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Police Force Opens Recruitment for Senior Leadership Roles

The Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Police Force (RTCIPF) has launched a wide-reaching recruitment campaign aimed at filling several of its most senior posts. Government officials say the move is part of an ongoing effort to strengthen national security, improve accountability, and modernize the operations of the force at a time when crime and policing standards remain under close public scrutiny. The vacancies, announced this week, are open to applicants from within the Turks and Caicos Islands as well as from across the region and internationally. With salaries ranging from USD \$73,525 to nearly \$147,000 per year, the positions are among the highest-paying roles in the public service, underscoring their importance in shaping the direction of the RTCIPF. The positions now advertised are:

- Deputy Commissioner of Police – USD \$136,311
- Inspector General – USD \$136,311
- Legal Advisor – USD \$73,525
- Chief Operating Officer – USD \$146,792
- Assistant Commissioner of Police – USD \$101,355

Each role is tied to stringent qualification requirements. The Deputy Commissioner of Police post demands at least 10 years of policing experience at or above the rank of Assistant Commissioner, along with a proven record of organizational reform and modern policing strategies. The Inspector

General position also requires a decade of senior-level experience, but in law enforcement, judicial, or oversight capacities, with the ability to lead complex audits and investigations. The Legal Advisor role is designed for attorneys or barristers with at least seven years of post-qualification practice, ideally with a background in criminal law, police powers, and public governance. At the top of the salary scale, the Chief Operating Officer role requires more than 10 years of executive leadership, preferably in policing or security, and strong expertise in finance, procurement, and operational management. Meanwhile, the Assistant Commissioner of Police post requires a minimum of 15 years of senior policing experience, with a focus on leadership, training, and organizational development. Officials describe the recruitment drive as a step toward professionalizing the force and ensuring that its leadership is equipped to respond to the changing demands of policing in the territory. In recent years, the RTCIPF has faced mounting pressure to address violent crime, strengthen community trust, and implement reform measures that align with modern policing standards. Yet, the announcement has also raised questions and stirred speculation. Some of the positions currently being advertised are understood to be occupied by serving officers, but the RTCIPF has not clarified whether those individuals must reapply or whether

the recruitment is part of a broader restructuring initiative. This lack of clarity has led to concerns within policing circles about job security and transparency in the process. There is also uncertainty over whether the recruitment reflects compliance requirements, a deliberate effort to expand the leadership pool, or preparations for succession planning, as at least one of the current postholders is believed to be nearing retirement. For now, both the policing community and the wider public remain uncertain about what the recruitment drive signals for current officeholders. Will they be confirmed, replaced, or asked to compete with external candidates? Or are these positions being expanded to bring additional expertise into the senior ranks? Until the government provides further explanation, speculation is likely to continue. The British Government, through Her Excellency Governor Dileeni Daniel Selvaratnam is head of National Security for the Turks and Caicos Islands. A body known as the National Security Council, chaired by Daniel-Selvaratnam and Premier Hon. Washington Misick, and includes other elected officials, personnel from the Governor’s Office and High-Ranking Law-enforcement individuals, has been set-up to assess, make recommendations and signoff on security measures aim at protecting the territory. The decision to advertise for those positions could come from that body.

Applications for the posts close on October 24, 2025, and must be submitted via the government’s careers portal at www.careers.gov.tc or by email at careers@gov.tc.



Governor Dileeni Daniel-Selvaratnam, through the British Government, is head of national security for the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Turks and Caicos Secures Funding to Tackle Invasive Fire Ants

By Vivian Tyson NEWSLINE Editor-In-Chief

The Department of Agriculture has secured international funding to fight invasive fire ants in the Turks and Caicos Islands, following the approval of its proposal to the Darwin Plus Local Programme. The project, titled “Ant Diversity and Managing Invasive Ants in the Turks and Caicos Islands” (DPL00130), will strengthen national efforts to protect the environment, agriculture, and public health. **Why it matters for TCI** Fire ants are considered one of the world’s most aggressive invasive species. In the Turks and Caicos, they threaten native biodiversity, damage crops, and cause painful stings to people. Without effective management, they risk undermining both livelihoods and the natural heritage that defines the islands. **What the project will do** Under this initiative, the Department of Agriculture, working in partnership with the Public and Environmental Health Department, will:

- Survey and catalogue ant species across the islands.
- Roll out targeted treatments in high-risk areas to curb invasive fire ants.



- Provide specialist training to local staff in ant identification and biosecurity.
- Engage communities through education, school programmes, and outreach activities.

International recognition The proposal received high praise from Darwin Plus reviewers, who described it as “a highly worthwhile initiative with

clear potential for positive impact.” They also noted the strong collaboration with the Department of Environment and UK-based Fera Science, pointing out that lessons from TCI could help guide similar projects across the Caribbean. **Working together** Hon. Zhavargo Jolly, Minister with responsibility for Agriculture, welcomed the funding and called on the public to

support the initiative: “Addressing the fire ant threat is about protecting our environment, our agriculture, and our people. This project equips us with the tools we need for a healthier, safer future. But success will depend on the community’s involvement, because safeguarding the Turks and Caicos Islands is something we all share.”



A Dynamic Mobile Service provider seeks to recruit for the following post:

VACANCY

Job Title: Country Operations Manager
Type: Permanent
Location: Digicel TCI, 991A Leeward Highway Providenciales, Turks and Caicos Islands

Primary objective of the job:

The Country Operations Manager (COM) is responsible for assisting the Regional CEO in delivering commercial, operational, and general management strategies within the market. The COM will collaborate closely with both regional and group teams to adapt and implement these strategies from a local perspective, providing strong leadership and proactive engagement with internal and external stakeholders. The goal is to not only meet, but surpass, the set objectives, thereby ensuring successful market performance.

Main Duties and Responsibilities:

- Lead the implementation of Digicel Group and Regional commercial, operational, and general management strategies within the market. Liaising close ly with the Regional CEO, the Regional B2C Director, Regional Commercial Manager, Head of Mobile & D+ and Regional Head of DB.
- Provide leadership, guidance, and strategic support to the local team, inspiring and guiding them to surpass business objectives.
- Assume P&L responsibility, by ensuring approved targets set by the Regional CEO for customer numbers, revenue, and EBITDA are achieved across the Consumer (Prepaid, Postpaid, Home Internet) and Business (Mobile, Fixed, and ICT) segments are achieved based on strategies approved by the Regional CEO and Regional SMT.
- Execute high-quality, effective plans as authorized by the Regional CEO, with a view to ensuring alignment with both short-term and long-term objectives of the Atlantic Region and the overall Digicel Group team.
- Work with regional SMT, (Regional CEO, the Regional B2C Director, Regional Commercial Manager, Head of Mobile & D+ , Regional Head of DB and Regional CFO) to prepare and produce annual budgets and operational plans, ensuring alignment with Group and Regional goals, as well as local considerations.
- Build and maintain strong relationships within country key internal and external stakeholders, including but not limited to Departmental Heads/Managers/Directors, customers, business partners, distributors, suppliers, and government and regulatory authorities.
- Implement a management framework to oversee all business functions, including monitoring KPIs and conducting performance reviews against management framework approved by the Regional CEO.
- Make recommendations/suggestions for corrective actions to be taken for performance improvement and seek confirmation from the Regional CEO to implement corrective measures.
- Collaborate with the Regional legal teams to ensure compliance with legal requirements and internal policies, safeguarding the company’s legal standing and upholding business ethics.
- Represent the business as required, attending key corporate events and public meetings – ensuring that high level reports regarding the outcome/take-aways from these meetings/events are prepared and submitted to the Regional CEO with 24 hours.
- Safeguard the company’s brand equity and public image, ensuring a positive reputation with consumers, government, the wider business community, and other stakeholders.
- Work with the Regional CEO and Head of HR Atlantic Region to foster the development of the local team, motivating and engaging direct reports to enhance employee engagement and performance.
- Oversee and work collaboratively with key internal stakeholders to ensure successful execution of any and all roll-out strategies.
- Perform related duties: The tasks outlined above are illustrative of the type of work that may be required. The omission of specific duties does not exclude them from the role if they are similar, related, or logically assigned.

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE:

- Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration, Marketing, Telecommunications, Engineering, or a related field.
- Master’s Degree (MBA or equivalent) in International Business, Strategic Management, or Marketing would be considered an asset.
- At least 5 years of relevant commercial experience.
- At least 5 years of senior management experience within the telecommunications sector.
- Extensive experience (more than 10 years) in telecommunications
- A proven track record of consistently exceeding targets in an internationally matrix-managed business environment.
- Demonstrated success in achieving ambitious targets through effective leadership of a diverse team both locally and remote.
- Experience and expertise in Sales or Business Development with a proven ability to drive results.
- Exceptional interpersonal, verbal, and written communication skills, with the ability to influence, persuade, and deliver compelling arguments.

Functional Skills:

- Leadership and people management skills to lead and motivate diverse teams across departments (sales, operations, finance, etc.).
- Strong communication skills (both verbal and written) to engage with internal and external stakeholders, including senior management, government officials, and key clients.
- Financial acumen to understand budgets, forecasts, and financial reports, ensuring the business is on track to meet revenue and profitability targets.
- Strategic thinking and the ability to develop and execute business plans tailored to the specific market needs in the country.
- Problem-solving abilities to address complex issues related to operations, regulations, or market challenges.
- Adaptability and cultural sensitivity, given the need to navigate different business environments and cultural norms.

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Rat Problem Irks Residents Across TCI

Concerns are mounting over rising rodent activity in the Turks and Caicos Islands, prompting the Public and Environmental Health Department (PEHD) to step up efforts to address the issue.

The department confirmed that its Vector Control Unit is actively working to manage infestations and protect public health. Residents are being urged to report sightings directly to PEHD offices in Grand Turk or Providenciales so that complaints can be followed up swiftly.

Officials stressed that rat control requires a collective effort. “If you have rats, your neighbor may also have rats,” the department warned. “The only lasting solution is to cut off food, shelter, and entry points.”

How Residents Can Help:

- Store food in sealed containers and dispose of garbage frequently.

- Clear yards, drains, and surroundings of overgrowth and debris.
- Seal holes and cracks around homes and businesses.
- Eliminate standing water.
- Avoid leaving pet food outdoors overnight.

While the department does not hand out rat bait to the public, the Vector Control Unit will apply baiting measures when necessary.

Residents can report rodent activity at:

Grand Turk Office – Naynelly’s Plaza, Lighthouse Road. Phone: (649) 338-2144. Email: ehd@gov.tc

Providenciales Office – 16 Parade Avenue, Butterfield Square, Downtown. Phone: (649) 338-2143. Email: ehd@gov.tc

The PEHD thanked the public for its cooperation, noting that community involvement is essential in tackling the rodent problem.



DPP Office Hosts Human Traffick Seminar



The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) hosted a two-day Human Trafficking workshop, facilitated by Senior Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions and head of the Human Trafficking Sexual Offences Unit, Mrs. Christine Johnson-Spence and Crown counsel Ms. Morgan Kellier from

the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, Jamaica. During September 8-9, twenty-four key stakeholders from Border Force, Police Officers from the Human Trafficking Unit and Prosecutors from the DPP’s office met at the Police Headquarters where they engaged in critical training,



equipping them to combat and address trafficking within the Turks and Caicos Islands. Deputy Director, Dr. Angela Brooks said, “this training was timely and critical, because we are now prosecuting offences of this nature. Human trafficking is modern slavery and it must be addressed at

the highest level of government. “ In order to accurately detect, investigate and prosecute these types of matters, it is paramount that Officers and Prosecutors received the appropriate training that would enable them to execute their duties to the highest standard.”

Premier Misick Lauds Progress of Local Entrepreneurs, \$8 Million Committed Through MSME Programme

By Todeline Defralien

Premier Hon. Charles Washington Misick says his government is proud of the remarkable progress being made by local entrepreneurs, who he believes are laying the foundation for a more inclusive and sustainable economy in the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Delivering the keynote address at Invest Turks and Caicos’ (Invest TCI) 4th Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at the Ritz Carlton in Providenciales, the Premier highlighted how government-backed initiatives are transforming small businesses and expanding opportunities for Turks and Caicos Islanders.

At the heart of his remarks was the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) Programme, which Invest TCI has been administering since 2016. Misick revealed that to date, the programme has provided more than \$8 million in benefits to 334 small businesses across the islands, with a record \$2.47 million disbursed in 2024–25 alone. The programme has supported a wide range of ventures, including those in tourism, transportation, and manufacturing.

