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TCI Records Robust Revenue; Fuels Strong Fiscal Performance

By Vivian Tyson, NEWSLINE Editor-In-Chief

The Turks and Caicos Islands Government has recorded a robust start to the 2026/27 financial year, with first-quarter revenues exceeding budget expectations and reinforcing the territory’s strong fiscal position. The impressive performance was highlighted by Premier and Minister of Finance Hon. Washington Misick during his presentation of the Supplementary Appropriation (No. 1) Bill, 2026, and the First Supplementary Estimates for the financial year in the House of Parliament on Thursday, July 30. According to the Premier, total government revenue reached \$153.2 million during the first quarter, outperforming the approved budget by 6 per cent and exceeding collections from the corresponding period last year by 2 per cent. The results, he said, demonstrate the resilience of the Turks and Caicos economy despite ongoing global economic uncertainties. A major contributor to the stronger-than-expected revenue was the tourism sector, which continues to drive economic growth across the islands. Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Tax receipts totalled \$47.1 million, reflecting higher-than-projected stayover visitor arrivals during the quarter. The Pre-

mier described the figures as a clear indication of the continued strength and attractiveness of the Turks and Caicos Islands as a premier tourism destination. While revenues increased, government spending remained well under control. Recurrent expenditure amounted to \$103.7 million, representing an underspend of 23 per cent compared to approved estimates. Capital expenditure totalled \$3.7 million, supporting several key national development projects, including the South Dock Port Redevelopment, the Digitisation of Border Services, the Crown Land Project, and the Enhancement and Restoration of Conch Grounds in South Caicos. The combination of higher revenues and prudent expenditure management resulted in an operating surplus of \$48.3 million during the first three months of the fiscal year. Government cash and cash equivalents also rose significantly to \$435.6 million, comprising \$202 million in the Consolidated Fund, \$129 million in the Development Fund, \$98 million in the National Wealth Fund, \$4.3 million in the National Forfeiture Fund, and \$2.5 million in the Destination Enhancement Fund. Meanwhile, outstanding public debt remains exceptionally low at just \$280,000, while the Public Sector Employ-

ees Pension Fund holds \$44 million. Premier Misick credited the government’s strong financial position to prudent fiscal management, sound economic policies and the continued confidence of investors, businesses and international partners in the Turks and Caicos Islands. He said the administration has worked diligently to restore and maintain that confidence, adding that the latest financial results demonstrate the success of those efforts. The Premier stressed that the government’s healthy finances are not simply about building reserves but about creating the capacity to respond to the needs of the people. He noted that a strong Treasury enables the government to invest in critical public services, infrastructure and targeted programmes that improve the quality of life for residents. He also emphasised that the territory’s solid financial foundation has allowed the government to introduce measures aimed at easing the burden of rising living costs without resorting to additional borrowing or higher taxes. The strong fiscal performance, he said, reflects responsible governance that balances economic growth with strategic investment and social support. With revenues outperforming expectations,

spending remaining disciplined and public debt at historically low levels, the Turks and Caicos Islands enters the remainder of the financial year from a position of financial strength, providing government with greater flexibility to address emerging priorities while maintaining long-term fiscal sustainability.



Premier and Minister responsible for Finance Hon. Washington Misick

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Reports to: Business Manager.
Job Purpose: To carry out general laboring duties.

Key Responsibilities:

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- 2. Adapting to variety of tasks could include cleaning our properties, organizing storage, cleaning windows and other general duties as required.
- 3. Assist Sales department with daily task.
- 4. At all times comply with company policies, procedures and instructions.
- 5. Contribute to improving the business, protecting and enhancing the reputation of the company, by putting forward new ideas and, when requesting them to do so, implementing change.

Compensation

USD\$17,300 per annum.

Deadline:

Positions open to all qualified Turks and Caicos Nationals. Interested applicants can forward their resumes to hrtci@digicelgroup.com The closing date for applications is August 14, 2026.

Governor Fires Back at Select Committee Over Integrity Commission Report

By Vivian Tyson, NEWSLINE Editor-In-Chief

Governor Dileeni Daniel-Selvaratnam has sharply rebuked a Parliamentary Select Committee over its review of the Independent Effectiveness Review of the Integrity Commission, accusing members of making inaccurate and misleading claims about the constitutional role of the Governor and calling for the parliamentary record to be corrected.

The unusually forceful response, contained in a letter read in the House of Assembly on Thursday, follows the committee's rejection of key findings contained in the independent review conducted by UK-based consultancy CREST Advisory. The exchange has exposed deep divisions between the Governor's Office and elected representatives over the future governance, independence and reform of the Territory's anti-corruption watchdog.

Addressed to Premier Hon. Washington Misick, Speaker Hon. Gordon Burton and Attorney General Hon. Rhondalee Braithwaite-Knowles, the Governor argued that the committee's report contains "a number of statements which are inaccurate or misleading," particularly regarding the historical and constitutional role of Governors and the Office of the Governor in relation to the Integrity Commission.

She warned that allowing those assertions to remain uncorrected could create a false public understanding of the Governor's constitutional responsibilities and the statutory independence of the Commission. The Governor also requested that, in future, her office be consulted and appropriately cited before parliamentary reports concerning the Office of the Governor or her constitutional responsibilities are tabled.

The Governor's response comes approximately a week and a half after Deputy Speaker Hon. Jameka Williams tabled the Select Committee's report in Parliament.

The committee had been established to determine whether the findings of the CREST Advisory review were constitutionally sound, locally informed and in the best interests of the Turks and Caicos Islands. The independent review, commissioned by Governor Daniel-Selvaratnam in December 2023 and published a year later, concluded that the Integrity Commission was not fit for purpose and recommended significant reforms to improve its effectiveness.

After examining the report, however, the committee rejected many of its findings, concluding that the review failed to adequately reflect the constitutional framework and governance realities of the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Williams said the committee found significant shortcomings in both the review process and the conclusions reached by CREST Advisory.

According to Williams, the review relied on interviews with only about 40 individuals across the Turks and Caicos Islands and failed to capture key concerns raised by stakeholders.

"The committee heard from persons who say that the report failed to mention serious topics they brought to the attention of the CREST team," Williams said. "The CREST Report mentioned nothing about historical Governors, about their direct and open intervention in the Commission's affairs."



Governor Dileeni Daniel Selvaratnam

Williams said the committee believes historical gubernatorial interference has been a major contributor to the Commission's perceived decline in effectiveness.

"It appears to the committee that this is likely the biggest contributor to the Commission's perceived loss of effectiveness when the Commission no longer directs what is supposed to be the Commission's activities. Such activities are being carried out by the Commission staff under the direction of the Governor and outside the knowledge of the Commissioners."

She said the omission of those concerns led the committee to conclude that the CREST Review was incomplete.

"Having failed to mention the historic interference of Governors, the report is certainly not factually comprehensive. Rather, the committee is led to the conclusion that the CREST team apparently considered it appropriate to publish only the opinions of those who they felt were in favour of the outcome."

Presenting the report in Parliament, Williams also said committee members opposed recommendations that would place the Integrity Commission under the Office of the Governor. The committee argued that such a move could further erode the Commission's independence and expressed concern over what it described as a history of political or governmental interference affecting the institution.

Members further questioned proposals that could transfer powers currently exercised by the Commission to individuals operating under the Governor's authority, maintaining that any restructuring must preserve the Commission's constitutional independence.

The committee's report also called for sweeping constitutional and legislative reforms. Among its recommendations were the removal of the Governor's statutory functions relating to the Integrity Commission, the repeal of provisions preventing Turks and Caicos Islanders from serving as Commissioners, and a comprehensive review of the Integrity Commission Ordinance.

It further recommended that Parliament play a more active constitutional role in ensuring adequate funding for the Commission and enact legislative amendments to strengthen the institution. The committee proposed that the Chair and a majority of Commissioners should be Turks and Caicos



Premier Hon. Washington Misick

Islanders who have held Islander status for at least 25 years.

Williams also advocated for greater collaboration between elected representatives and the Integrity Commission through public education initiatives and consultations on amendments to the Commission's governing legislation.

The Governor, however, categorically rejected the committee's conclusions, insisting they are unsupported by evidence and misrepresent both her constitutional responsibilities and the legal independence of the Integrity Commission.

Responding after the Governor's correspondence was read in Parliament, Premier Washington Misick acknowledged the communication and said it was appropriate that the Governor's concerns had been formally presented to the House.

Rather than engage in a public dispute over the committee's findings, the Premier said the Government's focus would remain on modernising the Integrity Commission Act. He noted that the legislation was enacted during a particularly controversial period and has long been recognised as requiring structural reform.

Misick announced that amendments to the Act would now receive priority on the Government's legislative agenda, with the Attorney General's Chambers tasked with preparing the necessary legislation.

He assured Members that the normal constitutional process would be followed before a Bill is brought to Parliament, including consultation with all key stakeholders.

"That would include the Governor's Office as a key stakeholder," Misick said, noting that the Governor would also have an opportunity to contribute in her capacity as President of Cabinet.

At the centre of the dispute is the Select Committee's review of the Independent Effectiveness Review conducted by CREST Advisory.

Among the Governor's principal objections is what she described as the committee's suggestion that the Integrity Commission failed to accept the recommendations contained in the independent review.

She rejected that conclusion, stating that the Commission formally considered and accepted the report and its recommendations after receiving legal advice from the Attorney General before the report was jointly published by the Governor and the Chair of the Integrity Commission.

The Governor also defended the review process, noting that CREST Advisory consulted more than 40 stakeholders, including ministers, Members of Parliament, public servants, Integrity Commission officials and members of the public, while also inviting written submissions from the wider community.

According to the Governor, the Select Committee disregarded the review's methodology, which distinguished between substantiated findings and isolated comments lacking corroborating evidence. She questioned how opinions contained in the committee's report had been elevated to factual findings without supporting evidence.

A substantial portion of the letter challenged allegations suggesting successive Governors had improperly intervened in the work of the Integrity Commission, directed investigations or commissioned the independent review to weaken legislative safeguards.

"The Select Committee's report cites no evidential basis for any of these assertions," she wrote, adding that the review's terms of reference were jointly agreed with the Integrity Commission and that commissioners, regardless of who appoints them, are legally required to act independently and in the public interest.

