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# Supreme Court Registrar Labels Sabrina Green’s Op-Ed as ‘Serious and Unfounded Allegations’

Narendra Lalbelharry, Registrar of The Supreme Court in the Turks and Caicos Islands has styled an article penned by social activist Sabrina Green as serious and unfounded allegations.

The bone of contention has to do with an application that Green made to the court and felt that she was slighted.

The following is the response from the registrar:

The Registrar of the Supreme Court has been made aware of an article written by Ms. Sabrina Elizabeth Green, Founder of Prolingo Solutions, which has been circulated to the media. That article is grossly misinformed and contains a number of serious allegations which are

not factual.

As it relates to Ms. Green, a proposal was received in April 2025, in relation to which Ms. Green was informed that budgetary allocation did not allow for the Judiciary to contract for her services, at this time. She was also informed that, due to the scope being above the limit set by the procurement legislation, a contract for the amounts quoted by her would have had to be put out to an invitation to tender process.

It is notable that a number of service providers, including some well-established companies’ services have expressed an interest in offering interpretation services, including an offer to provide a

non-binding demonstration, none of those proposals has resulted in a contract for services.

There is no basis for the very serious and unfounded allegations contained in Ms. Green’s article. Ms. Green is asked to desist from making such baseless allegations; which are damaging to the reputation of the Judiciary and the Registrar.

The Judiciary of the Turks and Caicos Islands adopts the principles of fairness, transparency, and impartiality in all its dealings and is aligned with international best practice systems. With this in mind, any contract entered into for interpretation services, if any, will be guided by the required public procurement processes and will be



Narendra Lalbelharry, Registrar of The Supreme Court

open to any qualified service provider who would wish to participate in that process.

## Grand Turk Man Pleads Guilty to Sexual Activity with a Child

Nineteen-year-old Kervens Cherenfant of Grand Turk has pleaded guilty to two counts of sexual activity with a child.

Cherenfant entered his plea when he appeared before a judge on November 3, 2025, and remains in custody at HM Prison – Department of Correction and Rehabilitation, pending sentencing scheduled for December.

According to police, Cherenfant was formally charged on February 10, 2025, by officers of the Safeguarding and Public Protection Unit (SPPU). The offences occurred between December 2024 and February 2025 and involved a 13-year-old victim.

An investigation was launched after a report was filed on February 6, 2025, which subsequently led to Cherenfant’s arrest.

The SPPU continues to urge members of the public to immediately report any suspicions or allegations of child abuse through the following channels:

- Report at the nearest police station
  - Contact the Safeguarding and Public Protection Unit at 232-6696
  - Call the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) at 338-4013
  - Reach the Department of Social Development at 338-4008
  - Or call 911
- Authorities emphasize that all reports will be treated with sensitivity and confidentiality.



Kervens Cherenfant

## Grand Turk Death Ruled a Murder

The Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Police Force (RTCIPF) has confirmed that the death of a man discovered along North Back Salina, Grand Turk, on Wednesday evening has been classified as a homicide.

According to police reports, at approximately 7:17 p.m. on November 12th, the Police Control Room received a call about a male lying at the rear of a vehicle in the North Back Salina area.

Responding officers arrived promptly at the scene, where they found an unresponsive man who appeared lifeless. A medical practitioner was summoned and subsequently pronounced the victim deceased.

The deceased has been identified as Melvin Wellington of Grand Turk.

Police say a female relative of

the victim is currently in custody, assisting investigators with their ongoing inquiries.

In a statement issued Thursday morning, the RTCIPF extended condolences to the family and loved ones of Mr. Wellington during this difficult time.

Investigators are appealing to the public for assistance as they continue to probe the circumstances surrounding the incident. Anyone with information is urged to contact the Serious Crimes Unit at 231-1842, or to report anonymously via Crime Stoppers at 1-800-8477 (TIPS).

Members of the public can also share information anonymously by downloading and using the Crime Stoppers P3 mobile app.

Police investigations into the matter are *ongoing*.



# TOURISM & ENVIRONMENT AWARENESS MONTH 2025

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### ALL ISLANDS

SUNDAY, 2 NOVEMBER

#### ECUMENICAL CHURCH SERVICES

Location: All Islands

### GRAND TURK

WEDNESDAY, 5 NOVEMBER

#### TASTE OF TURKS

Location: Victoria Public Library,  
Queen Street, Grand Turk  
Time: 12PM – 6PM

THURSDAY, 6 NOVEMBER

#### TOURISM CAREERS & ENTREPRENEURIAL FAIR

Location: HJ Robinson High School  
Auditorium  
Location: 10AM – 2PM

### SALT CAY

SATURDAY, 8 NOVEMBER

#### SALT CAY ECOSTAMP & LUNCHEON

Location: Salt Shed  
Time: 10AM – 3PM

### PROVIDENCIALES

SATURDAY, 8 NOVEMBER

#### NATURE'S PASSPORT FEST- AN ECO- EDUCATIONAL CELEBRATION OF TCI

Location: Kids Park, Lower Bight  
Road  
Time: 11AM – 3 PM

### NORTH CAICOS

MONDAY, 10 NOVEMBER

#### SCHOOLS & STAKEHOLDER VISITS

Location: North Caicos  
Time: 9AM – 11.45AM

#### AUTHENTICALLY NORTH

Location: Carlton Williams Promenade,  
Bottle Creek  
Time: 12 – 4PM

### MIDDLE CAICOS

TUESDAY, 11 NOVEMBER

#### SCHOOLS & STAKEHOLDER VISITS

Location: Middle Caicos  
Time: 8.30AM – 11AM

#### AUTHENTICALLY MC

Location: Lorimers Park, near  
Lorimers Creek  
Time 11AM – 3PM

### SOUTH CAICOS

WEDNESDAY, 12 NOVEMBER

#### MORNING DEVOTIONS

Location: Firm Foundations Ministries  
International  
Audience: Pre-K, Primary and High School  
students  
Time: 9AM

#### MICRO CAREER FAIR

Location: South Caicos Community Centre  
Time: 10:30AM – 1PM

#### HARBOUR FEST

Location: South Sporting Complex, (Parade  
Ground) Airport Road  
Time: 6PM – 9PM

### PROVIDENCIALES

THURSDAY, 13 NOVEMBER, 2025

#### HELLO TOURIST!

Audience: Grade School Children  
Time: 9AM – 2PM  
Hosted by the Turks and Caicos Hotel &  
Tourism Association

SATURDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER

#### ECOSTAMP - NATIONWIDE CLEAN UP CAMPAIGN

Location: All Islands  
Time: 6:00 am – 8:00 am

MONDAY, 17 NOVEMBER

#### TOURISM FUTURES: YOUTH CAREER EXPO & NATIONAL TOURISM SPEECH COMPETITION

Location: Graceway Sports Centre  
Time: 9AM – 3PM

THURSDAY, 20 NOVEMBER

#### NATURE'S PASSPORT @ ISLAND FISH FRY

Location: Stubbs Diamond Plaza  
Time: 5.30PM – 9PM

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# Premier Urges Private Sector to Match Government’s \$1 Million Hurricane Relief Pledge for Jamaica

By Vivian Tyson NEWSLINE Editor-In-Chief

Premier Hon. Washington Misick has called on the Turks and Caicos Islands’ corporate community to stand shoulder to shoulder with his administration in supporting hurricane-ravaged Jamaica, urging them to match the government’s \$1 million pledge toward relief and recovery efforts.

In a national address, Premier Misick announced that his government had approved a US\$1 million donation to assist the Government of Jamaica in the wake of Hurricane Melissa, which left widespread devastation across the island. The Premier also confirmed that the Turks and Caicos Islands will send manpower and supplies to bolster relief operations.

“On behalf of the government and people of the Turks and Caicos Islands, I extend heartfelt thoughts and prayers to the government and people of Jamaica as they respond to the devastating aftermath of Hurricane Melissa,” Premier Misick said. “The Turks and Caicos Islands stands in unwavering solidarity with our Caribbean family during this difficult time.”

Highlighting the deep historical and cultural ties between the two Caribbean nations, the Premier noted the many contributions Jamaicans have made to the Turks and Caicos Islands in key sectors such as education, health care, hos-

pitality, and national security. “Ours is a bond strengthened by shared history, culture, and the countless contributions of Jamaicans to our society,” he stated. “In this spirit of unity and compassion, my government has approved a financial donation of one million U.S. dollars to the government of Jamaica, and we are further calling on our private sector partners to match this contribution in recognition of the vital role the Jamaican workforce plays in our economy.”

If met, the combined public and private contributions could total US\$2 million in cash support for Jamaica. Premier Misick encouraged those willing to contribute to contact the Office of the Premier for guidance on facilitating donations directly to the Jamaican government.

In addition to financial aid, the Turks and Caicos Islands will provide boots on the ground support. The Premier announced the deployment of 16 members of the Turks and Caicos Islands Regiment to assist in on-the-ground disaster relief and recovery efforts.

The government is also coordinating with major food suppliers and humanitarian organizations, including Graceway Supermarkets, Sunny Foods, GK Foods, the TCI Red Cross, and the Ministry of Health, to mobilize shipments of food and medical supplies to affected communities in Jamaica.



Premier of the Turks and Caicos Islands Washington Misick

“Our leadership is rooted not only in diplomacy and policy, but in empathy and community,” Premier Misick said. “Whether at the table of international cooperation or in the face of regional crises, the Turks and Caicos Islands stands ready to lead, to serve, and to uplift.”

He added that the response to Jamaica’s plight demonstrates the enduring strength of Caribbean unity and shared purpose.

“In times of hardship, the strength of

our Caribbean family shines brightest,” the Premier concluded. “Together, we will rebuild, recover, and rise stronger than before.”

Hurricane Melissa, a powerful late-season storm, has left thousands displaced across Jamaica, with significant damage to infrastructure and agriculture. The deadly storm left more than 30 people dead.

