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# Clement Howell Prize-Giving Ceremony

The Clement Howell High School held its Annual Prize-giving ceremony on Thursday, September 28, on the schools ground. The event saw students being awarded for their hard work and dedication over the past year. NewslineTCI was on hand to capture the moments of excellence by the youngsters.







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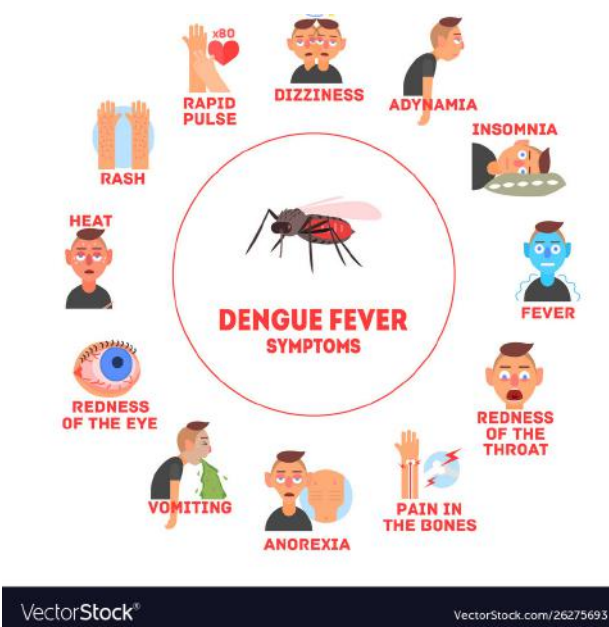


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# TCI On Dengue Alert



The Ministry of Health in the Turks and Caicos Islands said it is closely monitoring the dengue situation in the Americas region following a significant outbreak of this mosquito-borne fever.

As of the latest update, over 3.4 million cases of dengue have been reported in 2023, with outbreaks occurring in several countries, including the Caribbean.

Dengue is a viral illness transmitted to humans through the bite of infected Aedes species mosquitoes, specifically Aedes aegypti and Aedes albopictus. These mosquitoes are also responsible for spreading other viruses like Zika

and chikungunya.

Notably, the Aedes aegypti mosquito is present in the Turks and Caicos Islands and has the potential to transmit dengue, chikungunya, and Zika. Although the number of identified dengue cases in the TCI remains low this year, the public is urged to remain vigilant and actively contribute to eliminating potential mosquito breeding sites within homes, yards, and communities.

**Key Facts about Dengue**

Approximately one in four individuals infected with dengue will develop symptoms. Dengue symptoms can range from mild to severe, with severe cases being life-threatening and requiring hospitalization.

Common symptoms include fever, nausea, vomiting, rash, and various aches and pains, including eye pain, muscle pain, joint pain, and bone pain.

Symptoms typically last for two to seven days, and most individuals recover within a week. Currently, there is no specific treatment for dengue, but individuals experiencing symptoms are advised to seek medical attention promptly.

**Ministry of Health Initiatives**

The Ministry of Health and Human Services said that it is providing free dengue testing through the National Public Health Laboratory in collaboration with the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA). Additionally, vector control activities are being carried out throughout the islands to mitigate mosquito breeding.

To report standing water or potential mosquito breeding sites, residents can contact the Environmental Health Department at (649) 338 2143/2142.

Environmental Health Department’s Vector Control Unit

Given the rising dengue cases in neighboring countries,

the Environmental Health Department’s Vector Control Unit is said it is taking proactive measures to educate the public and promote preventive actions against dengue. They emphasize the following protective measures:

- **Eliminate Mosquito Breeding Sites:** Regularly inspect and eliminate stagnant water sources in and around homes.
- **Use Mosquito Nets:** Sleep under mosquito nets, especially in areas with high mosquito activity.
- **Wear Protective Clothing:** When outdoors, wear long-sleeved shirts, long pants, socks, and shoes to reduce exposure to mosquito bites.
- **Apply Insect Repellent:** Use mosquito repellent on exposed skin and clothing as directed.

The Ministry of Health is also advising the public to stay updated with local health advisories and follow recommended preventive measures.

The Ministry reminding the public to seek medical attention if experiencing dengue-like symptoms, such as high fever, severe headaches, joint or muscle pain, or rash.

“Participate in or support community efforts to eliminate mosquito breeding sites and raise awareness about dengue prevention,” a news release from the Ministry of Health said.

It said also that the Environmental Health Department’s Vector Control Unit is committed to collaborating with communities, businesses, and healthcare providers to combat dengue spread through surveillance and control efforts. They encourage individuals to report mosquito breeding sites or seek support in preventing mosquito breeding by contacting the Environmental Health Department at 649 338-2143/44.

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# Digital Border System Will Flush-Out Criminals

By Vivian Tyson



The Washington Misick Administration is taking steps to bolster border security by implementing a cutting-edge digital information border system dubbed 'Digital Borders'.

This system, which will collect biometrics for the immigration database, aims to enhance the tracking of migrants entering and leaving the Turks and Caicos Islands while strengthening security measures against potential threats.

Minister of Immigration and Border Services, Hon. Arlington 'Chuck' Musgrove, unveiled this ambitious plan during the government's National Delivery Unit (NDU) Priority Projects Open Day and Launch held at the Gustavus Lightbourne Sports Complex on Thursday, September 28.

The Digital Border System is Priority 9 of a 12 priority projects plan that government plans to embark shortly or has already started.

Priority 1 is the South Dock Redevelopment; Priority 2 is the outlaying of Domestic Fibre-optic Link; Priority 3 is tackle Solid Waste Management; Priority 4 is to deliver a Comprehensive Housing Solution; Priority 5 is the Strengthening of the Agriculture Sector; Priority 6 is implementation of a National ID Card system; Priority 7 is the Scanning of Land Registry Documents; Priority 8 is the Management and Containment of Informal Settlements; Priority 10 is the Digital Transformation of the Department of Motor Vehicle; Priority 11 is the National Insurance Share Services with the National Health Insurance; while Priority 12 is Modernize the Judiciary.

Minister Musgrove emphasized the critical importance of border security in the Turks and Caicos

Islands. He acknowledged that the country faces multifaceted challenges in this regard, especially due to the limitations of its current digital information system.

"Hundreds of thousands of people cross (into the Turks and Caicos Islands) every year, and migrants make up significant proportions of our community, yet we have no easy way to track them or the applications they make," the minister lamented.

Minister Musgrove underscored that to keep pace with global border security threats, facilitate the smooth processing of low-risk travelers, and effectively manage the TCI migrant population, the implementation of a digital border system is imperative. He stressed that data-sharing and integration would be central to assessing the risk profiles of travelers, enabling the allocation of resources toward individuals posing the greatest threats to the community and economy.

"Keeping pace with global border security threats, facilitating low-risk arriving/departing passengers and properly managing TCI Migrant population can only be achieved by the implementation of a digital border and by locking persons into biometric identities. Data-sharing and integration will form the risk profile of the travelling public and allow the targeting of the TCI resources towards those who present the greatest risks to our communities and to our economy," he asserted.

He said the introduction of the biometrics system falls under Enablers for Border Management System, which he said is one of three initiatives to attain a digital border. The other two are the Border Management System Discovery and Implementa-

tion of the Border Management System.

He said government launched the Border Management System Discovery in March of this year. "I pause to thank my hard-working team in the border force for really putting in the efforts behind this," Musgrove said.

He pointed out that a new border solution would introduce three separate components, which will work together to increase the robustness of the country's immigration system, thereby streamlining low-risk activity and enhance the service we deliver, noting that government would implement what he referred to as an end-to-end immigration management system, which he said would coalesce all immigration under one umbrella.

"The introduction of the end-to-end immigration management system will, for the first time in the history of immigration in the Turks and Caicos Islands, bring all immigration-related records into one easily accessible place, whether related to application for work permit, a visa or for PRC status, or if the person has been encountered here illegally, their case details, and all supporting information will be stored in one easy, searching system," Musgrove explained.

"The system will be customer facing, so applications and inquiries can be made online," he pointed out.

he said the biometrics system would target non-citizens only.

"That means that this project would introduce the capturing of biometrics for non-citizens making applications as well as those breaking our immigration laws, and will be integrated with our end-to-end system, so a person and their immigration status will be easily identifiable by their fingerprint," he pointed out, revealing to his audience that government would also introduce an e-gate and pretravel authority.

"My e-Gates and Pre-Travel Authority...those of us who go to the United States and get global entry (would know) what a wonderful that is. This will be introduced in the Turks and Caicos Islands.

"The introduction of automated technology e-gates and pre-travel authority will work together to secure to streamline the arrival of the vast majority of our arriving passengers.

"How does this impact the country? Number one – it is easier to determine a person's status. They have migrant information at their fingertips. We have a system in the office, but we have a handheld scanner. So, my taskforce officers on the road searching a car, they can ask someone to place their finger on the devices and they can determine whether they are here legally or illegally," Musgrove said.

He said also that the system would help to protect the immigration structure from abuse.

"Those who beak the law or beak the rules can't simply hide in a new identity, because we have a problem now that people who we have caught illegally will go back home and change passports and come back on a new passport, and we wouldn't have that information. But this will be a new day," Musgrove emphasized.

He said the new system would also improve the services for travelers and applicants, while foster better targeting of those who present security risks to the country.

"These times call for serious people," Musgrove said.

# Malcolm X's life: A masterclass in self-education and transformation

Born Malcolm Little in 1925, this charismatic leader, activist, and brilliant orator would evolve from a life of hardship and criminality to become one of the most influential voices of the civil rights movement in the United States. His journey of self-education and ideological transformation, from advocating racial separation to envisioning a world in which both races could coexist, is a testament to the power of knowledge, self-discovery, and the human capacity for change.

As a 10-year-old boy growing up in the vibrant Bendon district of Kitson Town, St Catherine, Jamaica, my journey into the world of knowledge and the art of public speaking began in the most unexpected way. I came from a mixed-race background, and my love for books was evident from an early age. I wasn't alone in my quest for wisdom, and I made sure to share this passion with my two younger siblings, encouraging them to become avid members of our local library.

