioner's Offices in the family Islands.



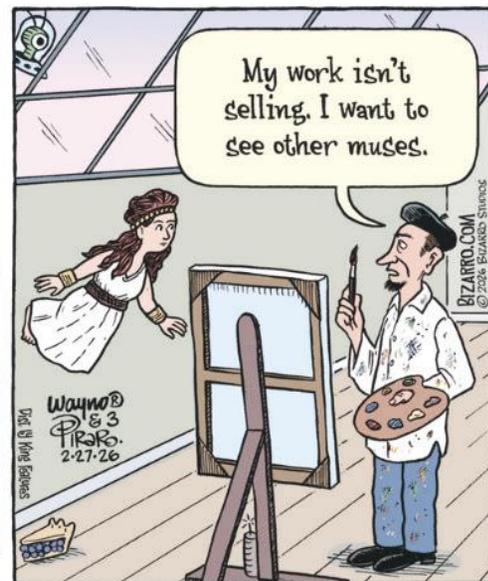
NEWSLINE TCI COMICS

I DON'T KNOW WHO NEEDS TO HEAR THIS BUT...

Don't worry, you're a great Mom, those kids obviously just get their bad streak from their Dad's side.



"God did lay down a cardboard box and a cat was born."





Rock iguana

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*The Turks and Caicos Rock Iguana (*Cyclura carinata*) is one of the most distinctive and ecologically significant animals found in the Turks and Caicos Islands. Endemic to this region, it exists nowhere else in the world, making it an important part of the islands' natural heritage and a symbol of local biodiversity.*

Appearance and Habitat

The rock iguana is a medium-sized reptile, usually gray or brown with a pale underside. Adult males can reach over 20 inches in length, including the tail. While generally shy and non-aggressive, these iguanas are an important keystone species in the local ecosystem.

They primarily inhabit dry, rocky coastal areas, small cays, and scrubland. Most of the remaining wild population lives on small, uninhabited islands such as Little Water Cay (Iguana Island), Pine Cay, and Water Cay. These isolated locations have allowed them to survive without the threats found on more developed islands.

National Significance

The rock iguana is more than a rare reptile—it is a living symbol of the unique wildlife that sets the Turks and Caicos Islands apart. Its survival depends on continued public awareness and responsible environmental stewardship.

As development continues across the islands, preserving native species like the Turks and Caicos Rock Iguana ensures that future generations can continue to learn from and appreciate the natural beauty that defines the TCI.

Ecological Role

As herbivores, rock iguanas feed on leaves, flowers, and fruits, playing a critical role in seed dispersal and vegetation balance. Their presence helps shape the local plant communities and contributes to the overall health of the coastal ecosystem.

Conservation Status

The Turks and Caicos Rock Iguana is currently listed as critically endangered by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). Major threats include habitat loss, development, and the introduction of invasive species such as cats, dogs, and rats, which prey on iguanas and their eggs.

Conservation efforts led by the Turks and Caicos National Trust, the Department of Environment and Coastal Resources (DECR), and international partners have focused on habitat protection, predator control, public education, and research. Little Water Cay is now a designated nature reserve and eco-tourism destination where visitors can observe the iguanas in their natural environment with minimal disturbance.

References:

Department of Environment and Coastal Resources (DECR), Turks and Caicos Islands Government
Plants of the Eastern Caribbean (Botanic Gardens Conservation International / Kew Gardens Project)
The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species
"Wild Plants of the Turks and Caicos Islands" by Sara and Mark Putnam
TCI National Symbols – Turks and Caicos Islands Government Information Service (GIS)
Caribbean Biodiversity Information Network (CBIN)

Parole Board Modernisation Project Successfully Completed

The Ministry of Public Safety and Utilities is pleased to announce the successful completion of the Parole Board Modernisation Project, a national reform initiative designed to strengthen parole decision-making, improve public safety outcomes, and support the rehabilitation and reintegration of individuals returning to the community.

The project, delivered in partnership with the Centre for Effective Public Policy (CEPP), concluded with a Train-the-Trainer programme held 9 - 11 February 2026. The training brought together members of the Parole Board, the Department of Rehabilitation and Community Supervision (DRCS), and His Majesty's Prison (HMP) to ensure long term sustainability of the new parole framework. Participants are now equipped to train future personnel and support ongoing implementation locally.

The project established a structured and standardised parole system across the Turks and Caicos Islands, including:

- A Parole Policy and Procedures Manual
- A Structured Decision-Making Tool
- A Comprehensive Training Manual and Train-the-Trainer Programme

These reforms align parole decisions with rehabilitation planning, institutional behaviour, and community supervision practices, which creates a more transparent and accountable system. They also position the Turks and Caicos Islands as a regional leader in modern parole reform, as the first country in the Caribbean to introduce a structured decision-making tool for parole boards.

Hon. Otis Morris, Minister of Public Safety and Utilities stated: "This project represents more than just new policies; it represents a cultural shift in how we approach justice in the Turks and Caicos Islands. By investing in a 'Train-the-Trainer' model, we aren't just implementing a one-time fix, we are building local expertise that will sustain this framework for generations. We are ensuring that deci-



Parole Board Members, HMP Staff, CEPP Consultants, and DRCS Staff



Parole Board Members, HMP Staff, DRCS Staff participating in the Train-the-Trainer Programme facilitated by CEPP.

sions about parole are not just administrative acts but are strategic interventions that prioritise community safety and the successful return of citizens to society."

The Ministry will now formally implement the modernised framework across all cases, with ongoing refresher training conducted by certified local trainers. The

Government remains committed to evidence-based criminal justice practices that enhance public safety, accountability, and successful reintegration.

Life Line FEATURED CHURCH

Our Lady of Divine Providence Roman Catholic Church in Providenciales

This week on Church Spotlight, we are featuring Our Lady of Divine Providence Roman Catholic Church, located along the Leeward Highway in Providenciales. The church is a vibrant and multicultural parish, offering a range of spiritual activities in English, Spanish, and French Creole.

Weekend services begin on Saturday at 5:30 p.m. with English Mass. On Sundays, the congregation gathers at 9:00 a.m. for English, 10:30 a.m. for French Creole, and 12:30 p.m. for Spanish Mass, reflecting the island's rich diversity. Weekday Mass is held at 5:30 p.m., while Holy Hour takes place each Friday at 4:00 p.m., providing quiet time for reflection and prayer.

Through worship, fellowship, and community engagement, the church continues to serve as a spiritual home for many across Providenciales.



Life line Church Directory

Looking for a worshipping house to praise God and fellowship with members of the body of Christ, here is a list of some of the available sanctuaries you can attend throughout the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Firm Foundation Ministries International
Lee Street, South Caicos.
Telephone: 649-348-3581

Christ is the Answer Ministry,
George Alley Off Aviation Drive, Providenciales
Tel: 241-8030

One Nation Empowerment Center
Church Ministry, Suite #12 Alliance
Business Center, Princess Drive, Grace Bay, Providenciales.
Tel: (649) 244-6194. Email: apostleyoung1952@yahoo.com.

Touch of Love Ministries International Center
Industrial Park, Five Cays, Providenciales
Tel: 941-4903 Fax: 941-7731

Abundant Life Ministries International
P.O. Box 696 Christian City, Leeward
Highway, Providenciales
Tel:941-941-4750 Fax: 941-4755

Anglican Church Rectory Grand Turk,
Front Street, Grand Turk. Tel:946-2289

Bethany Baptist Church,
Blue Hills, Providenciales
Tel:941-4803 / 941-5632 / 941-5118

Church of God of Prophecy,
Lower Bight, Providenciales
Tel: 941-8854

Bible Study Ministries, Grand Turk
Tel:946-1866

Calvary Baptist Church,
South Caicos. Tel:946-3212

Harvest Bible Chapel TCI,
Leeward Highway, Long Bay, Providenciales.
Tel: 1649 333-2009
Email: hbctciinfo@gmail.com.
<https://www.harvesttci.tc>.

Firm Foundation Ministries International
19 Honour Lane, Behind Smart Supermarket ,
Providenciales. Telephone: 649-332-6240

Church of God of Prophecy,
Providenciales Tel:941-3438

Roman Catholic Church,
Providenciales, Tel: 941-5136

Faith Tabernacle Church of God,
Providenciales, Tel:946-4073

New Testament Church of God,
Orea Alley, Grand Turk Tel:946-2175

New Testament Church of God,
South Caicos Tel:946-3631

Methodist Church,
Grand Turk Tel:946-2352

Healing Waters Ministries,
Blue Hills Providenciales Tel: 941-5867

House of Prayer Church of God,
Long Bay Road Providenciales Tel: 941-8309

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses,
Darrell Road, Grand Turk Tel:946-2727

Mount Mariah Baptist Church,
Conch Bar Middle Caicos Tel:946-6205

New Beginning Harvest Ministry,
Pond Street, Grand Turk Tel:946-1759

New Testament Church of God
Orea Alley
P.O. Box 495 Blue Hills, Providenciales
Tel: 946-1255
Airport Road, South Caicos
Tel:231-2402

Firm Foundation Ministries International
Waterloo Road, Grand Turk.
Telephone: 649-332-624

Paradise Baptist Church,
Five Cays, Providenciale
Tel:941-4349

Revival Faith Center,
North Backsalina, Grand Turk
Tel:946-2349

Salem Baptist Church,
Mission Folly, Grand Turk
Tel:946-2565

Solid Rock Apostolic Ministries
International,
Discovery Bay Providenciales
Tel: 946-5181

St. Monica's Anglican Church
P.O. Box 866 Cheshire Hall Providenciales
Tel: 946-4046
Fax:946-4046;941-8499

Turks and Caicos Mission of Seventh
Day Adventists,
P.O. Box 803, Providenciales

United Pentecostal Church,
Brown's Plaza, Leeward Highway,
Providenciales Tel: 956-5852

Wesleyan Methodist Church,
Blue Hills, Providenciales
Tel: 946-4075; 941-4223; 941-3596

Editor's Note: If your Ministry is not listed and/or you would like for it to be part of the NEWSLINETCI Church Diary, contact us at: contact@newslnetci.com



CHRIST IS THE ANSWER MINISTRIES' CULTURAL SUNDAY EXPERIENCE

Christ Is the Answer Ministries, located at George Alley, Downtown Providenciales, staged its Cultural Sunday Experience on February 22, 2026. It was a day when the various nationalities that make up the congregation of that church body, came together dressed in their respective national colors, paraded their flags, sang their national anthems before reading a brief history of their country. They also prepared foods endemic to those respective countries, which was enjoyed by all. The following are highlights of the event.





HOW INFLAMMATION SHOWS UP IN DAILY LIFE

From fatigue and bloating to hormonal issues

By Monica Uttamchandani
Holistic Health Coach, Turks and Caicos

Inflammation is often discussed in relation to chronic disease, but low grade inflammation affects many people long before any diagnosis appears. It can quietly influence energy, digestion, hormones, mood, and immune health.

Inflammation is the body's natural response to stress or injury. The problem occurs when that response never fully turns off.

Common Signs of Chronic Inflammation

Inflammation does not always look dramatic.

It often shows up as:

- Constant fatigue
- Bloating or digestive discomfort
- Joint pain or stiffness
- Hormonal imbalance
- Brain fog
- Skin issues like acne or eczema
- Frequent colds or low immunity

These symptoms are often dismissed as normal, but they are signals that the body is under ongoing stress.

What Drives Inflammation

Several lifestyle factors contribute to chronic inflammation such as blood sugar instability, high stress and poor sleep, ultra processed foods, excess alcohol, lack of movement, gut imbalance, and hormonal disruption.

Inflammation is closely tied to insulin resistance, cortisol elevation, and gut permeability.

How to Reduce Inflammation Gently

You do not need extreme detoxes or restrictive diets. Focus on daily habits instead.