Relief efforts are ongoing across the island, supported by regional partners like the Turks and Caicos Islands.

# Turks and Caicos Student Brianna Burton Represents TCI at UK Youth Parliament

London, United Kingdom , 7th November 2025 — Young people from across the British Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies joined their counterparts from the United Kingdom in the House of Commons Chamber on Thursday, 6 November 2025, to take part in the annual UK Youth Parliament session.

Representing the Turks and Caicos Islands was Brianna Burton, who recently began her college studies in the UK. Speaking from the historic dispatch box in the House of Commons, Miss Burton delivered an impassioned address on the importance of providing educational support for pupils facing learning challenges.

She highlighted that the Turks and Caicos Islands Government established a Department of Special Education Needs Services early last year,

aimed at offering targeted assistance to neurodiverse students across the Islands.

Miss Burton was one of eight representatives from the British Overseas Territories invited by the Speaker of the House of Commons, the Rt Hon Sir Lindsay Hoyle MP, to participate in this year’s session. Other territories represented included Anguilla, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, the Falkland Islands, Gibraltar, and Montserrat.

More than 300 young people, aged between 11 and 18, elected as Members of the UK Youth Parliament, took their seats on the iconic green benches to debate and share their views on issues that matter most to young people today. This year’s proceedings also featured reflections marking 80 years since the end of the Second World War.



Brianna Burton delivers speech from the historic dispatch box in the House of Commons on the importance of providing educational support for pupils facing learning challenges

The 2025 sitting marked the 15th UK Youth Parliament session since its inception and the fourth occasion that students from the Overseas Territo-

ries have been invited to participate, reinforcing the growing connection between young people across the wider British family.



# Former Culture Director Calls for Change to TCI's National Tree and Flower

Former Director of Culture David Bowen is calling for a national review, and possible change of the Turks and Caicos Islands' official National Tree and National Flower, arguing that the current selections do not accurately reflect the entire country.

In an exclusive interview with NewslineTCI, Bowen expressed disappointment that the Caicos Pine, designated as the national tree, and the Turks and Caicos Heather, named as the national flower, are both limited in their natural distribution and cannot be found throughout all the islands.

"For a tree and a plant to be classified as 'national,' they should be found nationally," Bowen said. "The flower can only be found in the Turks Islands, mainly Grand Turk, Salt Cay, and East Harbour, South Caicos, and the tree can only be found in the Caicos Islands. If it's national, it has to be something that any tourist or child can see and say, 'That's our national tree.'"

Bowen revealed that the issue has troubled him since the original designations were made and said that since the symbols have not yet been formalized in law, there remains an opportunity to make what he considers a necessary correction. "Since it hasn't gone through legislation yet, there's still time for us to make the correction and ensure that the national flower and national tree are indeed national," he explained. "I'm very passionate about that."

## Previous Efforts Ignored

Bowen recalled that he had raised the same concern years ago with then-Permanent Secretary Wesley Clerveaux while serving as Director of Culture. However, he said his call for change was met with indifference.

"I did contact Mr. Clerveaux years ago and pointed out the same thing," Bowen said. "But he was not keen on doing anything. He said, 'It is what it is.' I thought that was a lazy approach."

He added that a true national symbol should be one that everyone across the Turks and Caicos Islands can recognize and take pride in.

"We want to tell a tourist, 'There's our national tree,' not only if they go to Middle or North Caicos," he said. "And our national flower should not only be something found in Grand Turk. It should be something every child and visitor can identify with, even here in Providenciales."

## Proposing Alternative National Symbols

Asked what species might better represent the nation, Bowen named two strong candidates.

"The Cordia Nut would definitely be my choice for national flower," he said. "Every single island has the Cordia Nut. You can find one right across the street. That's the kind of national symbol we should have." He also suggested that the Lignum Vitae, a hardwood tree native to the region and known for its strength and resilience, would be an ideal national tree.

"I would say the Lignum Vitae," he noted. "It's also the national tree of The Bahamas, but we have it all over these islands. My choice would be those two things."

## Push for Legislative Recognition



*The National Flower the Turks and Caicos Island Heather*

Bowen emphasized that several other national symbols, including the national costume, national dance, and other cultural emblems, have yet to be formally recognized by law, a situation he believes weakens the consistency and integrity of national identity.

"Even though we use them as national symbols, many have never passed through Parliament," he said. "When it goes through the proper channels, even the colors must be standardized. Every color has an international code, so that when you reproduce something, it's consistent across the board. Right now, any old shade can do."

He said that official government recognition would help ensure that the symbols are used uniformly and respected as authentic representations of Turks and Caicos heritage.

## Festivals Must Showcase True Island Culture

Bowen also weighed in on the growing number of cultural events across the islands, saying that many have become too generic and lack meaningful cultural depth.

"If we think about wining, drinking, and eating as culture, that's very generic," he said. "Every festival becomes the same, a band, some drinks, some food. But what is being showcased? What's special about a Grand Turk Festival, a South Caicos Festival, or one in Middle Caicos?"

He believes that each island's festival should include elements that highlight its unique history, traditions, and heritage, in addition to the entertainment component.

"There must be time on the stage to talk



*The National Tree, the Caicos Pine*

about the culture, the history, and the heritage of the island or the community," he added. "That's how we build national pride and identity."

## Education and Collaboration Over Competition

Bowen praised recent efforts to promote cultural awareness in schools but said he prefers a national showcase rather than inter-island competitions.

"I'm not a big fan of competitions where you're putting Grand Turk against South Caicos," he said. "It should be a national performance where everyone comes together, no winners or losers, just a

showcase of our music, dance, and storytelling."

## Renewed Dialogue with Government

Bowen revealed that he recently spoke with Minister of Education, Youth, and Culture Hon. Rachel Taylor about revisiting the issue of national symbols.

"I think that's the dialogue we're going to enter into," he said. "When it comes to national, it has to be national. Our national song is sung everywhere, our national flag is flown everywhere, our national bird is found everywhere. We are an island nation, and whatever happens here must happen there."



# From Matthew to Melissa: The cataclysmic wake-up call

Just a few years ago, in the shadow of Hurricane Matthew, I asked: Do we have a plan? Today, in the devastating aftermath of Category 5 Hurricane Melissa, we have our answer. The plan we had was a good start, but it was tragically insufficient for a storm of this magnitude. The preliminary figures are not just numbers, they are a nation's trauma quantified. According to Prime Minister Dr Andrew Holness, Jamaica is estimated to have suffered US\$6-7 billion in damage — a staggering blow that wipes out nearly a third of our gross domestic product (GDP). This, in my opinion, is not a temporary setback, it is an economic obliteration that has set our development clock back by years, if not decades. The scientific predictions we once discussed as future threats are now our painful present, with wet seasons becoming flash floods and dry seasons turning into prolonged droughts, creating a vicious cycle of financial strain, food insecurity, and public health vulnerability. The bitter irony, and perhaps our one stroke of providence, is that the Kingston Metropolitan Area, housing over one million Jamaicans and the nation's economic heart, was spared a direct hit. Let us be unequivocal: Had Melissa's eyewall made landfall there, Jamaica as a functioning State would have ceased to exist. The complete shutdown of government,

finance, and logistics would have been inevitable. The severe damage inflicted last year by Hurricane Beryl on St Elizabeth, Westmoreland, Hanover, and St James — even without a direct landfall — was not a near miss. It was a dress rehearsal we failed to fully heed. There is, as always, plenty of blame to go around. But assigning it now is a luxury we cannot afford and a distraction that wastes precious recovery time. The immediate, singular focus must be on a coordinated, unprecedented national effort to build back. Not to what we were, but to what we must become — Jamaica's development miracle. Our membership in the Caribbean Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility (CCRIF) since 2007 and the development of a catastrophe bond (a first of its kind) could, collectively, provide up to around US\$221 million for the National Natural Disaster Reserve Fund (NNDRF) established in June 2024. These instruments provide critical emergency liquidity — the financial first aid to stabilise the patient immediately after the shock. However, as Melissa has brutally demonstrated, these funds are a mere drop in the Caribbean Sea compared to the tropical wave of capital required for reconstruction. They are designed for response, not for rebuilding an entire country's infrastructure,



The value of the damage caused by Hurricane Melissa is estimated to be US\$6-7 billion.

housing stock, and agricultural sector. The gap between what these funds cover and what is needed is where our national survival now hangs in the balance. The Path Forward: From Recovery to Resilient Transformation This is our moment of reckoning. The scale of the destruction presents a horrific but clear slate. We cannot simply replace what was lost; we must build what is necessary to withstand the next Melissa, because there will be others as our territorial waters become warmer, creating fertile grounds of low pressure that drive tropical cyclones. This catastrophe must be the foundation for Jamaica's economic and development miracle, a new programme that goes far beyond Vision 2030, forged in the weather of repeated tropical cyclones over the last half-century. We are resilient and proud. Out of many, one people positively impacting the world around us. This can be seen by the outpouring of love and tangible support from our neighbours, near and far alike. The build-back requires all hands on deck, bringing Jamaicans from all walks of life together. The Government and the Opposition People's National Party must lead a unified coalition with local private sector groups and civil society, supported by regional and international development partners. Here are the next critical steps to get us across this chasm: 1) A resilient rebuild code: A mandatory national building code for all new construction and major repairs, enforced without exception. This means concrete-reinforced structures, elevated foundations in flood zones, and wind-resistant designs. 2) Strategic spatial and urban planning: We must decentralise our economic and governmental functions. The near miss of Kingston was a potential warning. Critical data centres, government archives, and key economic operations need secure, hardened locations outside of the capital. We must incentivise development in less vulnerable areas and protect natural buffers like mangroves and reefs. This has been the plea from our environmentalists for years. 3) A national utility hardening programme: Our power, water, and communication grids are Achilles' heels. The recovery cannot be complete until these systems are not just restored, but buried, reinforced, and solar-

ised to create a decentralised, resilient network. Every school and community centre should be equipped as a hardened shelter with independent power and water. 4) Mobilise a resilience bond with international partners: The Government should immediately lead the creation of a multi-billion-dollar, long-term Jamaica resilience bond, or similar facility, backed by a consortium of multilateral development banks (World Bank, Inter-American Development Bank, Caribbean Development Bank), climate finance funds, and private impact investors. This cannot be another short-term loan, it must be a long-term, low-interest investment in Jamaica's survival. 5) Agriculture 2.0 — climate-smart and protected: Our food security depends on a radical shift to climate-smart agriculture — greenhouses, hydroponics, and drought-resistant crops, as well as secured storage and value-added processing facilities located in several parishes. The storm has passed. The blame game is a distraction we cannot afford. The task before us is Herculean, a challenge worthy of Leonidas and his 300 Spartans, but it is also our greatest national opportunity. Let the legacy of Hurricane Melissa not be one of loss, but the catalyst that finally forced Jamaica to build a nation as resilient and indomitable as the spirit of its people. Priesnell Warren is managing director of Frontier Business Advisory Limited. Send comments to priesnell@frontierbusiness

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# REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

## New Turnkey Housing Development

We are looking for **highly skilled** and **qualified** developers to submit a proposal for the construction of a **brand new community** for Turks and Caicos Islanders on up to four parcels of land in the North West and North Central areas of Providenciales.