The Governor also warned that unsupported allegations contained in an official parliamentary report could unfairly damage the reputations of current and former Governors, commissioners and other public office holders while misleading the public about the Territory's constitutional framework.

She further argued that the committee's recommendations blur the constitutional separation between Parliament and the Executive by venturing into areas traditionally reserved for Cabinet and Government, including policy development and legislative reform.

The Governor was equally critical of the process that led to the report's publication, saying neither she nor other office holders criticised in the report had been given an opportunity to review or respond before it was tabled.

Describing the omission as "procedurally irregular," she argued that fairness requires individuals who are the subject of criticism to be allowed to verify facts and provide context before allegations become part of the parliamentary record.

She has asked Speaker Gordon Burton for guidance on how the parliamentary record can be corrected to address what she described as factual inaccuracies, misleading assertions and unsubstantiated claims.

Opposition Leader Hon. Edwin Astwood suggested that representatives of the Select Committee, the Integrity Commission and the Governor's Office should meet to discuss the report and resolve the issues raised.

He said he did not believe the committee had "pulled [the information] out of thin air" and argued that the concerns highlighted reflected issues already on the minds of many members of the public.

Misick, however, maintained that Parliament should focus on reform rather than revisiting past disagreements, saying the priority is to modernise the Integrity Commission Act so it is "fit for purpose" and better promotes good governance while preserving public confidence in the institution.

THE COUNTRY WE DREAM OF REQUIRES THE GOVERNANCE WE KEEP AVOIDING

By Paladin

There comes a moment in the life of every small nation when it must decide whether it will continue drifting on the currents of convenience or finally take hold of the wheel. Turks and Caicos has reached that moment. We can no longer pretend that governance is a matter of announcements, ribbon cuttings, or slogans. Governance is the architecture of a nation — the quiet machinery that determines whether a country rises, stagnates, or collapses under its own contradictions. For years, we have spoken about becoming “the Singapore of the Caribbean.” But Singapore did not become Singapore by accident. It became Singapore because it built systems — disciplined, transparent, long term systems — and then honored them. We, on the other hand, have built almost nothing that resembles a system. We govern by improvisation, by spectacle, by political season, by crisis, by reaction. And yet, the blueprint for good governance already exists — written into our Constitution in the Statement of Governance Principles, a document that demands fairness, transparency, accountability, long term planning, environmental stewardship, fiscal discipline, and respect for the rule of law. The question is not whether we know what good governance looks like. The question is why we refuse to practice it.

I. The Population Threshold: The Reality We Can No Longer Ignore

Turks and Caicos today has roughly 50,000 residents. But development economists have long observed that small island states do not achieve institutional maturity until they cross 70,000–75,000 people. Below that threshold, labour markets are too thin, public services cannot scale, infrastructure is either overburdened or underutilized, diversification is mathematically impossible, transportation systems are not viable, innovation ecosystems cannot form, and governance remains reactive rather than strategic. We need 25,000 more people to become a viable, self sustaining nation state. But growth without governance is dangerous. And governance without population is impossible. This is the crossroads.

II. The Dual Population Reality: Natives and Necessary Workers

Half of our population is Turks Islander. Half is foreign. This is not a temporary condition. It is structural — and it will remain so for decades. Our economy cannot function without foreign workers. Our society cannot function without protecting Turks Islanders. This is not nationalism. This is statecraft. The Constitution itself permits preferential treatment for Turks Islanders. But preferential treatment is not exclusion. And benevolence is not chaos. We need a governance model that protects Turks Islanders as the cultural core, integrates foreign workers through structured and humane policies, reduces friction by replacing emotion with systems, and builds a national identity that is confident, inclusive, and secure. Singapore mastered this balance. So did Bermuda. So did Cayman. TCI must now do the same.

III. The Governance Principles — and the Gap Between Principle and Practice

The Statement of Governance Principles requires fairness, transparency, accountability, long term planning, environmental protection, fiscal discipline, public service integrity, and respect for the rule of law. But our lived reality tells a different story.

1. Essential Services: The Air Service Collapse

On June 18, 2026, the Government announced the suspension of commercial air service between Grand Turk and South Caicos — a lifeline route for residents, patients, students, and essential workers. A functioning country does not lose inter island

air service. Not for a day. Not for a week. Not for a month. This is not a transportation issue. This is a governance failure of continuity, planning, and essential services.

2. Tourism Governance: The DMMO → Tourism Authority Reset

Millions spent. KPIs missed. Structural misalignment. And now, four years later, the entire model was scrapped only to be reinstituted and supposedly reimaged — still with no systems in place to regulate it, no transparency framework, and no commitment to public reporting. This is not evolution. This is policy improvisation.

3. Infrastructure Announcements Without Execution

A \$60 million roadworks programme announced — and months later, not a single engineering detail published. A \$400 million airport refurbishment announced — downgraded to \$30 million — and now silence. A new port development for Grand Turk — announced, then abandoned. Announcements are not governance. Execution is governance.

4. Economic Strategy: The South Caicos Opportunity That Never Happened

A global conglomerate explored a deepwater transshipment port. It never materialized — not because it was impossible, but because TCI lacked strategic imagination and institutional maturity.

5. Environmental Governance: The East Caicos MegaPort Folly

A biodiversity reservoir of global significance repeatedly targeted for megaport development without proper EIAs or modelling. This is environmental vandalism disguised as ambition.

6. Healthcare Governance: Sixteen Years of a Hospital That Never Grew

Rooms unopened. Equipment unused. Services unexpanded. A capitation model that rewards doing less, not more.

7. Financial Inclusion: The Missing Credit Union Act

A transformative opportunity left untouched.

8. Community Development: Blue Hills and Salt Cay

Potential ignored because priority is absent.

9. Infrastructure Competence: Roundabouts Built Wrong

Engineering malpractice that exposes deeper systemic failure.

10. Economic Diversification: The Fishing Industry That Could Make Us Debt Free

A five year plan that could transform South Caicos — never implemented.

The Commonwealth Word for What We Are Experiencing

The failures listed above are not isolated incidents. They form a pattern so familiar across British Overseas Territories and Commonwealth states that the constitutional system eventually gave it a name: **Maladministration.** In Commonwealth governance, maladministration refers to: “the persistent failure of a government to act, plan, decide, or execute its duties properly — including delay, inaction, poor decision making, failure to follow procedures, failure to provide services, and failure to plan.” It is not tyranny. It is not oppression. It is the slow suffocation of a country by its own refusal to govern. And this is where the unavoidable truth emerges: “I do not know what is worse: the fact that this has happened, or the fact that it has happened so many times that the Commonwealth had to invent a word for it.” Maladministration is not a political insult. It is a legal diagnosis. And Turks and Caicos is showing every symptom.

IV. What Good Governance Is Not

If we are to understand what good governance

is, we must first confront — without flinching — what good governance is **not**. Because the failures we normalize today become the culture we inherit tomorrow. Good governance is **not** forgiving a hotel \$5 million in arrears, effectively allowing that hotel to steal from two groups: the Government and its employees. Accountability requires consequences — **not** gifts. Good governance is **not** awarding lifetime exclusive contracts to yourselves or your associates for goods and services meant for the entire country. Good governance is **not** refusing to even consider a \$600 million film studio development at Northwest Point — a project that would have employed 800–1,500 people, created an entire support village, and launched a TCI film industry that would be booming today. Good governance is **not** building a national health system around a publicly funded hospital while allowing private groups to own all the services through exclusive contracts. Good governance is **not** neglecting Grand Turk’s North Pond, which should already be a proper marina — leased to a competent operator, providing hurricane refuge and yacht berthing. Good governance is **not** neglecting to build a proper international airport in Grand Turk. Good governance is **not** neglecting to build a real fishing industry in South Caicos — the one sector that could make TCI debt free. Good governance is **not** neglecting to build a farming industry in North and Middle Caicos, despite fertile land and clear demand. Good governance is **not** buying a building for \$12 million that is worth \$5 million by any reasonable metric. Good governance is **not** issuing building contracts to government employees — a textbook conflict of interest. Good governance is **not** creating a Mortgage Corporation that requires land as collateral when the very people who need help do not have land — and refusing to design an inclusive alternative. Good governance is **not** handing out stimulus money repeatedly instead of designing long term schemes that solve the underlying problem for the same cost. Good governance is **not** paying power bills for citizens instead of investing in alternative energy systems that could return power to the grid and reduce national costs. Good governance is **not** refusing a \$300 million port modernization deal that would have delivered proper cranes, docking, and long term economic resilience. Good governance is **not** ignoring the refurbishment of Waterloo Golf Course, a potential revenue generator and tourism asset. Good governance is **not** considering a second cruise port in Grand Turk instead of fixing the existing one and diversifying the economy. Good governance is **not** neglecting Salt Cay — an island with heritage value unmatched anywhere in the region. Good governance is **not** neglecting clinics across the islands, including Providenciales, where population growth demands expansion. Good governance is **not** failing to create programmes for the elderly, and refusing to support the one independent programme already serving them. Good governance is **not** choosing knee jerk reactions over long term solutions, every time. Good governance is **not** bragging about a surplus while roads remain broken, infrastructure unfinished, and promises unfulfilled. You cannot enter government service with the intention to enrich yourself. You must know your limitations — and surround yourself with professionals who can help you govern. Members of Parliament should have a **Code of Honor**, one that ensures the best interest of the people is always at the forefront of every decision — not the developer, not the donor, not the Member.

A simple decision metric could transform this country:

Is this good on its own merits? Is this good for the People (short & long term)? Is this good for the Country (short & long term)?

Development must be deliberate — imagined over 5–10 years, not improvised in 5–10 days. We must picture the country our children and grandchildren will inherit, not the one we can boast about today.

V. The Missing National Systems — The Blind Spots That Hold Us Back

We have no public transportation system. No buses, no water taxis, no metro cabs, no inter island commuter system, no mobility strategy. A country cannot rise if its people cannot move. We have no integration policy. Foreign workers are essential. Turks Islanders are essential. The friction between the two is not cultural — it is structural. We have no national identity strategy. We have never defined what it means to be a Turks Islander, what it means to belong, what it means to contribute, what it means to integrate. A nation cannot rise without a shared identity.