- Eating whole foods with protein,



fibre, and healthy fats, such as fish with vegetables and olive oil or eggs with fruit and seeds, to prevent blood sugar swings that drive inflammation

- Stabilising blood sugar with regular meals, as repeated glucose crashes increase cortisol and inflammatory signalling
- Prioritising sleep and consistent routines, because poor sleep raises inflammatory markers and weakens immune repair
- Reducing alcohol and sugary drinks, which irritate the gut lining and increase systemic inflammation
- Supporting gut health with fibre and fermented foods, like vegetables, yoghurt, kefir, or sauerkraut,

since gut imbalance directly increases inflammatory load

- Managing stress through breathwork or gentle movement, as chronic stress keeps inflammation switched on even without injury

Inflammation Is a Message

Inflammation is not the enemy. It is information. It tells us the body needs more support, not more pressure.

When inflammation is addressed at the root, energy improves, hormones stabilise, digestion becomes smoother, and overall health becomes more resilient. For more guidance on reducing inflammation naturally, follow @balancedbymonica on Instagram.

Monica Uttamchandani is a certified Holistic Health Coach based in the Turks and Caicos Islands. She also consults in person at The Elephant Rooms in Salt Mills, Providenciales.



National Public Health Laboratory Expands Diagnostic Capacity with Installation of New Molbio System

The National Public Health Laboratory (NPHL) is pleased to announce the successful installation of a new Molbio diagnostic platform, donated by the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA). The installation was completed on February 3, 2026, followed by comprehensive training for the NPHL staff members to ensure full operational readiness.

A total of five NPHL staff members successfully completed the comprehensive training, ensuring full operational readiness and effective

utilization of the new system. The trained personnel are Mrs. Merissa Miller, Ms. Marian George, Ms. Curtesha Jack, Mr. Erwin Miller, and Mr. Karis King.

The introduction of the Molbio platform significantly enhances the country's molecular testing capability. The system enables rapid and accurate detection of a broad range of priority infectious diseases, including:

- COVID 19
- Influenza A & B
- H3N2 / H1N1

- Shigella
- Dengue / Chikungunya
- Salmonella
- Leptospira
- Cholera
- Malaria (PV/PF)

Commenting on the new system, Honourable Minister of Health and Human Services, Kyle Knowles, stated that "this enhanced diagnostic capacity strengthens national disease surveillance, improves turnaround time for critical test results, and supports more timely public health interven-

tions and clinical decision making in the Turks and Caicos Islands. The upgrade marks a major step in advancing the country's readiness and response capabilities for emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases."

The Ministry of Health and Human Services and the NPHL extend their sincere appreciation to CARPHA for their continued partnership and support in bolstering public health systems across the region and more specifically within the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Response to the Premier's State of the State Address

By Hon. Edwin A. Astwood

As Leader of the Opposition, I address all our people of the Turks and Caicos Islands with clarity about the failures that have defined this government's term after the first year of their second term.

Tonight, the people of our country expect their government to deliver a progress report on all completed government initiatives that would make their lives and the country better. What we got was the same State of the State Speech from the last four years, which also sounds like the same Budget Speech from the last five years. We only heard much about legislation, policies, and negotiations being put in place, but nothing tangible, nothing being built, nothing being completed, nothing being rolled out.

Is this a good example of what a failing, underachieving government looks like?

We must have a clear vision for the future of our people and our country.

We should not be a country where few prosper while many struggle, but an Island nation where opportunity is real for every man or woman who strives for it. If our government belongs to all our people, then it must act for all the people, not just the few who can access and influence it.

This is no attempt on my part to score political points, but to champion the everyday truth: this government has failed to deliver for too many of our people and our families. The failures laid bare in this term are not abstract numbers; they are real stories of families waiting for roofs over their heads while the Mortgage Corporation remains only in paper form, real stories for workers who deserve stable jobs, real stories for patients who deserve timely care, real stories for small businesses and beach vendors who deserve a fair shot at thriving, and real stories for our residents in our family islands of Salt Cay and Middle Caicos who cant get their basic



Opposition Leader Hon. Edwin Astwood

needs met.

There is a sense amongst many of our people that our future is slipping away from our own hands, as more and more of our people cannot afford to live here in the Turks & Caicos Islands. I know that this was not what the majority of our people expected to get after returning this PNP government to Power with a 16 to 2 majority (1 Independent).

What our people deserve, and what they are demanding, is simple: results you can feel in your daily life. Here is why this matters, and how we in this PDM Opposition will continue to fight for you with relentless resolve.

Our country needs leadership to be honest about shortcomings, principled in accountability, and ambitious about delivering real and lasting improvements for ev-

ery community, from Providenciales to Salt Cay. The issues outlined below show a pattern: promises made without action, rushed projects with weak oversight, and a persistent gap between rhetoric and results.

In the spirit of clarity, I'll outline the failures, the human impact, and the concrete path we should pursue together.

1) NHIP is being put into administration

- The National Health Insurance Program (NHIP) entering administration exposes a reckless mismanagement of health funding and patient care. When health security is jeopardized, families fear the future. The people deserve a health system where financing and operations are sustainable, transparent, and patient-centered, not a board beholden to

political bubbles.

- Our path forward- call for independent stewardship, a transparent rescue plan, and a clear timeline for stabilizing finances, restoring public trust, and safeguarding essential health services.

2) Experience TCI failure

- The "Experience TCI" initiative- after closing down our country's flagship Tourist Board, this DMO program, which promised transformation, enhancement, and opportunity, has faltered at every turn. The true cost is missed opportunities for people who trusted it and communities that hoped for growth.

-Our path forward- We have to replace rhetoric with ruthless accountability: measurable milestones, public dashboards, and consequences for missed targets. This is no time for empty promises; it's about outcomes that lift people up.

3) The Airport redevelopment failure

- The gateway to our islands— The Howard Hamilton International Airport, a symbol of modernism and opportunity—has become a cautionary tale of spiraling costs, procurement and tendering mishaps, and endless delays. Our people deserve a delivered product with the desired efficiency, safety, and value for money.

- Our path forward: an independent delivery and cost-monitoring mechanism, a revised, credible timetable, and safeguards that ensure the project expands capacity, improves safety, and boosts traveler experience, without empty promises or hidden subsidies, and without compromising public finances.

4) Failure to deliver on the Government Housing Project and the Mortgage Corporation:

- The promised new housing scheme remains unfulfilled, leaving families in waiting lines, rising housing costs, and a growing housing insecurity crisis occurring on both Providenciales and Grand Turk.

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AML SUPERVISION DEPARTMENT HOSTS QUARTERLY INDUCTION TRAINING FOR NEWLY REGISTERED DNFBPS

The AML Supervision Department successfully held its Quarterly Training Session for newly registered Designated Non-Financial Businesses and Professions (DNFBPs) on 4th – 5th February at the Commission’s Conference Room, Providenciales.

The two-day programme forms part of the Commission’s ongoing supervisory and outreach efforts to ensure newly registered DNFBPs understand and can meet their anti-money laundering, countering the financing of terrorism, and counter-proliferation financing (AML/CFT/CPF) obligations from the outset of supervision.

The AML Supervision Department is responsible for supervising DNFBPs to ensure compliance with AML/CFT/CPF laws and regulations. Its core functions include conducting risk-based supervision and inspections, providing guidance and outreach to regulated entities, assessing entity risk and controls, reviewing suspicious activity reporting frameworks, enforcing compliance where necessary, and facilitating capacity building to strengthen the sector’s resilience to money laundering, terrorist financing, and proliferation financing.

The two-day training programme covered the legislative and regulatory framework applicable to DNFBPs, the risk-based approach and how to conduct



entity risk assessments, customer due diligence (CDD), enhanced due diligence (EDD) and ongoing monitoring, recognition of suspicious activity and reporting obligations, internal controls, governance requirements and independent audits, targeted

financial sanctions and proliferation financing controls, and sector-specific ML/TF/PF risks across real estate, legal and accounting professions, high-value dealers, and lending entities. Sessions were attended by representatives from legal

practices, real estate agencies, vehicle dealers, lenders, and accounting firms, reflecting broad sectoral participation across both days.

“Building strong, compliant DNFBPs starts with practical, accessible training,” said Tamiko Smith, Director, AML Supervision. “This induction strengthened participants’ ability to identify and manage ML/TF/PF risks and demonstrated our commitment to working alongside industry to raise standards. We will continue to support DNFBPs with guidance and supervision to safeguard the jurisdiction’s financial integrity.”

“Effective supervision begins with a clear understanding of obligations and risks,” said Kenisha Bacchus, Managing Director (Ag). “This induction equips newly registered DNFBPs with practical tools to identify and mitigate money-laundering, terrorist-financing, and proliferation-financing risks. Continued collaboration between supervisors and industry is essential to maintain a resilient, well-regulated sector and protect the integrity of our financial and non-financial systems.”

The Commission acknowledges the AML Supervision team for doing an excellent job in planning and delivering this initiative, and thanks all participants for their engagement.

Government Cuts Work Permit Holders from TAP Amid Rising Costs

By Vivian Tyson, NEWSLINE Editor-In-Chief

The Turks and Caicos Islands Government has announced sweeping changes to its Treatment Abroad Programme (TAP), removing work permit holders from eligibility and tightening residency requirements, citing spiralling costs that officials say are no longer sustainable.

Premier Washington Misick made the announcement during his State of the State Address on Thursday, February 26, at The Shore Club, drawing applause from attendees as he outlined reforms aimed at protecting the public purse.

“The Treatment Abroad Program alone has increased from \$40 million in 2024 to \$61 million in 2025,” Misick said. “That is more than 10 percent of our entire budget. That is totally unsustainable.”

Immediate Restrictions

Effective immediately, and subject to legislative amendments, access to the government-funded programme will be restricted to Turks and Caicos Islanders and British Overseas Territory citizens

who are resident in the country.

“It is absolutely necessary, it’s imperative, for us to restrict access to the Treatment Abroad Program,” the Premier declared. “We can no longer afford to pay for people on work permit.”

Under the new policy, employers and individuals on work permits will be required to secure their own major medical insurance coverage for overseas treatment.

“That means that large employers and people on work permit will have to find a way to procure major medical insurance for treatment abroad,” Misick said, adding that the shift presents “a business opportunity for somebody in this room.”

Addressing Abuse of the System

The Premier also acknowledged concerns about abuse of the programme by residents who permanently live overseas but continue to benefit from the system. “We understand it’s being abused in other ways, by us — who are putting families who live abroad on the program. And when they get sick, we fly them to

the Cayman or Colombia or somewhere else. That is going to stop too,” he said. Going forward, residency in the Turks and Caicos Islands will be a firm requirement for TAP eligibility.

“One has to be resident in this country to benefit from treatment abroad. We have to be smart, otherwise we’ll be taken advantage of,” Misick added.

Expanding Local Healthcare Capacity

While announcing the cost-cutting measures, the Premier emphasized that the government remains committed to strengthening the national healthcare system through the National Health Insurance System (NHIS).

“My government continues to protect access to health care through the National Health Insurance System, so that families are not pushed into financial hardship because of illness,” he said.

As part of efforts to reduce reliance on overseas care, the premier said government is moving forward with plans to establish the country’s first polyclinic. He said the administration is in the process

of finalizing the acquisition of Family Care Medical Center, in Providenciales, to create a one-stop community health centre where residents can see a doctor, access basic diagnostic tests, receive treatment and obtain preventive care services without having to visit the hospital.

“And God knows there’s too much traffic at the hospital,” Misick remarked.

He also revealed that Minister of Health Hon. Kyle Knowles is working on plans for a second polyclinic in Blue Hills, Providenciales.

Focus on Prevention

In the meantime Premier Misick urged residents to take greater responsibility for their health, noting that preventive care can significantly reduce long-term healthcare costs.