This exciting new community will consist of approximately 200 units featuring two and three bedroom single-family homes across 40 acres of land.



Interested parties can review the full official request for proposal by visiting our government website at **[www.gov.tc/publicservice/government-tenders](http://www.gov.tc/publicservice/government-tenders)** to learn the full scope of details on the project.

**Tender Reference Number:** TR 25/03

**Contract Number:** TCIG 07/2025

**Parcel Numbers:** 60000/247, 277, 278 & 279

**Acres:** 40

**Units:** approx. 200

**Location:** North West and North Central, Providenciales

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**  
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2025 AT 10:00 A.M.**



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- Assisting with management of vendors and support services, evaluating new and updated technologies.
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**Requirements**

- BS and/ or MS Degree in Information Technology and related field required
- Strong IT hospitality background and experience preferred
- Strong interpersonal, team member relations and leadership abilities.
- Ability to work independently
- Ability to identify and solve problems.
- Professional & appropriate business appearance and demeanor.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Flexibility to meet the demands of a 24-hour operation

**Must Have Excellent**

- Communication skills
- Leadership skills
- Advanced mathematical and accounting concepts
- Computer literacy
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- Ability to train staff

Salary \$52,000.00 - \$54,000.00 per annum  
Bonus + Service Charge



OPEN JOB POSITION

# Sous Chef

We are seeking a proficient and enthusiastic Executive to join our team!

**Job Overview:** Sous Chef will assist in supervising and coordinating all related culinary activities, estimating food consumption and requisitioning or purchasing food, selecting and developing recipes, and standardizing production recipes to ensure consistent quality. The Sous chef will assist with overseeing special catering events and may also offer culinary instruction and/or demonstrate culinary techniques. The Sous chef directly supervises kitchen personnel with responsibility for hiring, discipline, performance reviews, and initiating pay increases. He/she will assist in the development of employees.

**Requirements**

- Must have at least 3 years’ experience in a culinary leadership role.
- Education from a formal culinary institution highly desirable. Kitchen terminology required.
- Previous culinary experience in all aspects of operating a kitchen – prep cook, line cook, Jr. Sous or equivalent.
- Must have a working knowledge of Excel, Word & Power point. Should be well versed in making standard recipes & execute them as well. Perform mathematical calculation



- including but not limited to conversion of recipes, inventories etc.
  - Advanced culinary and artistic skills, cooking methods, knowledge of all different kitchen departments and product identification.
  - Prepare weekly rosters and payroll reports.
  - Enforce Health and Hygiene regulations within the kitchen and heighten staff’s awareness of good personal and food hygiene practices and procedures, i.e. cleaning of kitchen, storage, handling of food, etc.
- Must Have Excellent**
- Communication skills
  - Leadership skills
  - Advanced mathematical and accounting concepts
  - Computer literacy
  - Ability to analyze and interpret general business periodicals, professional journals and governmental regulations
  - Ability to train staff
- Salary \$38,000.00 - \$40,000.00 per annum**  
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# Executive Chef

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Additionally, will supervise all kitchen workers and give performance reviews, grant pay increases and take disciplinary action when necessary. Executive chefs prepare meals in the kitchen and delegate work to other chefs and cooks during the restaurant’s busy times. At the end of the workday, executive chef will insure the proper cleanliness and closing of the kitchen. Attendance at meetings as required

**Qualifications:**

- Bachelor’s Degree in Culinary Arts, Food and Beverage Management or Equivalent
- International culinary experience in a five star property with focuses on Mediterranean and Asian cuisine
- Candidate should have at least 5 years’ experience in an Executive Chef Kitchen management capacity and excellent knowledge of current culinary trends.
- Must have experience of resort pre-opening
- Must have experience in high volume hotel business.
- Must be competent in culinary creativity as demonstrated by cooking test.
- Have strong knowledge of food cost and inventories.
- Must possess the ability to handle stressful and busy hotel.
- Candidate must have good knowledge of computers (e.g. Excel & Word).
- Clear, concise written and verbal communication skills.
- Candidate must be comfortable to speak to guests and conduct meetings.
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# Border Force Makes Over 3,200 Apprehensions Since January

By Vivian Tyson NEWSLINE Editor-In-Chief

The Turks and Caicos Islands Border Force has made a total of 3,215 apprehensions of undocumented individuals since January, according to Deputy Premier and Minister of Immigration and Border Services Hon. Jamell Robinson.

Speaking during Wednesday’s sitting of the House of Parliament in Grand Turk, Deputy Premier Robinson revealed that 1,521 of those apprehensions involved unlawful migrants intercepted from 15 vessels attempting to enter the Islands, while another 1,694 individuals were detained inland during enforcement operations.

“Maintaining the integrity of our borders remains a top priority,” said Hon. Robinson. “Through our intelligence-led initiative, Operation Verify, the Border Force has intensified document inspection and verification across all ports of entry.”

He said since January, Operation Verify has resulted in 105 refusals of entry and the detection of 18 forged documents, preventing unlawful entry and strengthening public confidence in border controls.

**Strong Enforcement Record**

Between January and November, Robinson said the Border Force conducted 48 joint intelligence-led operations in collaboration with local law enforcement and regional partners. During this period, 38 deportation orders were executed, and 19 convictions were secured for border-related offences.

Robinson noted that the agency has maintained a 100% investigatory success rate, supported by the use of digital forensics to improve evidence handling and prosecution outcomes.

**Enforcement and Compliance**

Through rigorous inspections of vessels, aircraft, and transit sheds, the Border Force has sustained a tough stance against narcotics and other illegal goods.

Recent operations have resulted in: 43.65 pounds of marijuana seized, valued at approximately \$198,171

\$70,000 worth of improperly imported goods confiscated

557 cargo containers inspected for compliance

95% compliance rate in pleasure craft inspections

“The Turks and Caicos Islands is not and will never be a safe haven for illegal migration or smuggling activity,” Hon. Robinson declared.

**Fiscal Impact**

Border Force operations continue to make a significant contribution to national revenue.

At the half-year mark, the agency had:

- Generated \$94.55 million, accounting for roughly one-third of total Government revenue
- Recovered \$4.38 million through compliance operations
- Seized \$209,446 in illicit currency since January
- Digital Borders Initiative

**Building Capacity and Modernizing Operations**

The Deputy Premier emphasized that the Border Force’s success is rooted in its personnel.

A comprehensive training program has been implemented for all officers, including specialized courses on investigating and prosecuting human trafficking and smuggling offences.

Workshops and simulation exercises have also been conducted to enhance readiness and investigative capability. The Border Force Drone

Unit is now in its final certification phase, expanding aerial surveillance over coastal zones vulnerable to illegal entry.

Additionally, a new Anti-Money Laundering Programme has been launched and will soon conduct its first simulation exercise.

**Community Engagement and Expansion**

The Border Force, according to Robinson, has held community engagement sessions across North and Middle Caicos, Grand Turk, and South Caicos, with a session in Providenciales scheduled for later this month.

He pointed out that after more than two decades, the agency has also established a permanent office in Middle Caicos, which will operate twice weekly. The official opening is set for later this month.

In South Caicos, Border Force officers successfully processed both a passenger flight and a cargo vessel from Florida, underscoring the Government’s commitment to boosting inter-island connectivity and economic growth.

A K9 deployment for Grand Turk is also progressing as planned, with training and logistics underway to enhance the detection of illicit goods.

**Legislative Reforms**

Hon. Robinson announced that amendments to repeal and replace the Immigration Act are nearing completion and are expected to be presented to the House at its next sitting. Updates to the Customs Act will follow in 2026.

These reforms aim to strengthen enforcement powers, enhance investigative capabilities, and improve the overall effectiveness of border operations.

The Deputy Premier noted that the Government’s Digital Borders Initiative is set to modernize entry systems with biometric identity verification, automated e-gates, and enhanced traveler screening. Tender evaluations are in progress, with implementation slated for 2026 and full operational rollout by 2027.

In addition, he said upgrades to the ASYCUDA system have reached the project planning phase, with training completed in partnership with CART-AC. The improvements will streamline legitimate trade processing, reinforce border security, and enhance compliance oversight.