“We are deeply proud of the progress made by our local entrepreneurs,” Misick told attendees. “Since its inception, the MSME Programme has empowered hundreds of small businesses across these islands. With the right support, the people of the TCI can build world-class enterprises.”

The Premier pointed to Island Mystique as one of the most inspiring examples of entrepreneurial growth. Once a small start-up, the cultural-luxury tourism brand now works with artisans in North Caicos and Grand Turk and recently secured a partnership with Amanyara to deliver 5,000 culturally inspired items annually. He also highlighted Nae’s Luxury Transfer, a transportation company based in South Caicos that, through MSME and Accelerator Programme support, has expanded its fleet and created new jobs for islanders.

“These are just two of the many success stories proving that Turks and Caicos Islanders, given the opportunity, can turn ideas into thriving businesses,” Misick said.

While financial support is central, the Premier stressed that Invest TCI’s role extends beyond funding. He noted the expansion of services through the Business Support Unit, the creation of a dedicated MSME retail space in Grand Turk to showcase local products, and the launch of the Youth Business Summit, which is cultivating the next generation of business leaders.

“These initiatives ensure that young people and small businesses are not only part of the TCI economy’s present, but also the drivers of its future,” he explained.

Looking ahead, Misick said his government’s approach to development will be “fearless,” not only in constructing critical infrastructure such as ports, schools,

and roads, but also in investing in people, ideas, and entrepreneurial energy.

“The future will not just be about development; it will be about transformation,” he declared. “Together with Invest TCI, we will position the Turks and Caicos Islands as a model of innovation, resilience, and inclusive growth. The next decade is not something we wait for — it is something we will create.”

As Invest TCI celebrates its 10-year anniversary of supporting private sector growth, the Premier noted that government investments are complementing these efforts. Recent major projects include the \$26.2 million South Dock Port Redevelopment, the construction of new schools, \$8.5 million in road and highway upgrades, and strategic utility developments such as a new seawater reverse osmosis (SWRO) plant and improved water distribution systems.

According to Misick, these infrastructure projects, combined with private sector initiatives, demonstrate how a decade of work by Invest TCI has laid the groundwork for sustainable growth. “Together, these public and private sector initiatives underscore progress through modern infrastructure, enhanced resilience, and improved competitiveness across the entire economy,” he said.

Still, the Premier stressed that growth must be carefully managed and thoughtfully measured. He argued that true success cannot be defined solely by numbers or projects, but must also reflect cultural

preservation, social wellbeing, and environmental stewardship.

“True success is multifaceted,” he said. “It must reflect cultural and social wellbeing, environmental stewardship, and our collective capacity to absorb new development without strain. In the case of Provo, we must do a better job of managing growth so that it empowers — not overwhelms — our communities.”

The Premier also acknowledged that for too long, the TCI economy has relied heavily on foreign direct investment, with insufficient attention on building domestic industries. He stressed that going forward, government policy will place greater emphasis on strengthening local businesses and ensuring meaningful impact for Turks and Caicos Islanders.

“We must carefully consider the carrying capacity of our economy and ensure that growth is both inclusive and sustainable, strengthening our people as much as our economy,” Misick said.

In his closing remarks, the Premier outlined a clear vision for the country’s future: diversification of the economy, an improved ease of doing business, and equitable access to opportunities for all citizens, particularly young people and small business owners.

“Investment is not simply about attracting capital,” he concluded. “It is about creating opportunities, building capacity, and ensuring prosperity is shared. That is the vision guiding us as we chart the next decade together.”

Boys Day Shines Light on Purpose and Empowerment

By Vivian Tyson NEWSLINE Editor-In-Chief

Several resource individuals converged at the New Testament Church of God in Blue Hills on September 23, 2025, to impart their knowledge and expertise to male students across Providenciales in what is dubbed “Zones of Impact & Boys’ Focus Day”.

Minister of Education Hon. Rachel Taylor described the event as meaningful and purpose-driven, which she said was intentionally designed to help our young boys discover their Purpose. The day featured a diverse lineup of inspirational speakers, young men from all walks of life who shared powerful stories and words of encouragement.

Among the keynote speakers was Mr. Jaron Harvey, Director of Rehabilitation, who introduced the upcoming Junior Prevention Intervention Council (JPIC). Set to launch this October, JPIC aims to support the holistic development of our most vulnerable boys, offering structured guidance, mentorship, and resources.

Minister of Education Hon. Rachel Taylor, pointed out that the Department of Youth Affairs will further deepen its outreach with



Action from the Boys Day activities at the News Testament Church of God, Blue Hills, Providenciales,

the launch of Zones of Impact, a collaborative initiative with our partners in education. This strategic program will actively engage and support at-risk boys in their

own communities, ensuring no one is left behind.

“Together, through initiatives like JPIC and Zones of Impact, we are making a deliber-

ate and assertive effort to uplift, empower, and transform the lives of our young men, equipping them with the tools they need to thrive,” Taylor said.

Understanding business etiquette in today's globalised world

In an era when global markets intertwine, and workplaces are more diverse than ever, the rules of business etiquette are under constant scrutiny.

Business etiquette refers to the accepted rules, behaviour, and professional conduct in a workplace, guiding interactions with colleagues, clients, and managers to foster a positive, respectful, and productive environment. While good manners can foster trust and collaboration, certain practices may spark controversy, misunderstandings, or even legal challenges in a globalised world.

As companies navigate this complex landscape, understanding the nuances has become more critical and more contentious than ever. In an increasingly interconnected world, the boundaries of traditional business etiquette are constantly tested. As companies expand across borders and workplaces become more diverse, although controversial, understanding these delicate nuances are essential, as what is considered polite and respectful in one culture or industry can be misunderstood or even offensive in another.

Failing to adapt to certain cultural norms in the global space can lead to missed opportunities, damaged reputations, or even legal consequences. As the world becomes more interconnected, mastering nuanced business etiquette is not optional; it's essential for sustainable success.

In Japanese business etiquette, the depth of an ojigi (bow) signifies respect or apology, with a 45-degree angle, known as saikeirei, used for expressing deep remorse or the highest respect after a significant scandal. The bow must be 45 degrees, as a 35-degree bow stands for greeting. Since bowing is a sign of respect in Japan, failure to do so may be perceived as dismissive and could most likely damage business relationships. Conversely, in Western settings direct eye contact and firm handshakes are standard, but in some Middle Eastern cultures prolonged eye contact can be seen as aggressive, and physical contact between genders may be inappropriate, creating confusion for multinational teams.

Misjudging these norms can cause diplomatic faux pas or offend local partners. For today's professionals, the key is cultural intelligence and ethical awareness. In the complex area of international business, understanding and respecting differences isn't just polite, it's strategic. Take the case of Japanese business culture, in which exchanging business cards (meishi) with both hands and meticulous attention to presentation is a sign of respect. Offering a card with the left hand or hurriedly stuffing it into a pocket can offend Japanese colleagues.

One of the most debated areas in business etiquette involves cultural norms

around greetings and gift-giving. The acceptability of gift-giving varies widely as what is considered a respectful gesture in one country/region might be misconstrued as bribery in another country/region. In West Asia, disciplinary proceedings were launched against a senior official from the European Union accused of accepting luxury gifts from Qatar while his department negotiated a major deal with the Gulf State.

While gift-giving is customary in many Asian countries, the company's lavish presents were viewed as attempts at bribery, which could lead to reputational damage.

The controversy underscores the importance of understanding local customs, as what is considered respectful in one culture can be interpreted as corrupt in another. In China, giving a small gift is a customary gesture to show appreciation, but in the United States or Europe, such gifts might be viewed suspiciously, especially if they are expensive. In some cases, companies have faced legal scrutiny over "kickbacks" disguised as gifts. For example, in recent years, several international firms have encountered backlash after offering lavish gifts to win contracts, sparking debates about ethics and influence.

While gift-giving can build relationships, it can also be perceived as bribery or favouritism, especially in certain cultures or industries. The appropriate timing, value, and type of gifts are often debated. While gift-giving can be a sign of respect and relationship-building, it can also be perceived as an attempt to influence decisions. Many companies have strict policies prohibiting gifts above a certain value, yet the cultural expectation of generosity can make compliance difficult.

Expectations around professional attire can vary widely across industries and cultures. What is considered respectful or appropriate in one setting might be viewed as unprofessional in another. In industries like finance or law, a suit is still expected, whereas tech companies may embrace casual attire.

However, casual attire may backfire in traditional sectors like finance or law. For example, a foreign executive attending a high-stakes meeting in New York's financial district dressed casually was perceived as unprepared, leading to questions about competence. Meanwhile, in creative industries like advertising, casual wear is often embraced, emphasising the importance of industry-specific norms.

A foreign executive attending a meeting in a casual outfit might be perceived as unprofessional or disrespectful in certain contexts, leading to misunderstandings about competence.

Additionally, professional attire varies widely depending on region, industry,

and culture. Northern regions in Europe favour minimalist designs while Southern Europe embraces bold colours and flair. Asia emphasises modesty and cultural symbolism, with countries like Japan opting for sleek, neutral styles, and India blending traditional garments with modern business wear.

Meanwhile, in the Middle East and Africa, professional attire often reflects a mix of traditional elements and modern business standards. Misjudging dress standards can lead to perceptions of disrespect or lack of seriousness, highlighting the importance of understanding industry-specific norms.

As workplaces become more diverse, issues surrounding gender sensitivity and inclusivity have gained prominence. Comments, gestures, or behaviour that may seem harmless to some can be offensive to others. Ensuring respectful interactions requires ongoing awareness, training, and a commitment to fostering an inclusive environment.

Despite increased awareness, gender sensitivity remains a contentious issue. There have been recent debates about the "aggressive" negotiation style of female executives, which can be perceived as sexist. Companies are investing heavily in diversity training, yet controversy persists when behaviour or policies fall short of expectations.

Recent debates on gender and diversity continue to include issues surrounding unconscious bias and inappropriate behaviour. For instance, comments about a female colleague's appearance or assumptions based on gender can lead to lawsuits, reputational damage, and a toxic work environment. Respecting diversity and avoiding behaviour or language that could be perceived as discriminatory or insensitive remains a sensitive area in business etiquette.

In the digital age, communication has moved online, raising questions about professionalism in e-mails, on social media, and on messaging apps. Is it acceptable to send a casual message to a senior executive? How should one handle negative feedback or disagreement in public forums? Such missteps may tarnish reputations and damage relationships, making digital etiquette a hotly debated topic.

In 2024, an American CEO faced backlash after posting a comment on LinkedIn about the firing of his employee. The post was perceived as unprofessional, insensitive, and damaging to the company's reputation. This incident highlights the delicate balance of professionalism and authenticity online, and how misjudged digital interactions can escalate into public relations crises.

Similarly, e-mails and social media have revolutionised business interactions, yet they introduce new controversies. Sending a casual "Hey" to a senior executive

or replying to a complaint with a curt tone can damage reputations. Another notable incident involved a CEO who posted an insensitive comment on Twitter, leading to public outrage and costly backlash.

The dilemma centres on professionalism versus informality: What tone is appropriate? When does it cross the line? The use of e-mail, social media, and messaging apps introduces issues around professionalism, privacy, and tone. Miscommunication or inappropriate online behaviour can damage reputations.

While good manners are universal, their interpretation varies widely across cultures and industries. What's considered polite in one context may be inappropriate in another. As global business expands, the importance of cultural intelligence and ethical awareness grows, yet controversy persists. Professionals need to navigate the complexities of business etiquette in the global landscape with sensitivity, adaptability, and an open mind. Failing to do so risks damaging relationships, harming reputations, losing opportunities, or legal repercussions in an increasingly interconnected world.

While the core principles of respect and professionalism are universal, their expression varies dramatically across cultures, industries, and contexts. The controversy often lies in the details of how gestures are interpreted, what communication styles are acceptable, and how diversity is navigated.

In the end, mastering the art of business etiquette isn't just about politeness; it's about building bridges across cultures and fostering mutual respect in a diverse global marketplace. As the world continues to shrink and diversity flourishes, mastering the art of sensitive and appropriate business conduct isn't just advisable, it's essential.

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A Dynamic Mobile Service provider seeks to recruit for the following post:

VACANCY

Job Title: Digicel Business Service Manager
Type: Permanent
Location: Digicel TCI, 991A Leeward Highway Providenciales, Turks and Caicos Islands

Primary objective of the job:

The role of DB Service Manager is to provide support to the DB Sales Team and provide exceptional, professional service to our corporate clientele ensuring fast and accurate processing of service requests and coordinating with other departments to resolve account queries.