Little did I know that this early affinity for reading would set me on a path as a young free thinker and budding writer. However, there was a time when I couldn't read with ease. I vividly recall my early days, when I would explore the pages of Jamaican stories like Johnny Crab Toe and the Magic Pen before fully mastering the art of reading.

Throughout my formative years, my reading journey introduced me to influential figures like Marcus Garvey, Martin Luther King, and many others who left an indelible mark on history. However, there was a conspicuous absence in my literary exploration — Malcolm X. His powerful words and ideas had never graced the pages of my books until my teenage years. It was during this period, as I embarked on the path of self-discovery, embracing my masculinity and black identity, that I encountered the profound impact of Malcolm X. My discovery of Malcolm X came not through formal education but through my own quest for self-improvement. It made me question why his message had been withheld from me for so long. As I grew, I realised that there was a pervasive agenda aimed at undermining the potential of young Jamaican black men like myself. Without hesitation, I assert this truth: Malcolm X's message was deliberately suppressed because it possessed a power that transcended his era.

## The Path of Self-Education

Malcolm X's journey toward self-education was remarkable, particularly considering the societal limitations and barriers he faced as a young black man in the mid-20th century. Incarcerated in his early 20s for burglary, Malcolm turned to reading and self-education as a way to escape the confines of his prison cell. He famously said, "My alma mater was books, a good library... I could spend the rest of my life reading, just satisfying my curiosity."

Malcolm X voraciously devoured books during his prison years, expanding his intellectual horizons beyond the narrow confines of his previous experiences. His transformation into a voracious reader was not merely about acquiring knowledge, it was about empowerment and self-discovery. He saw education as a path to personal growth and liberation, an idea he would later espouse passionately.

## The Power of Malcolm's Words

Malcolm X developed his capacity to express his ideas with unmatched eloquence as he was being released from prison. His writings and lectures were thrilling as well as powerful. Numerous black Americans who felt oppressed and marginalised could relate to the fervour with which he talked.

The Ballot or the Bullet, one of his most famous speeches, made in 1964, is still a tribute to his skill as a public speaker. In it, he stated, "A ballot is like a bullet." Voters don't cast ballots until they see a target, and they keep their ballots in their pockets if that target is out of reach. A generation was moved by the urgency and call to action in his words.

Malcolm X's eloquence was rooted in his deep understanding of history, philosophy, and the human condition. He once remarked, "You can't hate the roots of a tree and not hate the tree. You can't hate your origin and not end up hating yourself. You can't hate Africa and not hate yourself."

## From Separation to Unity

Malcolm X's evolving perspective on racial segregation was one of the most fascinating aspects of his development. Malcolm was an early leader in the Nation of Islam and a supporter of segregating the black and white communities. He believed that the only way for black Americans to end the systemic injustice they endured was through complete autonomy.

However, Malcolm's opinions started to change once he travelled to Mecca in 1964, an encounter that would change him forever. He saw people of many ethnicities and cultures gather together for prayer and fellowship. His experience of the shared humanity was life-changing. He had a strong belief in the possibility of racial harmony and cohabitation when he left Mecca.

Malcolm X stated, "I believe in recognising every human being as a human being, neither white, black, brown, or red." This shift in perspective was not a betrayal of his earlier beliefs but a testament to his willingness to adapt and grow in the face of new experiences and knowledge.

## Malcolm's Complexity

While we celebrate Malcolm X as a symbol of resilience and change, it's essential to recognise his complexity as a human being. His public persona often overshadowed his personal struggles and complexities.

Malcolm X's sexuality has been a topic of discussion and debate. Some newspaper articles and rumours have hinted at aspects of his personal life that remain enigmatic. However, it's essential to approach such discussions with sensitivity and respect for the privacy of historical figures. What's clear is that Malcolm X's legacy transcends his personal life, and it's his ideas and actions that continue to inspire generations.

## 21st-Century Lessons

In today's interconnected world, young black men in Jamaica and around the globe have access to a wealth of information and technology of which Malcolm X could only dream. While smartphones and the internet offer incredible opportunities for self-education, the lessons from Malcolm X's life remain as relevant as ever.

\*The power of self-education: Malcolm X's journey from a troubled youth to an intellectual giant illustrates the transformative potential of education. Young men today can use technology to access a world of knowledge, from online courses to digital libraries, to empower themselves and shape their futures.

\*The art of oration: Malcolm X's mastery of oration remains a timeless lesson. Effective communication is a valuable skill in any era. Young black men can harness the power of their voices, using social media, podcasts, and other platforms to share their perspectives and advocate for change.

\*Embracing change: Malcolm X's evolution from separatism to a vision of unity demonstrates the importance of being open to new ideas and experiences. In a world filled with division and polarisation, his journey serves as a reminder of the potential for growth and reconciliation.

\*Resilience in the face of adversity: Malcolm X's life was marked by challenges and adversity, but he persevered. Today's young men can draw inspiration from his resilience and determination to overcome obstacles.

Malcolm X's life served as an example of the transforming power of self-education, the persuasiveness of language, and the potential for individual development. For young black males in the 21st century, his path from a tormented adolescent to a universal icon offers important lessons. Malcolm X's legacy stands as a beacon of hope in a world that still struggles with racial and economic inequity, showing us that change is possible and that we can achieve unity. Let us continue to work towards a more just and equitable world as we consider his life and teachings, one in which everyone is valued for who they are as a person, not because of the colour of his/her skin.



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# October 10 Sentence For Floyd Hall, Clayton Greene



Floyd Hall



Clayton Greene

Former Deputy Premier of the Turks and Caicos Islands, Floyd Hall, and former Speaker of the House of Assembly, Clayton Greene, are set to be sentenced on October 10, following their guilty verdicts in the Special Investigation and Prosecution Team (SIPT) Trial.

The verdicts, delivered by Chief Justice Her Honor Mabel Agymang on September 25, found Hall guilty of bribery and Greene guilty of money laundering.



Justice Mabel Agymang

In contrast, the other two individuals charged in this phase of the trial, former Immigration Minister Jeffery Hall and attorney Melbourne Wilson, were acquitted on all counts. The SIPT trials have spanned nearly a decade and have incurred a cost of well over \$100 million, borne by the taxpayers of the Turks and Caicos Islands.

After being found guilty, both Hall and Greene, who had been on bail during the trial, were taken back into police custody. The bail amounts were substantially increased, with Greene's bail raised to \$300,000 from \$175,000, and Hall's bail increased to \$700,000 from \$500,000. Both individuals have since posted bail.

The SIPT trials originated from an investigation that began in August 2009, prompted by suspicions of corruption at the highest levels of government in the Turks and Caicos Islands. This investigation followed a Commission of Inquiry into the Michael Misick Administration and led to the suspension of the TCI Constitution in 2009, resulting in the

establishment of an interim administration. By 2011, the SIPT had accumulated enough evidence to bring charges against politicians, lawyers, investors, and relatives of politicians. Some of those charged either pleaded guilty and were ordered to make restitution, while others reached agreements with the prosecution to avoid being charged.

The trial experienced numerous delays, including the unexpected death of the original judge, Justice Paul Harrison, in February 2021, which led to Chief Justice Agymang assuming control of the case.

With the sentencing of Floyd Hall and Clayton Greene approaching, attention will now shift to the ongoing trial of former Premier Michael Misick and his co-accused, attorney Chalmers Misick, and former natural resource minister McAllister Hanchell, as residents of the Turks and Caicos Islands await the outcome of these high-profile cases involving allegations of corruption that have had a significant impact on the governance of the territory.

# Blame Game Over TCI EU Blacklisting



Deputy Premier Hon. E. Jay Saunders



Opposition Leader Hon. Edwin Astwood

Deputy Premier and Minister of Finance Hon. E. Jay Saunders and Opposition Leader Hon. E. Jay Saunders clashed in the House of Assembly mainly about who is responsible for the Turks and Caicos Islands being blacklisted by the European Union.

In October 2022, the European Union (EU) added the Turks and Caicos Islands to its blacklist of tax havens, claiming that this tiny chain of islands was non-cooperative on matters related to tax.

In parliament, debating the Supplementary Appropriations Bill earlier this week, Opposition Leader Hon. Astwood questioned why the TCI was still on the list, considering that the government had already budgeted money to fix the problem. He further asked why the government had to come back for more money to address the issue.

"Why is the Turks and Caicos Islands on the Black List? How did we get there?" Astwood asked. However, the finance minister retorted that it was the opposition leader who should answer such questions since the blacklisting occurred under his administration.

"It happened under the leader of the opposition's government...they caused us to be blacklisted. And so, while the ruling was made when we were in government, and we took responsibility for its continuation, it is not because of what we did, it was because of what your government did," Saunders charged, telling the opposition leader if he needed further proof, he could show him the report.

"So, instead of asking me why we are on the blacklist, I should be asking you why are we on the blacklist," Saunders stated.

However, Astwood was adamant that the finance minister was wrong in his assessment.

"Thank you for your commentary, but we

know it wasn't so...while we appreciate it, we know that it is not factual," he said, while accusing the government of living in utopia.

The two had a second clash when the opposition questioned whether or not the funds earmarked for getting the TCI off the blacklist were being spent for their intended purpose.

TCI's Cabinet has approved funding for an information technology platform to comply with the European Union's tax benchmarks with the aim of enhancing the territory's chances of getting off the blacklist.

On June 14 this year, Cabinet approved a contract extension and amendment for Economic Substance Consultancy to provide advice, assistance, and an IT portal strategy in regard to the removal of the Turks & Caicos Islands from the list.

The approval of a new IT platform for the Exchange of Information (EOI) department is part of a myriad of measures to make the territory a more compliant jurisdiction as it relates to the global fight against money laundering and countering the financing of terrorism (AML/CFT).