File photo of Deputy Premier and Minister of Immigration Hon. Jamell Robinson

# LISA HANNA HEADLINES WOMEN IN TOURISM CONFERENCE IN TCI

Lisa Hanna (second left), Miss World 1993, former Minister of Youth and Culture, and former MP for South East St. Ann in Jamaica, whose career spans the global stage, national politics, and international advocacy, has been named keynoted speaker for the Women in Tourism Conference, at the Shore Club Resort, scheduled for Saturday, November 16. Hanna was welcomed at a reception in her honor on Thursday evening at the Key West Village at Beaches Turks & Caicos Resort, Spa and Villages in Providenciales on Thursday, November 13. She is seen here with (from left) Minister of Tourism Hon. Zhavargo Jolly; President of the Turks and Caicos Hotel and Tourism Association Stacy Cox; and Deputy Governor for the Turks and Caicos Her Excellency Anya Williams.





# This Is Our Country, Our Right to Empower Our People Must Be Respected

Once again, we find ourselves facing yet another legal challenge brought by expatriate interests, this time against the Real Estate Brokers and Salesmen Licensing Bill, a law passed by this Government to empower the people of the Turks and Caicos Islands. The case, CL 54/25 Turks & Caicos Realty Limited and Others v. The Honourable Attorney General of the Turks and Caicos Islands, is set before the Chief Justice on Thursday, 13th November 2025. The plaintiffs are seeking to overturn amendments to a Bill that was designed, unapologetically, to give Turks and Caicos Islanders the opportunity to control and benefit from their own real estate industry. What is even more telling is the timing of this challenge, coming just one month before the amendments to the Bill are set to take effect, a move that seems deliberately aimed at stalling progress and undermining the will of the people. Let me be clear, the Real Estate Brokers and Salesmen Licensing Bill is about fairness, empowerment, and economic sovereignty. It ensures that only Turks and Caicos Islanders can be licensed as brokers and salesmen, and that real estate businesses are locally owned and operated. Transitional provisions were even included to give existing businesses a

full year to comply, a demonstration of fairness and balance. Since the passage of this legislation, droves of Turks and Caicos Islanders have joined the real estate industry, seizing the opportunity to build careers and businesses in a field that was once dominated by expatriates. This renewed confidence in government's commitment to empower its people shows that when given a fair chance, Turks and Caicos Islanders will rise to the occasion and excel. Yet, despite this positive progress, expatriate entities have chosen to challenge the very heart of the Bill. This has become an all-too-familiar pattern. Every time this Government takes decisive action to place Turks and Caicos Islanders first, to give our people opportunities in their own country, expatriate interests rush to the courts to fight against it. We saw it with the Turks and Caicos Islander Status Commission, when the Board refused to grant status to certain applicants. That decision was later challenged in court, and the result was that 49 individuals were granted Turks and Caicos Islander Status, individuals whom the Commission, appointed from among Turks and Caicos Islanders themselves, had originally refused. Now, we are witnessing yet another situation where the

judgment and authority of the people of this country are being questioned and undermined. This is unacceptable. This country belongs to the people of the Turks and Caicos Islands. The decisions made by an elected Government, chosen by those people, must be respected. We cannot continue to allow expatriate entities, many of whom operate here on work permits and temporary arrangements, to dictate or disrupt the direction of our national development. As a Parliamentarian, I find it deeply troubling that those invited to live and work among us feel entitled to challenge our sovereignty and our right to shape policies in the interest of our people. A work permit does not give you the right to rewrite our laws or obstruct our progress. The Real Estate Brokers and Salesmen Licensing Bill is about building local wealth, keeping profits within our shores, and ensuring that Turks and Caicos Islanders are not just employees, but owners, decision-makers, and stakeholders. This Government should not apologize for empowering its people. We were elected to represent Turks and Caicos Islanders, to fight for their advancement, and to protect their economic future. Our policies are rooted in fairness, eq-



uity, and national pride. The time has come for all to understand that the Turks and Caicos Islands belong to the Turks and Caicos people, and the decisions made for their benefit must be honored and upheld. Jameka Williams is an All Island Elected Member of Parliament and Deputy Speaker



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HAMMIE, JUST FINISH YOUR PEAS.

I DON'T WANT TO.

WELL, YOU'RE NOT LEAVING THIS TABLE UNTIL YOU DO.

THEN YOU'RE STUCK HERE WATCHING ME.

YOU FORGET THAT I HAVE A LIVE-IN TATTLER.

DOES THIS MEAN I'M DEPUTIZED?

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WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT?

ARE YOU AWARE THAT...

YES!! I KNOW ONE OF MY EYE-BROWS IS BIGGER THAN THE OTHER!!!

SO GO AHEAD AND STARE AT THE FREAK OF NATURE!

UMM...I WAS JUST GOING TO POINT OUT THAT YOUR SHIRT IS ON INSIDE OUT...

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BY JIM DAVIS

ANY CHIPS LEFT?

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ZIP!

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I wish retail therapy was covered on my health insurance.

"PERFECT TIMING, DAD...POWER WENT OUT JUST BEFORE MOM COULD GET THE BROCCOLI ON."

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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)



# The Transformative Power of Yoga and Intentioal Wellness; The Ritz-Carlton, Turks & Caicos

In a world that moves swiftly and demands much, the practice of yoga offers a graceful pause—a return to self. It is not merely movement, but a mindful journey toward balance, clarity, and vitality. At its heart, yoga is a celebration of presence, guiding us to align body, mind, and spirit. Elevate the Everyday Through fluid motion and conscious breath, yoga enhances flexibility, posture, and physical strength while cultivating inner calm. It is a sanctuary for the mind, easing stress,

sharpening focus, and inviting restorative sleep. Even the simplest rituals—morning stretches, midday breathing, or weekly classes—can create profound shifts in well-being. A Practice of Connection Yoga invites reflection and resilience. It nurtures patience, grounding, and a sense of purpose. Within group practice, it fosters community—an elegant reminder that wellness is not only personal, but shared. Together, we grow, support, and thrive. Wellness as a Way of Life

Today, true success is measured not only by achievement, but by the quality of our relationships, the vitality of our bodies, and the serenity of our minds. Wellness is no longer a fleeting trend—it is the foundation of a meaningful life. Yoga gently reminds us to slow down, listen inward, and prioritize what truly matters. The Ritz-Carlton Spa: A Sanctuary of Renewal At The Ritz-Carlton Spa, the art of well-being is thoughtfully curated. Guests are welcomed into a serene

haven where world-class treatments, tranquil design, and personalized care converge. Here, one can truly disconnect, rejuvenate, and realign with their highest self. It is more than a spa—it is a pathway to lasting transformation.



# The Value of Positive Guidance

## *Voices from the Streets Part 61*

By Nixon Dickenson

In this week's Voices from the Streets, I am excited to share the perspective of Giovanni Astwood, a young man I am proud to call my nephew. Giovanni is currently studying at Valencia University, pursuing degrees in Business and Project Management and Drafting. During our conversation about the root causes of crime in our society, Giovanni offered some thought-provoking insights. He referenced the powerful phrase "emancipate yourself from mental slavery" from Bob Marley's iconic song Redemption Song. Giovanni explained that this message calls on listeners to free their minds from oppressive and limiting ways of thinking. He emphasized that young people need authentic leadership and positive guidance. While many adults urge youths to make better choices, Giovanni believes that too often, those same adults fail to lead by example. He stressed that everyone, regardless of status, requires positive guidance, which cannot come from a negative, fixed, or stagnant mindset. True guidance, he said, flows from a positive, transformed, and growth-oriented mindset. Beyond mindset, Giovanni highlighted education as one of the most effective tools for freedom. He expressed concern over the growing number of young people turning to drugs and alcohol as an escape, warning that this path leads only to an unfulfilled life devoid of purpose.

One of the most pressing issues in the Turks and Caicos Islands, Giovanni noted, is the prevalence of broken homes, which often results in abandonment and emotional neglect. Yet, he encourages young people not to see themselves as victims but as victors, reminding them that while life may deal them bad hands, they hold the power of choice to shape their future. Giovanni acknowledged that many broken systems hinder youth productivity, but he also pointed out that functional systems do exist. He urged young people to seek out these resources and models of success to get the help they need. In today's world, he said, youth require mental support and structures that help them discover their identity, build self-awareness, and receive emotional support, especially where it is lacking. Finally, Giovanni shared his belief that young people are still searching for their voices. They deserve opportunities to learn from positive guidance so they can become the best versions of themselves. A Call to Action Change starts with us today. If you are a parent, mentor, educator, or community leader, don't wait for someone else to step up. Be the example our youth need. Offer your time, your wisdom, and your support. Advocate for programs that build resilience, education, and mental health resources. Speak up when you see broken systems and help create solutions. Every conversation, every act of guidance, every moment



Nixon Dickenson (right), writer of Voices from the Street with Giovanni Astwood

of encouragement matters. Our youth are the future of the Turks and Caicos Islands. Let's invest in them now, before it's too late; let's choose to invest in our youth. I want to thank my nephew Giovan-

ni for being a voice of positive change. Your voice is a powerful reminder that when young people speak, we must listen. Keep striving, keep inspiring, and continue to lead with purpose—you are making a difference.



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FEATURED CHURCH

Paradise Baptist Church

This week we feature one of the Turks and Caicos Islands’ longest serving churches – the Paradise Baptist Church located in Five Cays, Providenciales. The Paradise Baptist Church has been serving that community and its environs for decades. Pastored by Rev. Goldstone Williams, the Paradise Baptist Church, a few years ago underwent a major redevelopment exercise, to better serve the community. It is now one of the largest halls in the Turks and Caicos, thus making it a magnet for large church-related events, such as valedictory service and graduations. In addition to its regular Sunday service, Paradise Baptist Church conducts Prayer meeting and bible study on Wednesday; Every 2nd and 4th Friday of each month Daughters of The King meetings; Thursday & Saturday at 7pm Praise team practice; and Friday evening at 7pm Youth Fellowship. Its contact number is 941-4349.