VI. The Blueprint — How TCI Becomes the Singapore of the Caribbean (Scaled to 75K)

A National Development Plan — mandatory under the Governance Principles — must finally be implemented. Government must become deliverables based, with scope, timelines, KPIs, public reporting, and penalties for nonperformance. We need a national public transportation system, a professionalized public service, balanced development across all islands, a modern housing strategy, a data driven tourism model, healthcare transformation, financial inclusion, infrastructure built for 2040, a governance dashboard, and a national integration policy. The blueprint exists. The money exists. The talent exists. The opportunity exists. What is missing is the discipline to execute.

VII. “The Future Belongs to the Countries That Do the Work”

Governance is not politics. Governance is not announcements. Governance is not knee jerk reactions. Governance is the architecture of a nation. TCI has the money. TCI has the talent. TCI has the opportunity. What we lack is continuity, discipline, and well thought out systems. We are not required to finish the work. But we are absolutely forbidden to neglect it. The future of Turks and Caicos will not be determined by slogans, billboards, or promises. It will be determined by whether we finally choose to honor the principles that make nations strong. The work before us is great. But so is the country we can become.



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Williams Defends Select Committee Report, Says Parliament Must Protect Its Constitutional Independence

Deputy Speaker and Chair of the Select Committee of Parliament Hon. Jameka Williams, has defended the Committee's takeaway on the Crest Report regarding the Integrity Commission against criticism raised in a correspondence from Her Excellency Governor Dileeni Daniel Selvaratnam, arguing that the issue before Parliament concerns not only the Committee's findings but also the constitutional independence of the Legislature.

Responding in the Parliament on Friday, July 31, to a letter from the Governor dated 29 July 2026 and read by the Speaker on 30 July, Williams said the Select Committee welcomed scrutiny of its work but maintained that disagreement with its conclusions was not enough to invalidate its findings.

"If there is a genuine factual error supported by primary evidence, we will consider it," Williams told the House. "However, disagreement with the Committee's conclusions does not make the report inaccurate, misleading or procedurally improper."

Williams stressed that the report was not her personal work but the collective product of the Select Committee, adopted after hearing witnesses, reviewing documentary evidence and engaging stakeholders throughout its inquiry.

"The conclusions reached are not mine alone; they are the collective judgment of the Committee based on the evidence before it," she said.

Crest Review

Addressing one of the central concerns raised in the Governor's correspondence, Williams rejected the suggestion that publication of the Crest Review automatically meant the Integrity Commission had formally accepted all of its findings and recommendations.

She said the Committee's report does not dispute that the review was published or considered. Rather, it reflects the evidence presented during the inquiry, which she said did not establish that the Commission, acting collectively, formally adopted every recommendation contained in the review.



Deputy Speaker and Chair of the Select Committee of Parliament Hon. Jameka Williams2

"If evidence exists to the contrary, Parliament is the proper place for that evidence to be produced and examined," Williams said.

Defence of Parliamentary Independence

Williams used much of her response to underscore what she described as the constitutional separation between the Executive and the Legislature.

She noted that the Turks and Caicos Islands Constitution establishes three independent branches of government, the Executive, Legislature and Judiciary, each with distinct constitutional responsibilities.

"The Executive cannot supervise Parliament, just as Parliament cannot direct the Judiciary," she

said. "Each institution must respect the constitutional boundaries established for it."

Williams argued that while the Governor exercises constitutional responsibilities within the Executive, there is no constitutional authority for the Governor to oversee parliamentary proceedings or the work of Select Committees, which are established by and accountable solely to the House of Assembly.

She further stated that there is no constitutional or procedural requirement for the Speaker or a parliamentary committee to notify the Governor of committee proceedings, reports or debates simply because the Office of the Governor is referenced.

According to Williams, suggesting otherwise risks creating the perception that Parliament must first seek approval from the Executive before carrying out its constitutional responsibilities.

She maintained that parliamentary committees must remain free to examine evidence, question witnesses, deliberate independently and report to the House without interference or the appearance of executive oversight.

Committee Acted Within Its Mandate

Williams said the Select Committee remained firmly within the mandate granted to it by the House of Assembly.

She noted that the Committee did not legislate, direct the Executive or interfere with the work of the Integrity Commission, but instead carried out its parliamentary oversight function by reviewing evidence, reaching conclusions and making recommendations for Parliament's consideration.

She emphasized that Parliament retains the authority to accept, amend, reject or refer those recommendations as it sees fit.

Willing to Correct Proven Errors

While defending the Committee's conclusions, Williams said it remained open to correcting any factual inaccuracies that could be demonstrated through primary evidence.

"If there is a specific passage in the report that is alleged to be factually incorrect, then let that passage be identified," she said. "We will correct any demonstrated factual error. But what we will not do is withdraw carefully reasoned conclusions simply because they are disputed."

Closing her remarks, Williams reaffirmed her confidence in the report and in the work of the Select Committee she chairs.

She described the report as "the product of the mandate given by this Honourable House, the evidence received during the inquiry, and the collective judgment of the Select Committee," adding that it represents "a legitimate exercise of parliamentary oversight."

"It is not my report; it is the Committee's report," Williams said. "And I stand firmly behind it."



United Way Summer Enrichment Camp Closing Ceremony

The Annual two-week United Way Summer Enrichment Camp, ended on Friday, July 24, which saw the presentation of prizes to the children who stood out the most during the camp’s duration. Presentations were also presented to the students who excelled in the ‘Yes. I can Read Programme’. The following are photo highlights of the event.





Parnell Questions Transparency of \$80 Million Airport Terminal Project

By Vivian Tyson EWSLINE Editor-In-Chief

People’s Democratic Movement (PDM) Leader Douglas Parnell is calling on the Progressive National Party (PNP) government to provide greater transparency surrounding its planned \$80 million interim terminal at the Howard Hamilton International Airport, arguing that significant questions remain unanswered about procurement, project planning and the future of the country’s long-promised airport redevelopment. Speaking during a press conference Tuesday evening, Parnell made it clear that his party supports expanding Providenciales’ airport to meet the demands of the country’s growing tourism industry. However, he said the issue is not whether the airport should be improved, but whether the government has been sufficiently open about how the project is being managed and how public funds will be spent. “Providenciales needs a better airport,” Parnell said. “Our people deserve it. Our visitors expect it. Our airlines need it. An economy of our size and international standing requires it to protect our tourism dollars.”



PARNELL... “The issue is how government is planning, procuring and spending the people’s money to do it.”

“The issue is not whether we should improve the airport. The issue is how

government is planning, procuring and spending the people’s money to do it.” Parnell’s comments come after government announced that construction of a 40,000-square-foot Terminal B, valued at approximately \$80 million, is expected to begin shortly. While welcoming investment in critical infrastructure, he questioned whether the public has been provided with enough information about the project. He said government has announced that design engineers have been selected and contracts executed, while also indicating that construction could begin within days. According to Parnell, those statements raise several questions that deserve public answers. “If an \$80 million terminal is breaking ground within days, then tell the country who the construction contractor is,” he said. Parnell called on government to disclose when the project was tendered, how many bids were received, when the contract was evaluated, when it was awarded, what the final construction price is and whether a formal notice to proceed has been issued. “What exactly is commencing?” he asked. “Site preparation, earthworks, enabling works or actual construction of Terminal B? Those are not unreasonable questions. Those are \$80 million worth of questions.” Beyond the interim terminal itself, Parnell questioned what has become of the permanent redevelopment project that successive government announcements have described as essential to accommodating increasing visitor arrivals. “For years this country has been promised a world-class redevelopment of the Howard Hamilton International Airport,” he said. “Now we’re being told that \$80 million is being spent on what government itself describes as an interim terminal.”

He asked government to explain how the temporary facility fits within the broader redevelopment strategy and whether it will eventually become part of the permanent airport or serve only as a temporary solution. “What happened to the permanent airport terminal?” Parnell asked. “What has caused all the delay? Where does the redevelopment stand today? What is the timeline? Has that timeline changed?” Parnell also criticized what he described as a lack of public consultation during the planning process. He recalled that several firms had previously prepared proposals for the airport redevelopment but said neither the designs nor the evaluation process had been shared with residents. According to Parnell, major national infrastructure projects should involve public engagement, allowing citizens to review proposed designs and provide feedback before final decisions are made. “If you have plans that only you have seen, has anyone in the public seen the presentations?” he asked members of the media. “Nobody.” He argued that government should host public meetings to explain its vision for the airport and demonstrate how the selected proposal compares with other options that were considered. “The process was clouded in secrecy,” Parnell said, adding that transparency is especially important when projects involve significant public investment. The PDM leader said the airport project and the ongoing hospital transition reveal what he believes is a broader governance issue. “Healthcare and the airport may appear to be separate matters,” he said, “but together they raise a much larger concern about the way this country is being governed.” He accused the administration of governing “by announcement,” where major decisions are publicized before supporting details are released. “The people of these islands cannot afford government by announcement, where the headline comes first and the answers come later,” he said. Parnell concluded by reiterating that his concerns are not about stopping airport development but ensuring accountability throughout the process. “The Turks and Caicos Islands is not a poor country,” he said. “Our people should expect world-class healthcare and world-class infrastructure. But they should also expect world-class governance, transparency and accountability.” Government officials had not publicly responded Tuesday evening to the specific questions raised by Parnell regarding the procurement process, the interim terminal project or the status of the permanent Howard Hamilton International Airport redevelopment.

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PROJECT MANAGER- FLINTSTONE CONSTRUCTION LTD.

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- Monitor market trends and identify new sourcing opportunities.
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REQUIREMENTS:

- Proven experience in procurement, purchasing, or materials sourcing.
- Established long-term relationships with vendors and suppliers worldwide.
- Knowledge of high-quality construction materials and international suppliers.
- Strong negotiation and communication skills.
- Excellent organizational and attention-to-detail skills.
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SKILLS:

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50th Anniversary of Ministerial Government (1976–2026). ROAD TO 1976 SERIES...

THE WEIGHT OF VICTORY

The First Ministerial Government and the Burden of a Nation's Expectations

PART NINE

Winning an election is one thing. Governing a country is another. On 29 September 1976, the people of the Turks and Caicos Islands elected representatives under the new Constitution.