“A simple annual checkup costs, depending on where you go, less than \$50,” he said. “Use your clinics. Get screened early. Take care of your health now, because prevention today protects your future tomorrow.”

CARPHA Underscores the Importance of Insecticide Resistance Testing Amid Chikungunya Resurgence

The Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) is reminding its Member States (CMS) about the importance of the Integrated Vector Management (IVM) approach in dealing with the Chikungunya Virus (CHIKV) and other arboviral diseases such as Dengue and Zika. CHIKV is spread through the bite of an infected *Aedes aegypti* mosquito. The cornerstone of prevention and control against these mosquitoes remains source reduction. However, an IVM approach is needed especially during outbreaks where chemical agents (spraying and fogging) are utilised to target adult mosquitoes to decrease the likelihood of spreading these diseases.

A core principle of IVM is Insecticide Resistance Testing (IRT) studies. With the

acquisition and commissioning of CARPHA’s new Mobile Insectary Facility in October 2025, CARPHA is now capable of providing IRT (including molecular testing) to CMS. Since the start of operations, CARPHA has already completed testing for two (2) CMS using WHO approved methodologies.

Additionally, the Agency is currently testing samples from four (4) CMS with the intent of bringing on two (2) additional CMS in 2026.

For CMS, there are several benefits of conducting IRT. These test results allow vector control personnel to identify the appropriate chemical agents that will have the desired effect on the mosquito populations. It therefore guides the appropriate selection, procurement and utilisation of the insecticides.

Without these tests it would be difficult to state with certainty if use of these chemicals is beneficial to mosquito control programmes.

Dr. Lisa Indar, Executive Director, shared how the Agency continues to provide support to CMS, “CARPHA has conducted a series of training workshops to build regional capacity to respond to the threat of vector-borne diseases (VBD).

The latest of these were held in August, September and December in 2025 and focused on IVM, IRT, GIS (geographic information system(s)), VBD Early Warning Systems, and new methods and technologies in vector control. Dr. Indar added, “CARPHA is working with CMS to develop a Regional Integrated Early Warning System as well as to improve surveillance capacity by implementing innovative tools”.

CARPHA continues to collaborate with regional and international partners to improve preparedness and response to vector-borne and other communicable diseases. Additionally, the Caribbean Vector-borne Diseases Network (CariVecNet) continues to bring CMS together so that timely information is shared to guide local and regional responses.

CMS are encouraged to utilise an IVM multisectoral approach that focuses on community involvement for source reduction, health promotion, and personal protective measures. Heightened surveillance measures and a strong relationship between epidemiological surveillance and vector control response are important in mitigating any potential outbreaks in CMS.

CARPHA would like to take the oppor-

tunity to encourage families to practice the following personal protection tips to avoid being bitten by mosquitoes.

This can reduce exposure to mosquito-borne diseases including Dengue, Chikungunya and Zika:

- Clothing- Cover skin with long-sleeved clothing, trousers and hats
- Repellent - Use insect repellent containing DEET, Picaridin, IR 3535 & Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus
- Sleep – Protect yourself by using mosquito nets
- Home- Use screens in doors and windows

For more information about CARPHA’s response to reduce the mosquito population, please visit our website:

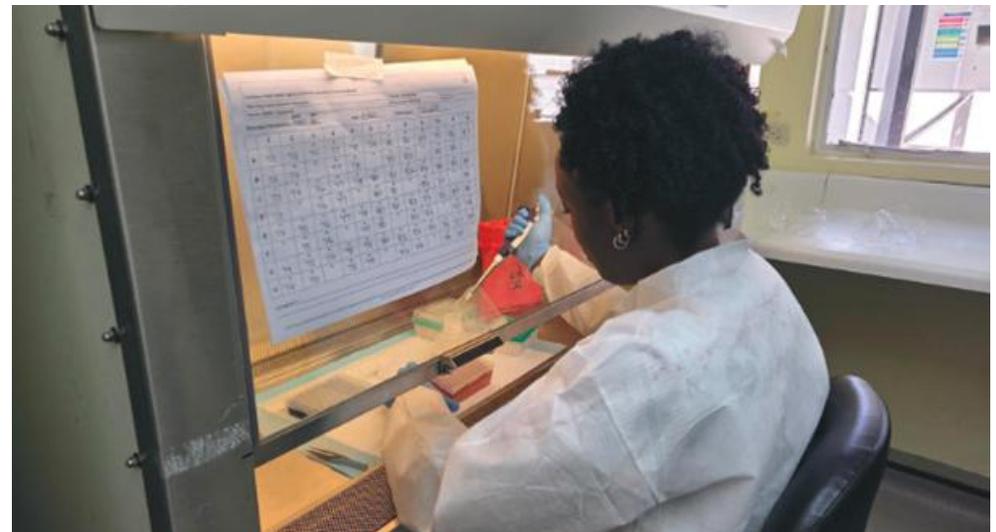
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Intentional care is not a luxury

Wellness is often framed as a trend, something seasonal, aesthetic, or aspirational. But for Antoinette Davis, wellness is neither fleeting nor performative. It is foundational. As founder and Chief Executive Officer of Ettenio Jamaica, Davis has built a multi-category skincare, haircare, and body care brand rooted in long-term health, barrier integrity, and sustainable self-care for the entire family.

Recognised nationally through the National Bakery's Bold Ones of Manufacturing, and the JMEA New Manufacturer of the Year Award, Davis is positioning Ettenio as a proudly Jamaican brand focused on resilience rather than trends.

Her philosophy is simple but powerful, real transformation begins when the body feels safe.

Davis's journey into wellness did not begin in a laboratory or boardroom. It began with exhaustion. "For a long time, I was building and achieving, but internally I was exhausted. I struggled with my weight and constantly felt pressured to push harder. Eventually I realised the issue wasn't discipline, it was chronic stress," she said.

That realisation became a turning point. "Once I began learning about cortisol, sleep cycles, and hormonal regulation, everything shifted. My focus moved from shrinking my body to stabilising it," Davis said.

Her words reflect a reality increasingly supported by global health research. Chronic stress is now linked to sleep disruption, inflammation, hormonal imbalance, anxiety, and metabolic challenges, issues affecting growing numbers of Caribbean women balancing work, caregiving, and leadership roles.

For Davis, burnout forced honesty. "I remember thinking, 'My body is not my enemy.' That moment changed how I approached everything, from food to movement to skincare," she said.

Instead of punishing workouts and un-

sustainable routines, she began strength training, prioritising hydration, and setting boundaries. "I began lifting weights for strength instead of punishment. I protected sleep. I stopped glorifying overwork. Slowly, my body responded," she said.

These lessons would later shape how every Ettenio product is formulated.

STRESS AND RECOVERY

Davis describes wellness in a way that resonates with many busy professionals. "True wellness is regulated energy. It is feeling steady instead of reactive. It's clarity. It's building habits that support you five years from now, not just next month," she said.

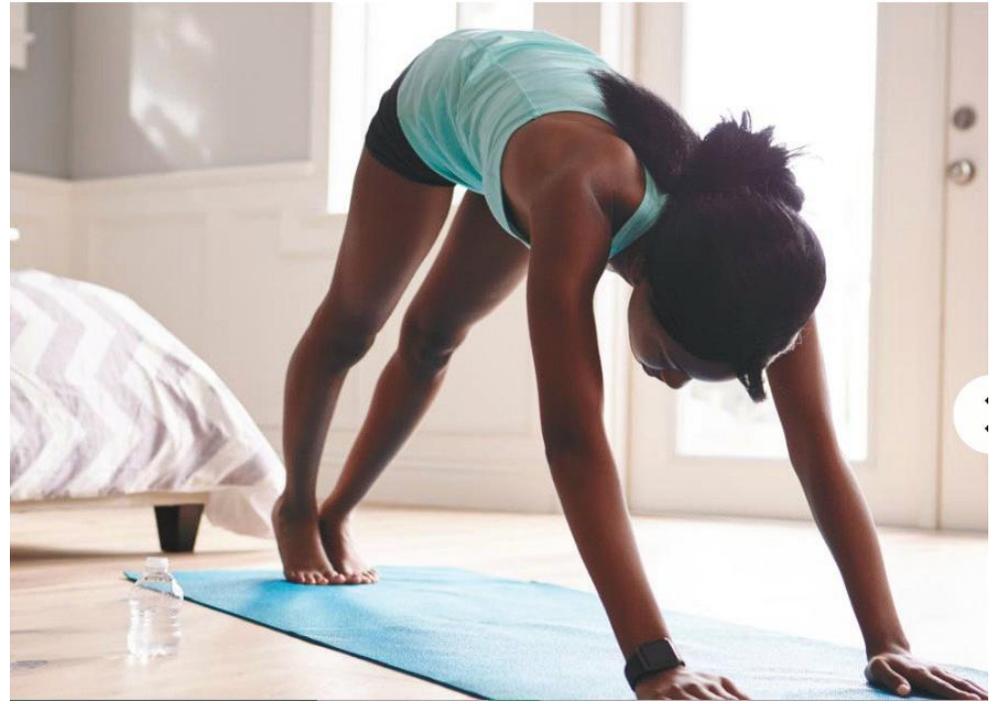
This idea challenges the cultural glorification of burnout. "We are praised for being exhausted, especially as women and leaders. The more we carry, the more we are applauded. So, we ignore the signals, the breakouts, the fatigue, the headaches. We treat them like inconveniences instead of messages," Davis said.

Her conclusion is direct and deeply relatable. "Most people are not lacking willpower. They are lacking margin," she said. Ettenio was born from Davis's lived experience of stress and recovery. "When I was burnt out, my skin showed it. When I was inflamed, my body showed it. So when I formulate, I ask: how do we support, not strip? How do we renew but still protect?"

This philosophy centres on resilience and barrier integrity, a growing focus in dermatology and skincare science. "Dew Drops Hydrating Essence isn't just hydration, it is recovery. Luminous Glow exfoliates in a controlled way. Youthful Glow Overnight Repair Serum rebuilds while ceramides protect the barrier," she said.

"Push, then recover. Renew, then reinforce," Davis said.

Wellness trends often promise rapid transformation, but Davis rejects extremes. "I have done extremes. None of it lasted. Balance is quieter. It doesn't feel dramatic.



But it works," she said.

This perspective aligns with public health guidance that emphasises consistency over intensity. "Consistency compounds more than intense. Your body cannot live in extremes forever," Davis said.

For many people, wellness feels overwhelming. Davis believes the solution is simplicity.

"Start where you are, not where Instagram says you should be. For me, it began with water. Then strength training twice a week. Then better sleep," Davis said.

She emphasizes the power of repetition. "Rituals are small habits repeated long enough to become identity."

Her advice to busy professionals is equally practical. "You don't need two hours. You need consistency. Wellness is not indulgence, it is maintenance," Davis said.

Davis sees wellness as something that extends beyond the individual. "When you

are regulated, you create regulated spaces. Taking care of yourself is not selfish, it is stabilising," she said.

Research increasingly supports this idea, healthier individuals create healthier families, workplaces, and communities through reduced stress, improved communication, and stronger emotional resilience.

For those unsure where to begin, Davis keeps her advice refreshingly straightforward: "Sleep, then hydration, then movement, simplicity works," she said.

Her final message captures the heart of both her brand and her philosophy. "You are allowed to not be everything for everyone. Wellness is not about shrinking yourself. It is about strengthening yourself slowly and sustainably."

Through Ettenio Jamaica, Davis is proving that intentional care, for skin, body, and mind, is not a luxury; it is the foundation of long-term health.

Mayo Clinic opens patient information office in Cayman Islands

Mayo Clinic is opening a representative office in the Cayman Islands to help patients, their families, health insurers and others interested in connecting with Mayo Clinic. The office on Grand Cayman Island is Mayo's first in the Caymans and third in the Caribbean.