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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# PROVO REMEMBRANCE DAY HIGHLIGHTS

Several islands across the Turks and Caicos chain observed Remembrance Sunday on November 9, where the contributions of those who served in both world wars were remembered. In Providenciales, the event was attended by the political directorate, including Her Excellency Dileeni Daniel Selvaratnam, Premier Hon. Washington Misick, Acting Speaker of the House Hon. Jameka Williams, and some members of the cabinet. Hon. Audric Skippings represented the Opposition. The following are photo highlights of the event.









# HOW TO BALANCE YOUR BLOOD SUGAR WITHOUT DIETING

*Simple shifts that keep energy, mood, and hunger steady*

By Monica Uttamchandani  
Holistic Health Coach - Turks and Caicos

You don't need to be diabetic to benefit from blood sugar balance. In fact, keeping your blood sugar steady is one of the most powerful things you can do to support your hormones, energy, skin, weight, and even mental clarity.

Blood sugar swings can cause:

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- Sugar cravings
- Brain fog
- Irritability
- Anxiety or shakiness
- Bloating and stubborn weight

- gain
- 5 ways to balance your blood sugar naturally:
1. Eat in this order: fibre, protein & fats, carbs to lower your glucose spike by 75%
  2. Avoid skipping meals. It stresses your system
  3. Walk for 10 mins after eating to stabilise glucose
  4. Start your day with savoury, not sweet (e.g. eggs over toast with jam)
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When your blood sugar is stable, you feel more in control of your body and your day. Ready to eat in a way that feels good without obsessing? I share gentle, blood-sugar-friendly food ideas and lifestyle tools at @balancedbymonica on Instagram. 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.







Minister of Education and Team with Clement Howell High teacher and 1st place winner, Jamima Charles.

# Clement Howell High School Wins Inter-High Speech Competition Celebrating Special Education Month

The Special Education Needs Services (SENS) Department within the Ministry of Education, Youth, Sports, and Culture successfully hosted its annual Inter-High School Speech Competition on Friday, 7 November 2025, at Beaches Turks and Caicos Resort. The event formed part of the month-long celebrations for Special Education Month.

This year's competition was held under the national theme "Partners in Progress: Strengthening Special Education Together." Students presented speeches on the topic "Creating an Inclusive Future: Why Special Education Advocacy Starts with Us."

Five high schools from across the Turks and Caicos Islands participated, which included Marjorie Basden High, Raymond Gardiner High, British Collegiate, Clement Howell High, and A. Louise Thomas High. Students delivered powerful and thought-provoking speeches that emphasized the importance of inclusion, advocacy, and unity in advancing special education.

At the end of an inspiring morning, Clement Howell High School emerged as the first-place winner, followed by Raymond Gardiner High School in second place, and British Collegiate School in third place.

The event was attended by several dignitaries, including the Deputy Pre-

mier, Hon. Jamell Robinson, Minister of Education, Hon. Rachel Taylor, Permanent Secretary Mr. James Astwood, and Deputy Secretary Mr. Edgar Howell, who all expressed pride in the students' performances and their advocacy for inclusion. The panel of judges included Mr. Jasmin Walkin, District Commissioner for North Caicos and former Education Officer for Special Education, along with other distinguished professionals who brought expertise and fairness to the evaluation process.

In her remarks, Director of SENS, Dr. Anya Malcolm - Gibbs, commended the students for their passion and poise, noting that their voices reflected the change the department continues to champion, "It was encouraging to see our young people taking an active role in shaping a more inclusive Turks and Caicos Islands. Advocacy begins with awareness, and each student contributed meaningfully to that mission."

Hon. Rachel M. Taylor, Minister of Education, extended congratulations to the winners and participants, emphasising the importance of inclusion in education. "Special Education Month reminds us that we all share responsibility in ensuring that every child has access to quality education and the opportunity to thrive," Minister Taylor

said. "These students demonstrated that advocacy and empathy go hand in hand, and their words inspired hope for a more inclusive future."

The Inter-High School Speech Competition continues to serve as a meaningful platform for youth engagement and awareness, empowering students to become advocates and allies for in-

dividuals with special needs. As Special Education Month continues, the SENS Department will host a series of activities and outreach initiatives that foster collaboration among families, schools, and organisations, working together as partners in progress to strengthen special education across the Turks and Caicos Islands.



Hon. Jamell Robinson, Deputy Premier, Hon. Rachel Taylor, Minister of Education with the students of the SNAP Center.





Mr Mark A. Fulford (centre), with fellow panel members speaking on the panel “AI’s Impact on the Legal Profession: From Threat to Game-Changing Advantage” at the International Bar Association Annual Conference, Toronto, 3 November 2025.



A section of the event

# Bar President Represents TCI at IBA Global Conference, Speaks on AI and the Legal Profession

President of the Turks and Caicos Islands Bar Association and Managing Partner of F Chambers Attorneys-at-Law, Mr Mark A. Fulford, was a featured panelist at the International Bar Association (IBA) Annual Conference in Toronto for the session titled “AI’s Impact on the Legal Profession: From Threat to Game-Changing Advantage.” The event was held on November 3, 2025.

Hosted by the IBA’s Section on Public and Professional Interest (SPPI) and the Legal Policy & Research Unit (LPRU), the session brought together legal leaders, academics, and innovators from across jurisdictions to explore how Artificial Intelligence (AI) is transforming law practice, judicial decision-making, and legal education. More than 5,000 participants from around the world attended the IBA’s 2025 Annual Conference, the largest global gathering of legal professionals.

Moderated by Itzik Amiel and Martijn Lesterhuis, the panel featured Giedre Aukstuoliene (Ellex Vali-

unas, Lithuania), Pranav Srivastava (Phoenix Legal, India), and Mr Fulford, who shared insights from the Caribbean and small Commonwealth jurisdictions, highlighting the leadership potential of the Turks and Caicos Islands in the era of legal technology.

In his remarks, Mr Fulford emphasized the responsibility of lawyers, courts, and institutions to ensure that technological progress remains rooted in ethics and fairness. “Technology must always serve justice, not replace it,” he said. “AI can make us faster, but it must also make us fairer. The challenge is not whether we use AI, but how we preserve human judgment, accountability, and the moral dimension of justice.”

He highlighted the historic leadership of the Hon. Chief Justice Mabel M. Agyemang, who earlier this year issued Practice Direction No. 1 of 2025: A Guide to the Use of Generative AI in Court Proceedings, making the Turks and Caicos Islands the first jurisdiction in the Caribbean and one of the first in

the Commonwealth to adopt a judicial framework governing the ethical use of AI in legal proceedings.

The Practice Direction, developed in consultation with the judiciary and the Bar Council, sets out clear principles for accountability, accuracy, and transparency in the use of generative AI by attorneys, judges, and court officers. It classifies permissible and restricted uses of AI, mandates disclosure when AI is used in written submissions, and requires verification of all citations and sources, ensuring that human oversight remains central to the pursuit of justice.

“Chief Justice Agyemang’s leadership has given the Turks and Caicos Islands a model that other jurisdictions can learn from,” Mr Fulford noted. “It balances openness to innovation with the safeguards of integrity and verification that every modern justice system needs.”

Mr Fulford also discussed how smaller jurisdictions can play a leading role in shaping responsi-

ble digital transformation, serving as agile laboratories of innovation for the wider Commonwealth.

“The AI revolution is not about size, but about readiness,” he said. “Small jurisdictions can lead if they pair vision with vigilance, embracing technology while protecting the constitutional values that define us.”

The panel underscored that AI is already delivering tangible benefits across the global legal ecosystem, from predictive analytics and document automation to improved access to justice through data-driven decision tools. Yet, the speakers agreed that ethical governance must evolve alongside technology to maintain public trust and professional integrity.

Following the session, Mr Fulford reaffirmed that the Turks and Caicos Islands’ commitment to AI readiness and judicial modernization is part of a broader effort to align law, technology, and governance with the demands of a rapidly changing world.

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Minister of Public Service and Utility Hon. Otis Morris (left), and Opposition Leader Hon. Edwin Astwood getting their blood pressure checked during the ISU Community Outreach Caravan in Grand Turk.

# ISU'S COMMUNITY OUTREACH CARAVAN BRINGS SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT TO GRAND TURK RESIDENTS

The Informal Settlements Unit (ISU) successfully hosted its Community Outreach Caravan on Saturday, October 25, 2025, at the Parade Grounds in Grand Turk, drawing participation from residents and key stakeholders.

The event was part of the ISU's continuing efforts to engage communities across the Turks and Caicos Islands, raise awareness of the Social Needs Assessment Survey, and reinforce the Unit's visibility and collaboration with agencies and residents in advancing sustainable development.

Attendees benefited from a range of services provided by partner agencies, including the Department of Disaster Management and Emergencies (DDME), Red Cross, Free Legal Aid Clinic of the TCI Bar Council, Health Promotions and Advocacy Unit, Dental Health Department, and Primary Health Care Unit. These services included free health checks, dental consultations, disaster preparedness information and material, as well as legal support.

In attendance at the event were the Honourable Edwin Astwood, Member of Parliament for Grand Turk South and Salt Cay and Lead-



A member off the Grand Turk community takes first aid instructions from a Red Cross Worker.

er of the Opposition in Parliament and the Honourable Otis Morris, Member of Parliament for Grand Turk North, and Minister of Public Safety and Utilities, both of whom commended the initiative and expressed their support for the ISU's efforts in Grand Turk and the wider Turks and Caicos Islands.

Residents visiting the ISU booth at the event were able to learn more about the Social Needs Assessment Survey, an ongoing

initiative designed to gather accurate, community-level data to inform national policy on the management of informal settlements. ISU representatives engaged directly with attendees, sharing information about the Unit's mandate and encouraging participation in the survey.

According to feedback received during the event, the Caravan was well-received by residents, who appreciated the opportunity to access all the services on of-



Children participating in solving puzzles

fer in one location while learning about ongoing national efforts to improve living standards and community resilience.