Two days later, on 1 October 1976, the First Ministerial Government formally assumed office. History had been made. Yet history alone could not build roads, create jobs, improve schools, or strengthen healthcare. The celebrations ended. The work began.

Why the Two Dates Matter

Although closely connected, the election of 29 September and the formation of the First Ministerial Government on 1 October represented two separate milestones. The election determined who the people had chosen. The constitutional process determined when the new government would formally assume responsibility. The results also reflected the political complexity of the period. Political parties played a central role, but independent members remained important participants in the constitutional process that ultimately produced the First Ministerial Government.

One date marked the people's decision. The other marked the beginning of government. Between those two moments stood the enormous challenge of transforming political victory into national leadership.

The First Team

None had previously served under a system that entrusted Islanders with this level of executive responsibility. They were not inheriting an established ministerial tradition. They were creating one. At the centre of the new administration stood **Chief Minister JAGS McCartney**. Young. Charismatic. Determined. Yet no single individual could carry the responsibilities of government alone.

Alongside him stood the men who formed one of the most significant administrations in the modern history of the Turks and Caicos Islands:

- **Hon. Lewis "Louie" Edwin Astwood**
- **Hon. Oswald O'Neil Skippings**
- **Hon. Henry Leon Wilson**
- **Hon. Walter E. Cox**
- **Hon. Daniel Alexander Williams**
- **Hon. Charles William "Liam" McGuire**

Together, they became the first gener-



ation of Islanders entrusted with ministerial responsibility under the new constitutional framework. Together, they represented different islands, experiences, and perspectives. Together, they carried the hopes of a nation. They would also establish many of the conventions, practices, and expectations that would shape Ministerial Government for generations to come. For many citizens, this was the first time they had witnessed a government led by men who had emerged directly from the communities they served.

For many citizens, the distance between government and the people had narrowed as decision-making increasingly rested in the hands of elected Islanders. Ministerial Government was no longer an idea. It had become a reality.

Expectations Were Enormous

Many believed that Ministerial Government would quickly transform everyday life, although the constitutional changes themselves could not immediately overcome decades of economic and administrative challenges. Perhaps no administration in the modern history of the Turks and Caicos Islands inherited greater expectations. People expected progress. People expected development. People expected opportunities for their children.

They hoped for improved roads, better schools, expanded healthcare services, stronger infrastructure, and greater employment opportunities. Those expectations were understand-

able. But many of the challenges confronting the new administration had developed over decades.

Ministerial Government had not created those problems. It had inherited them. The burden carried by the new government was therefore more than political. It was emotional. The hopes of an entire generation now rested upon the shoulders of elected leaders.

A Country Still Under Construction

The new administration also faced the practical reality of limited financial resources and a relatively small public service. Many government departments were still developing their administrative capacity, and decisions often had to balance ambitious goals against limited budgets and personnel.

The Turks and Caicos Islands of 1976 remained a country very much under construction. Roads required improvement. Infrastructure needed investment. Communications systems required expansion. Educational opportunities remained limited for many young people.

Healthcare services required strengthening. Employment opportunities remained uneven across the Islands. Economic diversification continued to present challenges. Ministerial Government had not removed these realities. Instead, greater responsibility for addressing them had been transferred to elected Islanders themselves.

For the first time, local leadership carried greater responsibility and greater

scrutiny. The First Ministerial Government inherited more than ministries and portfolios. It inherited expectations. It inherited unfinished work. And it inherited the hopes of a people eager to see progress.

The Weight of Leadership

Every decision would now be measured not by promises made during the campaign, but by results achieved in office. The struggle for representation had been won. Now came the more difficult task. Governing. The movement that had once challenged authority now carried authority. The voices that had demanded answers were now expected to provide them. Power had been achieved. Responsibility had begun.

Fifty years later, that transition remains one of the defining moments in the modern history of the Turks and Caicos Islands. Because the story of 1976 was never simply about winning power. It was about accepting responsibility for a nation's future and proving that the confidence placed in local leadership was justified. Because the story of 1976 was never simply about winning power. It was about accepting responsibility for a nation's future and proving that the confidence placed in local leadership was justified.

About The Author

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She is the daughter of the late Hon. Lewis Edwin Astwood, who served in the first Ministerial Government established under the 1976 Constitution, and the late Mildred Garland Astwood, both of whom were closely connected to the political and community movements of the 1970s. Through decades of archival preservation, oral history documentation, and historical research, she has worked to preserve the memory and identity of the Turks and Caicos Islands for future generations.

MOM, WHAT EXACTLY IS A "MIDLIFE" CRISIS?

I WOULDN'T HAVE THE SLIGHTEST IDEA!

WE CAN TAKE POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION WITHOUT GOVERNMENT SUPPORT.

CAN WE PAY FOR THAT INSTEAD OF PAYING TAXES?

YOU DON'T EARN ENOUGH TO PAY TAXES.

WHY?

OH.

DOGGIE.

GOOD!

BUHD.

YES!

DORKFACE.

ZOE!!

I HASTA PUT THE WELFARE OF MANKIND AHEAD OF YOU, OLIVE!!

NASTY THING!

NOTHING SHOULD GET AWAY WITH HITTING A LADY!

YIKE! WE'RE DOOMED!

POW!

THUNG?

YOU LOOK IN A RUSH TODAY, MR. CAPP

YES. THINGS TO DO

I'VE GOT TO GET TO THE JOB CENTRE AND PRETEND TO LOOK FOR A JOB. THEN OFF TO IRISH JIM'S TO PICK UP THE MARKED DECK FOR TONIGHT'S CARD GAME

MAY YOU PRAY FOR FORGIVENESS!

NO TIME FOR THAT, VICAR

YOUR BOYFRIEND IS A LITTLE LATE, HUH?

YEAH, HE'S BEEN BUSIER SINCE HE STARTED WORKING AT THE PIZZA PLACE

AND NOW ALL HE EVER WANTS TO TALK ABOUT ARE ALL THE PIZZAS, CALZONES AND SANDWICHES HE KNOWS HOW TO MAKE

SO, I HEAR YOU GOT A NEW JOB!

NEWSLINE COMICS

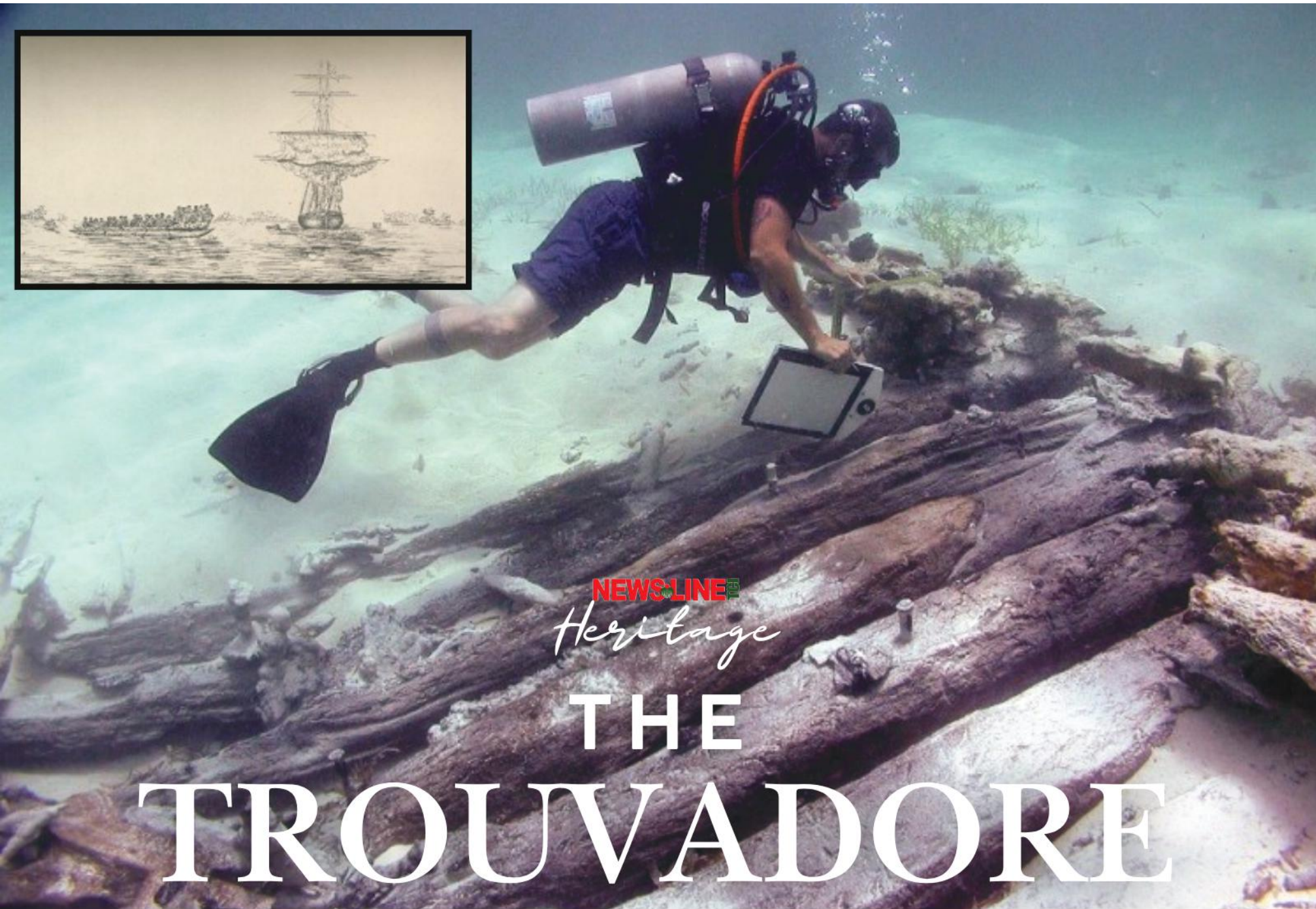
He wasn't very talkative for someone whose dating profile said he's a people person.

"We could skip the whole check business and just mate."

I LOST MY CAR CHAPSTICK AND NOW MY PURSE CHAPSTICK IS IN MY ROOM AND MY ROOM CHAPSTICK IS IN MY CAR AND MY WHOLE LIFE IS JUST MESSED UP.