The Mayo Clinic Representative Office staff will help patients in the Cayman Islands and surrounding area make appointments at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota; Phoenix and Scottsdale, Arizona; Jacksonville, Florida; and Mayo Clinic Healthcare in London. Mayo Clinic has patient information offices in roughly 15 countries, including the Dominican Republic and Trinidad and Tobago.

"The staff at the Mayo Clinic Representative Office in the Cayman Islands will play a key role facilitating travel to Mayo Clinic by patients and their families," says Rafael Sierra, M.D., an orthopedic surgeon and chair of the division of hip and knee surgery at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, and Mayo Clinic medical director for the Americas. "The addition of a third office in the Caribbean underscores Mayo's commitment to serving patients throughout the region who have serious, complex and unsolved medical



needs."

The staff help with travel, lodging, billing,

and insurance arrangements; provide general orientation to Mayo Clinic; facilitate

Mayo review of medical records; and coordinate future appointments. The services are free of charge. The office does not provide medical care.

Mayo accepts appointment requests directly from patients and patient referrals from physicians. Interpreters are available at no cost to assist with communication between healthcare providers and patients whose primary language is not English.

Mayo care teams work together to provide a healing environment and a seamless patient experience. That includes coordinated appointment schedules, with specialists, tests and procedures located in close proximity to each other; coordination of care by one personal physician; and smooth communication at Mayo and with patients' healthcare teams at home.

The Cayman Islands office staff may be reached at caymanislandsoff@mayo.edu and 1-345-324-9857. The office is located at Regatta Office Park Windward 3, Suite 119, Seven Mile Beach. Learn more here.

Mayo Clinic is ranked the best hospital in the world by Newsweek and is top ranked in more specialties than any other hospital in the U.S. by U.S. News & World Report.

Big breakthrough for Bad Bunny in Brazil

While Bad Bunny has dominated global charts, the superstar has not had quite the same success in Brazil, a country notoriously hard for foreign stars to win over due to a devotion to national artistes. But a shift that began with his Grammy-winning album *Debi Tirar Más Fotos* may accelerate further after his first-ever gigs in Brazil on Friday and Saturday in Sao Paulo.

Bad Bunny is at the peak of his career, following the phenomenal hype around his performance at the Super Bowl halftime show.

"It's the best time to try and unlock a country like Brazil, at a time when he's managed to dominate practically the entire world," said Felipe Maia, an ethnomusicologist who is pursuing a doctoral degree on popular music and digital technologies at Paris Nanterre University.

For years, the Puerto Rican artiste, born Benito Antonio Martínez Ocasio, has been one of the most-streamed artistes on the planet. But neither the singer, nor his album, nor his songs were among the most-played last year in Brazil, according to Spotify. The most-streamed artistes in the

country in 2025 were all Brazilian. In the land of samba, funk, bossa nova, choro, sertanejo, forro and pagode, among other Brazilian music genres, 75 per cent of streaming consumption in Brazil focuses on national artistes, according to the 2025 midyear music report of Luminate. Brazil is the country that most listens to its own music, it said.

Still, the fever around Bad Bunny has made headway in Brazil. Only one performance was initially scheduled at the Allianz Parque arena, but it sold out so quickly the artiste added an extra date, which also sold out. By mid-afternoon on Friday, long queues had formed. Brazilian fans mixed with people from El Salvador, Colombia and Venezuela. Many came wearing straw hats – used by Bad Bunny and traditionally worn by jíbaros, rural Puerto Rican farmers.

Tickets on Ticketmaster ranged from \$50 to \$210, but resellers on Friday were selling tickets for that same night for more than \$830 – more than 2.5 times the minimum monthly wage in Brazil.

Flávia Durante, a Sao Paulo-based DJ who specialises in Latin American music, said



Bad Bunny performs during his *Debi Tirar Más Fotos* tour in Mexico City in December 2025.

that some Brazilians have a tendency to see Spanish-language music as corny due to the association with Mexican telenovelas, but that Bad Bunny pierced a bubble with his latest album.

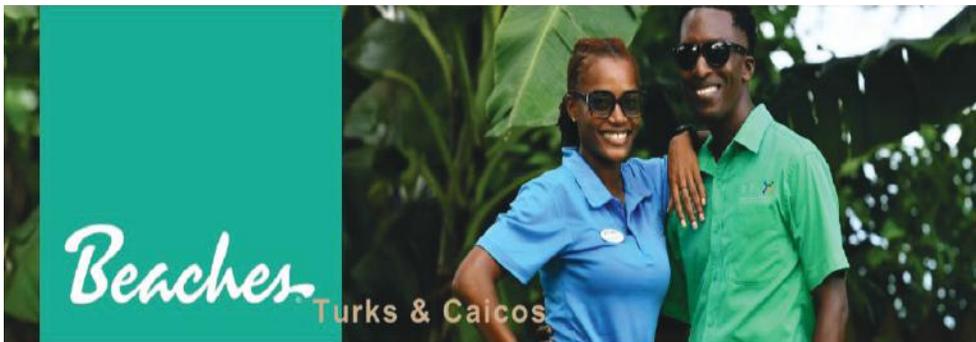
"Nowadays everyone knows all the songs, they sing along and really get into it," Durante said.

Since the half-time Super Bowl show, Bad Bunny's average streams grew by 426 per cent on Spotify in Brazil in the following week. Many songs experienced massive streaming surges, with *Yo Perreo Sola* leading the growth with a 2,536 per cent increase.

During Brazil's Carnival celebrations, Bad Bunny themed costumes were a fixture

in Rio's raucous, dazzling street parties. Nicole Froio, a Colombian Brazilian writer specialising in Latin American cultural issues, went kitted out in a straw hat and plastic, tropical plants that echo the background of his latest album. For a long time, Froio was the sole person among her Brazilian friendship group who liked Bad Bunny. She believes that Brazilians in general have trouble identifying themselves as Latino.

Brazil, like other countries in the Americas, was listed by Bad Bunny in the Super Bowl halftime show, when he reminded the world that while "America" is used as a synonym for the U.S. in the U.S., it is the name used across two continents.



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Vybz Kartel among five Jamaican artistes who receive proclamation and keys to Broward County

Dancehall kingpin Vybz Kartel added another accolade to his growing list of achievements Monday night, when he received the key to Broward County in Florida, as well as proclamations from the City of Lauderhill, the State of Florida and Congress.

Spragga Benz, Beenie Man, Busy Signal and Wayne Wonder also received the same honour by the mayor for their contributions to music as well as their humanitarian efforts.

The presentations were made at a commission meeting at Lauderhill City Hall by Jamaican-born Denise Grant, mayor of Lauderhill.

In a video shared online, Vybz Kartel reacted to the honour.

"It's a pleasure, it's a very humbling thing, so, you know my motto already, God is the Greatest. Big up the artiste dem, all the G dem pon di panel. Miss Mayor, big up, nuff love, thank you guys," said Vybz Kartel.

Mayor Grant shared with Observer Online that Vybz Kartel's impact on the musical landscape internationally and his humanitarian efforts justified the recognition.

"Vybz Kartel, like the other international artistes being honoured, is an influential figure in today's culture. His music is heard across the world, and both young and mature people alike are impacted by his work. As the mother of an 18-year-old and the mayor of a city that celebrates reggae music, I've come to know his sound," said Mayor Grant.

She continued, "We have chosen to honour Mr Palmer for his humanitarian ef-

forts demonstrated after the category five hurricane devastated areas of Jamaica. His humanitarian outreach is undeniable and gave hope to Jamaica in a time of need. We are grateful to honour his contribution and commend him for using his artistry and influence for goodwill."

The mayor further extended congratulations to Vybz Kartel, Beenie Man, Busy Signal, Spragga Benz and Wayne Wonder. The recognition to the artistes was hosted by Mayor Grant with the assistance of Commissioner Hazelle P Rogers, County Commissioner Alexandra P Davis, Florida State Senator Rosalind Osgood, State Representative Lisa Dunkley, State Representative Darryl Campbell, Congresswoman Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick, Commissioner Marlon Bolton, and Tamarac Representative and the Consul General of Jamaica Oliver Mair, who all supported the initiative.



Vybz Kartel (left) and Mayor of Lauderhill Denise Grant.



MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, YOUTH, SPORTS AND CULTURE LAUNCHES THE TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS NATIONAL ARTIST REGISTRY

The Ministry of Education, Youth, Sports and Culture, through the Department of Culture, has launched the Turks and Caicos Islands National Artist Registry, a national digital database designed to formally recognise, catalogue, and promote the country's creatives.

The Registry provides a central, searchable platform for artists, musicians, cultural practitioners, and creative businesses. It strengthens visibility, supports access to opportunities, and positions Turks and Caicos talent for greater local and international engagement.

Hon. Rachel Taylor, Minister of Education, Youth, Sports and Culture, hailed the ini-

tiative as a transformative investment in national development stating, "The National Artist Registry formally recognises our creatives as essential contributors to national development. For too long, many have been creating and innovating without the systems needed to support their growth. This Registry changes that."

She added that the platform aligns with Vision 2040, the Citizens' Contract, and the National Culture & Heritage Policy, helping Government support youth empowerment, education planning, cultural investment, and heritage protection.

Director of Culture, Odessa Forbes, noted: Our creatives

shape our identity and preserve our culture. This Registry provides a formal platform that supports their development and ensures our culture remains visible, valued, and lived."

The National Artist Registry aims to improve cultural governance, ensure fair access to opportunities, support professionalisation within the creative sector, and safeguard cultural expression for future generations. Approved registrants receive a public-facing profile functioning as a professional portfolio, allowing promoters, institutions, and audiences to connect directly with artists for bookings, commissions, collaborations, and performances.

Registered artists gain access to:

- Participation in cultural festivals and government-led events
- Eligibility for training, grants, and funding under the Department's Grants and Contributions Programme
- Consideration for Performing and Visual Arts scholarships
- Access to MSME funding through Invest TCI
- Eligibility for the upcoming Cultural Ambassador Programme

Registration is free, and applicants must submit a short bio, proof of status, samples of work, and contact details. Applications are processed within 7-14 business days.

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- Our path forward: A bold, practical plan with streamlined approvals, public-private partnerships, a priority queue for the most vulnerable, and clear eligibility criteria to ensure those most in need are served first.

5) Traffic Congestion in Providenciales: Government's Failure to Deliver:

- Promises to ease congestion have yielded no progress; peak-hour bottlenecks worsen, and a cohesive transport strategy is still absent.

- Our people are impacted by longer commutes, higher fuel costs, stressed residents, and unmet needs of pedestrians and cyclists.

- Our path forward- Launch a National Traffic and Transport Strategy with 6-, 12-, and 18-month targets and dedicated funding, Prioritize shovel-ready projects: intersection upgrades, bypass roads, creation of a Transport Modernization Office with quarterly public performance updates, safe pedestrian/cyclist networks, Strengthen maintenance and rapid-response teams to prevent costly failures – to achieve tangible reductions in congestion, safer streets, and a transport system that supports all island life.

6) Failure to deliver on road infrastructure upgrades throughout our communities:

- Roads aren't just asphalt and lines; they are lifelines for safety, commerce, and school runs. The current neglect hurts families, workers, and commuters every single day.

- Our path forward- enact a proven, transparent program: prioritized projects, a rigorous maintenance schedule, and accountability for delivery. This is about safer streets, quicker commutes, and economic vitality.

7) Port Dredging Failure in Providenciales:

- Dredging is not a luxury; it's a catalyst for opportunity—crucial for trade, tourism, and local livelihoods. Our port must meet the needs of a modern economy.

- The port cannot handle larger vessels, hindering trade and cruise growth.