The Community Outreach Caravan series serves as the public-facing component of the ISU's broader outreach strategy. It brings essential services, information, and engagement opportunities directly to communities, ensuring that residents are informed and involved in the process of building a more sustainable Turks and Caicos Islands.



# Breast cancer prevention

MAINTAINING A healthy weight, staying physically active, limiting alcohol, not smoking, and being mindful of hormone replacement therapy can help prevent breast cancer.

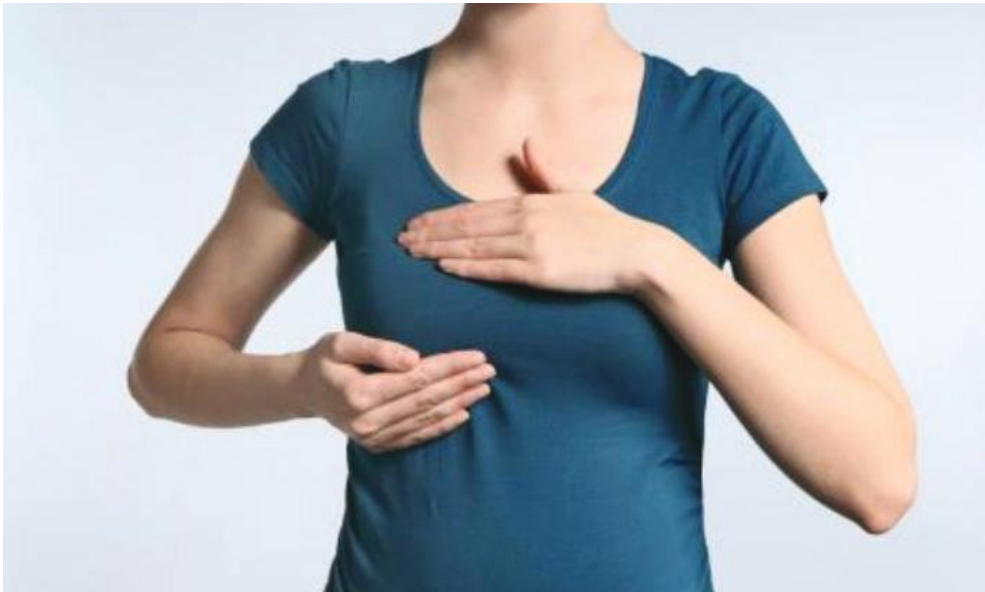
Regular screenings like mammograms are also crucial for early detection, and you can discuss your personal risk factors with a doctor, especially if you have a strong family history.

Dr Orlando Thomas, medical doctor and functional medicine practitioner at Thomas Medical and Shockwave Centre in Old Harbour, St Catherine, said even if you have a family history of breast cancer, you can reduce your risk naturally.

“Breast cancer affects millions of women worldwide, and is one of the prevalent types of cancers among women that impacts families and communities. It occurs when cells in the breast grow uncontrollably, forming a tumour. These cells then invade nearby tissues and have the ability to spread to nearby organs,” Dr Thomas said.

We have the power, he said, to prevent breast cancer by adopting a proactive approach to reduce the risk. Functional medicine, he said, emphasises nutrition, exercise, and mental well-being in maintaining good health.

“A wholistic approach that includes lifestyle changes that promote a healthy body and mind, stress management, regular physical activity and a balanced diet are crucial. Prevention is also about making empowered



choices that also support mental health. Regular screening, self-examinations and a healthy diet make a world of a difference,” Dr Thomas said.

**PRACTICAL TIPS TO FIGHT BREAST CANCER**

- Diet: Food is medicine, and certain foods help prevent breast cancer. Eat colourful foods and vegetables, berries, and leafy and cruciferous vegetables. These contain antioxidants that protect our bodies from damage. Simple dietary shifts can help our bodies thrive and defend against diseases. Juicing is also a great way to flood your body

with concentrated nutrients that can fight cancer-causing radicals with rich antioxidant foods. You can start your day with a vibrant green juice using organic produce to minimise pesticide exposure.

- Exercise: Physical activity regulates hormones, boost the immune system and reduce inflammation. Aim for at least 30 minutes of exercise for almost all the days of the week. You can include walking, jogging, swimming and cycling. Do not make it a routine. You can turn it into a social activity, for example, joining a team or class. Start small,

and gradually increase your activity. Gradual exercise can lower your breast cancer risk by up to 20 per cent. Exercise also improves your mental health, including stress and anxiety. You can include your family and friends to make it a more supportive experience. You can also monitor your progress by using fitness apps to set goals and track how you are doing. Make exercise a regular and enjoyable part of your life.

- Mindfulness: Incorporate mindful practices in your routine to improve your stress levels. Explore nature and make your workout adventurous. Small changes every day can be helpful. While diet and exercise are crucial, taking care of your mental and emotional well-being is equally important. Your mental state can significantly impact your physical health, especially preventing diseases like breast cancer.

Chronic stress weakens our immune system and hormones, like cortisol, produced during stress can suppress the immune system. Meditation helps manage stress, reduce anxiety and produce inner peace. Regular practice trains our mind to remain calm and focused, even for a few minutes daily. Meditation can lower your risk of stress and improve overall well-being.

You can make these changes a regular part of your health routine; and in the process you can encourage your loved ones to do the same.

**Source: Centre for Disease Control and Prevention**

# Navigating the changes that come with menopause

MENOPAUSE CAN impact relationships through emotional, physical, and cognitive changes, but open communication, mutual support, and seeking professional help can aid in navigating these challenges.

Emotional symptoms like irritability and mood swings can strain a partnership, while physical changes such as vaginal dryness can affect intimacy. Cognitive symptoms like brain fog can cause frustration, and sleep disruptions can increase tension.

According to life coach Nicola Clarke, menopause is a powerful season of transformation – physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

“As your hormones fluctuate, so can your moods, energy, and emotions. What many women don’t realise is that these internal changes often ripple outwards, affecting how we relate to our partner, family, friends, and even ourselves,” Clarke said.

One moment, she said, you might feel calm and connected, and the next, you are irritable, overwhelmed, or craving space from everyone.

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“You might find yourself more sensitive, less patient, or craving more solitude. Maybe you are questioning long-standing patterns or noticing tension where things once felt easy. None of this means you are ‘losing it’, it means you are evolving. The truth? Everything is changing and that is not a bad thing,” Clarke said.

Now is the time to redefine your connec-

tions, she said, to learn to communicate openly:

- Learn to communicate openly about what you are feeling.
- Set boundaries that protect your peace and energy.
- Create space for deeper understanding, not just from others, but within yourself.

“Menopause invites you to rebuild relationships from a place of truth, compassion, and self-awareness. When you learn to honour your emotional shifts, you open the door to more authentic, supportive connections in every area of your life,” Clarke said.

**WHY DOES MENOPAUSE AFFECTS RELATIONSHIPS**

- Your energy shifts: You may no longer have the same capacity to please everyone, keep the peace, or carry emotional weight for others.
- Your tolerance changes: Things you once brushed off might now feel intolerable because your inner voice is demanding honesty and self-respect.
- Your priorities realign: You begin valuing authenticity over approval. Depth over small talk. Truth over comfort.

“Menopause becomes the mirror that reveals where emotional balance, respect, or mutual understanding may be missing,” Clarke said.

**PHYSICAL EFFECTS**

- Intimacy issues: Vaginal dryness and decreased libido can make sexual intimacy uncomfortable or less frequent.
- Sleep disruption: Night sweats and other sleep problems can lead to tiredness, which adds to relationship tension.

- Physical discomfort: Weight gain and other physical discomforts can affect self-esteem and how you interact with others.

**HOW TO NAVIGATE THE CHANGE**

- Communicate with love: Let your partner, family, or friends know what is happening, both physically and emotionally. They cannot support what they do not understand.
- Set energy boundaries: It is okay to say no, to rest, or to protect your space. Boundaries are not walls; they are bridges that help you connect more honestly.
- Practise emotional awareness: Instead of reacting, pause. Ask yourself, “What do I really need right now?” before responding.
- Offer yourself grace: You are not moody or ‘too much’. You’re becoming more attuned to your own emotional truth.

Healthy relationships grow when both people evolve together. Invite your loved ones into this journey, share what’s shifting, what you need, and what helps. Often, what feels like distance at first can lead to a deeper level of connection and empathy than ever before.

Menopause is not the end of closeness; it is the beginning of conscious connection, one that starts with you.

**ADDITIONAL TIPS**

- Seek professional help: A healthcare professional or counsellor can provide support and guidance for both physical and emotional symptoms.
- Adjust expectations: Understand that sex and intimacy may change and find what is enjoyable for both of you, rather

than trying to maintain old expectations.

- Stay informed: Educating yourselves about menopause and its symptoms can help you navigate the changes as a team.

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**SOURCE: Nicola Clarke – Life Coach, Menopause Mondays, John Hopkins University.**



Life coach Nicky Clarke.





**DATE OPEN: October 28, 2025**

**POSITION: Pool and Beach Attendant**

**START DATE: ASAP**

**PROPERTY: West Bay Club**

**Job Overview:** The Pool & Beach Attendant will be responsible for assisting all guests at the Pool and Beach facilities with towels, seating, equipment loans and requests courteously and efficiently, according to hotel standards. Maintain the cleanliness and organization of all supplies, equipment and work areas and ensure guest safety and enjoyment.

**Main duties:**

- Oversee safety of guests and assist swimmers from water when in danger.
- Greet all guests upon arrival to both the pool and beach guest areas, distribute towels, help with seating, taking orders, and delivering consistently excellent guest service according to West Bay Club's standard operating procedures.
- Must be knowledgeable of the pool facilities, restaurant and bar hours of operation, and rescue emergency procedures
- Willing to take ownership of all guest requests and complaints, to resolve issues immediately
- Identify and report defects throughout the pool and beach area, notifying Manager/Engineering immediately of hazards, injuries, equipment, or processes that negatively affect the operations.
- Must have knowledge of the principles and practices of resuscitation, First aid, and CPR techniques. Must have adequate knowledge of safety hazards and precautions to be able to maintain a safe work environment for self and others.
- Responsible for maintaining cleanliness of the pool deck and other facilities including straightening and stacking chairs, collecting used towels and trash, moving chairs and other furniture.