Main Duties and Responsibilities:

- Process account applications for new mobile and fixed corporate services and products.
- Be the first point of corporate customer contact for general inquiries, products and services.
- Provide specialized support to existing corporate clients with service requests.
- Accurately enter new accounts and update existing customer accounts information in GLDS , Ecare , Sales Force etc. or such other databases or applications as may be implemented by the company
- Promptly respond to customer correspondence in an appropriate manner as per SLA agreements.
- Liaise with the sales team to ensure clear lines of communication are maintained regarding customer account status.
- Quickly and accurately resolve customer issues over the telephone and or email.
- Schedule regular calls with corporate clients to discuss services.
- Build good business relationships with clients by providing prompt and accurate service so as to promote customer loyalty.
- Upsell to existing and current customers where a billing review or account issues present an opportunity
- Records details of inquiries, comments and complaints within the call log platform.
- Maintain customer records by updating account information.
- Follow-up on fault reports and provide feedback to clients within 24 hours of the query.
- Ensure corporate clients receive monthly invoices in a timely manner for payments.
- Maintain frequent contact with customers and work closely with the Credit and Collection Executive to ensure prompt payment of invoices and proper debt management.
- Process and maintain accurate records of sales and payments.
- Organize workflow to meet customer timeframes.
- Follow all company procedures and guidelines.

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE:

- A Bachelor’s degree in any discipline
 - Previous experience in customer support in the telecommunications industry is preferred but not mandatory
 - Experience handling customer complaints and resolving issues efficiently
 - An understanding of ECare, GLDS and Salesforce would be a plus
- Functional Skills:

The ideal candidate must:

- Be able to think quickly and logically to ensure expedient responses to customer inquiries.
- Be able to work with patience and courtesy in customer relations.
- Be flexible to respond to customer queries on weekends.
- Be a team player with strong business and commercial awareness.
- Be an organized self-starter with drive, excellent time management skills
- Be willing to take the initiative.
- Have strong communication, interpersonal and analytical skills at a senior level.
- Have excellent creative skills and a proven track record of achievement in customer care.
- Proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint and department specific systems.
- Have a proven track record of delivering on time with tight reporting deadlines
- Requires a strong knowledge of relevant business practices and procedure
- Ability to work unsupervised and handle multiple priority assignments simultaneously
- Excellent troubleshooting and analytical skills
- Ability to meet deadlines while paying attention to detail
- High degree of initiative and creativity

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VACANCY

Job Title: Public Sector Sales Executive
Type: Permanent
Location: Digicel TCI, 991A Leeward Highway Providenciales, Turks and Caicos Islands

Primary objective of the job:

The Public Sector Sales Executive is accountable for the end-to-end management and life cycle of all public sector / Government accounts. The primary role is to grow our existing base through selling ICT and mobility solutions and effective management of aged debt. Finding new business is a critical part of the role of Public Sector Sales Executive through networking and building a pipeline of new opportunities.

Main Duties and Responsibilities:

- Responsible for managing the end to end billing cycle and dealing with under agreed contractual SLA’s any queries the account may have.
- Accountable for managing the handset allocation fund as well as effectively communicating with the customer through the agreed lines of communication.
- Responsible for debt management. 90-day debtors are to be kept to a minimum and where necessary, ensuring that agreed payment plans are put in place and enforced.
- Conduct regular account reviews, quarterly at a minimum or monthly if the size of the account dictates such.
- Document all customer meetings in Sales Force ensuring that actions, owners and timelines are noted and tracked.
- Responsible for maintaining a strong relationship with the areas that drive demand into Sales and Service Directorate, and for ensuring an up to date roadmap of demand is maintained to allow planning and alignment of priorities and resources in Sales and Service channels.
- Required to influence the shape and scope of programs to ensure they create outcomes which are aligned with the Sales & Service goals and strategy.
- Employ strong relationship management skills as well as robust project/program planning, governance, tools and techniques to ensure all risks, issues and dependencies are managed and impacted stakeholders are always appropriately engaged through clear engagement and communication strategies.
- Take the lead on all change demands from assigned accounts, influencing the scope, outcomes, planning and delivery of change programs and initiatives to lead the business in any integration.
- Liaise with wider delivery teams beyond Sales and Service, ensuring they are aware of and focused on the strategic goals of the directorate and that the wider teams in Sales and Service are engaged through effective communications and timely engagement of Sales & Service subject matter experts.
- Must build strong and credible relationships with key stakeholders, owners and sponsors across Sales & Services directorate and wider business, influencing and being personally accountable for communicating progress and driving action to ensure achievement of deliverables and business benefits.
- Required to maintain and improve an excellent segment, commercial and channel knowledge across S&S, owning and managing cross channel alignment meetings, ensuring proposition and category alignment is maintained and dependencies are identified and managed.

Academic Qualifications and Experience Required:

- At least 5 years experience selling into the public sector and government accounts. Knowledge of framework agreements and the ability and gravitas to work with and navigate government departments.
- Minimum 2-3 years B2B or B2C direct sales & field based or telephone cold calling experience.
- Ideally, a first degree in Management / Marketing / Sales or equivalent qualifications.
- A Diploma in Management Studies or equivalent or management training incorporating the management of Human Resources and the concepts of Managerial Accounting and Budgetary Analysis.
- Knowledge of functions & operations of the Telecommunications industry.
- Knowledge of security, cloud, mobile, wireless, fixed voice & data products & service offerings.
- Working knowledge of CRM & contact management systems, e.g. Salesforce.com

Functional Skills:

You will have strong leadership and influencing skills, including communication to senior stakeholders, as you will be expected to communicate at CEO / Ministerial Direct Report level, plus excellent relationship management skills and the ability to negotiate and build effective relationships across Sales & Service and Digicel Group.

- Knowledge of Cloud, Virtualization, Cloud telephony, WAN, MPLS, IPLC, DPLC
 - Experience of managing and reporting pipeline through use of Salesforce.com
 - Proven track record in B2B & Business Solutions Sales
 - Provide consultancy, design and development services to Digicel’s Corporate Clients
 - Interface directly with customers on technical issues where necessary
 - Experience in understanding and positioning Business Solutions to the Corporate market
 - Excellent analytical and organizational skills
 - Ability to assist in the design of networks, services, systems architecture, systems as well as the development and integration of overall solutions
 - Experience of selling telecoms products and services (namely GSM, 3G, DSL, DIA, IP, PBX, VoIP, M2M services, Security services)
 - Become and expert BAM in at least one ICT/Business product and service so that you can assist customers and colleagues to better understand and sell this product.
 - Full CSI and CSR programs to be run throughout the lifecycle
- You should have a strong commercial awareness and a proven track record in defining and scoping business requirements and ensuring benefit tracking mechanisms are in place, hold the ability to think strategically and align delivery activity to channel priorities and goals.

DISCLAIMER:

This job description indicates the general nature and level of work expected of the incumbent. It is not designed to cover or contain a comprehensive listing of activities, duties or responsibilities required of the incumbent. Incumbent may, and probably will be asked to perform other duties as required. Each employee, regardless of classification, is required to maintain a safe, orderly and clean workplace, using safety precautions and observing safety rules at all times. Positions are available for individuals who are nationals of the Turks and Caicos Islands or have Belonger Status. Interested candidates may submit their resumes to <https://careers.digicelgroup.com/jobinvite/6426/> The application deadline is October 03, 2025.



CPA Programmes Manager, Clive Barker, Clerk to the Parliament of the Turks and Caicos Islands Mrs. Tracey Parker and Mrs. Jacqueline Sampson Ombudsman/Formal Clerk, Trinidad and Tobago.

Members of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) recently visited the Turks and Caicos Islands where they conducted a Legislative Benchmark Assessment, measured against the CPA's Recommended Benchmarks for Democratic Legislatures. On Monday September 22nd 2025, Her Excellency Governor Dileeni Daniel-Selvaratnam welcomed the CPA delegation, comprising of representatives from the United Kingdom and Trinidad and Tobago. The assessment offered valuable insights to support Parliament in enhancing its practices in line with shared principles of good governance, transparency and accountability.

During a closing out ceremony with local media hosted at the Premier's Office on Thursday September 25th, 2025, the CPA team shared with local media the successes of the assessment. CPA Programmes Manager, Clive Barker said, "We are here as part of a three part process in helping to facilitate a self assessment of Parliament of the Turks and Caicos Islands against our updated recommended benchmarks of democratic legislatures. These are over 200 standards that we assess our membership against and they cover all aspects of parliamentary procedure." Asked how CPA benchmarks strengthens democratic legislatures, he added, "By carrying out programmes like these,

Commonwealth Parliamentary Association conducts legislative benchmark assessment in the TCI

where we help to facilitate assessment of the parliament and we analyze the responses that the parliament provides to us in their proceedings and assess where there are gaps, where there are areas for reform and improvement, we help to provide assistance further down the road in terms of technical programmes that we can provide to improve their institution, or in partnering or handing them off to other organizations who can help provide their expertise to help deliver those benchmarks." Barker explained that it is a roadmap for the institution in its improvement long term. "Some of the issues that we've seen so far are resourcing and the independence of the parliament and how it can become more of an institution in its own standing and providing those key roles as legislating, representing the people of the TCI and overseeing the government's action," he said. In addition, Barker said he thinks that there's a lot that can be done in terms of helping the population understand what the institution is there for and

what is its role in the wider democracy of TCI. Asked what some of the feedbacks were they received from stakeholders and parliamentarians they've meet with, he said, "Very positive, they were delighted to have the opportunity to share their views on the political situation of the jurisdiction. We've carried out various programmes in the past like post election seminars, other workshops for the parliament here but they were delighted to take this point in time to really review how the institution is standing and to provide it with an opportunity to look forward and how it can improve in the future." He continued: "It does very well with the resources that it has and I think that it's a great sign and a sign of its aspiration and engaging in this process, so it is key for me to mention that we didn't look across the Caribbean and our wider membership and decide that Turks and Caicos Islands parliament needed this. It was very proactive in approaching us to engage that and to take this self assessment."

Grand Turk Youth Media Expo Ignites Students' Passion

By Vivian Tyson NEWSLINE Editor-In-Chief

Students in Grand Turk were given a front-row seat to the fast-paced world of media production last week, with the hosting of the inaugural Youth Media Expo. From working behind the camera to understanding the intricacies of editing, production, and broadcasting, the event introduced students to the many moving parts of the media industry. The expo was the brainchild of well-known media practitioner Greg Been of Genesis Next Media, who partnered with the Ministry of Education as part of the annual National Youth Week celebrations. The initiative, organizers say, is aimed at sparking interest in the creative arts while equipping young people with skills that could translate into career opportunities. Minister of Education, Youth, Sports and Culture, Hon. Rachel Taylor, praised Been's vision and commitment to investing in the island's youth. She described the event as a testament to his dedication to giving back to the community and supporting the next generation. "Greg, your dedication to ensuring this event is held here in Grand Turk is com-

mendable," Minister Taylor said. "This initiative not only highlights your passion but also symbolizes your commitment to helping our young people discover their potential in media and the creative arts." Been assembled an experienced team of professionals spanning every corner of the industry, from photographers, videographers, and film editors to journalists and social media content creators. Students had the opportunity to interact with practitioners, ask questions, and get hands-on exposure to equipment and techniques. Minister Taylor also used the occasion to outline the Ministry's broader mission to empower creatives across the Turks and Caicos Islands. She announced that in October, the Department of Culture will launch a new creative registry, a database designed to connect with artists, support their professional development, and create pathways for training and entrepreneurship. "As the Minister of Culture, our mission is clear: to develop and empower our creatives," Taylor said. "This registry will allow us to stay connected with you, provide resources to help you grow, and open real opportunities for advancement in the creative industries." For the students, the Youth Media Expo

was both educational and inspiring. Many expressed excitement about the chance to step into the shoes of media professionals and to see how their own creativity could lead to future careers.



Greg Bean, CEO of Genesis Next Media walking Minister of Education, Youth, Sports and Culture Hon. Rachael Taylor through the intricacies of video production at the Youth Media Workshop held in Grand Turk.

The event's success, stakeholders agree, highlights the importance of exposing young people to practical experiences outside the classroom. Organizers are hopeful that the Youth Media Expo will not only become an annual feature of National Youth Week but also a launching pad for the next wave of creative talent emerging not only from Grand Turk, across the island chain.