- Our path forward: A credible, costed plan with milestones and independent oversight to unlock bigger ships and more job oppor-

tunities.

8) Failure to provide proper facilities for beach vendors

- Beach vendors are an integral part of coastal livelihoods and the tourism experience. This sector still lacks adequate facilities, sanitation, and regulation.

- Our path forward- We must deliver licensed, well-planned vendor zones, improved facilities, and environmental protections. This is about thriving small local businesses and our young entrepreneurs, and about preserving the warmth of our shores.

9) Failure to meet Tendering and Procurement targets

- Consistent underachievement in procurement undermines efficiency, inflates costs, and reduces confidence in public projects.

- Our path forward- We have to advocate for binding procurement targets, transparent bid processes, and independent monitoring to ensure value for money and timely delivery.

10) Failure to meet budget targets

- Fiscal mismanagement erodes faith in government and stalls progress. Missed budgets mean halted projects, delayed services, and higher costs down the line.

- Our path forward: disciplined budgeting, honest revenue forecasting, quarterly public reporting, and real consequences for mismanagement. We will restore trust by showing the books, not hiding them.

Beyond these ten points, let me speak to the broader, urgent themes that must guide us forward.

- State-of-Readiness and Clear Direction: Policies must be anchored in achievable, measurable targets with published roadmaps and milestones. Vague promises are not enough; the people deserve concrete plans and regular progress reports.

- Accountability: When projects fail or budgets miss targets, there must be accountability. This includes independent oversight, timely audits, and consequences for mismanagement.

- Procurement Reform: Procurement must be competitive, transparent, and timely. We need binding targets, published evaluation criteria, and deterrents against overruns and kickbacks.

- Hiring and Recruitment: Talent, capability, and integrity must

guide government staffing. We need merit-based recruitment, professional development, and conflict-of-interest safeguards.

- Project Management and Modernization: Projects require rigorous project management disciplines, clear governance structures, risk management, and staged delivery to avoid cancellations and cost escalations.

- Health Care and the Treatment Abroad Debate: We must ensure access to high-quality, locally delivered health care. When treatment abroad is necessary, it must be clinical, cost-effective, and patient-centered, with a plan to build capacity domestically to reduce dependence on external care.

- Development of Family Islands: Investment must extend beyond Providenciales, with infrastructure, hotel and guest accommodations, health, accessibility, and connectivity that reduce geographic disparities and support local economies.

-Subsidized flights into the Family Islands: The government must properly regulate and ensure suitable flight times that meet both the residents' and visitors' travel needs, particularly for the Islands of Salt Cay and South Caicos.

- Infrastructure and Transportation: New roads, improved public transport planning, and a comprehensive strategic plan for transportation are essential to reduce congestion and unlock economic activity.

- Cruise and Tourism Product: We must modernize and expand the cruise experience and port facilities, ensuring sustainable growth that benefits local communities and businesses.

- Housing and Informal Settlements: Address informal housing with dignity and efficiency, combining formal housing solutions with supportive services for vulnerable populations.

- Taxis and Transportation Plan: Formalize an integrated transport strategy that improves reliability, safety, and affordability for residents and visitors alike.

So, what is the concrete path forward when a government works for all our people and not just a few?

- An independent Commission to review NHIP, Airport redevelopment, Port Dredging, Housing,

Procurement, and other major projects, with findings and timelines made public.

- A fiscal framework of quarterly public updates, binding Tendering and procurement targets, and real consequences for overruns.

- A Family Islands Development Plan with targeted investments and local governance input.

- A Health Care Modernization Roadmap to strengthen local capacity and define any necessary external treatment with clear criteria and cost-effectiveness.

- A National Housing Action Plan to accelerate projects, shorten approvals, and incentivize private-sector participation.

- A reboot of the Tourism and Cruise Strategy to upgrade infrastructure and ensure communities capture the benefits of growth.

To our people of the Turks and Caicos Islands, we are in this together. Your daily life, your home, your road to work, your child's health, and your business's ability to grow matter more than political theater. We must unite in building a Turks and Caicos Islands where opportunity is a right for every island, every family, every worker, and every one of our business owners who make our shores vibrant.

Our country must demand leadership to be transparent, accountable, and committed to delivering tangible improvements in everyday life. We need the government to:

- Sets clear, measurable targets and reports progress openly.

- Exercises fiscal discipline and procurement integrity.

- Builds the infrastructure, health, housing, and transportation that support every island and every family.

- Ensures opportunities are shared broadly, not concentrated in a few projects or pockets.

We stand ready to work with all communities, businesses, and civil society to reset our trajectory: to fix what has been broken, to finish what has started, and to build a Turks and Caicos Islands that lives up to its promise for now and for future generations.

The time is now. Let us rise with courage, clarity, and a dedicated commitment to deliver the change our people deserve. Thank you.

Brazil politicians convicted for ordering murder of black activist councillor

Brazil's Supreme Court on Wednesday convicted two former lawmakers of ordering the 2018 assassination of Rio de Janeiro councilwoman Marielle Franco, a popular black activist whose murder exposed deep ties between politics and organized crime. Franco, a lesbian activist who grew up in a favela and became an outspoken critic of Rio's powerful militia groups, was 38 when she was gunned down in the city center alongside her driver, Anderson Gomes. The case sent shockwaves through Brazil and drew international condemnation. The four-justice Supreme Court bench voted unanimously to convict former federal lawmaker Chiquinho Brazao, 62, and his brother Domingos, 60, a former state lawmaker, of ordering the hit on Franco. They were each sentenced to 76 years and three months in jail for double aggravated homicide, armed criminal organization, and the attempted murder of one of Franco's advisors who survived the attack. The court found that Franco had been targeted as she was a threat to the interests of the Brazao brothers.

From her position on the city council, Franco worked to prevent the expansion of clandestine housing developments in poor neighborhoods, one of the militias' biggest sources of income.

The Brazao brothers "didn't just have contact with the militia. They were the militia," Judge Alexandre de Moraes said in court. Franco was murdered to deliver a "message" to Rio's political class, the court heard.



Counselor of the Rio de Janeiro Court of Audit Domingos Brazao walks down a Federal Police aircraft upon arrival in Brasilia on March 24, 2024, after being arrested in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Brazil's Supreme Court on February 25, 2026, convicted two politicians of ordering the 2018 assassination of Rio de Janeiro councilwoman Marielle Franco, in a case that revealed deep ties between lawmakers and organized crime. The court voted unanimously to convict former federal lawmaker Chiquinho Brazao and his brother Domingos, a former state lawmaker, of ordering the hit on Franco, who was gunned down in central Rio along with her driver Anderson Gomes.

She was, said Moraes, "a black woman who dared to go against the interests of militia members, men, and white people."

Rio's militias emerged around four decades ago when former police officers and security agents created so-called self-defense groups to protect communities from drug gangs.

They quickly evolved into powerful crimi-

nal organizations — controlling large parts of the city, extorting residents and seizing public land — while benefiting from high-level political support.

— **'Cast the first stone'** —

On Tuesday, the defense insisted on the Brazao brothers' innocence, while noting that links between local power and criminals were an open secret.

"Let he who is involved in politics in Rio and has never asked drug traffickers or militia members for votes cast the first stone," said Cleber Lopes, Chiquinho Brazao's lawyer.

Three other defendants were convicted over the masterminding of Franco's murder. Rivaldo Barbosa, a former police commissioner who first led the investigation, was sentenced to 18 years for obstruction of justice and trying to protect the Brazao brothers.

Former military police officer and militia member Ronald Paulo de Alves was sentenced to 56 years for monitoring Franco's routine and reporting on her whereabouts on the night of her murder.

A former advisor to Domingos Brazao, Robson Calixto Fonseca, got nine years for acting as an intermediary between the defendants and militia members.

Two former military police officers who carried out the murders were given hefty jail terms in 2024.

The investigation into the masterminds was based on the plea testimony of one of them, Ronnie Lessa, who confessed to his role in the murder and was sentenced to 78 years in jail in 2024.

He said during his trial he was "blinded" and "driven crazy" by the prospect of a million-dollar reward for Franco's murder.

"This process has caused me great spiritual and psychological harm," said Justice Carmen Lucia, the only woman on the Supreme Court.

"How many Marielles will Brazil allow to be murdered?" the judge asked.



Secretary of State Marco Rubio

The United States on Wednesday notched down sanctions on Venezuelan oil exports to Cuba after the communist-run island plunged into an economic crisis, which alarmed leaders at a Caribbean summit. Secretary of State Marco Rubio, a Cuban-American who has spent his political career hoping to topple Havana's government, was explaining the US approach at a summit of the Caribbean Community, or Caricom.

As Rubio held the closed-door talks in the tiny island nation of Saint Kitts and Nevis, the Treasury Department softened a sweeping ban on Venezuelan oil to Cuba imposed after US forces raided Caracas on January 3 and deposed leftist leader Nicolas Maduro. The Treasury Department said it would al-

low "transactions that support the Cuban people" that include Venezuelan oil for "commercial and humanitarian use."

To qualify, the exports would need to go through private businesses and not the vast government or military apparatus in the communist state.

The shift came as Caribbean leaders worried about a rapid collapse in Cuba, which had relied on Venezuela for around half of its fuel needs.

Speaking at the opening of the CARICOM summit on Tuesday, Jamaican Prime Minister Andrew Holness warned that a further deterioration in Cuba would impact stability across the Caribbean and trigger migration — the top political concern for US President Donald Trump.

US eases Venezuela oil ban to Cuba as crisis alarms Caribbean

"Humanitarian suffering serves no one," Holness said. "A prolonged crisis in Cuba will not remain confined to Cuba."

Holness called for "constructive dialogue between Cuba and the United States aimed at de-escalation, reform and stability."

"We believe there is space, perhaps more space now than in years past, for pragmatic engagement."

The summit's host, Saint Kitts and Nevis Prime Minister Terrance Drew, also called for humanitarian support to Cuba, saying: "A destabilized Cuba will destabilize all of us."

A medical doctor, Drew studied for seven years in Cuba and said friends there have told him of food scarcity, power outages and garbage strewn in the streets.

"I can only feel the pain of those who treated me so well when I was a student," he said.

Rubio has previously also moved aggressively to cut off Cuba's export of doctors around the region, a key source of both revenue and soft power for Havana.

The United States has maintained an embargo on Cuba almost continuously since Fidel Castro's 1959 communist revolution. Since becoming the top US diplomat, Rubio has publicly toned down calls for regime change and Trump has held off on further measures pushed by Cuban-American hard-

line critics of Havana, such as prohibiting the transfer of remittances.

'Elephant in the room'

Kamla Persad-Bissessar, the prime minister of Trinidad and Tobago, said she empathized with the Cuban people but took issue with her Jamaican counterpart's remarks.

"We cannot advocate for others to live under communism and dictatorship," she said. She also criticized CARICOM countries for their reticence, at least publicly, to back what she called the "elephant in the room" — US intervention in Venezuela.

Trinidad and Tobago, whose coast is visible from Venezuela, gave access to the US military in the run-up to the operation that ousted Maduro.

Persad-Bissessar thanked the Trump administration and also praised it for carrying out deadly strikes against alleged drug boats in the Caribbean.

Critics call the attacks legally and ethically dubious, but the Trinidadian prime minister credited the campaign with bringing down her country's homicide rate by helping cut the flow of firearms from Venezuela.

Rubio is the highest-ranking US official ever to visit Saint Kitts and Nevis, a tiny former British colony reliant on beach tourism that was the birthplace of a US founding father, Alexander Hamilton.

US congressman says Jamaica to face 'consequences' after PM's Cuba statement

United States (US) Congressman Carlos Giménez blasted Prime Minister Andrew Holness via X on Wednesday following Holness' comments sharing solidarity with Cuba as the Caribbean country deals with the effects of an oil blockage engineered by the US.