YUMMY

THE ONLY THING THAT WOULD BE BETTER THAN ICE CREAM WOULD BE THE KEYS TO THE TRUCK IT CAME IN.



The Trouvadore: The Shipwreck That Shaped a Nation

In August 1841, La Trouvadore was illegally transporting nearly 200 enslaved Africans from Africa to Cuba, despite the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade by the British Empire in 1807. As the vessel neared East Caicos, it struck a reef and sank. In a rare outcome for the time, almost all of the Africans aboard survived the wreck and swam ashore. Once on land, the survivors were taken into British custody in Grand Turk. Because slavery had been abolished across British territories, they were not re-enslaved, but instead liberated under British colonial law. Many would remain in the islands, where they integrated into local society and left an indelible mark on the cultural landscape.

A Hidden Chapter

For generations, the story of the Trouvadore was kept alive through oral history. Families in Grand Turk and Salt Cay passed down tales of African ancestors who arrived via shipwreck. However, the absence of official records or physical evidence kept the story on the fringes of public knowledge.

That changed in the early 2000s, when a joint team of archaeologists and marine scientists, led by the Turks and Caicos National Museum, along with support from the Smithsonian Institution and NOAA, embarked on a project to locate the lost vessel. In 2004, they announced the discovery of what was believed to be the remains of La Trouvadore off the coast of East Caicos. The find confirmed one of the most important, and least documented, episodes in the country's heritage.

From Tragedy, a Legacy

The survivors of the Trouvadore are believed to have played a significant role in shaping the demographic and cultural identity of the Turks and Caicos Islands. Many of today's Turks and Caicos Islanders can trace their ancestry back to those nearly 200 souls who emerged from the sea not as captives, but as free people on a new land.

Elements of African heritage, from bush medicine and rhythmic drumming to communal storytelling, bear the imprint of these unexpected settlers. For many families, the story is personal, rooted in bloodlines, surnames, and spiritual beliefs handed down through generations.

Memory and Meaning

The Trouvadore reminds us that the roots of Turks and Caicos are not just colonial or European—they are African. It is a story of endurance and dignity, of people who, even in the face of dehumanisation, survived, rebuilt, and helped shape a nation.

Though time may erode wood and sail, the impact of La Trouvadore is etched in the living memory of a people who turned a shipwreck into a new beginning—and helped shape a nation from its wreckage.

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TCIFSC STRENGTHENS INTERNATIONAL TIES AT GIICS ANNUAL SEMINAR AND AGM IN LONDON

A senior representative from the Turks and Caicos Islands **Financial Services Commission** (TCIFSC) attended the **Group of International Insurance Supervisors (GIICS) Annual Seminar and Annual General Meeting (AGM)** in London, England; 2–3 June 2026. The Commission, represented by **Kenisha Bacchus**, Managing Director (Ag), engaged with insurance regulators from international financial centres to discuss regulatory developments, supervisory priorities and emerging risks in the global insurance sector. The seminar programme covered a broad range of topics, including risk based supervision, recovery and resolution planning, operational resilience, consumer protection, and the role of digital technologies and artificial intelligence in financial services. Delegates exchanged experiences on implementing international standards, enhancing supervisory effectiveness and approaches to operational continuity and crisis preparedness. Key themes highlighted the importance of demonstrating supervisory outcomes, adopting agile, risk based regulatory frameworks, and strengthening cooperation among supervisors. Sessions on



From left: Jeremy Quick - Immediate Past Chair of GIICS; Peter Cooke - Treasuer; Kenisha Bacchus; and Katherine Jane - Chair of GIICS. Guernsey Financial services Commission holds the Chair.

technological innovation emphasised both the opportunities presented by digitalisation and the supervisory challenges it presents, reinforcing the need for regulators to remain informed and adaptable. Discussions on operational resilience underscored the value of robust governance, business continuity planning and recovery measures to preserve financial stability. At the AGM, members reviewed GIICS’ work over the previous year, considered governance and strategic priorities, and discussed plans for future training and capacity building initiatives. Participants reiterated their com-

mitment to international engagement and peer learning, including continued liaison with global standard setting bodies such as the International Association of Insurance Supervisors (IAIS). “Our participation in the GIICS Annual Seminar and AGM reaffirmed the Turks and Caicos Islands’ commitment to strong, modern insurance supervision,” said Mrs Bacchus. “Engaging with international peers on supervisory effectiveness, operational resilience and technological innovation has given us valuable insights to strengthen our regulatory framework and better protect policyholders. We look forward to

continuing this collaboration to ensure a resilient, well regulated insurance sector for the Islands.” Participation in GIICS provided tangible benefits to the Turks and Caicos Islands, including access to international regulatory perspectives, benchmarking opportunities, enhanced awareness of emerging risks, and strengthened networks with supervisory counterparts. These insights will inform the Commission’s ongoing efforts to modernise its regulatory framework, progress risk based supervision initiatives, and bolster resilience across the insurance sector.



Kenisha Bacchus, Acting Managing Director of the Financial Services Commission

Life Line

FEATURED CHURCH

God’s Instrument Ministries International

This week on NEWSLINE Featured Church, we turn the spotlight on God’s Instrument Ministries International, located Millennium Highway Provincials. The church is led by Pastors Alces Dor/Isaac Joseph. The following is the list of activities for the week: Sunday – 8am to 9am is Sunday School. From 9am to 11am is Sunday Service. Sunday event from 7p.m to 8:30p.m. is High Praise and Bible Study. On Tuesday starting at 7:30p.m. is Bible Study. And on Thursday between 7p.m. and 8:30p.m. is Men and women’s fellowship. For further information about the church services contact 649-242-4551 or email: alcesdor@yahoo.com.



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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LIT'L CHEF BLACK BOX COMPETITION

The 2026 Turks and Caicos Hotel and Tourism Association's (TCHTA) 2026 Lit'l Chefs Programme closed out with a Black Box Competition Saturday, July 25. The three competing chefs were required to prepare two meals, and appetizer and a main course, and then face a trio panel of judges to explain their ingredients and method. The following are photo highlights of the event.





Grace Bay Club Honors Outstanding Team Members at Quarterly Awards Ceremony

By Vivian Tyson NEWSLINE Editor-In-Chief

Grace Bay Club recognized the exceptional contributions of its employees during its Quarterly Employee Recognition Awards, celebrating team members whose dedication and commitment have made a lasting impact on both guests and colleagues.

In the Front of House category, Tracey Cyprien of The Grill and Elijah Simmons of Guest Services were named Employees of the Quarter for delivering outstanding service and consistently exceeding expectations. For the Heart of House, Desir Zimene from Housekeeping and Nickayla Bent of Human Resources received Employee of the Quarter honors in recognition of their professionalism, teamwork, and commitment to operational excellence.

The Heart of House Supervisor of

the Quarter award was presented to Doreth Ferguson Hyde, Housekeeping Supervisor, for her strong leadership, dedication to her team, and commitment to maintaining high standards.

Top leadership honors went to Shelove Isidor, Guest Services Manager, who was named Front of House Leader of the Quarter, and Islande Desir, Housekeeping Supervisor, who earned the title of Heart of House Leader of the Quarter.

The quarterly awards celebrate employees who embody Grace Bay Club's core values through exceptional performance, leadership, and service excellence. The recipients were applauded for their hard work and commitment, which continue to enhance the guest experience and contribute to the resort's reputation for world-class hospitality.



Voices from the Streets Article 68...

You Can Turn It Around

By Nixon Dickenson

This week's Voices in the Streets proudly highlights the inspiring journey of Mr. Elvis Talbot Smith, a man whose life is a testament to perseverance, resilience, and unwavering faith.

Elvis and I shared a meaningful conversation about the importance of never giving up, regardless of life's challenges.

Throughout his life, he has faced numerous obstacles, yet he remains determined to keep moving forward. While his days are not spent behind a desk in an air-conditioned office, Elvis finds dignity and purpose in honest work, whether he is selling guineps, crafting bowls from coconut shells, or cleaning cars. Through it all, he remains grateful to God for the gift of life and the many blessings he has received.

As we discussed the challenges of crime and social issues affecting our communities, Elvis passionately emphasised the critical role fathers play in shaping their sons' lives. He believes that strong father-son relationships are essential in building responsible, confident young men. His message to fathers was heartfelt and direct: spend quality time with your sons. Rather than spending hours in bars or away from

home, he encourages fathers to invest in their children's lives by playing basketball with them, taking them fishing, teaching them practical skills, and simply being present. According to Elvis, a father's involvement can make all the difference.

Elvis also believes that more opportunities should be created for young boys to develop practical and positive skills. He suggested initiatives such as boat-building clubs, barbering schools, and other hands-on programs that can inspire purpose, creativity, and self-confidence among our youth.

Despite the challenges he has encountered, Elvis continues to dream big. He hopes to one day teach basketball in local parks, mentor young people, and share the life lessons that have helped him overcome adversity. He regularly creates vision boards and encourages others to pursue their goals with determination and faith. His message is simple yet powerful: no matter what life throws at you, you can turn your circumstances around and create a success story that inspires others.

A Call to Action

Elvis' story reminds us that strong communities are built one relationship, one mentorship, and one act of encouragement at

a time. Let us all take a moment this week to invest in a young person's future, support positive community initiatives, and encourage the fathers, mentors, coaches, and role models who help shape the next generation. Together, we can create opportunities, inspire hope, and make a lasting difference in the lives of our youth. Elvis' life is living proof that your circumstances do not have to determine your destiny. He has faced hardships, setbacks, and obstacles that could easily have caused him to give up, but instead he chose to keep moving forward. Through faith, perseverance, and a positive outlook, he continues to demonstrate that no matter where you start or what challenges stand in your way, you can turn your life around.

Elvis' story is a powerful reminder that success is not measured by where you work or what you own, but by your determination to rise above life's challenges, your willingness to keep moving forward, and your commitment to making a positive difference in others' lives. Through his resilience, faith in God, strong work ethic, and passion for mentoring young people, Elvis continues to inspire everyone he meets.