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Minister Musgrove Supports Stronger Business Licensing Rules

Minister of Physical Planning and Infrastructure Development Hon. Arlington Musgrove has expressed firm support for the Business Licensing (Amendment) Bill 2025, describing it as an essential step in strengthening regulation, enhancing compliance, and ensuring fairness in the Turks and Caicos Islands' business environment. Speaking in the House of Assembly last week, Musgrove emphasized that the Bill, which was piloted through the House by Minister of Innovation, Technology and Information Hon. E. Jay Saunders, is more than a technical change.

"It is a clear signal that we are serious about accountability, transparency, and economic growth built on a solid foundation," he said, who is the member of parliament for North and Middle Caicos.

The legislation introduces several key reforms. First, it clarifies the requirements for a local licence, ensuring that Turks and Caicos Islanders continue to

benefit from meaningful participation in businesses designated for their involvement. This, Musgrove noted, is vital to protecting national economic interests and opportunities for citizens.

Second, the Bill strengthens penalties for non-compliance, including operating without a licence or breaching its conditions. These measures are designed to level the playing field and safeguard legitimate business owners from unfair competition.

Third, new provisions for ticketable offences and fixed penalties will empower compliance officers to act quickly and efficiently. By reducing reliance on lengthy court proceedings, the system encourages voluntary compliance and modernizes enforcement practices. Fourth, the Bill closes loopholes around licence transfers. Licences can no longer simply pass to new owners through changes in ownership. Instead, each new owner must apply for their own licence, ensuring stronger



Minister of Physical Planning and Infrastructure Development Hon. Arlington Musgrove

regulatory oversight and preventing backdoor arrangements that undermine the system.

Finally, the legislation sets out clear timelines for licence renewals, suspensions, and revocations. These measures provide predictability for both the government and the private sector, reducing uncertainty and bringing greater order to the business licensing framework.

"This is not about penalizing business," Musgrove told fellow members. "It is about building confidence in our regulatory system, ensuring that doing the right thing is also the easiest thing."

Minister Musgrove underscored that it would send a strong message that the Turks and Caicos Islands is open for business, but only on fair, transparent, and lawful terms.

Moral Low Amongst Local Officer

Letter to the Editor

Dear Commissioner Bailey,
First, allow me to commend you on your leadership, strategy, and overall success in addressing crime within our beautiful by nature Turks and Caicos Islands. Your commitment to public safety is evident, and the results achieved so far are commendable.

That said, I respectfully remind you that the progress made in the fight against crime has been a collective effort. It is not the work of any single group, but rather the combined contributions of local Turks and Caicos officers, the contracted British tactical officers, the tactical officers from Barbados, and the Ja-

maican Tactical Unit.

While the Jamaican officers have indeed played an important role, the continued and exclusive praise directed toward them—both by yourself and by the Governor—sends a discouraging message to our local officers and other international partners.

Constantly highlighting only the Jamaican officers risks undermining morale. It may make local officers feel inadequate and foster perceptions of favoritism, especially given your own Jamaican background. For the sake of fairness and unity, recognition must be balanced. Crime fighting requires teamwork, and the narrative should reflect the truth: we succeed together.

Additionally, I encourage a shift in how the Force is portrayed publicly. Too often, media coverage is saturated with images of Jamaican officers, proudly displaying their national flag. This unintentionally overshadows the contributions of local officers, British officers, and those from Barbados. The Force is called

the Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Police Force, not the Jamaican Constabulary Force. Our communications should reflect that reality.

Equally important is the message we send to our youth. Recently, tactical officers visited Clement Howell High School in a community outreach initiative. Yet, all of the photos published highlighted Jamaican officers interacting with local students. What a powerful moment it would have been for those students to see officers of Turks and Caicos descent represented in that setting—role models from their own communities whom they could aspire to emulate. The same is true for officers from our other partner nations who deserve equal recognition.

In closing, Commissioner, while I commend your fight against crime, I urge caution in the message being projected. Let us not unintentionally suggest that Jamaican officers are superior while diminishing the vital contributions of others. Jamaica, despite its wealth of skilled

law enforcement officers, continues to face one of the highest crime and fraud rates in the world. Turks and Caicos deserves its own identity in this fight, built on teamwork, inclusiveness, and balanced recognition.

I extend my deepest respect to you and your continued commitment to making our islands safer. I simply ask that the narrative going forward highlight the collective effort—one that includes and uplifts all who serve the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Respectfully,
Middle Caicos Local

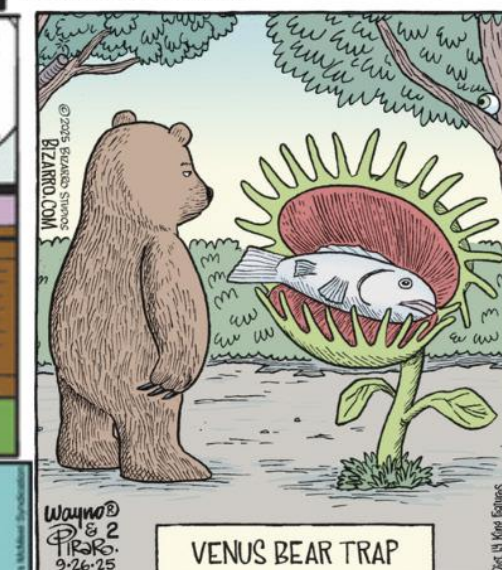
EDITOR'S NOTE: It appears the above writer was directly responding to our lead story in Volume 7, Issue 38. If that's a fact, let us quickly jettison any allusion to us writing about any group, foreign or local. Our coverage was primarily and singularly reflecting the community's response to the success that Commissioner Bailey has scored so far, since the inception of his tenure....nothing more, nothing less.



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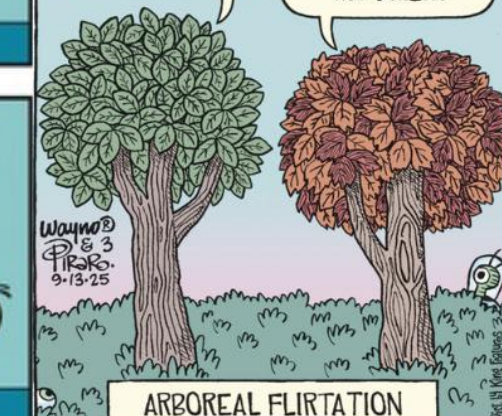
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TURKS HEAD CACTUS

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A living emblem of our islands—resilient, unique, and deeply rooted in our natural heritage.

The Turks Head cactus (*Melocactus intortus*) is one of the most recognizable native species in the Turks and Caicos Islands. Topped with a bright red, woolly cap called a cephalium, this unusual cactus has long been associated with the identity of the islands. Its striking crown, said to resemble a Turkish fez, is widely believed to be the inspiration behind the name “Turks Islands”

Often found clinging to sun-baked coastal cliffs or growing among the rocky limestone terrain, the Turks Head cactus is a survivor of harsh conditions. Its thick, green body is covered in vertical ribs and stiff spines, adapted to conserve water and withstand long dry periods. From the red cephalium, small pink flowers bloom, followed by bright red fruits that attract birds and insects. This cactus is more than just a natural curiosity — it is a national symbol. The Turks Head cactus is featured on the Turks and Caicos Islands’ flag and coat of arms, a reflection of its deep connection to the land. It represents not only the islands’ natural heritage but also the strength and uniqueness of the environment that shaped it.

Although still relatively common in some areas, the species faces growing pressure from land clearing and rapid development. Conservation groups and the Department of Environment and Coastal Resources (DECR) have warned of the need to protect native habitats and preserve plant populations before they decline further. The public is urged not to disturb or remove the cactus from the wild and to support preservation efforts wherever possible. In addition to its symbolic and ecological value, the Turks Head cactus quietly plays a role in local biodiversity. Its fruit provides food for birds, and its flowers support pollinators — small but vital interactions that help maintain the balance of the islands’ ecosystems.

Rooted in dry soil and crowned in red, the Turks Head cactus stands as a quiet emblem of Turks and Caicos — resilient, distinct, and deeply connected to the story of these islands.

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Caribbean Biodiversity Information Network (CBIN)



Local Musician Keon Hall performs at Beaches Turks and Caicos using his steel pan



Members of the Beaches Turks and Caicos entertainment team exit the main stage after performance

Beaches Turks and Caicos Showcases and Supports Local Creativity

The Turks and Caicos Islands are home to a wealth of creativity, from artisans and craft vendors to musicians and performers.

Beaches Turks and Caicos, the Caribbean's leading all-inclusive family resort, has pledged its continued support for these individuals by providing meaningful platforms for them to share their skills and stories with guests from around the world.

The resort's commitment is most evident in its weekly Cultural Night showcase, where visitors are immersed in the vibrant traditions of the islands. Guests enjoy live performances which feature local music genres such as ripsaw, while artisans display and sell handmade creations. This event not only enriches the guest experience but also strengthens economic opportunities for local entrepreneurs.

Entertainment Division Manager Garrett Bailey emphasized the sig-

nificance of Cultural Night, "we want to showcase everything the Turks and Caicos Islands culture has to offer. Our goal is for guests to leave with a deeper appreciation of the island's art, music and traditions, while giving local talent the opportunity to share their creativity with visitors from across the globe."

Beyond Cultural Night, Beaches Turks and Caicos also welcomes local craft vendors onto the resort every Wednesday and Friday where they are offered a direct space to market their goods. Guests have easy access to the Turks and Caicos Cultural Marketplace, where they can purchase authentic local arts and crafts.

Managing Director, James McAnally, highlighted how these initiatives reflect the resort's broader mission, "we are committed to celebrating and sharing the vibrant culture of these islands with our

guests. By showcasing local artistry and music, we not only provide entertainment but also help sustain and grow the creative industries of the Turks and Caicos Islands. From our cultural showcases to nightly live music, we are proud to create authentic connections between our guests and the people of these islands."

Local musician Keon Hall, who frequently performs at the resort, expressed gratitude for the ongoing partnership, "being able to share my music with Beaches' guests has created lasting relationships. Some visitors return year after year and request songs from previous performances. This partnership continues to celebrate what we do and strengthens the bond between local artists and the resort."

The resort's support of local artisans and entertainers extends beyond business opportunity; it is about preserving heritage and

sharing stories. Guests take home more than souvenirs; they leave with experiences that deepen their understanding of Turks and Caicos' culture and history.

Public Relations Manager, Orville Morgan, noted the importance of this commitment, "for many visitors, these interactions represent their first genuine connection to the Turks and Caicos Islands. From artisans and musicians to farmers and transport operators, our local talent helps shape every guest experience. At Beaches, we are proud to give them the stage to share their stories and their heritage."

Beaches Turks & Caicos remains dedicated to developing cultural connections and supporting the artisans, musicians and entrepreneurs whose creativity makes the Turks and Caicos Islands unique. Each guest experience is an opportunity to celebrate and sustain the spirit of the islands.

Life Line



FEATURED CHURCH

The Church of St. Monica

This week on Newsline Featured Church, we turn the spotlight on The Church of St. Monica Anglican, located at 1307 Leeward Highway in Providenciales.

The weekly activities are: Sundays – 7a.m. Holy Eucharist; 9a.m. – Holy Eucharist with Sunday School; Monday – 6:30a.m. ACW (2ND and 4th Monday); Tuesday – 9.m. ACM (1st and 3rd Tuesday); Wednesday – 12:30p.m. Holy Eucharist; Fridays – 7p.m. CYM; Saturdays – 11a.m. Acolyte Practice.

The Mission of the church: “We are committed to spreading the good news of the Gospel, transforming lives through prayer, teaching and outreach, spreading the truth in love and unity and honouring God with our lives.” The Vision: “We are determined to be a Growing, Giving and Godly community of Faith and Love.”



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.

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Boys' Day on Providenciales

LITANY OF ACTIVITIES MARK YOUTH WEEK 2025

By Todeline Defralien

Youth Week 2025, held under the theme “Youth with Purpose: Building a Sustainable TCI”, was celebrated from September 21 to 26 with a vibrant litany of activities across the Turks and Caicos Islands. The week brought together young people, schools, churches, and communities in a nationwide showcase of faith, culture, service, and innovation.

Worship and Opening Services

The celebrations opened on Sunday, September 21, with simultaneous Youth Week services across the islands. In Providenciales, the national service was hosted at Harvest Bible Chapel, Leeward Highway, where worship, praise, and preaching set the tone for the week. South Caicos gathered at New Testament Church of God on New Airport Road, while North Caicos youth assembled at Bethel Baptist Church in Kew. On Grand Turk, the faithful gathered at New Testament Church of God, marking the start of the observances.