Addressing Holness in his capacity as the leader of the ruling Jamaica Labour Party (JLP), Giménez said, "I harshly condemn this and find it lamentable that the JLP would cover up for the moribund dictatorship in #Cuba, when the Castro regime repeatedly intervened in #Jamaica's politics to exacerbate partisan tensions and undermine the JLP!"

He ended his post saying, "Jamaica will face the consequences!"

The Cuban-born congressman who migrated to the United States as a child was responding to a post where Holness had earlier that day shared a clip of himself speaking at the 50th Regular Meeting of the Conference of Caricom Heads of Government and called for the Caribbean Community to "speak plainly" about what is happening in Cuba.

"Today, many Cubans are facing serious economic hardship, energy shortages and

growing humanitarian challenges. We are sensitive to their struggles. But we must also recognise that a prolonged crisis in Cuba will not remain there," Holness shared in the caption.

"It can impact migration, security and economic stability across the Caribbean, including Jamaica," he added, noting that Jamaica would stand in solidarity with Cuba. The US announced on Wednesday it would ease its ban on Venezuelan oil exports to Cuba, which came into effect when the country invaded Venezuela and captured then-president Nicolas Maduro in January. The rollback followed weeks of instability, with the communist-run island plunging into an economic crisis, which pushed Caribbean leaders to sound the alarm about potential regional consequences.

Giménez followed his comments with a separate post praising Trinidad and Tobago Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar.

"Caribbean countries should follow the lead of @PM_Kamla of Trinidad & Tobago, who has governed with moral clarity, strengthened her nation's alliance with the US, and championed democracy in the region. Trinidad and Tobago is benefiting tremendously and other nations can as well!" he said.



GIMENEZ... Jamaica will face the consequences.



HOLNESS...A prolonged crisis in Cuba will not remain there.

Liat Air to launch Antigua and Montego Bay routes from Guadeloupe

KINGSTON, Jamaica — Liat Air will introduce two new non-stop services from Pointe-à-Pitre, expanding connections between Guadeloupe and the wider Caribbean.

In a release on Thursday, the airline shared that it will operate flights to Antigua and Montego Bay, strengthening regional links and reopening onward connections to the United States (US) and the United Kingdom (UK) through Antigua.

From May 1, Liat Air will operate two weekly rotations to Antigua on Fridays and Sundays using ATR 42 aircraft with 48 seats. From July 2026, two additional weekly rotations on Embraer ERJ 145 aircraft with 50 seats will be added, making it a year-round service.

The Montego Bay route will begin in the first week of July with two weekly flights on Tuesdays and Saturdays using Embraer ERJ 145 aircraft. The service will operate year-round and is scheduled to commence ahead of Reggae Sumfest.

Chairman of the Board of Guadeloupe Maryse Condé International Airport, Alain Bievre, said the routes represent a significant development for the airport.

"The reopening of Antigua, a historic route, and the opening of a new gateway to the Greater Caribbean with Montego Bay in Jamaica mark a major step for Guadeloupe Maryse Condé. These routes, which follow



new services to the southern Caribbean islands, Toronto and Quebec, realise the diversification strategy adopted by the management board. This success is the result of prospecting work carried out by our teams in close cooperation with local partners, and confirms our desire to position our airport as a major tool for the economic and tourist development of the Guadeloupe Is-

lands," said Bievre.

"We are truly excited to further expand our regional network with the launch of these new services. Reconnecting Antigua with Guadeloupe restores a vital link between our islands, one that strengthens family ties, fuels economic activity and enriches the cultural fabric of the Caribbean. At the same time, the introduction of flights

between Guadeloupe and Montego Bay opens seamless access to one of the region's most dynamic tourism markets — not only from the Caribbean, but from the European corridor.

"Montego Bay is already a key destination within the Liat Air network, and extending direct access from Guadeloupe enhances travel options and deepens integration across the greater Caribbean. We are proud to work alongside our partners at Guadeloupe Maryse Condé International Airport and Montego Bay's Sangster International Airport. Together we are delivering greater choice, enhanced accessibility and expanded opportunities for our travellers, businesses and communities across our region," Abdulsalam said.

General Director of the Guadeloupe Islands Tourism Board, Rodrigue Solitude, also welcomed the new services.

"New routes are always excellent news for our archipelago because they foster not only tourist exchanges but also the coming together of cultures, history and traditions. The Guadeloupe Islands Tourism Board (CTIG) and Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Board welcome these initiatives, which help promote our destination; we can only hope to see a strengthening of these connections to other neighbouring island destinations," Solitude said.

GRACE BAY CLUB

GRACE BAY RESORTS

OPEN JOB POSITIONS

POSITION: Housekeeper

PROPERTY: Grace Bay Club

Job Overview: Member of the Grace Bay Resorts Housekeeping team. Responsibilities include assisting and providing support in all areas of Housekeeping. The goal is to create a clean and orderly environment for our guests that will become a critical factor in maintaining and strengthening our reputation. This position reports to the Housekeeping Supervisor, Assistant Executive Housekeeper and the Executive Housekeeper.

Main Responsibilities:

- Collecting your work sheet at the beginning of your shift
- Handing your updated worksheet at the end of your shift (must be authorized by your supervisor before you go off duty) handing your authorized worksheet to the coordinator.
- Ensuring that all rooms assigned to you during your shift are completed in accordance with Grace Bay Resort room cleaning standards, before you go off duty.
- Placing a Do Not Disturb note under the guest room door that has the Relaxing signage hanging on the handle – (make a note on your room assignment sheet – stating the time you slipped the card under the door and what time you followed up to see if the guest had removed the Relaxing signage) Advise your supervisor also.
- Greeting guests and responding to queries in a friendly and timely manner.
- Always wears their name badge (must be neat and tidy) your name must be clear.
- Clean rooms assigned to you according to the Grace Bay Resort rooms standard.
- Advise your Supervisor of Manager regarding any defects in the room or public Areas.

Skills and Competencies Required

- High school diploma required; training certificate is preferred.
- 3-5- years housekeeping experience working in a luxury/fine hotel preferred.
- Must be able to work under pressure in a fast-paced environment.
- Must be comfortable to speak to guests and diffusing a situation should they become upset.
- Must be well groomed, clean and polite.
- Must have clear, concise English written and verbal communication skills.
- Must be able to work morning shifts, afternoon shifts, holidays, weekends when required.
- Must be flexible to cover Public Areas and Laundry shifts if required.

Shift Varies. Full time. Weekend and holiday work may be required.

Salary Range: \$8.00 – \$9.00 per hour

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POSITION: Kitchen Steward

PROPERTY: Grace Bay Club

Job Overview: Member of the Grace Bay Resorts Kitchen Team. Primarily Responsible for Operating and maintain cleaning equipment and tools. Also responsible for washing dishes, china ware, flatware, cutlery, crockery, kitchen vessels, sweeping and mopping floors, cleaning and detailing equipment's etc. Maintains the kitchen, dish washing and back area in an inspection-ready condition in accordance with local authority and hotel guidelines.

Main Responsibilities

- Ensure the kitchen is clean, well-maintained, and organized at all times.
- Ensure floors are dry and clean at all times.
- Operate pot-washing machinery and maintain a hygienic working environment in accordance with hygiene regulations and company standards.
- Adhere to all sanitation and hygiene guidelines.
- Assist Cooks and Servers as needed.
- Collect and remove trash from all areas of the operation following established procedures.
- Dispose of waste according to hotel and authority standards and adhere to recycling guidelines.
- Ensure the waste bin area is kept clean and tidy.
- Carry out general cleaning duties, including sweeping, mopping, washing up, and emptying rubbish bins and boxes, ensuring correct placement in containers.
- Clean and sanitize pots, pans, utensils, and other minor kitchen equipment following established procedures.
- Clean and maintain floors and walls in the kitchen and dishwashing area according to standard procedures.
- Clean and sanitize dishes and related service-ware following established procedures.
- Clean large kitchen equipment as assigned, following established procedures.
- Operate industrial dishwashers with knowledge and proficiency.
- Ensure all equipment is clean, maintained, and in good working order.
- Check chemical levels and maintain inventory.
- Wash, wipe, sort, stack, and load/unload dishwasher items.
- Wash, wipe, sort, stack, and store all cleaned items in an organized and safe manner.
- Remove broken or chipped items from circulation and update the breakage and inventory register.
- Clean, sanitize, and close workstations at the end of shifts.
- Use and maintain all equipment according to manufacturer and department guidelines.
- Report any maintenance or hazard issues to the Chief Steward or Stewarding Manager.
- Assist in light food preparation as directed by the manager or chef on duty.
- Assist in serving food and beverages to residents in the dining room as required.
- Perform any other duties assigned by the manager.

Skills and Competencies Required

- Positive attitude, effective communication, and ability to work under pressure.
- Ability to prioritize tasks and work efficiently with limited supervision.
- High school diploma or equivalent.
- Previous experience in a similar role.
- Knowledge of basic food hygiene and sanitation standards.

Shifts varies. Full time. Weekend and holiday work may be required.

Salary Range: \$8.00 per hour

POSITION: Pool and Beach Helper**PROPERTY: Grace Bay Club**

Job Overview: Member of the Grace Bay Resorts Kitchen Team. The Pool and Beach Helper assists in maintaining the cleanliness, safety, and overall presentation of the pool and beach areas, ensuring a pleasant experience for guests. They provide basic guest assistance and support the team in daily operations.

Main Responsibilities:

- Maintain cleanliness and orderliness of the pool, beach, and surrounding areas.
- Set up lounge chairs, umbrellas, towels, and other guest amenities.
- Assist guests with inquiries, providing a friendly and helpful service.
- Monitor safety in the pool and beach areas and report any hazards or incidents.
- Assist in pool and beach equipment inventory and storage.
- Support other team members in daily operations as directed by supervisors.
- Remove trash and ensure proper disposal in designated areas.
- Follow all hygiene, safety, and resort operational standards.

Skills and Competencies:

- Customer service orientation and friendly demeanor.
- Basic knowledge of pool and beach safety procedures.
- Ability to work as part of a team.
- Physical fitness to perform cleaning, lifting, and setup tasks.
- Dependability, punctuality, and attention to detail.
- High School Diploma or equivalent.
- Prior experience in hospitality, housekeeping, or pool/beach operations preferred but not required.
- Outdoor work in sun, heat, and occasionally rain.
- Physically active role requiring lifting, bending, and walking.

Shifts varies. Full time. Weekend and holiday work may be required.

Salary Range: \$8.00 Per hour

POSITION: Painter**PROPERTY: Grace Bay Club**

Job Overview: Member of the Grace Bay Resorts Engineering team. the Painter is responsible for maintaining the high-quality appearance of guest areas, facilities, and back-of-house operational areas. This role combines painting, finishing, and surface preparation with maintaining equipment and cleanliness in support areas, ensuring all areas meet company standards and local authority regulations.

Main Responsibilities:

- Cleaning walls to ensure proper adherence.
- Ability to scrape, sandpaper, prime, or seal surfaces prior to painting.
- Applying paint to surfaces including canvas, walls, floors, doors, and cabinets.
- Varnishing and staining finished wood works and furniture.
- Prepping walls and surfaces for paint, stains and varnishes.
- Touching up damaged surfaces in guest areas and rooms.
- Maintaining the painted surfaces in guest areas to ensure that the overall aesthetic of the public areas meet company standards.
- Mixing, matching, and applying paint, varnish, shellac, enamel, and other finishes.

Skills and Competencies:

- An all-around knowledge of painting
- 5+ years of experience working as a painter
- Hospitality experience preferred
- Ability to work independently as well as on a team
- Must be able to communicate efficiently, both written and verbally, in English

Shifts varies. Full time. Weekend and holiday work may be required.