Elvis' message is clear: never give up, never

stop dreaming, and never underestimate the impact you can have on the next generation. Thank you, Elvis, for sharing your journey, your wisdom, and your vision for a brighter future. May your story continue to encourage others to persevere, believe in themselves, and become a force for positive change in our community.



Elvis Talbot Smith (right) with writer Nixon Dickenson

CIBC Caribbean Clients Win Samsung Smart TVs

Two lucky CIBC Bank customers are celebrating after receiving brand-new 65-inch Samsung Smart TVs as winners of the bank's FIFA Visa Debit promotion.

The social media campaign encouraged customers to make three purchases totalling US \$250 with their CIBC Visa Debit card for a chance to win one of the premium televisions. The initiative rewarded clients for choosing the convenience and security of cashless payments while celebrating the excitement of FIFA World Cup football.

"We are absolutely thrilled to announce the official winners of our recent Visa Debit Card FIFA World Cup promotion! We launched this campaign to reward our clients for their loyalty and everyday transactions, and the response across the Turks and Caicos Islands has been truly spectacular," Marketing Manager Felicia Albury-Mitchell said.

Among the winners was Lena Sanches Santana, who said she first learned about the promotion through CIBC Caribbean's social media page.

"I saw the promotion on Instagram. I already follow the page because this is my bank", Santana said. "I use my Visa Debit card for almost everything, from groceries to buying clothes, perfume and jewelry. I prefer using my card instead of carrying cash." Receiving the call that she had won came as a complete surprise. "You cannot imagine how excited I was," she said. "I had been planning to buy a TV in May, but my mom told me to



Alonzo Higgs (left), Corporate Manager at CIBC Caribbean, congratulates Lena Sanches Santana on winning the television set.

wait. Now I'm so happy I listened. God is good."

Fellow winner, Indwy Metelus also discovered the promotion on Instagram and said he continued using his Visa Debit card as part of his normal shopping routine, making his selection as a winner a pleasant surprise.

"I saw the ad on Instagram and started following the page," Metelus explained. "I mostly use my card for groceries and food purchases, so I was just swiping as usual without paying attention to the promotion. When I got the call telling me I had won, I was so excited. CIBC to the world!" Metelus added with a smile. Presenting the prizes Alonzo Higgs,

Corporate Manager at CIBC Caribbean, said the campaign reflects the bank's commitment to creating rewarding experiences for its customers beyond everyday banking. "At CIBC Caribbean, we constantly strive to go beyond daily transactions to bring genuine excitement and value to our clients' lives," Higgs said.

"This Visa Debit FIFA promotion was designed to do exactly that, rewarding our clients' everyday loyalty while tapping into the incredible global energy of the FIFA World Cup. I am absolutely thrilled to hand over these premium Samsung TVs to our two well-deserving winners today."



Alonzo Higgs (left), Corporate Manager at CIBC Caribbean, congratulates Indwy Metelus on winning a television set



NorStar Interns Closing Ceremony

Five local students completed their internship with NorStar Group Limited, where they acquired in-depth knowledge about the inner works of the construction industry. NorStar Executives spoke highly of the interns during a closing ceremony at the NorStar Office at Courtyard Plaza, Leeward Highway, Providenciales.





CARPHA Launches Antimicrobial Resistance Regional Reference Laboratory in Jamaica

The Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) today officially launched its Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Regional Reference Laboratory in Jamaica, marking the completion of a rapid and critical transformative regional initiative to modernise CARPHA’s regional laboratory referral network, expansion and enhanced accessibility for its services and strengthening antimicrobial resistance surveillance and diagnostic capacity across the Caribbean.

This marks a major milestone in CARPHA’s journey to strengthen its referral laboratory capacity as well as advance our collective response to one of the greatest public health challenges of our time—antimicrobial resistance (AMR).

Antimicrobial resistance is a growing global health threat with projections estimating 10 million deaths annually by 2050, emphasising the urgent need for a coordinated and comprehensive response. In the Caribbean, the fight against AMR is further complicated by limited surveillance systems, delays in diagnostics, restricted access to quality antimicrobials, overuse and misuse of antibiotics in animal and human populations. In this regard, CARPHA launched an integrated AMR programme in April 2025, which included expanding CARPHA’s regional referral capacities for AMR surveillance and response.

Dr. the Honourable Christopher Tufton, Minister of Health and Wellness of Jamaica, officially inaugurated the AMR laboratory, alongside Dr Lisa Indar, Executive Director of CARPHA. The ceremony was attended by representatives of the British High Commission in Jamaica, the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), the UK Department of Health and Social Care, the Ministry of Health and Wellness, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), and other regional and international partners, demonstrating the continued commitment to strengthening Caribbean health security through collaboration.

Located within CARPHA’s Medicines Quality Control and Surveillance Department (MQCSD), the new laboratory significantly enhances CARPHA’s ability to detect, monitor and respond to antimicrobial resistance while expanding specialised microbiology and clinical diagnostic services for its 26 Member States.

Funded through the Fleming Fund and supported by the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) and the UK Department of Health and Social Care under the Caribbean Antimicrobial Resistance Alliance (CARA), the laboratory reflects the strong partnership between regional and international organisations working together to address one of the world’s most pressing public health threats.

The Jamaica laboratory completes CARPHA’s strengthened regional network of referral laboratories across Trinidad and Tobago, Saint Lucia and Jamaica, creating an integrated system that improves access to high-quality laboratory services throughout the Caribbean. By strategically distributing testing capacity across the region, the network reduces sample transportation times, shortens turnaround times for critical diagnostics, strengthens disease surveillance and enables faster public health action.

Through significant UK investment across CARPHA’s regional laboratory network, the Agency has modernised its laboratory infrastructure with advanced technologies including VITEK 2, VITEK MS Prime, BioFire multiplex PCR systems, GeneXpert molecular diagnostic platforms, laboratory refurbishment and workforce development.



Photo Caption: (L-R) Dr. Jacqueline Bisasor-McKenzie, Chief Medical Officer, Ministry of Health and Wellness Jamaica, Andrew Bowden, Development Representative and Government Advisor at the British High Commission, Dr. the Honourable Christopher Tufton, MP, Minister of Health and Wellness Jamaica, Mohamed Elsherbiny, Senior Technical Officer, Office of the Executive Director, CARPHA and Dr. Lisa Indar, Executive Director, CARPHA following the unveiling of the commemorative plaque at the launch of the AMR Referral Laboratory in Jamaica.

These enhancements support rapid pathogen identification, antimicrobial susceptibility testing and expanded diagnostic services for a wide range of infectious diseases.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, Dr Lisa Indar, Executive Director of CARPHA, said: “Today’s landmark launch represents the successful completion of a major investment in the Caribbean’s public health infrastructure. Together, our laboratories in Trinidad and Tobago, Saint Lucia and Jamaica now form a fully integrated regional referral laboratory network, enabling us to provide faster, more equitable access to specialised diagnostic services for all 26 CARPHA Member States. This is not simply an investment in laboratories—it is an investment in stronger surveillance, more effective outbreak response and a more resilient Regional Health System”.

Dr Indar added that while antimicrobial resistance remains a key focus, the laboratory’s expanded capabilities will strengthen CARPHA’s response to a broad range of infectious disease threats and improve clinical diagnostic services throughout the Region. Delivering the featured address, Dr. the Honourable Christopher Tufton, Minister of Health and Wellness of Jamaica, said: “Jamaica has not been standing still in the face of antimicrobial resistance. For several years, the Ministry of Health & Wellness has been working with local, regional and international partners to strengthen our national response through surveillance, infection prevention and control, antimicrobial stewardship and public education. These efforts have included the promotion of responsible antibiotic prescribing, and public awareness campaigns encouraging Jamaicans to use antibiotics only when prescribed and to

complete their full course of treatment.

More recently, Jamaica hosted a regional Infection Prevention and Control and Antimicrobial Stewardship Workshop through the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) under the Fleming Fund Programme, bringing together health professionals from across the Caribbean to strengthen the use of laboratory and surveillance data in guiding patient care and preventing the spread of resistant organisms”.

Andrew Bowden, Development Representative and Government Advisor at the British High Commission in Kingston, said: “The United Kingdom is proud to support this important initiative through the Fleming Fund, working in partnership with the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), the UK Department of Health and Social Care and CARPHA. Through this partnership, the UK has invested at least £480,000 (approximately J\$105 million) towards laboratory equipment, refurbishment and the establishment of this facility, helping to strengthen the Caribbean’s capacity to detect and respond to antimicrobial resistance. This is about more than modern laboratory infrastructure; it is about investing in people, skills and long-term partnerships that will improve patient care, strengthen disease surveillance and build a healthier, more resilient Caribbean. We look forward to continuing our collaboration with CARPHA and Caribbean governments to strengthen regional and global health security.”

The launch builds on the momentum established in 2025, when CARPHA and its partners launched the Integrated AMR Programme under CARA to strengthen antimicrobial resistance surveillance, laboratory systems and workforce capacity across the

Caribbean. Since then, CARPHA has expanded laboratory infrastructure, enhanced surveillance systems, strengthened regional technical expertise and improved access to high-quality diagnostic services for Member States.

As the Caribbean’s sole regional public health agency, CARPHA reaffirmed its commitment to ensuring that all Member States, regardless of size or national capacity, have equitable access to specialised laboratory services, while continuing to work with regional and international partners to strengthen health security and address current and emerging public health threats.

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Watching a Country Tell Its Own Story

By André Kerr

In the summer of 2006, I was a college intern at TCI New Media Network, a government media company that had just been formed. Its job was simple on paper: cover government events and produce content that showed the public what the administration was accomplishing.

In practice, it put a twenty-year-old with a camera in the middle of rooms most twenty-year-olds rarely enter, standing a few feet from Ministers, close enough to hear them rehearse their remarks before a microphone went live, close enough to notice who was nervous and who wasn't.

At the time, I thought I was learning how to operate a camera. I didn't realize I was also learning to watch a country tell its own story.

That summer didn't make me a political person. It made me someone who happened to be standing very close to politics, which turned out to be something quite different. In the twenty years since, my relationship with election seasons has never been constant.

Some cycles I was fully inside a campaign, filming, embedded, invested in an outcome. Others I stood at a distance, hired for a single event, watching the same season unfold from the outside. I mention this not to explain my politics, but because that movement between proximity and distance is probably the only reason, I feel qualified to say what follows.