The EU's blacklist is a controversial tool used to tackle tax fraud or evasion, including illegal non-payment or underpayment of tax, tax avoidance, use of legal means to minimize tax liability, and money laundering, as well as the concealment of origins of illegally obtained money.

Earlier this year, Erwin Saunders announced that the Government has earmarked \$2 million to procure the new Information Technology (IT) platform.

According to the Minister, the IT platform would allow the jurisdiction to have a more robust automatic exchange of information solution, an area that has been deemed ineffectual by the European Union (EU).

The new IT platform is geared to increase legitimacy by reinforcing the territory's commitment to international tax standards.

Furthermore, it shows that the territory is indeed a "cooperating partner" with the EU for tax purposes, which will go a long way towards improving TCI's reputation as a responsible financial center, Saunders added.

He further explained that the automatic exchange of information will help to improve overall compliance by registered entities, as it will make it more difficult for them to avoid meeting the reporting requirements.

"Automatic exchange of information will increase transparency and accountability for our jurisdiction, which will help to remove the perception that we are "non-cooperating".

"By complying with international tax standards, we will accelerate our removal from the EU "blacklist for tax purposes" and avoid us being put back on it in the future.

"By complying with international tax standards, our jurisdiction will become more competitive in the global financial market, as we will attract new investors and clients that are looking for a stable and reliable financial center."

The TCI becoming fully compliant with the EU's tax standards has several potential benefits for our jurisdiction, especially as it relates to growing the territory's presence on the global financial market, the Finance Minister stressed.

The EU, at the time of blacklisting the TCI, explained that the reason for adding the Turks and Caicos Islands, Anguilla, and The Bahamas to the list is that there are "concerns that these three jurisdictions, which all have a zero or nominal only rate of corporate income tax, are attracting profits without real economic activity.

The EU Blacklist is due to be revised in October 2023.



# Home Affairs Minister Wants Legislations, Policies That Foster Greater Youth Nation Building Involvement



Minister of Home Affairs Hon. Otis Morris

Hon. Otis Morris, Minister of Home Affairs for the Turks and Caicos Islands, has called for legislation and policies geared at increasing youth involvement in decision-making processes to shape the future of the country.

Making his contribution in the House of Assembly earlier this week, Minister Morris emphasized the vital role of young people in nation building and urged his colleagues to support his call to provide them with a more prominent role.

“As parliamentarians, it is our duty to create legislation that not only addresses the pressing issues of today but also paves the way for a better tomorrow,” he pleaded. “The youth are deeply concerned about climate change, social justice, economic opportunities, and technology’s impact on our society. We must craft policies that reflect these concerns and

provide avenues for youth-driven solutions.”

Minister Morris stressed that the youth are not merely the leaders of tomorrow but are also crucial stakeholders today. He emphasized that their active participation in parliamentary affairs is not a choice but a necessity to ensure a vibrant and dynamic democracy that genuinely represents the aspirations of all citizens.

“The youth are not just the future, they are an integral part of our present. Their energy, ideas, and idealism are assets that our parliament must harness for the greater good of our nation. Let us commit ourselves to creating a parliament that welcomes and empowers the youth, for they hold the keys to a brighter, more inclusive, and prosperous future,” the Home Affairs Minister stressed.

The Minister highlighted the importance of actively seeking out and valuing the voices of young people in decision-making processes. He underlined the need to create an environment where young individuals are encouraged to contribute their unique perspectives, thus bridging the generation gap and gaining a deeper understanding of contemporary challenges.

“Our parliament should be a place where the voices of the youth are not just heard but actively sought out and valued. Their experiences, ideas, and concerns must be given due consideration in the decision-making process.

“We must create an environment where young parliamentarians are encouraged to contribute their unique perspectives, bridging the generation gap and fostering a deeper understanding of contemporary challenges, the minister said.

Morris underscored the pivotal role of educational institutions in nurturing informed and responsible

citizens. He stressed the need to instil values such as civic engagement, critical thinking, and a profound sense of responsibility in young individuals, empowering them to actively participate in the political process.

Inclusivity was also identified as a cornerstone of a thriving democracy by the Minister. He called for diligent efforts to ensure that youth from all backgrounds, regardless of their socio-economic status, gender, or ethnicity, have equal opportunities to engage in politics. Mentorship programs, internships, and educational outreach initiatives were proposed as means to encourage young talent to enter public service.

“We must work diligently to ensure that the youth from all backgrounds, regardless of their socio-economic status, gender, or ethnicity, have equal opportunities to engage in politics. Mentorship programs, internships, and educational outreach initiatives can play a crucial role in encouraging young talent to step into the realm of public service,” he continued. Minister Morris shared the view that as parliamentarians, it is their duty to create legislation that not only addresses the pressing issues of today but also paves the way for a better tomorrow. He acknowledged that the youth are deeply concerned about issues such as climate change, social justice, economic opportunities, and the impact of technology on society. Crafting policies that reflect these concerns and providing avenues for youth-driven solutions were advocated.

He said the political landscaped is needed that welcomes and empowers the youth, acknowledging their pivotal role in building a brighter, more inclusive, and prosperous future for the Turks and Caicos Islands.



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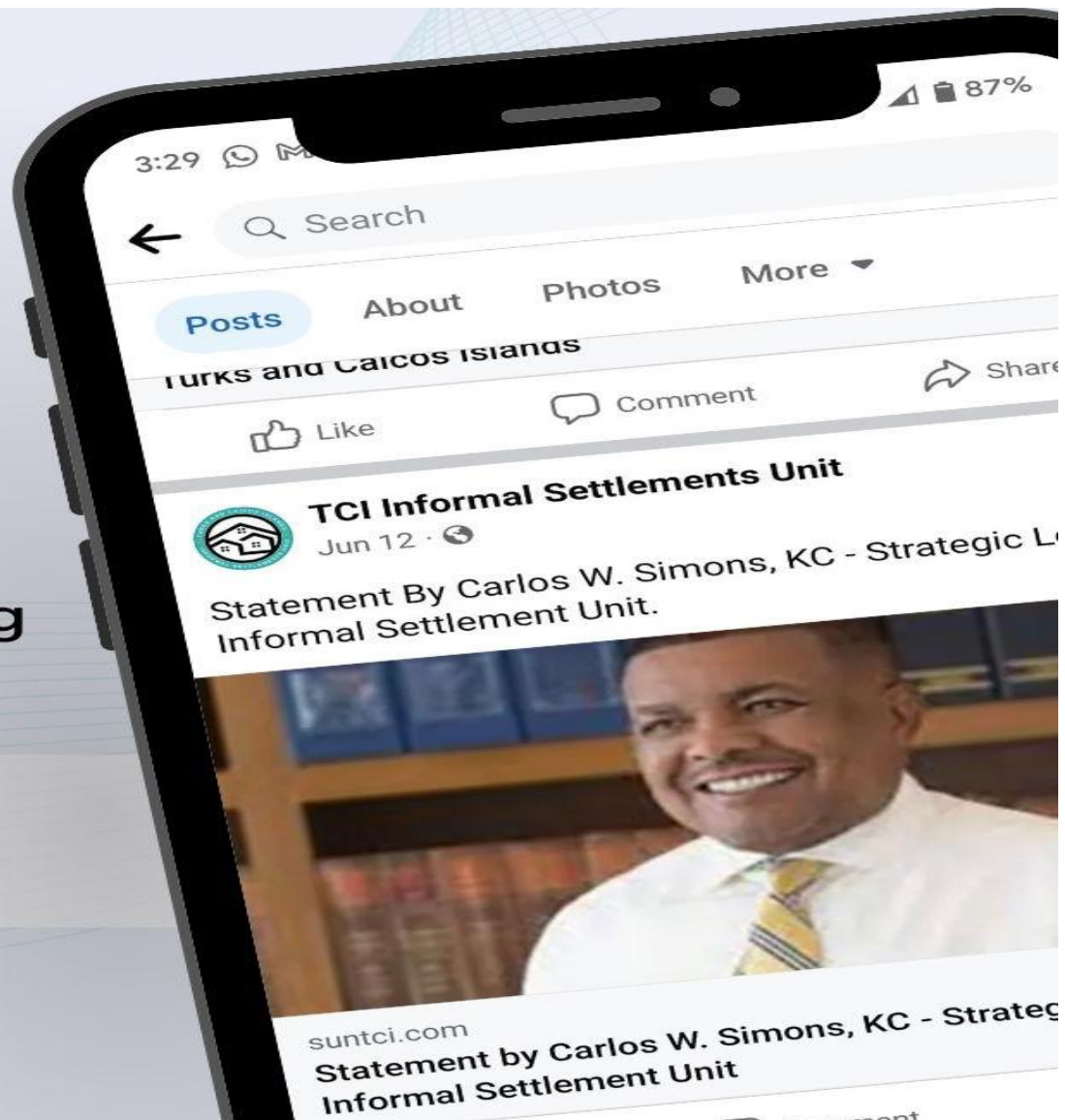


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# Beaches Turks and Caicos Summer Internship Scores High Marks



Donique Matthews (right) successful intern with the Beaches Turks and Caicos resort accepts her certificate from Amin McCartney, Deputy Permanent Secretary within the Ministry of Education during the graduation exercise at the conference room at the resort.

More than 95% of the participants who started the Beaches Turks and Caicos (BTC) Summer Internship Programme received their certification for participation in the recently concluded event at the conference room at the resort.

Youth Ambassador and Internship Coordinator for the Department of Education, in the Turks and Caicos Islands (TCI) Arielle Neely, was the guest speaker at the event. She encouraged participants to maintain their network and apply what they have learnt. She also urged them to continue communicating with the organisation in order to benefit from work experience opportunities during the holiday periods.

Neely's advice to the youth was not limited to internship or work. She also took the time to affirm them by offering wise words of counsel to build their self-esteem. Her passion for young people was evident as she implored them not to put limits on themselves. She shared, "ensure that you do the right thing during your growing process."

Having been a beneficiary of BTC Internship Programmes herself, Neely, now has a platform to use the conglomeration of skills and training that she received to help positively impact young people.