Salary Range: \$8.00 Per hour

POSITION: Director of Engineering**PROPERTY: Grace Bay Club**

Job Overview: The general purpose of the Director of Engineering is managing the mixed use of the Resort's Engineering Department, including all related activities including participation in executive committee meetings; hire and maintain an effective work force appropriate for an upscale Resort; establish and maintain preventative maintenance programs for all equipment, systems, guestrooms and public areas/ general maintenance; participate in effective safety programs; coordinate and implement capital improvement projects; establish, maintain and manage department budgets and monthly forecasts protecting the Resort and the Owners from losses, claims, and liabilities. Responsible for all aspects of the Engineering Department, including but not limited to, maintaining all facilities, equipment, furniture, fixtures, systems and landscaping at the highest quality standards.

Main Responsibilities:

- Provide efficient use of manpower to maintain workload
- Hire, train and direct all department personnel
- Provide timely performance appraisals
- Conducts walk-through and visually assesses the safe and efficient maintenance and operation of the physical structures of the Resort, all mechanical, electrical, HVAC systems, vehicles and any other related equipment.
- Manage adequate inventory of parts, supplies, tools and material for the department
- Enforce Hotel / Resort and Company policies and procedures
- Must be able to respond to emergency situations, such as fire alarms, and other life-safety situations
- Maintain files per department guidelines. Schedule and conduct monthly department meetings.
- Participate as a member of the Resort's Executive Committee.
- Attend and participate in weekly staff meetings.
- Maintain files per department guidelines.
- Maintain a working knowledge of all local laws, codes, and regulations.
- Assure proper certification of all employee mechanics and technicians, as required.
- Solicit and administer all sub-contract work.
- Analyze bids and verify quantities, as appropriate.
- Negotiate, prepare, and administer agreements and contracts with consultants and contractors.
- Liaison with governmental agencies and manage the procurement and compliance with entitlements, permits, inspections, notices, and other requirements.
- Produce annual operating budget for payroll, expenses, utilities, and capital improvements.
- Operate all areas within budgeted guidelines.
- Provide budget analysis each period.
- Establish and maintain an efficient inventory and purchasing system.
- Maintain the Hotel / Resort facility and related equipment in a safe and efficient manner.
- Participate in or possibly manage the property's safety committee.
- Assure proper certification of all employee mechanics and technicians, as required.
- Maintain the Resort facility and related equipment in a safe and efficient manner.
- Alignment with Property Mission and Core Values
- Model the property/company core values and other expected leadership attributes
- Maintain a professional image at all times.
- Act as a resource for all departments of the Resort.
- Maintain accurate records for all areas of responsibility.
- Perform other duties as assigned by General Manager
- Maintain property key schedules and records

Skills and Competencies:

- Strong leadership and team management skills.
- Extensive technical knowledge of resort engineering systems.
- Budgeting and financial management experience.
- Regulatory compliance and safety expertise.
- Effective communication and organizational skills.
- Alignment with property mission, values, and professional standards.
- Bachelor's degree in Engineering, Facilities Management, or related field.
- Advanced certifications in mechanical, electrical, or HVAC systems preferred.

Shift Varies. Full time. Weekend and holiday work may be required.**Salary Range: \$75,000 - \$90,000 per annum**



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POSITION: Director of Development

PROPERTY: Grace Bay Resorts

Job Overview: The Director of Development collaborates directly with the CEO and plays a key role in Grace Bay Resorts' hospitality development initiatives. This position requires managing interactions with a broad range of stakeholders, including owners, hotel guests, employees, travel trade professionals, and development experts such as architects, interior designers, and engineers. The role demands the ability to transition seamlessly between hospitality and development tasks. Occasional weekend and public holiday work is expected. The ideal candidate demonstrates strong interpersonal skills, a positive attitude, and the ability to communicate effectively with colleagues from diverse cultural backgrounds, hotel guests, international investors, and buyers.

Main Responsibilities

- Lead and expand the Development team, overseeing all aspects of real estate development.
- Foster a cohesive team environment and provide mentorship aligned with Grace Bay Resorts' objectives.
- Coordinate architectural, interior design, engineering, and construction activities.
- Ensure accurate record-keeping and coordination among design teams.
- Organize meetings and facilitate communication with designers, engineers, and consultants.
- Monitor construction and project budgets to ensure financial efficiency.
- Establish and oversee budgets for fee agreements with project consultants.
- Manage design and procurement of furniture packages for buyer clients.
- Lead or participate in value engineering initiatives to optimize project outcomes.
- Engage with external stakeholders, including investor partners (including high-net-worth individuals), financial institutions, real estate buyers, travel agents, tour operators, press representatives, and local government officials.
- Serve as the intermediary between Grace Bay Club and third-party developers upon CEO request.
- Provide technical services, design input, and OS&E procurement assistance to ensure smooth property transitions from construction to GBR operations.

Skills & Competencies

- Bachelor's degree in Architecture, Interior Design, Quantity Surveying, or related construction field.
- Proven experience managing teams of interior designers, architects, and engineers.
- Hands-on experience in interior design and architecture projects in the hotel or luxury condominium sector.
- Demonstrated proficiency in furniture and OS&E design, procurement, and installation.
- Experience interfacing with clients in the hospitality industry.
- Ability to interpret architectural, structural, and mechanical engineering drawings.
- Fluent in written and spoken English; proficiency in Spanish or French is advantageous.
- Proficient in MS Office, Bluebeam, AutoCAD, SketchUp, and related software.
- Strong people skills and ability to build relationships with diverse stakeholders.
- Positive, proactive attitude with excellent communication and collaboration abilities.

Shift Varies. Full time. Weekend and holiday work may be required.

Salary Range: \$100,000 - \$120,000 per annum

Interested persons should contact our Human Resources Department no later than March 5th 2026

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The Turks and Caicos Islands Turks and Caicos U-20 Men Fall to Jamaica in Concacaf Qualifier

By Vivian Tyson

The Turks and Caicos Islands Under-20 Men's National Team suffered a 7-0 defeat to Jamaica on match day two of the Concacaf U-20 Qualifiers, as the young Reggae Boyz continued their strong run in Group B.

That game was the TCI's second of the tournament, after coming off a 2-1 clipping of fellow British Overseas Territory the Cayman Islands on Monday, February 23 in a come-from-behind win. The TCI goals came from John Robertson in the 17th minute and Idelin Gardiner in the 83rd minute. Ishmael Jones had given the Cayman Islands the lead in the 10th minute.

Despite a determined effort from the Turks and Caicos side, Jamaica's quality and experience proved decisive. The Caribbean powerhouse struck early, with Raquel Campbell-Dennis finding the net in the 10th and 13th minutes to put the TCI boys on the back foot. Jahmarie Nolan added a third in the 19th minute, before Jabari Howell extended the lead to 4-0 by halftime. The Turks and Caicos team worked tirelessly to regain composure, but Jamaica maintained pressure throughout the opening 45 minutes.

In the second half, Giovanni Taylor scored twice (61st and 87th minutes), while Orel Miller added another in the 82nd minute to complete the scoring. Jamaica, who opened their campaign with a 3-0 win over Bonaire, are widely viewed as favourites to top the group. The Reggae Boyz will next face the Cayman Islands.

For Turks and Caicos, the result highlights the continued rebuilding and development of youth football within the islands. Competing against one of the region's strongest programmes provides valuable exposure and experience for the young squad as they continue to grow on the regional stage. Fourth place Turks and Caicos Islands were scheduled to face second place Puerto Rico on Friday, January 27. However, at press time, the result from that encounter was not available. They are scheduled to face Bonaire on March 1, and their final game against St. Kitts and Nevis on March 3.

The winner of Group B will advance to the Concacaf Men's U20 Championship, joining six pre-seeded nations. That tournament will serve as qualification for both the 2027 FIFA Men's U20 World Cup and the 2028 Olympic Games in Los Angeles.



20 Concacaf UNDER-20 QUALIFIERS

GROUP B

	W	D	L	DIF	PTS
1  JAMAICA	2	0	0	10	6
2  PUERTO RICO	2	0	0	5	6
3  ST. KITTS & NEVIS	1	0	1	2	3
4  TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS	1	0	1	-6	3
5  CAYMAN ISLANDS	0	0	2	-4	0
6  BONAIRE	0	0	2	-7	0

The Group B Points Standing, up to Friday, in the Concacaf Under 20 Men's competition.

Professional Golfer Ashley Gravett Offers Lessons at Provo Golf Course

Local female golfers looking to sharpen their skills or take up the sport for the first time are being encouraged to start their journey with a single lesson from PGA of Canada Class-A Golf Professional Ashley Gravett.

Gravett is offering a range of instructional options tailored to players of all ages and skill levels, with sessions designed to be relaxed, supportive and confidence-building.

"Your golf journey starts with one lesson" is the message behind the programme, which focuses not only on swing mechanics but on helping players become more complete golfers who truly enjoy the game.

A certified Class-A professional with the PGA of Canada, Gravett provides several training formats to suit individual preferences. These include Ladies Only Clinics, Junior Clinics, Private Lessons, Semi-Private and Group Lessons, as well as On-Course Playing Lessons that allow golfers to apply their skills in real-time situations. The popular Ladies Only Clinics are set to return soon, catering to both beginner and advanced golfers. The clinics are

designed to create a welcoming and supportive environment where women can develop their skills and build confidence on the course.

Beyond perfecting a swing, Gravett's lessons emphasize the fundamentals that contribute to overall performance. Participants will learn how to establish a consistent pre-shot routine, improve setup, posture and balance, and develop clear swing thoughts. Instruction also covers course management, including making smarter decisions during play and effectively transferring practice from the driving range to actual rounds.

Golfers will also gain strategies for handling missed shots with confidence, executing recovery and trouble shots, and understanding the role hydration and nutrition play in maintaining peak performance.

The overall objective of the programme is straightforward: learn, improve and enjoy the game more. With a supportive approach and structured guidance, Gravett aims to help golfers at every level feel more comfortable and confident each time they step onto the course.



Vinicius hits winner as Real Madrid eliminate Benfica after racism row

Vinicius Junior scored the winner on the night as Real Madrid beat Benfica 2-1 in the Champions League on Wednesday, progressing 3-1 on aggregate to the last 16.

It was the Brazilian forward's superb goal which separated the teams in a first leg marred by an incident of alleged racial abuse aimed at him by Benfica's Gianluca Prestianni, who denies it.

Jose Mourinho's side were still alive in the play-off round tie and took the lead early on at the Santiago Bernabeu through Rafa Silva, although Madrid's Aurelien Tchouameni swiftly levelled.

Benfica gave the record 15-time champions a rough ride but fittingly Vinicius, who never hides from the spotlight, scored on 80 minutes to effectively end the contest.

It was Portuguese coach Mourinho's first time back at the Santiago Bernabeu since he coached Real Madrid from 2010-2013, but he could not lead his team from the dug-out because of suspension.

After a week dominated by the fall-out from the first leg, Vinicius lined up for Real Madrid alongside Gonzalo Garcia, who stepped in for injured French superstar Kylian Mbappe.

Benfica were without banned midfielder Prestianni, after an appeal against his provisional one-game sanction was turned down earlier on Wednesday,



SL Benfica's Bosnian defender Amar Dedic (L) and Real Madrid's Brazilian forward Vinicius Junior fight for the ball during the UEFA Champions League knockout round play-off second leg football match between Real Madrid CF and SL Benfica at Santiago Bernabeu Stadium in Madrid on February 25, 2026.

with UEFA still investigating the incident. Madrid hung a large banner reading "no to racism" at one end, with the game played under the shadow of what happened last week in Lisbon.

There were boos for Vinicius from the visiting Benfica fans and he prodded wide in the early stages, appealing in vain for a penalty as Nicolas Otamendi

collided with him after he got his shot away.