Skills and Employment Fair

On Monday, September 22, the focus shifted to youth empowerment and career readiness. The National Youth Skills & Employment Fair was held at the Gustarvus Lightbourne Sports Complex in Providenciales and simultaneously at the H.J. Robinson High School Auditorium in Grand Turk.

Young people from South Caicos and North Caicos traveled to participate, exploring opportunities in employment, entrepreneurship, and skill development.

Sports, Culture, and Heritage

Tuesday, September 23, highlighted both sporting excellence and cultural heritage. In South Caicos, a spirited Basketball Competition took place at the South Caicos Sports Complex.

In North Caicos, the day began with Taste of the Past at Raymond Gardiner High School, celebrating culinary traditions, followed by a Softball Championship on the school field. Providenciales hosted Zones of Impact, a half-day program bringing youth together for discussions and activities around leadership and personal growth.

On Grand Turk, students gathered for Zones of Impact and a Boys' Focused Day Panel Discussion at the H.J. Robinson High School Auditorium.

Community Spirit and Volunteerism

Wednesday, September 24, turned the spotlight on community service. South Caicos youth engaged in projects at Iris Stubbs Primary School. North Caicos launched a Community Beautification Project. Providenciales youths gave back through Youth in Action Volunteerism Day, capped with a Financial Literacy & Entrepreneurship Workshop at the Salvation Army's Brighter Futures Centre.

Grand Turk observed a Community Service & Media Expo at the H.J. Robinson Auditorium.

Technology and Innovation

On Thursday, September 25, the islands converged on the future with the AI, WisdomCRM & Robotics Symposium. Students from across South Caicos, North Caicos, and Providenciales traveled to take part in this exciting event, which exposed them to cutting-edge technology, robotics, and digital innovation. Meanwhile, in Grand Turk, youth rolled up their sleeves for Tree Planting and Cleanup, emphasizing sustainability in action.

National Youth Day & Family Fun

The week climaxed on Friday, September 26, with energetic National Youth Day celebrations. South Caicos hosted its Family Fun Day at the Sports Complex. North Caicos gathered at the Horse Stable Community Center for fun and fellowship.

Providenciales came alive with a Youth Day Cultural Showcase at the Downtown Ball Park, featuring performances and exhibitions from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Grand Turk marched into celebration with a Parade Ground Fun Day, beginning at 8:00 AM.

Building a Sustainable TCI

From worship to robotics, basketball to tree planting, Youth Week 2025 reflected the creativity, service, and resilience of the islands' young people. Across every island,

the message resonated: the youth of the Turks and Caicos Islands are purpose-driven and ready to build a sustainable future.



Governor Her Excellency Dileeni Daniel Selvaratnam interacts with students at the National Youth Skill & Employment Fair.



Students at the National Youth Skills & Employment Fair at the Gustavus Lightbourne Sports Complex



The Entrepreneurship and Financial Literacy Workshop at the Salvation Army's Brighter Futures Centre in Providenciales.



Students taking part in the IA, Robotics event at the Salvation Army's Brighter Futures Centre in Providenciales.



Action from the Youth Media Expo in Grand Turk



The Turks and Caicos Islands Community College at the Youth Media Expo in Grand Turk

YOU DON'T NEED A DETOX (HERE'S WHAT TO DO INSTEAD)

Gentle habits that support your liver, lymph, and gut without extremes

By Monica Uttamchandani
Holistic Health Coach - Turks and Caicos

You don't need a juice cleanse to detox. Your body already detoxes 24/7 through your liver, kidneys, skin, lungs, and lymphatic system. But with today's toxin load (processed foods, alcohol, stress, plastics, and chemicals), your natural detox systems might need some extra support. Here are gentle ways to support your detox pathways daily:

1. Prioritise daily bowel movements: A backed-up colon can lead to reabsorption of toxins. Keep things moving with fibre-rich foods like chia seeds, flax, leafy greens, and proper hydration.
2. Add bitter and cruciferous foods: Vegetables like arugula, kale, broccoli, and dandelion root stimulate bile and support liver function, which is essential for detox.
3. Dry brush before showers: Stimulating the lymph system with a quick dry brush helps your body "take out the trash." Follow with a warm shower and hydration.
4. Sweat regularly: Exercise, sauna, or even a brisk walk in the sun can support detox via the skin—your largest elimination organ.
5. Reduce incoming toxins: Swap chemical-heavy beauty and cleaning products for cleaner alternatives. Say



no to seed oils and minimise alcohol and plastic use.

Daily Detox Is Less Extreme Than You Think

You don't need harsh protocols, expensive powders, or 10-day resets. True detox is gentle, daily, and consistent. This is built into how you eat, move, and care for your body.

When you support your liver, lymph, and digestion with small actions each day, your body does what it was designed to do: restore balance. This is slow healing. It's sustainable wellness.

Want more low-stress ways to support your body daily? Come hang out at @balancedbymonica on Insta-

gram.

Monica Uttamchandani is a certified Holistic Health Coach based in the Turks and Caicos Islands, supporting men and women in creating grounded, nourishing lives, one breath at a time. She also consults in person at The Elephant Rooms in Salt Mills, Providenciales

MADE IN TCI 2025 RETURNS - A CELEBRATION OF CULTURE, CREATIVITY, AND COMMERCE

The highly anticipated Made in TCI trade showcase returns on Saturday, November 15th at 11 AM at the Grace Bay Market Parking Lot, Grace Bay, Providenciales.

This year, the event proposes to bring even more energy, innovation, and island pride, solidifying its place as one of the most exciting entrepreneurial showcases in the country.

Since its humble launch in 2022, Made in TCI has grown into more than just a trade show, it's a national celebration of creativity, commerce, and community that shines a spotlight on local entrepreneurs and their products,

while encouraging residents and visitors alike to support home-grown entrepreneurs & talent.

This year's theme, "Stamped by Culture, Driven by Purpose," draws inspiration from the fingerprint found in the event's logo, a powerful symbol of identity and individuality. Much like a passport stamp grants entry at the airport, vendors at Made in TCI 2025 are symbolically stamped with recognition, signifying their official role in representing the spirit and creativity of the Turks and Caicos Islands. It reinforces that no two businesses are alike, and each leaves its own mark on the landscape

of local entrepreneurship.

In addition to a vibrant vendor marketplace, this year's event will feature two key signature competitions:

"Pitch Me!" Competition: This entrepreneurial showcase invites individuals to compete against each other by conceptualizing and pitching original business ideas or showcasing business expansion plans to a panel of judges for a chance of winning monetary rewards. The competition aims to foster innovation, communication, and real-world business skills, spotlighting the next generation of TCI entrepreneurs.

Voices of Culture: This spoken word poetry slam is a showcase that allows local poetry talents to compete live on a stage while evaluated by judges for a chance of winning monetary rewards. This competition aims to showcase the level of local creativity, talent, and how contestants can utilize their lyrical genius to intertwine TCI culture with entrepreneurship & trade.

To stay updated with all Made in TCI event updates, competitions, vendor features, and behind-the-scenes content, be sure to follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok at @MadeInTCI.



Myrna-Lisa's Guiding Light Hosts Joyful Back-to-School Event in Providenciales

Myrna-Lisa's Guiding Light, NPO, in collaboration with Myrna-Lisa's Myriad Pageant and Entertainment, recently hosted its annual Back-to-School Event at the Salvation Army's Brighter Futures Centre along the Lee-ward Highway. The initiative was designed to bring

laughter, cheer, and tangible support to families as they prepared for the new school year. This year's celebration provided:

- 70 hair-braiding certificates for girls
- 30 haircuts for boys
- Fun-filled activities, including

bouncing castles and appearances from Disney pals

- A family movie night finale, complete with popcorn and soft drinks
- The event created a lively and supportive atmosphere, easing the back-to-school transition for many parents and children across the community.

Organisers expressed heartfelt gratitude to the Queens of One Nation TCI, whose presence and assistance helped make the day even more memorable. "We are committed to celebrating community, family, and the bright future of our children," the organisation shared in a statement.



ABUNDANT LIFE MINISTRIES SEPTEMBER TO REMEMBER OUTREACH

During the month of September, Abundant Life Ministries International Church stages its Annual September to Remember - Friends and Family Month. During that time, members of that church not only venture into the community to conduct fellowship and host street meetings but invite members of the public to fellowship with them each Sunday during the month. The church also hosts a back-to-school giveaway, where students are gifted with school supplies and a week's worth of lunch. Schools are also given administrative supplies. This year's Back-To-School Treat was held on Sunday, September 14. The following are photo highlights of the event.





How to Eat Smart at Social Events

EATING HEALTHY at social events is important because it supports overall physical and mental well-being by boosting energy, strengthening your immune system, and improving mood while also promoting positive social connections by allowing you to participate fully and maintain a balanced diet alongside others.

Dr Rivane Chybar-Virgo, medical doctor and health and wellness coach, speaking at a bi-weekly 'Health Talk Sunday' series, said mindful eating also helps prevent overindulgence and allows you to enjoy social situations without compromising your health goals.

To eat smart at social events, she said, plan ahead by eating a healthy snack beforehand and checking the menu to identify healthy options such as lean proteins and vegetables.

"Practise mindful eating by chewing slowly, savouring each bite, and paying attention to your body's fullness cues. Control portions by filling your plate once, sharing desserts, or asking for sauces on the side. Stay hydrated with water, and be strategic with alcohol, choosing low-calorie options or none at all. Finally, focus on the people and the experience, and give yourself grace and don't feel guilty if you overindulge. Simply return to your healthy habits the next day," Dr Chybar-Virgo said.

Here are some tips to guide you in making smart, satisfying choices while enjoying yourself and having fun:

• PLAN AHEAD:

One of the keys to success when dining out is preparation. Take a few minutes to plan your strategy. For restaurant dining: Many restaurants have online menus you can review before you get there. If you know the menu in advance, you can make delicious, on-track choices. For social gatherings, if you are unsure what foods will be served, prepare your favourite healthy recipe or bring a healthy-yet-tempting option so that you have at least one great dish to enjoy. Also consider eating a small, nutritious snack before you leave home to help curb your appetite and prevent overindulging.

• CONTROL PORTIONS:

Restaurant portions are notoriously large. They are often enough to feed more than one person! Even though the food tastes great,



these big portions can have more calories, fat and salt than when you cook at home. For social gatherings, do not overfill your plate. Start with small scoops of things that look interesting to you, and then get seconds of what you like. Aim to have half your plate filled with colourful fruits and vegetables.

• MINDFUL EATING:

Mindful eating is all about listening to your body, honouring your hunger and satiety cues and paying attention while you eat. Since you already know that portions will be large and calories higher, listen to your body while eating. Take small bites, putting your fork down between bites so you can savour each mouthful. Then stop when you feel comfortable and satisfied, not full.

• LIMIT ALCOHOL:

Alcohol can impair your judgment when it comes to food choices and also extra calories. One cup of red wine has about 230 calories! Follow up every alcoholic drink with a tall glass of still or sparkling water. This will help keep you hydrated and slow down how many drinks you have in an evening.

• SATISFY YOUR SWEET TOOTH:

Eat a small amount of dessert as part of your meal instead of waiting until hours later.

Take small bites and savour each one. Drink water between bites to slow down. You can also share a dessert with a friend or the whole table. Sometimes, just a bite or two is enough to satisfy cravings.

• ENJOY CONVERSATIONS:

If you can, position yourself away from the food to minimise mindless eating. Remember that going out is as much about the people

as the food. Enjoy the company of others rather than focusing solely on the food.

• BE KIND TO YOURSELF:

Remember, the occasional indulgence is okay. If you find yourself in a situation with few healthy options, choose the best available and enjoy it guilt-free. It is all about balance in the long run.

Healthy eating is all about finding

a balance between enjoying delicious foods and sticking to your dietary goals. By planning, making thoughtful choices and prioritising moderation, you can savour special moments without compromising your well-being.

Dining out with friends and loved ones is more than just food. It is an opportunity to connect, celebrate, and create lasting memories.



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ABOUT US – TCI RED CROSS

The Turks and Caicos Islands Red Cross is part of the global Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, committed to supporting and empowering people and communities in times of vulnerability. We act for humanity through disaster response, health education, and community resilience. Our thrift store is more than a retail space, it's a hub for sustainability and compassion. Every purchase helps fund programs that assist individuals facing hardship, crisis, and disaster. By promoting recycled goods and vintage fashion, we reduce waste and encourage conscious consumerism that benefits both people and the planet.