Some of the participants testified of the benefits they have had. Donique Matthews, a second-year medical student of the University of Havana, Cuba, worked in the human resource department. Though not in her area of specialization, she acknowledged that she learnt the importance of building human relations and maintaining quality customer care.

Valedictorian of the cohort, Grevoney Dean, was based in the animations department. He expressed his appreciation for learning in that area "I have found my passion," Dean stated. He views animation as an integral component in helping to ensure that the Beaches brand provides family entertainment. "This is my second year in the internship programme and I intend to maintain my ties with the organisation and hope this will result in full time employment.

Aspiring real estate entrepreneur, Dassy Lacoste, who graduated as salutatorian and a student of the Turks and Caicos Institute of Professional Studies (TCIPS), worked in the food and beverage department. She boasted about the wonderful opportunity to meet new people and develop her problem solving and communication skills.

James McAnally, general manager, noted that Beaches is always willing to develop the human capital of the nation. "Though the interns may not have been assigned to organisations or departments that are directly related to their interests or studies, the benefit of work experience in any field is undeniable. I commend the young people who completed the programme and salute the hard working staff of Beaches Turks and Caicos that made it all happen," McAnally stated.

Human Resource Manager, Owenta Coleby, praised the efforts of her team in ensuring yet another successful internship programme. She highlighted that participants should not view this simply as an opportunity for earning money but that they should build on every skill set and seek to learn from the team members responsible for training.

"The training that is provided at Beaches Turks and Caicos is world-class which they receive at no cost to them. In fact, we pay them for being willing to show up for training because we know that an investment in our young people today, is an investment in the Turks and Caicos Islands for tomorrow."



# Health Minister Represents UK, Ot's at 60th PAHO Directing Council



Minister of Health and Human Services Hon. Shaun Malcolm (second right) is seen among other delegates at the event.



Minister of Health for the Turks and Caicos Islands Hon. Shaun Malcolm (at extreme right (standing)) share lens with other delegates at the conference.



Hon. Shaun Malcolm took time for a photo op with former Premier of the Turks and Caicos Islands Hon. Rufus Ewing

Minister of Health and Human Services for the Turks and Caicos Islands Hon. Shaun Malcolm is representing the United Kingdom and the Overseas Territory Countries (OTCs) at the 60th PAHO Directing Council, held between September 25 to 29 in Washington DC.

The meeting brought together high-level dignitaries and health authorities from the countries in the Americas to deliberate on policies to strengthen health.

The PAHO Directing Council is probably the biggest overseas assignment for the health minister since assuming office earlier this year, owing to the fact that not only is he representing the TCI, but the UK and all its overseas territories.

During the week, delegates discussed a variety of strategies, resolutions and policies aimed at strengthening the region's health workforce; preventing and controlling non-communicable diseases in children, adolescents, and youth; and improving mental health and suicide prevention in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic, among other topics.

The Directing Council is one of PAHO's governing bodies that brings together the highest health authorities of the Americas to discuss and analyze policies and set priorities for technical cooperation and collaboration among countries.

Dr. Jarbas Barbosa, PAHO Director, reflected on post-pandemic recovery in the Americas, and committed to strengthened action at the country level to address regional health priorities.

While "my early days in office have been marked by the urgency to recover from the pandemic, and deploy the lessons learned to make PAHO and our region's health systems stronger," the lasting impact of COVID-19 is "just one of many health priorities we must address," Dr. Barbosa said. The risk of vaccine-preventable diseases remains high, and maternal, neonatal and child health outcomes must also be improved, the Director said. The rising burden of non-communicable diseases, including mental health conditions, and the effects of climate change also pose a serious threat to health and wellbeing in the Americas. Yet despite these ongoing challenges, "Latin America and the Caribbean are too often deprioritized by global organizations and in global conversations," Dr. Barbosa said, highlighting his commitment to advocate for the Region and strengthen its in-country presence, "where the core of our work happens and where the most pressing needs are," he said.







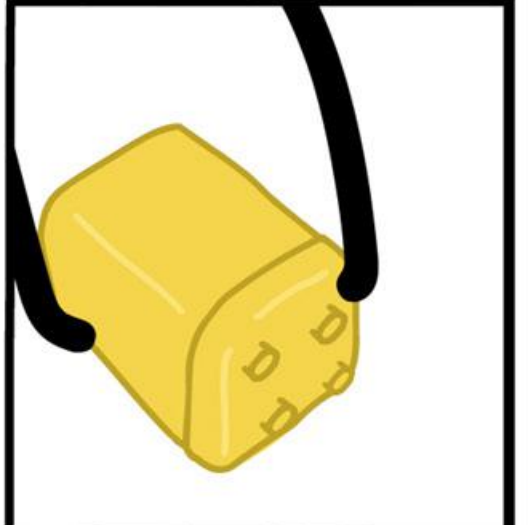
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I'M GOING OUTSIDE TO START ON MY SUMMER READING.

HAVE YOU SEEN THE "SPORTS ILLUSTRATED"?



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COMICS



THIS FOOD IS **BLAND**!

I AGREE!

THERE'S NO TASTE!

10-20

LUCKY EDDIE, THIS IS YOUR BEST MEAL YET!

OKAY, ODIE...

I HAVE DEVISED AN ELABORATE ESCAPE PLAN...

WHICH WILL BE ACTIVATED IF WE HEAR JON SAY "TOFU," "EXERCISE" OR "ROMANTIC COMEDY"

MY DADDY WORKED REAL LATE LAST NIGHT MAKING LOTS OF MONEY! SO THERE! NYAA!

MY DADDY READ ME A BEDTIME STORY LAST NIGHT!

WAAAAHHH!

5-31

"MY DAD? HE TOOK A SICK DAY. HE'S GOT AN APPOINTMENT WITH HIS DOCTOR ON THE GOLF COURSE."



# TURKS head cactus

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TURKS  
HEAD  
CACTUS

The Turks head cacti (*Melocactus intortus*) is a variety of small barrel cactus. A reddish cap tops the cacti, and it's easy to see where the cacti got its name as this cap resembles a Turkish fez hat. The Turks head cacti appears on both the Turks and Caicos flag and coat of arms. Due to the lack of competition, the Turks head cacti is typically found in exposed and dry regions. In the Turks and Caicos, these areas are usually natural eroded limestone bedding landscapes, or in some cases, hard sandy dunes. Unfortunately, the cacti has largely disappeared from the main populated islands. The majority of existing plants are located on East Caicos and Big Ambergris Cay, with small clusters on Middle Caicos and a select few other cays.



# ALMI Friends and Family Month Continued

## September 24

The Abundant Life Ministries International (ALMI) Friends and Family Month Continued on Sunday, September 24. The month-long activities marked the church's outreach period, where members of the community are invited to share in the church activities, beginning with its worship service, which is immediately followed by fellowship in the church yard, which includes dinner and music. The following are photo highlights from last Sunday's event.







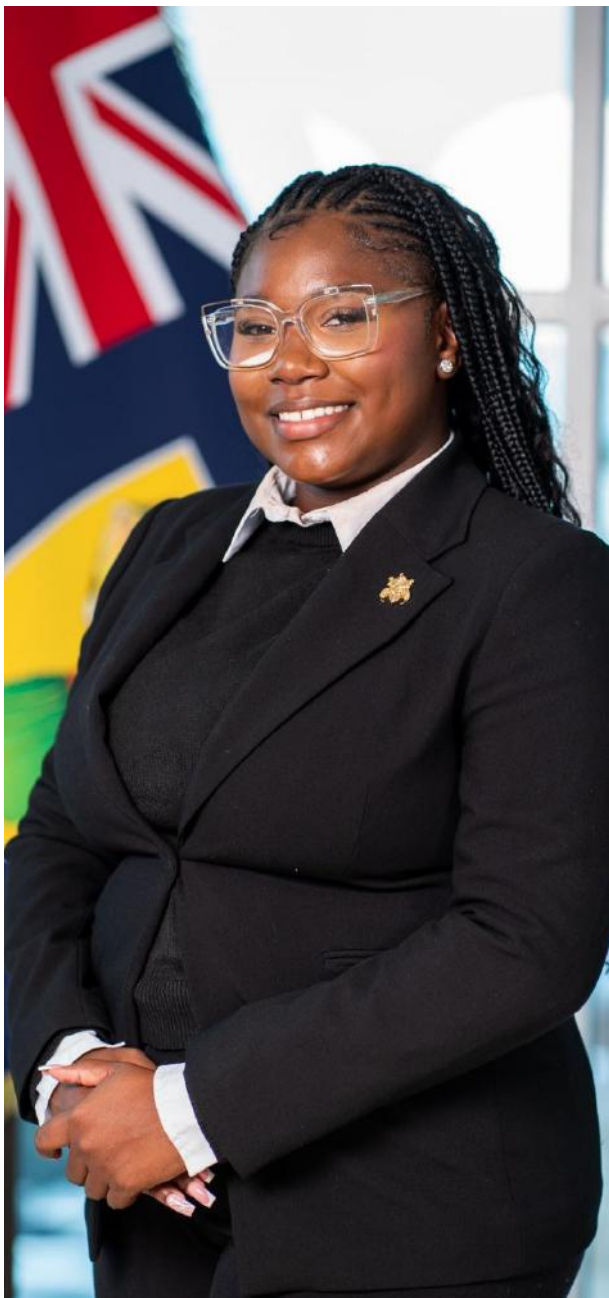


# IN THE PINK PLANNING IN HIGH GEAR



The planning for the fabulous In The Pink fiesta, scheduled to take place at the Palms Resort on Grace, Providenciales on October 14, is in high gear. In The Pink - the signatory fundraising event for the National Cancer Society – is a fashion shopping spree, musical entertainment, with patrons always try to outdo the other in their best dressed pink attire has become an important calendar event for the Turks and Caicos Islands. Here in Photo, the committee, comprising well known personalities, including Minister of Tourism Hon. Josephine Connolly (left) and Karen Whitt (centre) of the Hartling Group hammering out the final details in one of their recent meetings.