Benfica took a deserved lead in the 14th minute as Madrid defender Raul Asencio clumsily turned the ball towards his own goal.

Belgian goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois kept the ball out but Silva was on hand to bundle home from close range.

Stung into action, Madrid pulled level two minutes later through Tchouameni. The French midfielder finished with aplomb from the edge of the box from rampaging team-mate Federico Valverde's cross.

Madrid thought they had gone ahead on the night when Arda Guler stabbed home a loose ball after Garcia's shot was blocked, but the Spanish striker had edged offside and it was disallowed after a VAR review.

Courtois made a fine save from Richard Rios before the break, as Benfica turned up the pressure.

Silva hit the bar with a deflected effort before the hour mark as Mourinho's side at times pinned back the hosts.

Madrid were dealt a set-back as Asencio was forced off on a stretcher after colliding with Eduardo Camavinga.

It had to be Vinicius who settled the tie, though, and Valverde played him scuttling through on goal, with the Brazilian calmly rolling a low shot past goalkeeper Anatoliy Trubin.

Vinicius produced another celebratory dance by the corner flag, as he had done in the first leg in the run-up to the flash-point with Prestianni, and to the chagrin of Mourinho.

This time, the 25-year-old just had thousands of jubilant fans jumping up and down before him, and his goal confirmed Madrid's passage to the last 16.

Matthews leads Windies Women to consolation victory over Sri Lanka

West Indies Women's captain Hayley Matthews (centre) is congratulated by wicketkeeper Shemaine Campbelle and Karishma Ramharack.

In a final match that was high on individual brilliance but low on series impact, West Indies Women produced a dominant performance to defeat Sri Lanka Women by six wickets in the third and final One-Day International at the National Stadium in Grenada yesterday.

Despite the victory, the hosts succumbed 2-1 in the three-match series.

The day belonged to West Indies captain Hayley Matthews, who delivered a Player of the Match winning knock, scoring a magnificent 100 to anchor a successful run-chase of 218.

It was a statement performance from the skipper, who ensured her team ended the series on a high note.

Earlier, Sri Lanka Women opted to bat first but were immediately put on the back foot. Matthews struck with the ball in her very first over, trapping the dangerous Chamari Athapaththu lbw for a duck.

Despite the early setback, Harshitha Samarawickrama played a sublime knock, holding the innings together with a well-crafted 70. She found support from Hasini Perera, who chipped in with 27, and Vishmi Gunaratne, 26, but the West Indies bowlers maintained



a stranglehold on the scoring rate.

Kavisha Dilhari provided a late surge with an unbeaten 45, pushing the visitors to a competitive total of 217 for seven from their 50 overs.

Matthews finished with economical figures of 2 for 33, while off-spinner Karishma Ramharack also chipped in with two crucial wick-

ets.

In reply, the West Indies chase got off to a rocky start. Matthews watched from the non-striker's end as her top order crumbled, losing Qiana Joseph for two and Shemaine Campbelle for a six-ball duck inside the first four overs to leave the team reeling at 12 for 2.

What followed was a masterclass in rebuilding. Matthews was joined by the experienced Stafanie Taylor, and together they weathered the storm and then dismantled the Sri Lankan attack.

The pair put on a monumental 124-run partnership for the third wicket, shifting the momentum decisively in the home team's favour.

During her innings of 38, Taylor reached a monumental personal milestone, becoming only the second player in history to surpass 6,000 runs in Women's ODI cricket.

Her steady presence allowed Matthews to play her natural game, eventually bringing up her 10th ODI century, a testament to her dominance in the format.

After Taylor's departure, Chinelle Henry, with a brisk 32 not out, and the explosive Deandra Dottin, with an unbeaten 24 not out, finished the job with an unbeaten 49-run stand, guiding the West Indies to 218 for four with four overs to spare.

While the victory was a morale booster for the home side, the post-match presentations reflected the series result.

Sri Lanka's Harshitha Samarawickrama was adjudged Player of the Series for her consistent performances with the bat.

For the West Indies, the final match offered a glimpse of their potential and a reminder of their class as they now turn their attention to the T20 series.

Garraway's Blazing 113 Powers Jaguars to Crushing Win Over Red Strikers

The Jaguars delivered a commanding all-round performance to defeat the Red Strikers by 142 runs after piling up 192 for 3 in their allotted 20 overs and then dismissing their opponents for just 50 in 12.5 overs.

The foundation for the Jaguars' imposing total was laid by a spectacular knock from Trevor Garraway, who smashed 113 off just 59 balls in a breathtaking display of power hitting. Garraway's innings included 15 fours and five sixes at a remarkable strike rate of 191.5. He dominated the Red Strikers' bowling attack from the outset, ensuring the Jaguars maintained momentum throughout the innings before he was eventually dismissed by Dowaine Rodgers.

While Lesson Payne fell early for a five-ball duck and Quacy Paddy managed just three, Bradley Singh provided steady support with 35 off 48 deliveries, striking four boundaries and a six. Nuwan Budhinayake added late fireworks with an unbeaten 18 from just



Trevor Garraway was named Player of The Match.

eight balls at a strike rate of 225.0. The Jaguars were also aided by 23 ex-

tras, which included nine wides and five no-balls, as they finished strongly at a healthy run rate of 9.6. In response, the Red Strikers never found their footing. Vibat Sonson (2) and Richard Thompson (4) were unable to build momentum, and wickets fell at regular intervals. Levaughn Mathurin top-scored with 11 off 14 balls, but no batter was able to convert a start into a meaningful contribution.

Quacy Paddy was instrumental with the ball for the Jaguars, claiming three wickets, including key scalps in the middle order. Daniel Bourne and Kirtley Charlerly each picked up two wickets, while Sheldon Phillips also chipped in. The disciplined bowling attack ensured the Red Strikers were bowled out for just 50, managing a run rate of only 3.9. Levaughn Mathurin (1 for 18 from four overs) was the most economical bowler for the Red Strikers, while Chabbie Charlerly and Dowaine Rodgers claimed a wicket apiece, but the total proved far beyond reach.

Trevor Garraway was named Player of The Match.

Omar's Clinch High-Scoring Thriller Over Kishco

Omar's produced a dominant batting display to chase down 142 and defeat Kishco by eight wickets in an entertaining 20-over contest that featured aggressive stroke play, wayward bowling, and a flurry of extras.

After winning the toss and batting first, KISHCO posted 141 for 7 in their allotted 20 overs at a steady run rate of 7.1. Mario Smith anchored the innings with a composed 40 off 40 balls, striking four boundaries and two sixes. He shared early responsibility after Vinod Panikar fell cheaply for 2, trapped lbw by Robert Johnson.

Alson Byfield added 19 from 22 deliveries, while Winston Callam struggled to accelerate, making 7 off 23 balls before being bowled by Daleovaun Hardware. Just as the innings threatened to stall, Smijo Devassys injected late momentum with an unbeaten 18 off 16 balls, including four crisp boundaries.

However, the most significant contributor to KISHCO's total was not a batsman, it was OMARS' indiscipline with the ball. A massive 47 extras (23 wides, 12 leg byes, 9 byes, and 3 no-balls) inflated the

total and kept KISHCO competitive. Robert Johnson (2 for 29) and Ramau-ni Chang (2 for 22) were the standout bowlers, while Daleovaun Hardware delivered an economical spell of 1.3 overs for just 4 runs.

Chasing 142, OMARS wasted little time asserting control.

Although Daleovaun Hardware fell early for 10, the chase was defined by a commanding innings from Rohan Hines. The right-hander smashed an unbeaten 75 off 47 balls, peppering the boundary with nine fours and three sixes at a blistering strike rate of 159.6.

He found strong support from Xavier Scott, who made a rapid 15 off 9, and Garrett Campbell, who sealed the victory with an unbeaten 27 from 19 deliveries.

Omar's raced to 144 for 2 in just 13 overs at an imposing run rate of 11.1.

KISHCO's bowlers struggled to contain the onslaught. Vicas Nair endured a difficult spell, conceding 44 runs in three overs, while Smijo Devassys and Shankilkumar were also expensive. Mario Smith was the lone bright spot, claiming 1 for

14 from his three overs. In the end, Omar's superior batting firepower and relentless scoring rate made the difference, comfortably overhauling

the target with seven overs to spare. Result: Omar's won by 8 wickets. Rohan Hines of Omar's Player of the Match.



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Teachers YS Blank Teachers FC 2–0 in PPL Mid-Week Match-Up

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Teachers YS secured a 2–0 victory over Teachers Football Club in their midweek Provo Premier League (PPL) matchup on Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at the Turks and Caicos Islands Football Association (TICFA) Field in Providenciales.

Teachers YS scored twice in the second half to break open what had been a tightly contested and scoreless first half.

The match went into the halftime interval locked at 0–0, with both teams demonstrating strong defensive structure and disciplined play. Teachers FC pushed forward in search of early opportunities, while Teachers YS remained compact and organized at the back. Despite a few promising attacking sequences from both sides, neither team was able to find the breakthrough before the whistle.

Teachers YS received three cautions in the opening half, as Wilmare Fradin was booked in the 25th minute, Reginal Supreme received a yellow card in the 30th minute, and Michael Benueth Morales Jimenez was cautioned in the 45th minute. Teachers FC completed the first half without any bookings.

The breakthrough came immediately after the restart when Emmanuel Hervey struck in the 46th minute to give Teachers YS a 1–0 lead. The early second-half goal shifted momentum and forced Teachers FC to chase the game. Teachers YS maintained their composure and doubled their advantage in the 70th minute when Airlandes Nash found the back of the net to make it 2–0.

Bendjy Celan was also cautioned in the 50th minute for Teachers YS.

At full time, Teachers YS claimed a 2–0 win in the PPL fixture. Michael Benueth Morales Jimenez was named Most Valuable Player for Teachers YS, while Henry Sabala Jean Pierre earned MVP honors for Teachers FC.

In one of two Clausura Round

games played on Saturday, February 21, Flamingoes FC delivered a dominant 5–0 victory over Provo United SC. Flamingoes led 1–0 at halftime following a 22nd-minute goal from Ashley Ojasma.

The second half saw an offensive surge, with Francky Pierre scoring in the 51st minute, Jocelyn Pierre adding another in the 62nd minute, Roosevelt Guerine netting in the 69th minute, and Peterson St. Hilaire completing the scoring in the 75th minute. Provo United SC received cautions from Wiguenes Prevaly in the 49th minute and Wendsderly Mexilus in the 55th minute. Peterson St. Hilaire was named Player of the Match for Flamingoes FC, while Evenson Estinfil earned the honor for Provo United SC.

Meanwhile, SWA Sharks FC produced a commanding 9–1 win over Teachers FC in another Clausura fixture. The Sharks led 7–0 at halftime after a relentless first-half display. Brian Gregg scored four goals in the 8th, 22nd, 39th, and 57th minutes, including one from the penalty spot.

Joseph Friend Lerr scored in the 19th minute, Junior Belizaire added a goal in the 27th minute, Marc Edy Longchamp found the net in the 33rd minute, and Junior Paul scored twice in the 44th and 46th minutes.

Teachers FC managed a late consolation goal through Rolin Junior Mompremier in stoppage time at 90+1.

Teachers FC received yellow cards for Kerwill Bruno in the 10th minute, Mency Ocean in the 18th minute, Daniel Leazard in the 22nd minute, Juvenson Termiline in the 24th minute, and Rolin Junior Mompremier in the 88th minute. SWA Sharks FC had one caution, with Loventzky Joseph booked in the 68th minute. Lukenson Vixamar was named MVP for Teachers FC, while Brian Gregg earned MVP honors for SWA Sharks FC.



Michael Benueth Morales Jimenez



Brian Gregg scored four goals for the Sharks in their 9-1 whipping of Teachers United