This year marks fifty years of ministerial government in the Turks and Caicos Islands. I have called these islands that I love my home for nearly my entire life, but for the past twenty years my work has given me a vantage point that few people experience.

Twenty years is long enough to have filmed the same podium under different administrations, the same national celebrations through several generations of faces in the crowd, and the same chamber while the people occupying it changed, sometimes every few years, sometimes overnight. Along the way, without quite intending to, I learned a few things about this country that I don't think I could have learned any other way.

The first lesson is the most literal. In 2006, we shot on tape. Getting usable footage out of a camera meant physically feeding that tape through a deck, in real time, just to digitize it. A single hour of footage required an hour simply to capture before editing could even begin.

Cameras were heavy. Today, footage is available the moment recording stops. Cameras fit in a jacket pocket. What once required a truck full of equipment and a crew of six can now, in some cases, be accomplished by one person with a backpack. The technical barrier that once stood between an idea and a broadcast has almost disappeared. The barrier that matters now isn't equipment. It's judgment: what we choose to

point the camera at, and why.

I think about that shift whenever I remember the introduction of the new Constitution in 2006 and the swearing in of our first Premier at the Downtown Ball Park in Providenciales on August 9th of that year. It was one of the largest multi-camera productions this country had ever attempted at the time, and we simply did not yet have the local capacity to produce it ourselves. Much of the production crew came from overseas because the expertise required for an event of that scale had not yet been developed here.

Today, several Turks and Caicos-owned production companies, mine among them, are fully capable of producing an event of that size from start to finish using local crews. That isn't a small thing to have witnessed. It means the story of this country's defining moments is increasingly being told by people who actually call these islands home. The second lesson has less to do with equipment and more to do with storytelling. Every administration I've come to realize has to be told differently. The story of 2006–2009 was not the story of 2012, which was not the story of 2016, and is not the story being written today. Every government has its own rhythm, its own relationship with the public, and its own understanding of what it hopes history will remember.

Part of the work has been learning how to tell each story honestly rather than forcing every administration into the same visual language. That adaptability has probably taught me more about leadership than anything else I've done. There's another part of this work the public rarely sees. Sometimes, while preparing someone for a broadcast or a major address, you stop being a camera operator and become something closer to a coach. You help with pacing, delivery, and the subtle difference between reading a speech and actually speaking to people. You watch someone go from stiff and uncertain during rehearsal to genuinely present by the time the camera light comes on.

Over the years, I've done this more times than I could possibly count. It has left me with one enduring belief: most people in public life are far less certain of themselves than they appear on television. Much of what we interpret as natural confidence is often the result of preparation, encouragement, and someone quietly helping another person become the version of themselves that the moment demands.

The room, however, always outlasts the people in it.

Over these two decades, I've watched leaders rise and fall, Premiers resign, and even a constitution suspended, moments that each felt as though they might mark the end of something significant.

Yet every time, democracy did what a young tree does after a hurricane strips it bare: it grew back. That has taught me that no leader, however popular, experienced, or gifted, remains forever. In-



stitutions do. The podium remains. The flag remains. The room remains. People occupy those spaces only for a time before making room for those who come next.

But institutions only outlast people if someone preserves their story. That is the part of these past fifty years that troubles me most.

TCI New Media Network, where I began my career in 2006, no longer exists. Much of the visual record it created is now difficult to locate. I've searched for footage from the years 2006 to 2009, a genuinely consequential period in our political history, including the introduction of the new Constitution, and much of it is surprisingly difficult to find, if it can be found at all.

Since then, other news organizations have also closed their doors, and with each closure another piece of our visual history has quietly become harder to access.

We are, right now, in a moment where less of our story is being reliably preserved than at almost any point since I began this work, even though the technology to do so has never been easier or cheaper to use.

That is not a comfortable thing for someone who has spent twenty years believing this footage matters.

A country that cannot show its children what its own history looked like gradually loses the ability to argue honestly with its own memory. Eventually, the past becomes whatever the loudest

voice in the room says it was, because there's no tape left to check it against. Fifty years is a long time to have kept the record of a nation. It is also, I've come to believe, only the beginning.

I don't know what the next fifty years will look like, or what the equivalent of a tape deck will be when another twenty year old finds themselves standing where I once stood, camera in hand, unaware of what they were about to spend two decades doing.

But I know this.

The tools will continue to change. Technology will continue to evolve. The way we tell our country's story will continue to adapt.

And somewhere behind a camera, someone new will be helping another generation find its voice. Our democracy will always need leaders. It will always need citizens.

And it will always need people willing to ensure that what happens today is not lost to those who come after. The story keeps needing tellers. It always has.

André Kerr is the founder of Spotlight Communications Ltd., a creative agency based in the Turks and Caicos Islands. For more than twenty years, he has used the power of visual storytelling to document the people, places, culture, history and defining moments of the Turks and Caicos Islands, sharing its story with audiences at home and around the world. His work is driven by a passion for preserving the nation's visual history through a distinctly local lens.



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Newly-minted attorney Aaliyah K.T. Rigby share in a photo op with (from left) Attorney Mark Fulford; Chief Justice Yonnette Cummings Edwards.



Aaliyah K.T. Rigby (fourth from left) share lens with (from left) Cloe McMillan, Mark Fulford, and Chief Justice Yonnette Cummings Edwards, as well as members of her family.

F Chambers Celebrates the Call of Attorney Aaliyah K.T. Rigby to TCI Bar

July 27, 2026 marks an important milestone in Aaliyah's professional journey as she was formally called to the Bar of the Turks and Caicos Islands before the Honourable Chief Justice Yonnette Cummings Edwards, members of the Judiciary, the legal profession, family and friends.

The application for Aaliyah's admission was moved by Mr. Mark A. Fulford, Managing Partner of F Chambers and President of the Turks and Caicos Islands Bar Association, who presented her qualifications, training and experience before the Court and expressed confidence in her readiness to begin her career as an attorney.

Aaliyah joined F Chambers in November 2025 as a trainee attorney, where she completed her period of supervised training and gained practical experience across a broad range of legal areas, including civil litigation, criminal law and procedure, family law, land law and conveyancing, wills and estates, constitutional and public law, professional ethics and alternative dispute resolution.

Aaliyah's development was supported by the attorneys and team members of F Chambers, including Ms. Chloe McMillan, whose guidance and mentorship played an important role in her professional training.

Aaliyah's admission represents an

exciting addition to the F Chambers litigation team. With a particular interest in both civil and criminal litigation, Aaliyah will continue developing her advocacy skills while contributing to the firm's representation of clients before the Courts of the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Working alongside the experienced litigators at F Chambers, Aaliyah will continue to build her practice in these important areas of law and contribute to the firm's commitment to providing strong, effective and client-focused representation.

A Turks and Caicos Islander, Aaliyah's journey reflects dedication, perseverance and a commitment to returning home to contribute through the legal profession.

She completed her undergraduate studies at Nova Southeastern University, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. She subsequently completed her Postgraduate Diploma in Law at the University of Law and her Bar Vocational Studies at City, University of London, specialising in Corporate Law and Practice, graduating with Merit. She was called to the Bar of England and Wales by the Honourable Society of Gray's Inn in March 2026 before seeking admission to practise in the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Reflecting on her call, Aaliyah expressed

gratitude to her family, mentors and colleagues who supported her journey and acknowledged the responsibility that comes with joining the legal profession.

She said:

"As I begin this next chapter, I do so with a profound sense of responsibility. There is no greater privilege than being entrusted to serve the people of the Turks and Caicos Islands through the practice of law.

"I aspire to advocate with courage, serve with compassion, and uphold the principles of fairness, integrity and justice in every matter entrusted to me. My hope is to contribute meaningfully to strengthening public confidence in our legal system while balancing individual rights with the broader interests of our society.

"Today is the beginning of a lifelong commitment to learning, serving, and honouring the oath I will soon take. Excellence is not a destination but a daily choice.

"I hope that throughout my career I will be remembered not simply as an advocate and lawyer, but as someone who used the law as a force for good; someone who served with humility, advocated with conviction, and never lost sight of the privilege and responsibility that come with this calling.

"Finally, to the aspiring young people

of these islands who may one day dream of standing where I stand today, know that your path does not have to be perfect to lead you to purpose. I say this from my own personal experience. There will be challenges and setbacks, but keep going."

Aaliyah's words reflect the values that guide the legal profession, service, perseverance and a commitment to using the law to make a meaningful contribution to society.

Managing Partner Mark A. Fulford said:

"Aaliyah's call to the Bar is a proud moment for everyone at F Chambers. One of the most important responsibilities of a law firm is investing in the next generation of attorneys and providing them with the guidance and opportunities necessary to succeed. "Aaliyah has demonstrated commitment, discipline and a willingness to learn. Her passion for civil and criminal litigation aligns well with the continued growth of our litigation practice, and we look forward to supporting her as she develops as an advocate and makes her contribution to the profession and the wider community."

F Chambers said it remains committed to developing legal talent and supporting young professionals as they build successful careers in the Turks and Caicos Islands.

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Skill and Qualifications:

- High School diploma is a must or higher
- Work experience in pool maintenance
- Good organizational and time management skills with the ability to work under pressure and to multiple deadlines.
- Ability to work independently as well as on a team
- Assist in providing the pool amenities to guest.
- Ability to read and write English proficiently.