## SASHA ARTHUR APPOINTED AS DTR REGULATIONS DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST



The Office of the Deputy Governor of the Turks and Caicos Islands has announced the appointment of Ms. Sasha Arthur to the post of Regulations Development Specialist in the newly established Department of Tourism Regulations (DTR) in the Ministry of Tourism, Environment, Fisheries and Marine Affairs, Culture, Agriculture and Religious Affairs.

Ms Arthur, who grew up on the beautiful island of Providenciales, relocated to the United Kingdom for seven years, only to return to the islands in November 2022.

She holds a Bachelors Degree in Law (2021) from the University of Law Manchester and a Masters's Degree in Law and a Bar Course Qualification from the Manchester Metropolitan University. Ms Arthur was called to the Bar of England and Wales in October 2022 and later called to the Bar of Turks and Caicos Islands in April 2023.

Following her return from the United Kingdom, Ms Arthur was employed as a Trainee Attorney at F Chambers Attorneys at Law, where she later transitioned into Associate Attorney in April 2023 after being called to the Turks and Caicos Bar. Ms Arthur's main areas of practice were Civil and Criminal Litigation and Immigration and Employment matters.

Commenting on her appointment, Ms. Arthur stated: "I am both grateful and honoured to serve these beautiful Turks and Caicos Islands as a Regulations Development Specialist. I am eager and excited to bring my knowledge and experience into this role to assist in the safeguarding of our Tourism industry.

As I embark on this new journey, I aim to make my country proud by doing my best. I look forward to giving back to the country that raised me into the individual I am today.

Thank you, Turks and Caicos, for this wonderful opportunity!"

Deputy Governor and Head of the Public Service, Her Excellency Anya Williams, in extending congratulatory remarks to Ms. Arthur, stated:

"It gives me great pleasure to congratulate Ms. Sasha Arthur on her appointment as the Regulations Development Specialist in the new Department of Tourism Regulations (DTR).

As the new Regulations Development Specialist, Ms. Arthur will be responsible for developing tourism regulations in the Turks and Caicos Islands in line with the constantly evolving needs of the tourism ecosystem in TCI and global and regional tourism trends.

She will be responsible for recommending changes in tourism laws and ordinances to the Minister of Tourism based on the requests of the country's tourism business representatives. She will be responsible for expanding the Ministry of Tourism's international relations by identifying and analyzing international ordinances (best practices/case studies) that could support the development and sustainability of the tourism industry in the TCI.

Ms Arthur's legal qualifications will be an asset to the DTR and will significantly assist in the execution of this new role.

It is always a privilege to welcome new starters to the Turks and Caicos Islands Public Service, where I hope she will enjoy a rewarding public service career.

I wish Ms. Arthur and the other staff in the newly established Department of Tourism Regulations (DTR) well as they work to ensure the preservation and regulation of our prized tourism industry in the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Congratulations, Ms. Arthur, and welcome to the Turks and Caicos Islands Public Service!"



Life Line

FEATURED CHURCH

Welcome to New Birth Agape Fellowship International, under the auspices of Apostle Cindy Jarrett, our founder, Minister, Teacher, Prophetess, Preacher & Apostle.

Apostle Jarrett is also a Legal Marriage Officer in the Turks and Caicos Islands.

In this week's edition of Newsline Featured Church, we turn the spotlight on New Birth Agape Fellowship International.

The church is pastored by Cindy Jarrett, founder, Minister, Teacher, Prophetess, Preacher & Apostle. It is located at 233 Millennium Highway, Providenciales, on the left side of the road, passing the Maranatha High School. The Ministry holds Prayer Meetings on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm & Youth Night on Fridays at 7pm, with Sunday morning service at 11am.

The Ministry started in 2009 in the country's capital, Grand Turk, on the Old Airport, but later transitioned Providenciales in 2015.

Its Pentecost Ministry believes in the Father, Son & Holy Spirit.

For contact, call +1 (649) 245-9807 and leave a message or email at new-birthagapefellowshipintl@gmail.com.

Should you wish to experience that church's messages, listen at 3pm on Sundays on 89.1fm or subscriber to their podcast or YouTube page @apostle-cindyjarrett



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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.

- Christ is the Answer Ministry,**  
George Alley Off Aviation Drive,  
Providenciales  
Tel: 241-8030
- One Nation Empowerment Center**  
Church Ministry, Suite #12 Alliance  
Business Center, Princess Drive, Grace Bay,  
Providenciales. Tel: (649) 244-6194.  
Email: apostleyoung1952@yahoo.com.
- Touch of Love Ministries International**  
Center  
Industrial Park, Five Cays, Providenciales  
Tel: 941-4903 Fax: 941-7731
- Abundant Life Ministries International**  
P.O. Box 696 Christian City, Leeward  
Highway, Providenciales  
Tel:941-941-4750 Fax: 941-4755
- Anglican Church Rectory Grant**  
Turk,  
Front Street, Grand Turk Tel:946-2289
- Bethany Baptist Church,**  
Blue Hills, Providenciales  
Tel:941-4803 / 941-5632 / 941-5118
- Church of God of Prophecy,**  
Lower Bight, Providenciales  
Tel: 941-8854
- Bible Study Ministries, Grand Turk**  
Tel:946-1866
- Calvary Baptist Church,**  
South Caicos  
Tel:946-3212

- Church of God of Prophecy,**  
Providenciales Tel:941-3438
- Roman Catholic Church,**  
Providenciales, Tel: 941-5136
- Faith Tabernacle Church of God,**  
Providenciales, Tel:946-4073
- New Testament Church of God,**  
Orea Alley, Grand Turk Tel:946-2175
- New Testament Church of God,**  
South Caicos Tel:946-3631
- Methodist Church,**  
Grand Turk Tel:946-2352
- Healing Waters Ministries,**  
Blue Hills Providenciales Tel: 941-5867
- House of Prayer Church of God,**  
Long Bay Road Providenciales Tel: 941-8309
- Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses,**  
Darrell Road, Grand Turk Tel:946-2727
- Mount Mariah Baptist Church,**  
Conch Bar Middle Caicos Tel:946-6205
- New Beginning Harvest Ministry,**  
Pond Street, Grand Turk Tel:946-1759
- New Testament Church of God**  
Orea Alley  
P.O. Box 495 Blue Hills, Providenciales  
Tel: 946-1255  
Airport Road, South Caicos  
Tel:231-2402

- Paradise Baptist Church,**  
Five Cays, Providenciale  
Tel:941-4349
- Revival Faith Center,**  
North Backsalina, Grand Turk  
Tel:946-2349
- Salem Baptist Church,**  
Mission Folly, Grand Turk  
Tel:946-2565
- Solid Rock Apostolic Ministries**  
International,  
Discovery Bay Providenciales  
Tel: 946-5181
- St. Monica's Anglican Church**  
P.O. Box 866 Cheshire Hall Providenciales  
Tel: 946-4046  
Fax:946-4046;941-8499
- Turks and Caicos Mission of Seventh**  
Day Adventists,  
P.O. Box 803, Providenciales
- United Pentecostal Church,**  
Brown's Plaza, Leeward Highway,  
Providenciales Tel: 956-5852
- Wesleyan Methodist Church,**  
Blue Hills, Providenciales  
Tel: 946-4075; 941-4223; 941-3596
- Editor's Note: If your Ministry is not listed and/or you would like for it to be part of the NEWSLINETCI Church Diary, contact us at:contact@newslinetci.com



# Natural Hair Care Tips



## Use A Sulfate-Free Shampoo

You may find that many shampoos contain chemicals such as ammonium lauryl sulfate, ammonium laureth sulfate, or sodium lauryl sulfate. And they tend to cause dryness and breakage for your natural hair. It's recommended that you use a sulfate-free shampoo (and conditioner) weekly to add more moisture to your hair, while also being more gentler to your scalp. You can use the Jamaican Black Castor Oil shampoo with shea butter and apple cider vinegar, which strengthens and restores your kinky curls.

## Use Protective Styles

Just like its name implies, protective styles help prevent your hair from breakage, shedding, or damage. Protective afro hairstyles you can use include wearing wigs, weaves, buns, bantu knots, braids, or twists. In cases where you make braids or twists, ensure that your hairstylist eases up on your edges too in order to reduce tension on your scalp.

## Oiling Your Hair Frequently

Naturally, kinky hair needs an oil, lots of it. Oils should be part of your everyday natural routine. Oils play a key role in maintaining and ensuring that your natural hair stays healthy.

## Trim Your Hair Regularly

One of your bad habits would probably be, allowing your hair to grow with all its split ends. Part of the natural hair journey is having to trim your split ends regularly. Split ends indicate hair damage and if left unattended to will continue splitting and damage the healthiness of your hair.

## Sleep With A Satin Scarf Or Bonnet

Never go to bed without a satin scarf or bonnet on. It keeps your hair from tangling and breaking while you sleep. Also, invest in a smooth satin or silk pillowcase.





# Agriculture Department Launches “Business in a Box” Hydroponics Training



Mario Smith-Extension Officer with the Agriculture Department explains the art of hydroponics at the training session.



Wilhelmina Kisoonsingh, Director of the Department Agriculture addresses the audience.

Twenty-Five persons attended the first in a series of “Hydroponics as a Business Training” on Saturday 9th September at the Kew Town Farmers Market in Providenciales held by the Agriculture Department.

The training was conducted by Mario Smith-Extension Officer who took participants through the fundamentals of setting up a hydroponic unit.

Participants who attend the training were exposed to three types of techniques- Dutch Bucket, Deep Water Culture and Vertical Nutrient Film Technique. They showed keen interest and committed to starting their own unit at home.

This training is a component of the “Business in a Box Program” which will focus on two areas- Hydroponic Farming and Layer Production.

This program seeks to train Turks and Caicos Citizens in establishing their own hydroponic unit and/or backyard layer unit at home, taking records and then later on possibly expanding to commercial production once they understand the farming techniques.