ROLE OVERVIEW

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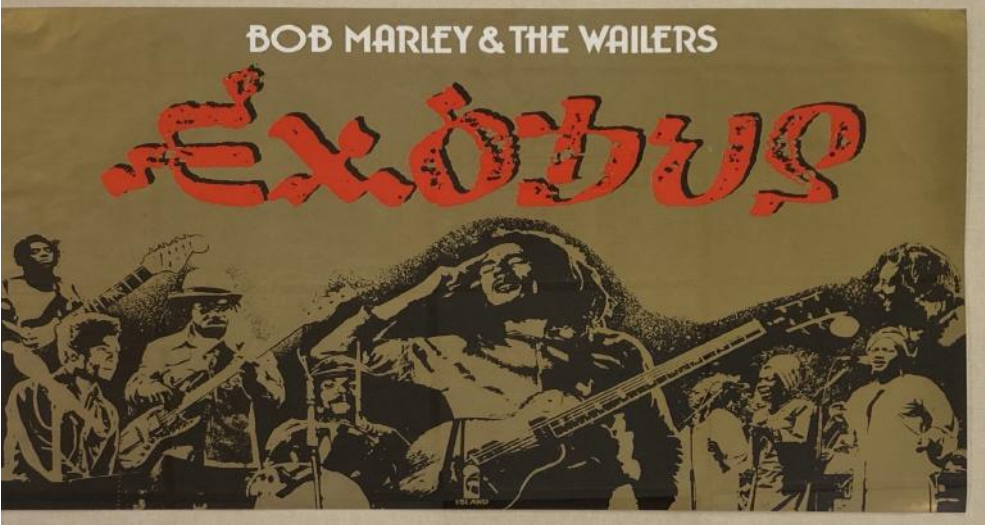
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Exodus earns double platinum in the UK

In 1977, when the Bob Marley & the Wailers album Exodus was released, the project saw themes of change, religious politics and matters of the heart. Recorded between Kingston-based Harry J Studios and Island Records in London, Exodus was a commercial success. It was the album that propelled Marley to international stardom. The album, which features hit songs including One Love/People Get Ready, Turn Your Lights Down Low, Natural Mystic, Jamming, Waiting in Vain and Three Little Birds, has now been certified double platinum in the United Kingdom (UK). The British Phonographic Industry issued a Brit Award for commemorating sales and streaming equivalent of 600,000 units. The album was released digitally in 2001. Exodus was previously certified gold in the United States, Canada, France, Germany



and Italy. It has been certified 2x platinum in New Zealand.

Upon its release in 1977, Exodus rose to #20 on the Billboard 200 albums chart, #15 on

Billboard's Top R&B Albums, and #8 on the UK Albums chart. It also made the charts in Austria, Australia, France, Germany, Sweden, Switzerland, Norway, Greece and Canada. A re-release of the album in 2001 saw it hit a #4 peak on the Billboard Reggae Albums chart. On the latest Billboard Reggae Albums chart, Exodus re-entered at #10. In 1999, Exodus was named the best album of the 20th century by Time magazine. Two years later, VH1 named it the 26th greatest album of all time, while in 2003, it ranked at #169 on Rolling Stone magazine's list of the 500 greatest albums of all time. A revised list in 2020 ranked it at #48. Junior Marvin, Aston Barrett, Carlton Barrett, Tyrone Downie, Alvin "Seeco" Patterson, David Madden and Vin Gordon were some of the musicians who worked on Exodus.

UWI to honour Marcia Griffiths with doctorate

The University of the West Indies (The UWI) is set to continue its tradition of recognising exceptional individuals who have made significant contributions to their fields. During the 2025 graduation ceremonies, 11 distinguished graduates will be awarded honorary degrees. Veteran reggae artiste Marcia Griffiths will receive the honorary Doctor of Letters degree (DLitt) for her work in music, culture, and the empowerment of women. Hailing from West Kingston, Griffiths has left her mark on the reggae scene over a span of six decades. One of reggae's most celebrated and enduring voices, Marcia was crowned the Queen of Reggae for her artistry, innovation, and commitment, which helped shape the genre from its early days to the global stage. Starting her musical career in 1964 alongside Byron Lee and The Dragonaires, she

honed her skills under the tutelage of Phillip "Boasie" James of The Blues Busters, and Clement "Coxsone" Dodd at Studio One. Soon, she became a household name in 1970 when she joined Bob Marley and the Wailers as part of the legendary I-Three singing group. Her solo success flourished with tracks like Stepping Out a Babylon and a collaboration in 1982 with Bunny Wailer when they recorded Electric Boogie, which sparked a worldwide dance craze. Griffiths has recorded 19 solo albums, five duet albums (with Bob Andy), and numerous collaborations, including the Penthouse Records hits like I Shall Sing and Fire Burning. Her contributions have been recognised with top national honours — the Order of Jamaica in 2023, the Order of Distinction in 1994 with elevation to the Commander

Class in 2014. These accolades highlight her role as both a cultural ambassador and a pioneering woman in reggae. Her mission, as she states, is not only to entertain but to "reach out to touch souls, to teach, educate, and uplift". The Mona Campus will also honour the late Don Wehby, Bishop Robert Clarke, and Professor Gene D Morse. This year's honorary graduands represent a diverse range of professions, each bringing decades of experience and impactful contributions in fields such as music, agriculture, religion, science and research, and aviation. The UWI Council approved the decision to honour these individuals, reflecting the institution's commitment to celebrating excellence and innovation. These ceremonies are scheduled to take place from October 11 to November 8, 2025, across the five UWI campuses.



Veteran reggae artiste Marcia Griffiths

Cardi B holds no hate for Offset

Cardi B no longer has any "hate in [her] heart" for her ex, Offset. The 32-year-old rapper, who has Kulture, seven; Wave, four and Blossom, 12 months, with the Open It Up hitmaker, filed for divorce from the 33-year-old rapper in 2024 after seven years of marriage, and while Cardi has "no animosity" for her ex any more, she wishes "he was a better person". During an appearance on Wednesday on CBS Mornings, she said, "I just wish he was a better person, but it is what it is. Be a better person for your kids. "I don't really have hate in my heart any more. "I think he has some type of hate in his heart right now ... I don't know how long that's gonna take for him, but that's always been my wish." She explained, "I get along with every-

body that I dated. If we all move on, there shouldn't be no animosity. Your life, my life. Separate. We should be able to raise kids. "We should be able to ask each other questions. We should be able to be like, 'Hey, look what one of the kids just did,' 'Look at this,' 'Look at the report card.' We should be able to celebrate, but it's not about the kids. "One thing I'm learning is it's not about the kids." The WAP chart-topper admitted she was "so tired" of being associated with Offset. She said, "I filed for divorce a year ago. That should be very clear. I don't deal with that, I don't mess with that, I don't have no contact with that." Cardi raps about her relationship with Offset in her new song Man of Your

Word, which features on her newly released album Am I the Drama? She raps: "Seven years I admit, it wasn't all bad / Skeletons in my closet too / As a wife I should've realised you were hurt / But instead I put my music first / But I really do wish you the best / Continue being a winner / If I had one wish / I wish you would've been a man of your word." This comes after the I Like It hitmaker revealed she was expecting her first child with her boyfriend, New England Patriots' wide receiver Stefon Diggs, 31. She said, "I'm having a baby with my boyfriend, Stefon Diggs. "I feel like I'm in a good space. I feel very strong. I feel very powerful that I'm doing all this work. "But I'm doing all this work while I'm creating a baby, me and my man, we're

very supportive of each other," said Cardi B.



Rapper Cardi B



After two big weekends, the North American box office takes a hit

More than 400 celebrities have signed a letter in support of Jimmy Kimmel in the midst of his late-night talk show's indefinite suspension.

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) published an open letter on Monday, Sept. 22, defending the constitutional right to free speech six days after Disney's ABC pulled Jimmy Kimmel Live! from the air. Along with the message are hundreds of major names in the entertainment industry standing "in solidarity" with the organization and Kimmel.

"We the people must never accept government threats to our freedom of speech," the letter begins. "Efforts by leaders to pressure artists, journalists, and companies with retaliation for their speech strike at the heart of what it means to live in a free country."

"Last week, Jimmy Kimmel was taken off the air after the government threatened a private company with retaliation, marking a dark moment for freedom of speech in our nation," it continues. "In an attempt to silence its critics, our government has resorted to threatening the livelihoods of journalists, talk show hosts, artists, creatives, and entertainers across the board. This runs counter to the values

our nation was built upon, and our Constitution guarantees."

It went on to recognize others who "are also facing direct attacks on their freedom of expression," such as "teachers, government employees, law firms, researchers, universities, students and so many more."

"Regardless of our political affiliation, or whether we engage in politics or not, we all love our country," the letter reads. "We also share the belief that our voices should never be silenced by those in power — because if it happens to one of us, it happens to all of us."

It concludes: "This is the moment to defend free speech across our nation. We encourage all Americans to join us, along with the ACLU, in the fight to defend and preserve our constitutionally protected rights."

In addition to Jennifer Aniston, Ben Affleck and Tom Hanks, the letter was also signed by prominent Disney stars, such as Selena Gomez, Pedro Pascal, Diego Luna, Martin Short and Meryl Streep.

Others include Jason Bateman, Robert De Niro, Jane Fonda, Elizabeth Banks, Olivia Rodrigo, Ben Stiller, Jean Smart, Jamie Lee Curtis, Julia Louis-Dreyfus, Michael Keaton, Regina

King, Lin-Manuel Miranda, Natalie Portman, Maya Rudolph, Mark Ruffalo and Kerry Washington.

The late-night show, which Kimmel has hosted since 2003, was pulled by Disney's ABC hours before its Sept. 17 broadcast following comments the comedian made on the program earlier that week regarding the fatal shooting of Charlie Kirk.

Kirk, the 31-year-old Turning Point USA founder and conservative commentator, was shot and killed on Sept. 10 during a campus event at Utah Valley University. Two days later, officials confirmed in a press conference that they had taken a suspect, Tyler Robinson, into custody, and he has since been charged with aggravated murder and six other counts.

"We hit some new lows over the weekend with the MAGA gang desperately trying to characterize this kid who murdered Charlie Kirk as anything other than one of them and doing everything they can to score political points from it," Kimmel began on Sept. 15. "In between the finger-pointing, there was grieving."

"On Friday, the White House flew the flags at half staff, which got some criticism, but on a human level, you can see how hard the president is taking

this," he continued.

A clip then cut into Kimmel's broadcast, showing Trump, 79, taking questions from reporters after the shooting, one of which offered their condolences for the death of the president's "friend" Kirk.

When asked how he was holding up, Trump replied, "I think very good, and by the way, right there where you see all the trucks, they just started construction of the new ballroom for the White House."

Trump continued discussing the ballroom plans, saying the result would "be a beauty."

The cameras then cut back to Kimmel. "Yes, he's at the fourth stage of grief, construction," the comedian said.

In a statement to PEOPLE, Nexstar Media's broadcasting division president, Andrew Alford, called Kimmel's comments "offensive and insensitive at a critical time in our national political discourse." Nexstar is the largest local broadcast and digital media company in the U.S., with more than 200 television stations in 116 markets. Alford added that the company doesn't believe Kimmel's comments "reflect the spectrum of opinions, views, or values of the local communities in which we are located."

Regional Recognition as TCI Bar President Mark Fulford Called to the St. Lucian Bar

In a courtroom filled with anticipation, history was made on 23rd September 2025 as Mark A. Fulford, President of the Turks and Caicos Islands Bar Association, donned his robes and stood before the Honourable Madame Justice Cenac-Phulgence, who co-presided over the proceedings, to be called to the Bar of St. Lucia.

For the first time, a Turks and Caicos Islander has joined the St. Lucian legal fraternity, a moment that drew warm applause and recognition from across the region.

In welcoming him, Justice Alvin S. Pariagsingh who co-presided noted: "Mr. Mark Fulford brings seasoned experience. As Managing Partner of a major firm in the Turks and Caicos Islands, as President of the TCI Bar Council, as an arbitrator and tribunal chair, he has led not only in practice but in governance of the profession itself. He has worked in banking, finance, government, and international arbitration. His admission here adds a distinguished voice to our Bar."

The significance of Fulford's admission was also highlighted by the President of the St. Lucia Bar Association, Mr. Ramon Raveneau, who said:

"Mark Fulford's admission to our Bar is both historic and symbolic. He is a distinguished leader in his own homeland, where he has spearheaded reforms, chaired institutions, and elevated the standing of the profession. To have him join our fraternity in St. Lucia is not only an honour, it is a reminder of the strength we gain when the Caribbean works together. His achievements prove



Local attorney Mark Fulford (centre) is flanked by Justice Alvin S. Pariagsingh (left) and the female Justice Cenac-Phulgence

that small jurisdictions can produce leaders of regional and international calibre, and we are proud to welcome him among us."