**Requirements & Qualifications**

- Previous experience working in Pool & Beach or similar position is preferred.
- Must have a high school diploma.
- Ability to multitask and deliver food and drink requests in a timely and efficient manner.
- Must have strong people and English communication skills.
- Must be reliable and able to adhere to a flexible schedule is preferred.
- CPR certification preferred but not required.
- Ability to understand guests & service needs while paying attention to details.
- Ability to exert physical effort in transporting/ handling equipment and supplies.

**This position is currently held by an expatriate worker. Qualified Islanders need only to apply copying applications to the Commissioner of Labour & Work Permit Board Zone 2.**

**Qualified Belongers need only to apply**

**Salary Range: \$8.50 per hour**

**DATE OPEN: October 28, 2025**

**POSITION: Steward**

**START DATE: ASAP**

**PROPERTY: West Bay Club**

**Job Overview:** We are looking for a professional Steward able of attending to our facilities with integrity and attention to detail. The goal is to create a clean and orderly environment for our guests that will become a critical factor in maintaining and strengthening our reputation.

**Main Duties:**

- Perform a variety of cleaning activities such as sweeping, mopping, dusting and polishing
- Responsible for cleaning of all kitchen silver, glass, and china wares along with pots and pans
- Responsible for cleaning walk-in fridges and freezers and storage areas
- Ensure all food service areas are cared for and inspected according to standards
- Protect equipment and make sure there are no inadequacies
- Notify superiors on any damages, deficits and disturbances
- Check stocking levels of all consumables and replace when appropriate
- Adhere strictly to rules regarding health and safety and be aware of any company-related practices Ability to work flexible shifts and stand for long periods of time

**This position is currently held by an expatriate worker. Qualified Islanders need only to apply copying applications to the Commissioner of Labour & Work Permit Board Zone 2.**

**Salary Range: \$8.00 per hour**

Interested persons can contact our Human Resources Department no later than November 10, 2025

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*Tyrese Gibson gestures as he arrives in Jamaica*

American actor and R&B vocalist, Tyrese Gibson has landed in Jamaica alongside business mogul and television producer Mona Scott-Young to hand out relief packages to victims in hurricane-ravaged parishes. The actor and the entrepreneur

shared videos to their individual social media pages as they flew into the island on Monday. Gibson and Scott-Young loaded several private jets with relief supplies, each professing their love for Jamaica as they vowed to stand in solidarity with its people.

# Tyrese, Mona Scott arrive in Jamaica to jumpstart relief efforts

“This is not a private jet just for the private jet of it all. This is a humanitarian mission,” said Scott-Young. “We’re out here. We were able to do what we could in a short time. Y’all know I’m empowered and so my thing will be providing power and I brought a lot of Starlink with me and I’m looking forward to you guys helping me to get as many Starlinks to Jamaica so people can speak to their families.” Scott-Young also made sure to remind persons of Jamaica’s beauty even in times of hardships. “It’s beautiful out here, as beautiful

as I remember it. Y’all know I love Jamaica,” she said. “Jamaica, we here baby,” said Gibson as he disembarked one of the jets. “We loading up. I’ve always wanted to do this. We know there’s a lot of trauma and we’re not only here to give but to give with all of this love attached.” Gibson and Scott-Young are the latest international celebrities to join in relief efforts. Nicki Minaj, DJ Khaled, Walt Disney World and Rihanna via her Clara Lionel Foundation were also among the stars who lent their support.

## Kartel Toasts Grammy Nomination, Joins Hurricane Melissa Relief Efforts

\ Dancehall artiste Vybz Kartel is celebrating his second Grammy nomination after his album, Heart & Soul earned the nod in the Best Reggae Album category announced on November 7. “Every song, every show, every mission me do now it’s about legacy and upliftment. Jamaica build mi, so mi haffi build back Jamaica,” Vybz Kartel said in a statement sent to the Jamaica Observer. He goes up against Lila Iké (Treasure Self Love), Mortimer (From Within), Jesse Royal (No Place Like Home), and Keznamdi (Blood & Fyah). Vybz Kartel’s Party With Me EP was nominated last year. On the same day of the Grammy nomination was announcement, Kartel was on the ground, through his Adidja Palmer Foundation (APF), delivered a 40-foot container of essential supplies, including 12,000 bottles of water, 1,500 loaves of bread, and hygiene kits. They also partnered with World Central Kitchen to clear debris, serve over 3,500 hot meals, and provide direct support to a children’s home housing 70 disabled children. APF will also expand from emergen-

cy response to sustained rebuilding. The entertainer, through the foundation, also plans to adopt one children’s home and rebuild the roof of another, creating safe spaces, including a women’s and kids’ shelter, a soup kitchen, and a dedicated counselling area. Assistance will also be given to a basic school in rebuilding and helping to restore parts of St Elizabeth, the breadbasket parish. After visiting communities affected by the recent hurricane, Vybz Kartel shared heartfelt reflections on the nation’s strength and some of his plans for mental health support. “We’re creating a space where people can get psychological help, because too many — especially the kids — are dealing with trauma. This is not normal, so we have to care for the mind, not just the body. Jamaican people tough like steel, and that’s what hurt me the most; I’ve never seen the people dem cry so much, ever! But the resilience of Jamaican people is second to none. As we always say, ‘We likkle but wi tallawah.’ Right now is the time when we need unity the most. We need that Jamaican strength. The likkle but tallawah energy — activate now,” he said.



*Vybz Kartel on a visit to a World Central Kitchen site in the western Jamaica.*



# Shelly-Ann Aquí Solomon: The Picture of Possibility: Creating a Life by Design, Not Default

When you meet Shelly-Ann Aquí Solomon, there's something immediately magnetic about her. It's not just her confidence, warmth, or eloquence; it's the calm conviction of a woman who knows who she is, why she's here, and how she can help others rise.

This November, as the world celebrates Global Entrepreneurship Month and Women's Entrepreneurship Day (November 19), Shelly-Ann stands as the ultimate "Picture of Possibility." From humble beginnings in Trinidad & Tobago to building a seven-figure enterprise that now impacts women across 30+ countries, her journey is proof that purpose, prosperity, and peace can coexist...when you live life by design.

From \$40 and Faith to a Global Movement

Shelly-Ann's story didn't begin with privilege or perfect timing. It began with just \$40, her desktop computer, and an unshakable belief that she was meant for more.

"I didn't have investors, I didn't have a big team, what I had was faith and a vision," she recalls. That vision became the foundation for the PRVM, her Performing Arts Academy, where she empowers creatives to use their gifts for purpose, and later her business and transformational academy, the Positioned to Propel Academy (PTPA), a digital ecosystem that now serves women from across the Caribbean, the United States, the U.K., and Africa.

Through her signature Life by Design Framework, Shelly-Ann teaches women how to turn burnout into balance, passion into profit, and chaos into clarity. Her model is built on the belief that success is not about doing more, it's about being more aligned.

This year, her extraordinary impact was recognized when she won the 2025 Caribbean POSH Icon Women – Entrepreneur Excellence Award, chosen from 24 nominees across 14 islands. It's an honor she describes as both humbling and affirming.

"I see this award not as a personal win, but as a collective one," she says. "It represents every Caribbean woman who dared to dream, who started small, and who kept showing up even when no one was clapping."

Becoming the "Picture of Possibility"

Today, Shelly-Ann's work goes far beyond business coaching. It's a movement of mindset, mentorship, and meaning. Her Life by Design Framework helps women redesign their lives from the inside out, emphasizing clarity, faith, and strategy over hustle, fear, and exhaustion.

She's known for saying that every woman deserves to become her own "Picture of Possibility."

That phrase, now a core part of her brand, represents more than success photos or highlight reels. It's about being the living proof that transformation is possible.

"When I say Picture of Possibility, I'm talking about the moment a woman looks at her reflection and finally sees herself, not her fears, not her failures, but her future," she explains. "That's what this work is about." She encourages women to 'stop breaking promises



*Shelly-Ann Aquí Solomon (second from right) addresses a panel discussion*

to themselves' if they truly want to succeed.

Create Your Life by Design

Shelly-Ann believes that creating a Life by Design isn't reserved for the lucky few; it's a skill, a discipline, and a daily choice. For her, her ideal life was to be a present, stay-at-home mother for her two daughters, but still ensure financial stability for her and her family. For others, 'life by design' can look a bit different; She offers three key steps for anyone ready to rewrite their story:

1. Clarify What You Truly Want

"Too many people build lives that look good on paper but feel empty inside," she says. "Start by getting honest: what do you really want? Write it down. Define success on your terms, not society's."

2. Create Systems, Not Stress

Shelly-Ann teaches her clients that peace is built through structure. "Freedom doesn't come from doing everything; it comes from having systems that support your vision," she explains. "The right systems free your mind and your time."

3. Connect with the Right Community

"No one succeeds in isolation," she insists. "Your environment determines your elevation. Surround yourself with people who stretch your vision, not shrink your voice."

Her own community of women entrepreneurs is a testament to that philosophy. Under her mentorship, hundreds of women have transitioned from feeling undervalued to becoming unstoppable, scaling their businesses, and stepping into global visibility.

Redefining Success for Caribbean Women

For Shelly-Ann, success is no longer about chasing achievements; it's about alignment, authenticity, and abundance. She's part of a new generation of Caribbean entrepreneurs redefining what leadership and wealth look like, rooted not just in strategy, but in soul.



*Shelly-Ann Aquí Solomon*

"Our grandmothers and mothers paved the way for us with their resilience," she reflects. "Now, it's our turn to lead with restoration. To show the world that Caribbean women don't just survive...we soar."