The Business in a Box program is divided into two phases- phase 1 (Providenciales and Grand Turk) and Phase two (South Caicos, Salt Cay, and North Caicos).

This program is one of the many ways the department is using to encourage persons into the agriculture sector so that more local food can be produced and the Turks and Caicos Islands can move towards food security.

Hydroponic Farming is non soil farming, plants are grown using a water-based nutrient solution rather than soil, and can include an aggregate substrate, or growing media, such as vermiculite, coconut coir, or perlite. This type of farming is suitable for TCI since it utilizes less space and water than traditional farming and it can be automated making it less time consuming.

The Agriculture Department encourages everyone to follow on Facebook @Department of Agriculture TCI to get free information on various Agriculture Topics and see upcoming training.



# Prestige Volunteers, Sandals Foundation Give lanthe Pratt Much-Needed Face Lift



Chef Alwayne Spence, replaces his culinary tools with that of a paint brush as he shows off his painting skills on one of the play structures at the lanthe Pratt Primary school by the Beaches Turks and Caicos prestige nominees Sandals Foundation community project.

Prestige Nominees from Beaches Turks and Caicos (BTC) who serve as volunteers of the Sandals Foundation recently got down and dirty for a worthy cause as they trans-

formed the lanthe Pratt Primary School for the new academic year. The team of volunteers repainted murals and walls, pruned trees, removed the rot-



Audie Johnson, housekeeping supervisor shows her creativity as she clears shrubs from an area at the lanthe Pratt Primary school during the Beaches Turks and Caicos prestige Sandals Foundation community project.

ting monkey bars in preparation for the installation of new ones, and provided well needed electrical repairs in the kitchen. Swings were also replaced and see – saws installed in the kindergarten and special needs playground. One parent, Rosny Benjamin, who is also a team member of Beaches Turks and Caicos, expressed a sense of relief in knowing that his child would be learning and playing in a more comfortable and safer space. “The school has been providing a safe learning environment for hundreds of children here in Providenciales over the many years. To see my colleagues teaming up with the school administrators and the Sandals Foundation, to provide this well needed face lift is good. Children will now be





Learning and Development Manager Phildreka Mayham (left) and Bernard Florvil, Tiler in the Maintenance department team up to share the responsibility of painting the murals within the kindergarten and special education play area at the Ianthe Pratt Primary school during the Beaches Turks and Caicos prestige awards Sandals Foundation community project.



The team of volunteers from the Beaches Turks and Caicos resort gather for the prestige nominees Sandals Foundation community project at the Ianthe Pratt Primary school.

able to enjoy a more comfortable play area for this school year,” Benjamin shared. Neekimo King, Principal of the institution, highlighted her satisfaction with the work that was done. She also expressed gratitude for the long-standing relationship that the

Sandals Foundation, through Beaches Turks and Caicos, has had with the institution. Said King: “Sandals Foundation and the Beaches Turks and Caicos have been our partners for many years. It was a joy to see the leaders from the resort helping to

brighten the murals, preparing the play areas by repairing and replacing items for our children. This will undoubtedly help to improve the teaching and learning environment for our children and teachers for this new academic year.”

General Manager, James McAnally, saluted the volunteers for providing well needed resources for the school. “The annual prestige project serves as a platform for the nominees to find a project each year to work as a team to accomplish. Since the pandemic had put a pause of this event for the company, this project serves as a special restart for the school community and the resort at large.

“While we continue to give back as a resort, this teamwork is one of the major factors for us as a resort as we continue to maintain our mission of building better communities and leaders here in the Turks and Caicos Islands.”

Public Relations Manager, Orville Morgan noted: “As the Sandals Foundation continues to give back to our communities through the support for the environment, community development and education, we are pleased to have helped in providing a facelift for this school. These leaders were deliberate in selecting this project as this has provided a motivational factor for the company in allowing our leaders to give back to the local communities.

“While they all worked as a team, each participant was motivated in sharing their collective expertise to improve the education environment for the students.”



NEWSLINE  
& Chill

Spring Word Scramble

URLMLBAE

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REFWOSL

SNUYN

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LSBMOOS

BAORIWN

NICPCI

GENRDA

1. Umbrella 2. butterflies 3. flowers 4. sunny  
5. tulips 6. sunshine 7. blossom 8. rainbow  
9. picnic 10. garden

Brain Teaser

I can be short and sometimes hot. When displayed, I rarely impress. What am I?

Answer: Temper

The Wrath of....

ACROSS

1. He may cross the line  
5. Literary Finn  
9. Divide  
14. Desire  
15. Eye with desire  
16. Desire  
17. Made mad  
18. "Kaboom!"  
19. Loosen up  
20. CON  
23. Affirm at the altar  
24. Liza Doolittle's dwelling  
25. CON  
32. Drilled  
35. Domain of Eos  
36. Put to flight  
37. Hollywood Gardner  
38. Stan's comedic pal  
39. Former fort near Salinas  
40. "99 Luftballons" singer  
42. Freshman, typically  
43. Dates with a Dr., perhaps  
45. CON  
48. Word with go or by  
49. Recited in rhyme, perhaps  
53. CON  
58. Tartan garment  
59. "Night Sins" author Tami  
60. SASE, typically  
61. Dancer's support  
62. Fit  
63. "Dollhouse" heroine  
64. Jerk  
65. Mexican sauce  
66. Eye affliction

DOWN

1. Sends to stores  
2. Jazz Chick  
3. Rich Little's trade  
4. Place for a glasses case  
5. Rub elbows  
6. Unpleasant-sounding citrus  
7. They may have their own tartan  
8. 1996 VP candidate  
9. Cut corners  
10. Factory configurations  
11. "Mission: Impossible" composer Schifrin  
12. "Meatbals" director Reitman  
13. Popular cowboy nickname  
21. Was laid low by a high?  
22. Broadcasting pioneer Arledge  
26. Jung contemporary  
27. Yarns  
28. "Dallas" family name  
29. "Breakfast for Dinner" eatery  
30. \_\_\_\_\_ cloud (home for comets)

31. Assents  
32. "Kaboom!"  
33. Out's partner  
34. Punjabi princess  
38. SNL alum, Cheri  
41. Surreptitious romances  
43. Love personified  
44. Jazz-men Ellis and Russell  
46. Type of bicycle  
47. High point  
50. Color lightly  
51. Like wool sweaters, for some  
52. Daphnis's love  
53. Response to a rake  
54. Legal opening?  
55. Imitation  
56. Bindlestiff  
57. Eden event  
58. NOVA network

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Birds Seen In TCI

Warbler  
Hummingbird  
Vireo  
Gnatcatcher  
Osprey  
Gull  
Tern  
Cattle egret  
  
Dowitcher  
Mangrove cuckoo  
Bananaquit  
Brown pelican  
Stilts  
Sanderling  
Green heron

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JOKE of the WEEK

I went down the street to a 24-hour grocery store. When I got there, the guy was locking the front door. I said, "Hey! The sign says you're open 24 hours." He Said, "Yes, but not in a row!"

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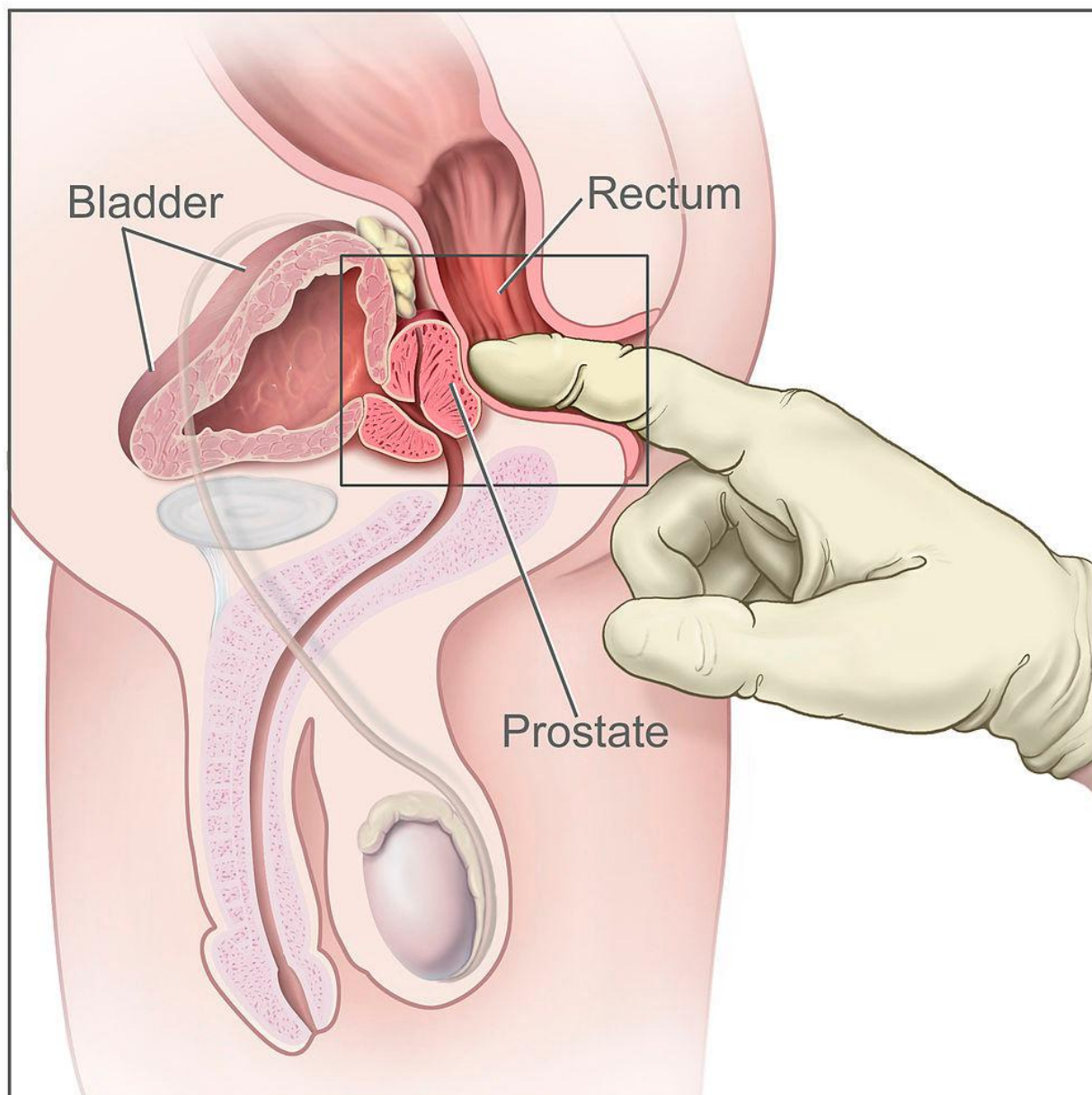
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# What every man should know about prostate cancer



YOUR PROSTATE gland is an important part of your reproductive anatomy and your sexual health. You may think of prostate health as a concern for middle-age people and onward, but it helps to get a head start on understanding healthy prostate function and how best to take care of yourself. While the risk of prostate health issues tends to increase as you enter middle age, all men are at risk for prostate problems.