Fulford embraced these words in his own remarks, telling the Bench and Bar: "Our destiny, like the waves that tie our islands together, is shared. This call af-

firms that our voices, our people, and our profession are respected across the region."

The TCI Bar President underscored the dignity of being admitted in an independent Caribbean nation, saying it highlighted the strength of sovereignty and regional solidarity. He also drew

attention to TCI's pioneering reforms, including the world's first court-issued Practice Direction on the use of Artificial Intelligence in proceedings.

"TCI has shown that vision, not size, is what drives progress," Fulford said. "As we connect with our regional brothers and sisters, we bring forward a message of unity, justice, and innovation."

For Turks and Caicos, the achievement is being celebrated as a national milestone, proof that its legal profession is earning respect and recognition across the Caribbean stage.



Ramon Raveneau, President of St Lucia Bar Association congratulates Mark Fulford, who is President of TCI Bar Association, and who was called to the St. Lucia Bar Association.

CARPHA and GWP-C Pledge to Advance Water Security and Public Health in the Caribbean with New MOU

The Global Water Partnership-Caribbean (GWP-C) and the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) formalised a new partnership aimed at strengthening the intersection of water security and protecting public health across the region.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed by Chair of the GWP-C, Professor Paulette Bynoe and Executive Director for CARPHA, Dr. Lisa Indar on Tuesday 16 September, 2025. "By combining GWP-C's expertise in water resources management with CARPHA's leadership in health, the partnership aims to protect communities better and build resilience across the region," expressed Professor Bynoe. The agreement between the two regional organisations, arrives at a critical juncture, as Caribbean countries continue to confront mounting challenges from climate change, waterborne diseases, and extreme weather events.

Dr. Lisa Indar indicated that, "Partnerships, such as this one, are at the core of CARPHA's 2025-2030 Strategic Plan themed 'Stronger Together'. The partnership with GWP-C leverages over five (5) decades of expertise in water

sector leadership first as the Caribbean Environmental Health Institute and thereafter the CARPHA Environmental Health and Sustainable Development Department. Using the One Health Approach, CARPHA integrates key sectors to balance and optimise the health of humans, animals and environment to optimal health outcomes".

The MOU allows the two organisations to collaborate on projects, training, shared monitoring and knowledge-sharing that addresses the vital link between safe water and healthy lives, in alignment with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), related to clean water, sanitation and good health.

Under this agreement the GWP-C and CARPHA are expected to develop regional guidelines for potable water, support CARPHA Member States in adopting standards for drinking water, strengthen water quality monitoring, surveillance, and data systems for evidence-based decision-making, advance training and research on integrated water resources management (IWRM) and climate change adaptation and promote public education, citizen science,

and awareness initiatives linking water, health, and climate resilience.

The partnership highlights the importance of collective action to advance the Regional Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) Framework

Roadmap of Actions and reaffirms the commitment of both Global Water Partnership-Caribbean (GWP-C) and the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA), to advance a healthier, safer, and more climate-resilient Caribbean.



(L-R) Dr. Lisa Indar, Executive Director, CARPHA and Professor Paulette Bynoe, Chair, GWP-C, following the signing of the MOU by both entities.



Venezuela opposition Edmundo Gonzalez Urrutia

Venezuela opposition leaders back US naval build-up in Caribbean

Key Venezuelan opposition leaders on Monday backed a major US naval deployment in the Caribbean near the South American country, calling it a critical move for the restoration of democracy. Exiled former presidential candidate

Edmundo Gonzalez Urrutia, whom the United States views as Venezuela’s rightful leader, said the military build-up was “a necessary measure to dismantle the criminal structure” preventing “the restoration of popular sovereignty in Venezuela.”

He added that the Venezuelan people had “no choice but to force the departure of this regime.” President Donald Trump has dispatched eight warships to the southern Caribbean as part of a stated plan to combat drug trafficking but which Venezuela fears could be the preamble to an invasion. US forces have destroyed at least three suspected Venezuelan drug boats off its coast in recent weeks, killing at least 14 people. Left-wing authoritarian President Nicolas Maduro, whose re-election last year in elections marred by fraud allegations was widely rejected by the international community, has accused Trump of pursuing regime change. In a joint video with Gonzalez Urrutia,

opposition figurehead Maria Corina Machado accused Maduro’s government of trafficking “drugs, minerals, metals, weapons and human beings, along with many other crimes.” She echoed Washington’s claim that Venezuelan crime gangs were “a real and growing threat to the security and stability” of the Americas. Gonzalez Urrutia was the opposition’s candidate in the July 2024 presidential election. The opposition’s tally of results from individual polling stations showed him easily beating Maduro. Maduro’s claim to have rightfully won a third six-year term sparked violent protests which were harshly repressing, leaving 28 dead and hundreds behind bars.

Deacon sentenced to 20 years for molesting girl, 10

A 59-year-old deacon was on Friday sentenced to two decades in prison for molesting a 10-year-old girl. The convict showed no emotion as Justice Dale Fitzpatrick handed down his decision. The man, who has not been named to protect the child’s identity, has maintained his innocence in the face of the nine-member jury’s unanimous guilty verdicts. He was convicted of two counts of unlawful sexual intercourse with a dependent on May 9. The victim was living in New Providence with the convict and his wife, her mater-

nal aunt, following her mother’s death. In January and February 2023, the convict, then 56, anally raped the child on three separate occasions in his bedroom while his wife, who has limited mobility due to a stroke, was in another room. He was arrested after a school’s guidance counselor alerted authorities. In passing sentence, Fitzpatrick noted the prevalence of sexual offenses against young children. He said, “There is a problem with the frequency of these types of crimes in this community, requiring a message of deterrence and denunciation by the courts.”

Before the judge handed down his sentence, the convict echoed his lawyer Dorsey McPhee’s call for a non-custodial sentence. The man said that he was the caretaker for his wife and his mother, who is going blind. Referring to his role as a deacon in the church, the man suggested that he could serve as a mentor to young men. Fitzpatrick said it was commendable that the man “embraced the teachings of the Bible”. He said, “I know the Bible also talks about the Lord and Savior Jesus’ affinity for children. He cherished children, rec-

ognizing their innocence and trust and bringing no harm on them.” Fitzpatrick said, “We are dealing with an extremely vulnerable victim, a 10-year-old who was preyed on by a 56-year-old she considered as her father. “That relationship should be one of safety and security. Anal penetration of your child is breach of trust.” The sentence will take effect from the date of conviction, and the man will receive credit for the two months he spent on remand before he was granted bail. Prosecutors Terry Archer and Ashton Williams had sought a sentence in the range of 15 to 30 years.

Caribbean Cement Makes US\$41.9 Million Market Expansion Reach With Curaçao Export

Caribbean Cement Company Limited has exported 3,000 metric tonnes of cement to the Dutch island of Curaçao. This strategic move follows the successful commissioning of its J\$6.7 billion (US\$41.9 million) Debottleneck Project in June, which significantly expanded production capacity at its Rockfort plant and enabled

record-level output of cement and clinker. Commenting on this latest development, Managing Director of the Rockfort-based company, Mr. Jorge Martinez, noted that the company is delivering on its export commitment. “What you are witnessing is a company that not only fully resources the local mar-

ket but also has the strengthened capacity to export. Our first commitment is to Jamaica; and now that we can consistently meet domestic demand, we are complementing the local market with exports, leveraging the surplus from our expanded capacity,” he said. Curaçao is currently experiencing eco-

nomie growth, with tourism serving as a key driver. This rising demand has resulted in significant investments in infrastructure, including real estate, roads, public spaces, and utilities. The company will continue to build its export capabilities, targeting key markets within the Caribbean Basin.



Galina Smirnova, 95, is charged with murdering Nina Kravtsov, 89, whose family said was born in Ukraine and survived the Holocaust.

Police said they found the 89-year-old woman in her room and she later died of blunt-force trauma. A 95-year-old woman is being held at Rikers on charges accusing her of beating her roommate to death at their Brooklyn nursing home. Galina Smirnova, 95, was arraigned and charged Wednesday with second-degree murder and fourth-de-

gree criminal possession of a weapon in connection with the death of 89-year-old Nina Kravtsov, whose family said was born in Ukraine and survived the Holocaust. Police responded to Seagate Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Coney Island, New York, at around 10:30 p.m. on Sunday, where Kravtsov was allegedly found “lying in her bed,

95-year-old charged with murder of Holocaust survivor nursing home roommate

non-responsive, covered in blood, and with gash marks about her face and head,” according to a criminal complaint obtained by ABC News. Nurses found Smirnova in the bathroom washing blood from her hands in the sink, while Kravtsov was transported to an area hospital, according to the complaint. Kravtsov sustained fractures to her face and head, and she died early Monday morning due to blunt force trauma, according to the medical examiner’s office. The murder weapon appeared to be a blood-stained wheelchair foot pedal seen lying on the floor, the Brooklyn District Attorney’s office said. “Family is grieving in every sense of the word. It is my responsibility that justice is served for a woman that survived the Holocaust but could not survive a nursing home is dealt with correctly,” said Randy Zelin, an attorney representing Kravtsov’s family. Smirnova appeared in court, where she was remanded into custody

without bail. She did not enter a plea. ABC News has reached out to Smirnova’s lawyer and Seagate Rehabilitation and Nursing Center for a comment.

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Tucker Carlson, Megyn Kelly and Glenn Beck among conservatives who will help complete Charlie Kirk's college tour

A collection of elected Republicans and prominent conservatives are stepping in to serve as featured guests on the national college tour that slain conservative activist Charlie Kirk was embarked on before his assassination at an event in Utah earlier this month. The list of prominent speakers includes Virginia Gov. Glenn Youngkin, Utah Sen. Mike Lee, Montana Gov. Greg Gianforte, and Ohio GOP gubernatorial nominee Vivek Ramaswamy, along with influential media figures such as Megyn Kelly, Tucker Carlson, and Glenn Beck. Turning Point USA, the conservative youth network that Kirk founded in 2012, announced the slate of speakers on Monday, quoting on its website Kirk’s wife, Erika, who declared that “our campus tour this fall will continue” despite the tragedy. The organization announced a total of 11 campus dates over the next two months, preserving seven stops originally planned before Kirk’s death, and adding four additional events in Virginia, Oklahoma, Alabama, and California.



From left: Tucker Carlson, Megyn Kelly and Glenn Beck

In the wake of Kirk’s death, Erika Kirk has been named CEO of TPU-SA. Speaking at a memorial in Arizona on Sunday, she vowed to take up her late husband’s mantle, say-

ing that the world “needs a group that will point young people away from the path of misery and sin.” “I promise you today, every part of our work will become greater,” she

said. Hours after she spoke, she sent a fundraising email expressing her grief and asking recipients to “carry the torch” her husband lit by donating to Turning Point USA.

SHE COMPETED WELL

**Governor's Office Heaped Praise on Athlete Yanique
Haye-Smith who represented TCI at the just-concluded
World Athletics Championships**

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Jamaica capture 1 gold, 6 silver, 3 bronze at World Champs

TALK that the Jamaica track and field programme is in trouble was put to rest over nine days in Tokyo, Japan, as a galaxy of future stars, and a handful of veterans, shone brightly with several personal best performances as they mined 10 medals.

Leading the pack was 24-year-old Oblique Seville who captured gold in the men's 100m, while at 38 years old the greatest female sprinter of all time, Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce, bookended her glittering career with silver in the women's 4x100m relay.

RobinsonThe Jamaican 4x100m silver-winning quartet of (from left) Jonielle Smith, Tina Clayton, Tia Clayton, and Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce (Garfield Robinson)Jamaica's Oblique Seville reacts to winning the men's 100m final race during the World Athletics Championships in Tokyo, Japan, on Sunday, September 14, 2025.Garfield RobinsonJamaica's Oblique Seville reacts to winning the men's 100m final race during the World Athletics Championships in Tokyo, Japan, on Sunday, September 14, 2025. (Garfield Robinson)



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Jamaica's 4x400m silver medal winners (from left) Dejaneia Oakley, Andrenette Knight, Stacey-Ann Williams, and Nickisha Pryce are captured in a jubilant mood following the final of their event.



West Indies players celebrate the dismissal of an Australian batsman during the day/night third Test at Sabina Park in Jamaica on July 13, 2025.