As the region celebrates Global Entrepreneurship Month, Shelly-Ann's story

serves as both a mirror and a map, a reminder that the life we dream of is not found by default, but designed by decision.

"I am living proof," she says with a smile. "You can build the business, the peace, and the life you deserve. You just have to design it."



# Buju Banton alleges relief items stolen at port

Reggae superstar Buju Banton is among several people complaining that containers filled with relief items for those affected by Hurricane Melissa are being stolen at the port. In a post on Instagram, Buju said he could no longer stay quiet about what was happening. “The things are being stolen at the very port look at this. Why. Why. why,” the post read in part. The message was shared along with a photo showing a half-filled barrel. Other social media users shared similar stories, saying their barrels and containers with items have gone missing or arrived half empty. The Jamaica Customs Agency (JCA) had launched a Contactless Clearance Project in 2023 to help stop theft and

improve how goods are handled. Under this project, customs officers who handle packages are required to wear body cameras. Speaking about the project at the time, Project Manager Kingsley Henry explained, “What we are doing now is that we are changing the process. And all that needs to happen is for your shipping agent to submit the documentation to Customs to get the duty assessment, and to work with you for you to pay your duties and pay whatever other charges you may have, and once you have paid the customs charges then Customs is in a position to inspect your cargo, and then your agent will inform you or you can go onto our track and trace portal on our website or you can use the Customs



Buju Banton

mobile app and put in your declaration number and that will allow you to track.”

Efforts to contact Jamaica Customs Agency for a comment on the matter proved futile up to publication time.



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**DATE OPEN: October 28, 2025**

**POSITION: Accounts Manager**

**START DATE: ASAP**

**PROPERTY: West Bay Club**

**Job Overview:** The Accounts Manager is responsible for overseeing and managing the financial operations of the resort, ensuring accuracy, transparency, and compliance with all financial policies and regulations. This role supports Financial Controller in maintaining effective financial controls, preparing reports, managing budgets, and ensuring timely and accurate processing of all financial transactions. The Accounts Manager also supervises accounting staff, assists with audits, and provides financial insights to support management decision-making and overall business performance.

**Main duties:**

- Oversee the daily accounting operations of the resort, including accounts payable, accounts receivable, payroll.
- Prepare and analyze financial statements, management reports, and forecasts.
- Assist in developing and monitoring departmental budgets, ensuring cost control and adherence to financial targets.
- Ensure compliance with local financial regulations, internal controls, and company accounting policies.
- Supervise and support the accounting team, providing training, guidance, and performance evaluations.
- Reconcile bank accounts, review journal entries, and verify the accuracy of financial data.
- Collaborate with department heads to provide financial insights that support operational efficiency.
- Assist with internal and external audits, ensuring timely and accurate documentation and responses.
- Maintain proper records of all financial transactions and ensure data confidentiality.
- Support the Director of Finance in improving financial systems, policies, and procedures to enhance efficiency and accuracy.

**Requirements:**

- Bachelor's degree in Accounting, Finance, or a related field.
- Minimum of 3–5 years of accounting experience, preferably within the hospitality industry (hotel or resort experience is an asset).
- Proficiency in accounting software (e.g., QuickBooks, Opera PMS, or similar) and advanced knowledge of Microsoft Excel.
- Ability to manage multiple priorities and meet tight deadlines.
- Strong leadership and communication skills with the ability to work collaboratively across departments.
- High level of integrity and confidentiality when handling financial information.

**This position is currently held by an expatriate worker. Qualified Islanders need only to apply copying applications to the Commissioner of Labour & Work Permit Board Zone 2.**

**Qualified Belongers need only to apply**

**Salary Range: \$48,000 per annum**

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*Jonothan Lithgow (left), Managing Director of Grace Bay Resorts, presents Alidavidson Higgs with the winning trophy in the Men's Category*



*Sheba Wilson (right), Vice President of Human Resources at the Grace Bay Resorts, presents Emma Chapman with the trophy for winning the Women's Division*

# Higgs, Chapman Top Grace Bay Resorts Foundation's Inaugural 5K Fun Run/Walk

The National Stadium came alive early Saturday morning as runners and walkers of all ages took to the road for the Grace Bay Resorts Foundation's inaugural 5K Fun Run/Walk, an event that saw Alidavidson Higgs and Emma Chapman claim top honours in the Men's and Women's categories respectively.

The course began and ended at the National Stadium, with participants venturing south along Venetian Road before looping back to the finish line. The event attracted a vibrant crowd of fitness enthusiasts, families, and supporters, all uniting for a good cause.

In addition to the overall champions, Kian Jules captured the top spot in the Youth Category, while Stephanie Gaudet emerged as the first finisher in the Senior Division.

The event, organized by the Grace Bay Resorts Foundation, was held in aid of United Way Turks and Caicos Islands and the Turks and Caicos Reef Fund, two community organizations focused on supporting local families and charitable initiatives.

"This was our first annual Grace Bay Resorts Fun Run," said Jessica Fratolillo, Director of Sustainable Operations for Grace Bay Resorts

and Chairperson of the Grace Bay Resorts Foundation.

"It was a 5K run benefiting United Way, TCI, and the Turks and Caicos Reef Fund. These are two groups that we support dearly," she explained. "It's really beautiful to get the community together. We had a lot of incredible corporate sponsors, and to get everyone up early in the morning for a good cause, it's fitness, it's fun, and it brings people together."

Fratolillo estimated that approximately 250 participants took part in the event, including several late sign-ups on race day.

According to Fratolillo, the Foundation expressed gratitude to a long list of sponsors who helped make the event possible, including TCBC, Projotech, Miller Simons O'Sullivan, Baker Tilly, Missick & Stanbrook, Sunshine Taxi, The Agency, Windward, Point Grace, Ports Authority, Rock House, South Bank, Grace Bay Club, West Bay Club, JS Johnson, TDMG, Jai's, Coco Bistro, The Hartling Group, and Seven Stars.

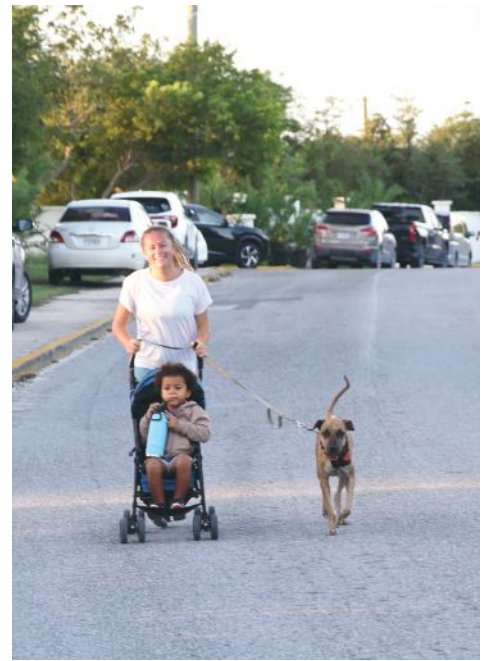
The morning concluded with refreshments, medal presentations, and a strong sense of community spirit, setting the tone for what organizers hope will become a signature annual charity event in the Turks and Caicos Islands.



*Monique Luis (left), Sr. Vice President of Development and Residential Services, presents Kian Jules, with the being the first to cross the finish line in the Youth Category*









# Turks and Caicos Swimmers Shine on the International Stage

The Turks and Caicos Islands continues to make waves in the international swimming arena as three of the nation's young athletes Jayden Davis, Anaiah Alleyne, and Tajhari Williams delivered outstanding performances in major overseas championships, showcasing the growing strength and talent emerging from the Turks and Caicos Islands' aquatic community.

## Tajhari Williams Crowned Double Champion

Tajhari Williams added to the nation's growing list of achievements with a commanding performance at the FHSAA Regionals 4A – Region 4 Championships, held at the iconic Hall of Fame Pool. Competing in the 50-yard Freestyle and 100-yard Backstroke, Tajhari, who now attends the South Broward High School, claimed first place in both events, earning him the title of two-time regional champion.

His victories are a reflection of his hard work, consistency, and unwavering determination to excel. Tajhari's achievements have set a new benchmark for excellence among his peers and serve as a proud moment for the Turks and Caicos Islands Swim Federation.

## Jayden Davis Makes History at FHSAA State Championships

At the 2025 Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) State Championships, Jayden Davis achieved another historic milestone for the Turks and Caicos Islands. Representing Montverde Academy, Jayden's precision and power in the pool earned him a bronze



Jayden Davis



Anaiah Alleyne

medal in the 200-yard Individual Medley, with an impressive 50-yard butterfly split of 22.44 seconds and a total team time of 1:33.14.

This remarkable performance also secured Jayden the prestigious All-America designation, an honor bestowed upon elite high school athletes in the United States. His success highlights not only his exceptional talent and discipline but also the growing international



Tajhari Williams

recognition of TCI swimmers. Jayden continues to serve as an inspiration to young athletes back home, proving that dedication and perseverance can propel small-island athletes onto the world stage.

## Anaiah Qualifies for Four Events at Scottish Championships

Across the Atlantic, Anaiah has qualified in four competitive events the 50 Free, 50 Fly, 50 Back, and 50 Breast for the 2025 Scottish Swimming West District Short Course Championships, held over two weekends (October 18–19 and November 8–9)

at the DG1 Sports Centre in Dumfries, Scotland.

This prestigious meet brings together swimmers from 26 clubs across the Western District of Scotland, one of the country's most competitive regions. Anaiah will proudly represent her club in the 50 Fly, 50 Free, and 50 Breast, building on her strong training foundation and dedication. Her qualification stands as a testament to her focus, discipline, and commitment to continuous improvement — qualities that reflect the future of swimming in the Turks and Caicos Islands.

**Credit: TCI Swim Federation**