This walnut-sized gland is important in producing seminal fluid, a key component of semen, which allows sperm to travel from the penis. The prostate is responsible for closing off the urethra, the tube that carries urine and semen out of the body when ejaculating. It also contains an enzyme (5-alpha-reductase) that converts testosterone into dihydrotestosterone, which, in addition to regulating prostate function, is vital for secondary sex characteristics like facial hair.

There are three common problems that affect the prostate – prostatitis, benign prostatic hyperplasia and prostate cancer. Prostatitis is the most common prostate condition in men under 50, and it typically consists of inflammation and swelling. Bacterial infection can also cause acute prostatitis, and if an inflammation lasts

longer than three months, it can become chronic prostatitis.

Benign prostatic hyperplasia, or enlarged prostate, is the most common condition in men over 50. Once the prostate gets larger, it can press on the urethra, making it harder to empty your bladder and possibly prevent it entirely if it gets bad enough.

Prostate cancer is the most common form of cancer in men, affecting one in nine over their lifetime. A diagnosis of this condition typically starts at around 65, but because the cancer is often slow growing, only one in 35 men die of it. However, some forms of prostate cancer are more aggressive and deadly, so it is important to get regular screenings as recommended by your doctor to detect it early on.

Consultant urologist Dr Marie Brown said prostate cancer occurs when the cells within the prostate gland undergo abnormal changes and grow. They develop the ability to grow uncontrollably and spread outside of the prostate.

“Prostate cancer is diagnosed on screening when men have no symptoms. A blood test for the prostate specific antigen (PSA) looking at levels greater than 3 ng/ml or 4 ng/ml (most commonly used laboratory value). The level of the PSA varies with age as well. The digital rec-

tal examination (DRE) is also done to feel the surface of the prostate where most of the malignant changes in the prostate take place,” Dr Brown said.

Typical symptoms of prostate problems include poor bladder control, urinary urgency, a weak urine stream, or difficulty starting or stopping urination. Problems with your prostate can also create issues with sexual function, urinary tract infections, bladder stones, and even kidney failure.

“The early stages of prostate cancer have no symptoms. In later stages, men may have problems with urination such as straining, increased urinary frequency, blood in the urine (hematuria), inability to pass urine, and waking up multiple times in the night to pass urine. In even later stages, they may be unable to walk due to spread to the spine with compression of the nerves, unable to pass urine, and blockage to the kidneys. Some men may even present with swelling to the lower limbs due to lymph node infiltration by cancer,” Dr Brown said.

According to Dr Brown, Jamaica has a high-risk population and as such, prostate cancer is very prevalent. The Globocan (WHO) publication in 2020 reported that 1,561 new cases were detected in Jamaica. This was greater than all other cancers.

“The overall incidence of prostate cancer is 87.6 per 100,000 men. This is the highest of all cancers. The death rate is equally as high, with 39.4 per 100,000 men. When compared to breast cancer in women, with incidence and death rates of 66.9 per 100,000 and 34.1 per 100,000, respectively, prostate cancer is more common,” Dr Brown said.

Prostate cancer treatment is dependent on whether there is metastatic disease or not. For the non-metastatic group, based on the risk stratification, there is the potential for cure, and these men can be treated with the surgical removal of the prostate or radiation to the prostate either internally (brachytherapy) or with external beam radiotherapy. Some men may benefit from a combination of surgery and radiotherapy as well.

“The men with metastatic prostate cancer are usually treated with hormonal therapy in addition to chemotherapy or other therapy aimed at further reducing the hormone levels. The patient will require continued follow-up to ensure that the therapy is working by monitoring the PSA levels and the symptoms,” Dr Brown said. Patients, she said, can be early stage (stages I and II), locally advanced (stage III), or advanced stage (stage IV). “As urologists, we use multiple parameters to classify men into low, intermediate, and high risk and place them in the various stages. There is a group of men who present with disease that has already spread to small areas. We call that oligometastatic prostate cancer,” Dr Brown said.

The month of September is being celebrated as prostate cancer awareness month. Dr Brown is encouraging all men over 40 years old to get their screening tests – DRE and PSA- done.



# Jamaica-American judge denies Trump's request to recuse herself in federal election case



This undated photo provided by the Administrative Office of the US Courts shows US District Judge Tanya Chutkan.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jamaican-American judge Tanya Chutkan said Wednesday she won't recuse herself from Donald Trump's 2020 elec-

tion interference case in Washington, rejecting the former president's claims that her past comments raise doubts about whether she can

be fair.

Chutkan, who was nominated to the bench by President Barack Obama and was randomly assigned to Trump's case, said in her written decision that she sees no reason to step aside.

The case, scheduled for trial in March, accuses the Republican of illegally scheming to overturn his election loss to Democrat Joe Biden.

There's a high bar for recusal, and legal experts had widely considered Trump's request to be a long shot aimed at undermining the legitimacy of the case publicly that could only sour the relationship between the judge and the defence in court.

Lawyers for Trump did not immediately return an email seeking comment.

In seeking Chutkan's recusal, defence lawyers cited statements she had made in two sentencing hearings of participants in the January 6, 2021, riot at the US Capitol in which they said she had appeared to suggest that Trump deserved to be prosecuted and held accountable.

They said the comments suggested a bias against him that could taint the proceedings.

But, Chutkan vigorously objected to those characterisations of her comments.

"It bears noting that the court has never taken the position the defence ascribes to it: that former 'President Trump should be prosecuted and imprisoned,'" Chutkan wrote.

"And the defence does not cite any instance of the court ever uttering those words or anything similar."

## Canadian police won't investigate doctor for sterilising Indigenous woman



Senate Committee on Human Rights committee member Senator Yvonne Boyer responds to a question from the media during a news conference, Thursday, July 14, 2022, in Ottawa. Boyer, who has proposed law that would make forced sterilisation a crime, said the long history of mistrust between Indigenous people and the police made it difficult for many victims to pursue criminal prosecution.

The Canadian government says it is urgently trying to end the forced sterilisation of Indigenous women, describing the practise as a human rights violation and a prosecutable offence.

Yet police say they will not pursue a criminal investigation into a recent case in which a doctor apologised for his "unprofessional conduct" in sterilising an Inuit woman. In July, The Associated Press reported on the case of an Inuit woman in Yellowknife who had surgery in 2019 aimed at relieving her abdominal pain.

The obstetrician-gynaecologist, Dr Andrew Kotaska, did not have the woman's consent to sterilise her, and he did so over the objections of other medical personnel in the operating room. She is now suing him.

"This is a pivotal case for Canada because it shows that forced sterilisation is still happening," said Dr Unjali Malhotra, of the First Nations Health Authority in British Columbia.

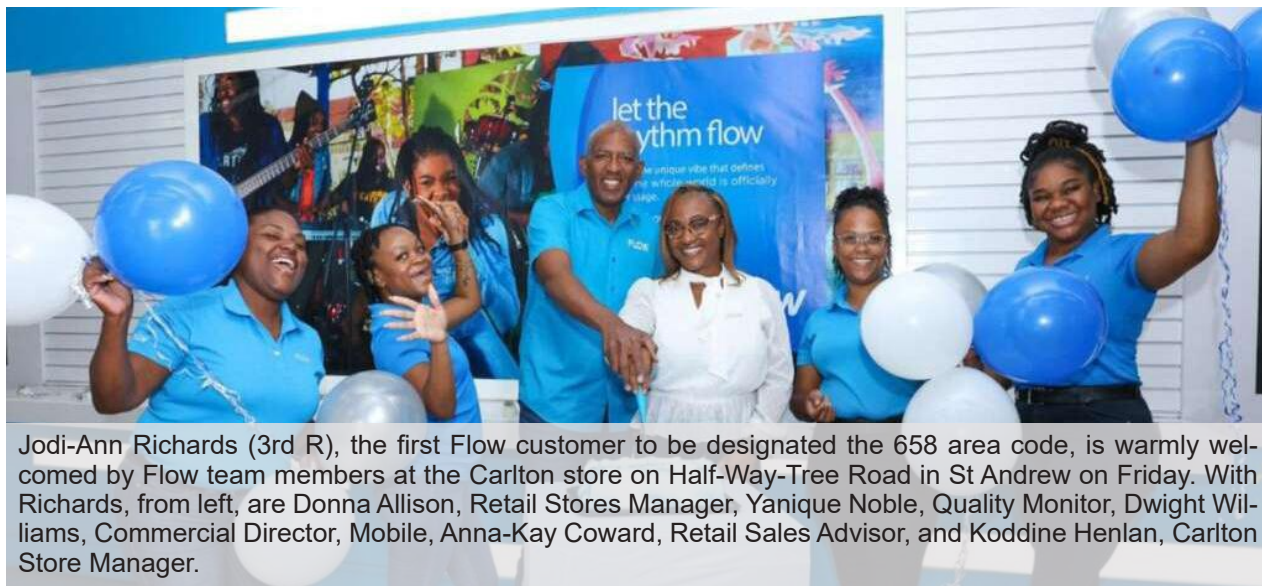
"It's time that it be treated as a crime."