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Sammy dares to hope for a Windies Test upset in India

Having not won a Test series in India since 1983, West Indies Head Coach Daren Sammy is well aware of the challenges his side will face when they travel to the sub-continent for a two-match Test series next month. However, Sammy said the team was in good spirits and was confident of doing well against the fourth-ranked Test side in the world, despite being ranked four places lower. It will be the regional side's first Test tour to India since 2018 and will see the two sides clash in the opening Test at Ahmedabad from October 2-6, with the second match in Delhi from October 10-14. Sammy admitted, though, that it would

not be an easy task to end their 42-year drought. "India, we all know, is going to be a challenge. It's a place that, I think since 1983, we have not won a series there and I think that in itself speaks volumes of what we're trying to achieve when we go down to India. "However, the way we've gone about selecting the squad and identifying the roles we feel that could be executed... that will allow us to be successful and then we put the personnel and the skill set to match the role that is required, that's how we came about with the squad for India," Sammy revealed during a press conference held by Cricket West Indies on Thursday.

"We are really looking forward because we have some guys returning with some skill sets, we have some guys who have missed out, but all in all, I think we have selected a really good squad based on the roles and the skill sets that will be required for India, and I'm looking forward to it." Sammy said as part of preparations for the tour he was continually having conversations with the team to instil a sense of belief and confidence within the group. "It's not just one conversation, it's a continuation of the brand of cricket and how we want to play, the betterment of skills, but, to me, most importantly, is the belief in one's self, in one's ability in

one's technical ability as well and trusting the process. "I did say from the top that it's been 42 years that we have not won a series in India and the challenges that we face; however, for me and the squad it's understanding what we're trying to achieve and the processes that we have to tick in achieving those things," Sammy said. The head coach said he had taken note of New Zealand's 3-0 win over India last November, which condemned the latter to their first defeat in a Test series at home since 2012. Sammy said the West Indies would be looking to emulate some of the tactics employed by New Zealand in their bid to win the series.

Boldon hits out against state of track & field in T&T

Legendary sprinter and world-renowned broadcaster Ato Boldon has issued a scathing assessment of the state of track and field in Trinidad and Tobago (T&T), declaring he has "never seen it this bad" and laying the blame squarely at the feet of the sport's governing body. Boldon, who won T&T's first-ever World Championship gold medal in the 200 metres in Athens 1997, made his powerful comments during an appearance on the iSports Saturday programme with Andre Errol Baptiste on i95.5FM. The Olympic medallist did not mince words, stating that the National Association of Athletic Administrations (NAAA) needs to take a long, hard look in the mirror if the sport is to be saved from its current decline. He pointed to a stark fall from grace, noting the nation has gone from regular podium finishes to "almost a decade of nothing" under the current administration. "The NAAA needs a national policy that

will help to get the nation's track and field back on track," Boldon asserted. He expressed no surprise that the National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago (NGC) had recently ended its sponsorship deal with the NAAA, citing the dismal performance on the world stage as a clear reason for the withdrawal. The four-time Olympic medallist saved particular criticism for the relay programmes, once a proud source of national pride and medals. "T&T women's relays are completely irrelevant and men's relays non-existent," he stated bluntly. Contrasting T&T's current struggles with the success of other nations, Boldon highlighted a critical lack of preparation and cohesion. "Other countries have cohesion among four, five, six or seven athletes, and, for them, it's a question of plug and play. We got away with doing it the old way for years during the Richard Thompson and Mark Burns era, when the relays

were at their peak. But those days are over." In a vivid analogy that underscored how far behind T&T has fallen, Boldon added, "It's now like we are trying to run a 100-metre dash or play basketball in Converse or Chuck Taylor All-Star sneakers." However, his message was not solely one of criticism. Boldon, who has become one of the most respected voices in international track and field broadcasting, offered a glimmer of hope. He confirmed that, if the NAAA demonstrates a genuine commitment to change, he would seriously consider an offer to return and lend his expertise to help rebuild the sport. "If things change," Boldon said, "I will consider giving my services to the association to help rebuild track and field in Trinidad." Trinidad and Tobago ended the just-concluded World Championships with two medals, after Keshorn Walcott took gold in the men's javelin and Jer-

seem Richards won silver in the 400m.



Ato Boldon



TCIFA President Sonia Fulford (right), Project Manager Dominique Durham (centre), and TCIFA General Secretary Tamara Hall-Worme host the FIFA Regional Officers Jordan Victoire, Lead for Member Association Development of FIFA Regional Office, and Malaika Church, MA Development Manager.

FIFA Regional Office Conducts Visit to the Turks and Caicos Islands Football Association

The Turks and Caicos Islands Football Association (TCIFA) recently hosted distinguished representatives from the FIFA Regional Office this week, marking a significant milestone in the ongoing development of football infrastructure and programs within the Islands.

The two-day meetings facilitated by Jordan Victoire, Lead for Member Association Development of FIFA Regional Office, and Malaika Church, MA Development Manager, were led by TCIFA President Sonia Fulford and joined by TCIFA General Secretary Tamara Hall-Worme, Technical Director Dane Ritchie, and Project Manager Dominique Durham. Together, they embarked on a comprehensive review of current projects and future strategies that will shape the future of football in the Turks and Caicos Islands.

A key highlight of the visit was the on-site review of the FIFA Forward/TCIFA Dormitory project, which is currently in the process of completing its final phase. This initiative represents a vital investment in local football infrastructure, offering essential facilities that will not only foster the development of young talent in the region but also provide a significant boost to sports tourism within the country. This project reflects a broader vision of using football as a catalyst for so-

cial and economic benefits.

The meetings also included visits to the two appointed sites of the FIFA Arena Projects, TCIFA's newest initiative in collaboration with the Turks & Caicos Islands Government. This groundbreaking partnership demonstrates the commitment to expanding football infrastructure across the Islands.

The dormitory facility is designed to support aspiring athletes, coaches, visiting teams and groups, offering the essential resources required to refine their skills and compete at elevated levels. Equipped with modern amenities, the dormitory will serve as a hub for training camps, workshops, tournaments, and more, drawing groups from across the region and beyond.

The successful completion of the FIFA Forward/TCIFA Dormitory project will undoubtedly serve as a beacon of progress and a testament to what can be achieved through strategic partnerships and a shared vision for the future of football in the Turks and Caicos Islands. The anticipation grows!

In addition to the dormitory project and FIFA Arena review, the discussions covered an array of topics critical to the growth of football in the country and region. Plans for the remainder of 2025 were outlined with

a focus on enhancing domestic and international competitions in years to come. Additionally discussed was the recently launched talent development pathway at TCIFA. This assessment focused on evaluating progress made and identifying areas that require further enhancement. The collaboration between FIFA and TCIFA demonstrates a shared dedication to fostering unity and pride through football. As football remains

a unifying force within the community, the partnership between FIFA and TCIFA is poised to create lasting impacts, inspiring future generations of footballers and enhancing the overall sporting landscape of these beautiful Turks and Caicos Islands.

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Inspection of the FIFA Forward/TCIFA Dormitory project

Praise Heaped on Athlete Yanique Haye-Smith

By Vivian Tyson, NEWSLINE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Yanique Haye-Smith, the lone Turk and Caicos Islands athlete to participate in the just concluded World Athletics Championships in Tokyo, Japan, has been showered with praise by the Governor’s Office for her resilience on the track.

The 2025 World Athletics Championships, the twentieth edition of the World Athletics Championships, were held from 13 to 21 September 2025.

Haye-Smith, a lieutenant in the TCI Regiment, and who left the islands to represent the Turks and Caicos Islands at the game without fanfare, competed in the 400 meters hurdles.

She ran a time of 58.48 seconds in her heat and did not advance to the finals. Alice Muraro from Italy won that specific heat with a time of 54.36. Dutch athlete, Femke Bol, the eventual winner of that discipline, retained her 400m hurdles title, racing to victory in 51.54. Bol crowned herself champion in that event in 2023, in Budapest, Hungary.

The Governor’s Office, writing on social media, said that Haye-Smith represented heart, grit and determination.

“Huge congratulations to Reserve Lieutenant Yanique Haye-Smith of the Turks and Caicos Islands Regiment who recently represented the Turks and Caicos Islands at the World Athletics Championships in Tokyo,” the post from the Governor’s Office said.

It continued: “As the sole athlete from Turks and Caicos Islands at the Championships, Lieutenant Haye-Smith’s presence and performance were not only inspiring athletic achievements but serve as a reminder of what is possible



Yanique Haye-Smith competing at the World Championships in Tokyo, Japan.

through hard work and national pride. Thank you, Lieutenant Haye-Smith for flying the Turks and Caicos Islands flag high and for being a role model both on and off the track.”

Haye-Smith also chalked up a great deal of support from fans on social media. One supporter wrote: “Being there is a win, so congratulations on making it to Tokyo. You did your best and that’s what matters. Relax and enjoy the rest of the games.”

“Another wrote: “Super proud of you, friend. Always doing your best you’re

a one-man band that has the best music.”

Another fan wrote: “Keep it up! Your dedication, determination and faith will reap in due course.”

Another fan wrote: “Your grit and dedication are amazing. You represented TCI with heart and strength. Keep going - We are all rooting for you! Congratulations.”

Another fan simply wrote: “Team TCI”, accompanied by a number of Turks and Caicos Islands flag emojis.

In the meantime, Haye-Smith ex-

pressed disappointment at the general lack of support she received while participating at the championship. She let her feelings known on social media.

“Now that the Championship is over, I can say this: I spent 11 days in Tokyo, Japan for the World Athletics Championships. My race took place on Monday the 15th, and I departed on the 19th. Throughout my time in Tokyo both before and after my race I didn’t see anyone else from my country. Yet, by God’s grace, I remained focused, grounded, and grateful. It’s moments like these that remind me why I carry myself the way I do. They shape my strength, my discipline, and my purpose. Thank you to everyone who supports me.”

Prior to the World Athletics Championship, Haye-Smith, Haye-Smith who attended and competed for Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Missouri, represented the Turk and Caicos Islands at numerous international championships. She represented the TCI at the 2019 World Athletics Championships in Doha, Qatar.

In 2022, Haye-Smith also competed at the 2022 World Athletics Indoor Championships – Women’s 400 metres in Belgrade, Serbia.

According to World Athletics Haye-Smith holds several national records for the Turk and Caicos Islands, including the 400m hurdles, the 200m, and the 400m.

Haye-Smith holds the national record for the Turks and Caicos Islands in the women’s 400 metres hurdles with a time of 55.58 seconds, set in 2019. She, holds the national records for the 200 meters (23.42s), 400 meters (52.25s), and indoor 400 meters (52.72s).

Twin South Caicos Footballers Callie and Kayley Get Athletics, Academic Scholarships

The Turks and Caicos Islands Football Association (TCIFA) proudly celebrates two of its brightest talents, Callie and Kayley Hall, distinguished players on the TCI Women’s National Football Team.

The twin sisters, hailing from the island of South Caicos, have been awarded an Athletic Scholarship from the Turks and Caicos Islands Government, alongside an academic scholarship from the University of South Carolina – Union, marking an exciting new chapter in their journey.

According to the TCIFA, Callie and Kayley’s story is one of dedication, discipline, and perseverance. Both athletes began their football journey at just six years old in the TCIFA Grassroots Programme. Since then, they have steadily risen through the ranks, proudly wearing national colors in the U14, U15, and U17 teams. One of their early career highlights came in 2021, when they helped secure a silver medal in the CFU U14 Girls Challenge Series, a historic achievement for the TCI.

“Their development continued as they earned selection for the Women’s National

Football Team, where they have competed in FIFA Friendlies, CONCACAF World Cup Qualifiers, and other official tournaments, representing the nation with skill and determination,” The TCIFA said on post on their social media page.

The post noted that beyond their performances on the pitch, both sisters have made significant contributions off the field. Callie has shared her knowledge and passion for the sport by serving as a Junior Coach in the Grassroots Programme in South Caicos, inspiring the next generation of players. Meanwhile, Kayley showcased her versatility by representing the TCI in international Beach Soccer competition, highlighting her adaptability and competitive spirit.

The TCIFA further noted that the Hall Sisters’ academic paths also reflect their drive for excellence. Callie will pursue a degree in Tourism Management, while Kayley embarks on a degree in Mechanical Engineering, each blending their sporting discipline with ambitious educational goals.

“These young women represent the very best of our football family,” the TCIFA stat-

ed. “They embody the values of discipline, integrity, and commitment, not only as athletes but also as role models for our community. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and look forward to watching

them excel at the next level.”

With their scholarships secured and bright futures ahead, Callie and Kayley Hall continue to make South Caicos, and the entire Turks and Caicos Islands, proud.



Callie (left) and Hayley Hall