Kotaska declined to comment to the AP. Last month, he released a public apology, acknowledging the sterilization "caused suffering for my patient."

He said he was acting in what he thought was the woman's best interest.



# Flow begins offering new Jamaica 658 area code



Jodi-Ann Richards (3rd R), the first Flow customer to be designated the 658 area code, is warmly welcomed by Flow team members at the Carlton store on Half-Way-Tree Road in St Andrew on Friday. With Richards, from left, are Donna Allison, Retail Stores Manager, Yanique Noble, Quality Monitor, Dwight Williams, Commercial Director, Mobile, Anna-Kay Coward, Retail Sales Advisor, and Koddine Henlan, Carlton Store Manager.

KINGSTON, Jamaica – Communication provider Flow on Saturday began offering mobile customers the new 658 area code, following approval from the Office of Utilities Regulation (OUR).

Flow touted in a press release that it is the first company in the English-speaking Caribbean to offer a second area code. The company said it has been

experiencing year-on-year growth of its mobile customer base and welcomes the opportunity to expand its mobile products and services to more Jamaicans and visitors to the island.

“We are excited about our growth in the mobile space which is indicative of the confidence consumers have in the products and value that we offer. We

look forward to continuing to deliver exceptional benefits to even more customers with the roll out of this new area code,” said Dwight Williams, Commercial Director- Mobile.

“We have been investing significantly in our mobile LTE network coverage and capacity across the island to provide best-in-class mobile voice and data services, so we expect to continue growing our market share and the allocation of the 658 area code will pave the way for that growth.”

Williams added: “this additional provision of numbers also provides the opportunity for new and existing customers to easily add a second mobile number on one device using a regular SIM card or our recently introduced eSIM technology.”

The new 658 area code will work in conjunction with and does not replace the 876 code, OUR stated.

The additional area code became necessary as the growth in mobile subscribers contributed to the exhaustion of the 876 code that has become synonymous with Jamaica. As mobile devices become more sophisticated, capable and integral to everyday life, subscriptions are expected to continue growing, Flow said.

Meanwhile, Williams said he was confident customers will easily adapt to the new area code and offered some advice to help with the adoption of the code.

## Rapid expansion of oil sector to keep Guyana amongst top five fastest growing economies



Guyana’s Central Bank has projected that the nation’s Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for 2023 is expected to be 28.2 percent, a notable increase over the initial forecast of 25.1 percent.

The financial systems regulator said this surge follows on the heels of a strong growth rate registered at half year. The bank noted that real oil GDP was 59.5 percent while the non-oil GDP growth was 12.3 percent.

Central Bank said the increase in GDP growth to 28.2 percent “places Guyana amongst the top five fastest growing economies.” The financial institution said this growth will be a direct result of continuous fiscal spending and accommodative monetary policies by the government.

With respect to its review of the economy’s half year performance, Central Bank was keen to note that export receipts grew by 39.2 percent or US\$1.7 billion, bringing the total to US\$6.1 billion. It said in a recently published report that the higher receipts stemmed from crude oil and sugar which grew by 49.3 percent and 6.1 percent

respectively. In contrast, receipts from timber, bauxite, ‘other exports’, gold and rice declined by 24.5 percent, 19.8 percent, 17.2 percent, 8.7 percent and 1.6 percent respectively.

With respect to sugar export earnings, Central Bank said this amounted to US\$6.8 million, 6.1 percent or US\$0.4 million above the level at the end of June 2022. Kaieteur News understands that this outturn was attributed to a 7.0 percent increase in the average price for the commodity despite a 0.8 percent decline in the volume of sugar exported.

Further to this, Central Bank said the volume of sugar exported amounted to 10,453 metric tonnes or 85 metric tonnes less than the level exported for the same period in 2022. As a percent of total sugar exports, the USA under the USA Bulk accounted for 55.5 percent while the CARICOM region accounted for 44.3 percent, compared to 21.2 percent last year. It should be noted that the average export price for sugar increased by 7.0 percent or

US\$44.55 to US\$652.25 per metric tonne, compared with US\$609.70 per metric tonne at the end of June 2022.

As for rice export earnings, Central Bank said this amounted to US\$102.4 million, 1.6 percent or US\$1.7 million below the level for the same period last year, resulting from lower volume of rice exported despite a 4.9 percent increase in prices. The financial institution said the volume of rice exported amounted to 182,089 metric tonnes, 6.2 percent or 12,052 metric tonnes less than the 194,142 metric tonnes exported one year ago. This newspaper understands that the average export price of rice increased by 4.9 percent or US\$26.15 to US\$562.24 per metric tonne compared with US\$536.09 per metric tonne at the end of June 2022.

According to the bank’s report, bauxite export earnings amounted to US\$38.6 million, 19.8 percent or US\$9.5 million below the value for the corresponding period in 2022, due to lower export volume despite higher average price. The volume of bauxite exported decreased by 28.7 percent or 92,898 metric tonnes to 230,526 metric tonnes.

As regards gold export receipts, this amounted to US\$396.7 million, 8.7 percent or US\$38 million below the end-June 2022 level of US\$434.6 million. This was on account of a decline in the volume exported as prices improved. Central Bank said the volume of gold exported reduced by 11.1 percent or 27,020 ounces to 215,979 ounces as a result of lower declarations. The average export price per ounce of gold was also found to be higher by 2.7 percent or US\$47.96 moving to US\$1,836.59 per ounce from US\$1,788.63 per ounce one year ago.

Turning to crude oil export earnings, Central Bank said this amounted to US\$5,393.8 million, US\$1,781.6 million higher than the same period one year ago. The bank’s report outlined that the volume of crude oil exported increased by 106 percent to 68.8 million barrels from 33.4 million barrels one year ago. This increase was due to a second Floating Production Storage and Offloading (FPSO) called Liza Unity which started production. The average export price received for crude oil decreased by 27.5 percent or US\$29.72 to US\$78.36 per barrel from US\$108.08 per barrel one year ago.



# Big Hitters For TCI Inaugural Awards Gala Ball



Andy Cole



Victor Montagliani



David Dein

Some prominent names will grace the shores of the Turks and Caicos Islands for the first annual Gala Ball and Awards Ceremony put on by the Turks and Caicos Islands Football Association (TCIFA) on October 13 at the Shore Club Resort. The attendees are former Manchester United standout Andy Cole; President of Concacaf and Vice-President of FIFA, Victor Montagliani, and David Dein of Arsenal Football Club.

Andrew “Andy” Cole is a former English professional striker, playing from 1988-2008. He spent six years with Manchester United after being transferred from Newcastle United, and won nine trophies including the Treble of the Premier League, FA Cup and UEFA Champions League in 1999.

He also played in the top division of English football for Arsenal, Blackburn Rovers, Fulham, Manchester City, Portsmouth and Sunderland, as well as in the Football League for Bristol City, Birmingham City, Burnley and Nottingham Forest.

He is the fourth-highest goal-scorer in Premier League History with 187 goals, and held the Premier League records for most goals scored in a 42-game season (34) before year 2023, and fastest to score 50 goals (65 matches), as well as being the first player to top the Premier League’s goalscoring charts and assist charts in the same season in their own right in 1993-4.

Cole has the distinction of being one of the few players in England to have swept all possible honors in the English game, including the PFA Young Player of the Year awards, as well as coveted UEFA Champions League title. Cole was also capped 15 times for the England National Team between 1995 and 2001, scoring once against Albania in a 2002 FIFA World Cup qualifier.

Cole announced his retirement from football, ending his 19-year career, in November 2008. Club Barry Dein, former Co-Owner and Vice-Chairman of Arsenal Football Club, was instrumental in convincing some of the world’s greatest talents to join the club, and transforming it into what it is today, on and off the pitch. Arsenal is seen as an example of a leading club in world football and is admired around the world. Dein was also a one of the major architects of the FA Premier League in 1992, reshaping the structure and finances of English football; and a former Vice-Chairman of the Football Association (The FA). Additionally, he spent some time as President of the G-14 group of European football clubs sitting on various committees within FIFA and UEFA, including UEFA’s Club Competition Committee and Executive Committee. In 2010, Dein was appointed as international President of England’s 2018 World Cup Bid.

Dein continues to remain active on the football scene, providing his views on the future of football around the world, whether it be via interviews, conferences, or public speaking engagements.

The Inaugural Awards Gala Ball, is being held to honor members of the Turks and Caicos Islands Football Community who have demonstrated leadership, vision, dedication and outstanding achievement under the theme “Continuing a Legacy of Excellence.”

The event will feature a welcome reception and four-course awards dinner, promising to be an exciting evening. Seats and tables are opened to the general public for purchase.

The Awards Gala will serve as one of TCIFA’s biggest fundraising initiative in support its Youth Development Programs, and is expected to become an annual celebration. Currently, football grassroots/ youth programs are conducted on the islands of Providenciales, Grand Turk, South Caicos and North/Middle Caicos.

TCIFA is a non-profit organization whose mission is to develop football throughout the entire Turks & Caicos Islands, encouraging positive youth involvement in society. In order to meet its mission, and provide for the Youth Development Football Programmes, the FA relies heavily on its fundraising efforts, and community support.



# Highlights Of TCI VS Aruba In Gold Cup Qualifier

The Turks and Caicos Islands’ Ladies fought valiantly as the matched skills with Aruba in their Road to the Concacaf W Gold Cup Qualifier at the Turks and Caicos Islands Football Association (TCIFA) Field on Tuesday, September 26. TCI lost the contest 0-5. The TCI are playing in Group A of the qualifiers. The following are Photo Highlights of the event, captured by NewslineTCI.







# Big Hitters for TCIFA GALA

Former Manchester United standout Andy Cole among big names for TCIFA Gala presentation