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- Coordinate, develop and conduct ongoing training of all department employees so as to develop and increase job knowledge and skill level
- Coach and counsel staff to encourage positive behaviors and correct negative behaviors.
- Schedule daily briefings and continuous improvement meetings to review daily operations, new procedures and solicit input from all employees to remove barriers, promote teamwork and employee morale.
- Complete monthly inventories of equipment, guest and cleaning supplies as per budgetary guidelines
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- Develop and maintain an inspection process which ensures accountability and the highest levels of quality in guest rooms, public areas, offices and other areas as outlined in the hotel cleaning policy.
- Develop a process to monitor and respond to guest complaints to ensure complete satisfaction.
- Review and update the Operating Procedures Manual as needed and at least once per year
- Develop and maintain a high level of accountability and efficiency procedures in all areas of

department operations

- Maintain constant vigilance and oversight of department operations, initiating immediate corrective action where deficiencies are identified.
- Ensure laundry room procedures and standards are established are carried out.
- Manage assigned operational functions consistent with the strategic plan and vision for the department, division and property
- Provide input into research, development, evaluation and implementation of new products, services, technology and processes to ensure the hotels competitive position and in anticipation of customers changing needs.
- Manages Human resources responsibility including creating a work environment which promotes teamwork, performance feedback, recognition, mutual respect and employee satisfaction, quality hiring, training and succession planning processes;

Skills and Competencies Required

- Bachelors degree in Hospitality
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- Must have a high level of effective communication skills in both oral and written forms. Ability to read and write English.
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DROUGHT ALERT FOR JAMAICA

With projections from the Meteorological Service of Jamaica showing prolonged dry conditions stretching into October this year, Water, Environment and Climate Change Minister Matthew Samuda has put Jamaicans on alert for full prohibition orders for water usage, which he says will take effect on August 10 if the forecast remains unchanged or worsens.

The warning comes following a Thursday morning meeting of the Integrated Water Resources Management Council — a Cabinet subcommittee comprising all stakeholders in the water sector; academia; municipalities; and the ministries of agriculture, health and national security. That report was complemented by forecasts of the Met Service and assessments of the Water Resources Authority, according to Samuda.

Since earlier this year, nightly water restrictions and scheduled supply cuts have been implemented in vulnerable Corporate Area networks, such as Kingston, given the drought conditions.

Speaking during a media briefing at the Half-Way-Tree Road offices of his ministry to discuss the rainfall and drought conditions, Samuda said given the indications that there will be “a dry August, a dry September, and a dry October...it is clear and should be clear to all Jamaicans that conservation is indeed imperative at this stage”.

“We are first encouraging conservation, but being very clear that as at August 10th...if the situation has not changed — meaning if the Met Services evaluation of rainfall in July is as we suspect — that we will have continued declines in rainfall, and if the rolling three-month forecast has not changed, or has worsened, prohibition



Minister of Water, Environment and Climate Change Matthew Samuda speaking with, from left, Managing Director of the Water Resources Authority, Peter Clarke; the National Water Commission's Acting Public Relations Manager, Delano Williams; and Principal Director of the Meteorological Service of Jamaica, Evan Thompson during Thursday's media briefing.

Photo: Jamaica Observer

orders will come into effect,” Samuda said.

The water minister said those orders will be targeted at “irrigation and watering of gardens, lawns, grounds, and farms, filling or supplying of pools, and other things for domestic services”.

“Washing of cars, watering and washing of roadways, and any purpose that would require unusual or non-essential use of water would be prohibited,” Samuda added.

He emphasised that the announcement was not to be interpreted to mean “that the systems and the storage are at critical levels today, but the rainfall that would normally come at the end of August is not projected to be experienced”.

Pointing to the learning loss that has already resulted from the COVID-19

pandemic as well as weather events such as Hurricane Beryl, Tropical Storm Raphael, and Hurricane Melissa, the minister said every effort will be made to ensure that schools receive the support needed.

“We simply cannot afford water to contribute to learning loss in September. So we will take the measures that we absolutely need to ensure that we're able to safeguard the opening of schools in September and not contribute to learning loss. So that needs to be understood. We do hope that the situation will change, but with the information that we have, this is the best decision that we can make at this stage,” Samuda stressed.

“We do hope that the situation will change, but with the information that we have, this is the best decision that

we can make at this stage,” he added. Speaking during the briefing, principal director of the Meteorological Service of Jamaica Evan Thompson said as at the end of June the parishes of St Elizabeth, St James, St Ann, and St Mary “were determined to be experiencing drought conditions”. He said the parishes of Manchester and St Catherine “were both basically on the borderline, in that they were just about moving toward drought conditions”.

“It's most likely that having not experienced significant rainfall during the month of July, that situation would have been worsened. We should be seeing that drought conditions at least would have extended to these two parishes. That's what we're expecting to pick up after the month of July has ended, as we begin to gather and collate and compare our data,” Thompson told members of the media.

He noted that the projections did not mean there would be “no rainfall” at all for the island, but that “the number of incidents of rainfall will be fewer”, influenced by the El Nino phenomenon which has caused “lesser than normal amounts of rainfall and higher than normal temperatures” over the past few months.

“However, we could have a bulk of rainfall that is intense, and so we could have very small areas that experience maybe even flooding events in small areas as these systems develop and as they continue to affect us, but generally we will experience dry conditions,” Thompson explained further.

He cautioned that with the forecast for August showing “higher-than-normal temperatures right through the month” and “lower-than-normal rainfall”, Jamaicans should be on the lookout for “climate-induced bushfires”.

Man faces jail over 15-year Cayman overstay

A 56-year-old man who admitted in Magistrates' Court that he overstayed in Cayman for 15 years faces a jail sentence.

Lawrence Hall pleaded guilty to remaining unlawfully in Cayman after he was captured in a Customs and Border Control-led operation targeting people in the Islands without permission. Marlon Bodden, the director of CBC, said, “These arrests send a clear and unequivocal message; the Cayman Islands will not tolerate individuals who deliberately violate the conditions of

their lawful stay.”

He warned, “CBC will continue to identify, apprehend and take decisive enforcement action against offenders. “Anyone who chooses to disregard our laws should understand that they will be held accountable.”

Hall appeared in court on Thursday, 23 July and was remanded in custody until 14 Oct.

Overstaying in Cayman is, on conviction in Magistrates' Court, punishable by up to five years in jail and a fine of \$20,000.

Immigration officials have taken action against 379 people suspected of staying past the expiry of their permits so far this year.

Nickolas DaCosta, the minister responsible for home affairs, said, “The Government fully supports CBC's enforcement efforts to uphold the laws of the Cayman Islands.

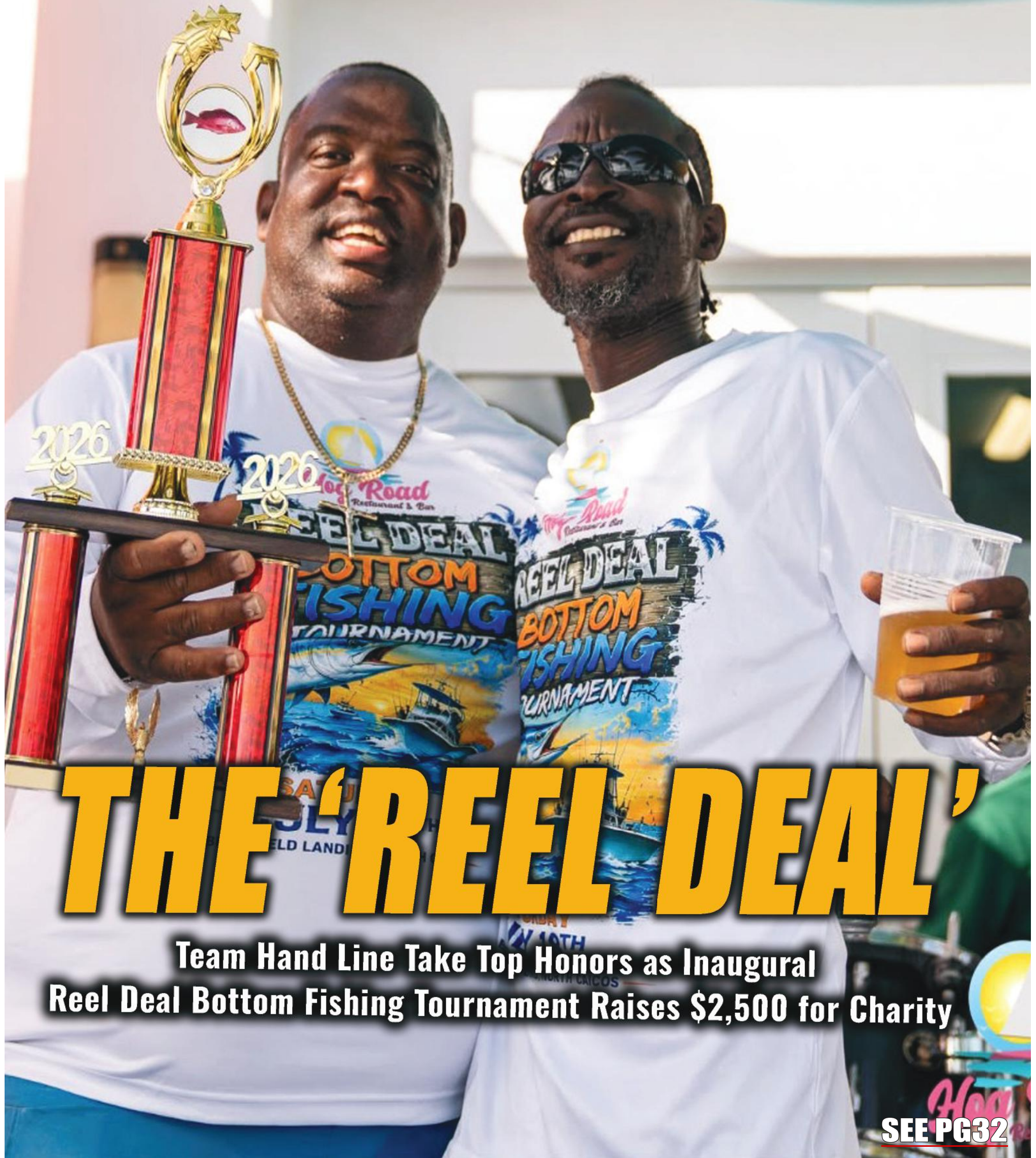
“Let there be no misunderstanding; individuals who knowingly overstay or remain in the Cayman Islands without lawful permission will be identified and held accountable.”

DaCosta added, “Our borders are not open to abuse, and the Cayman Islands will not be a soft target for those who disregard our laws.

“These enforcement actions demonstrate our commitment to protecting national security, maintaining the integrity of our immigration system and ensuring fairness for those who respect and comply with the rules.”

DaCosta praised CBC officials and the police for their work to safeguard Cayman's borders.

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FIFA president Gianni Infantino called to appear before Congress over Trump ties

Jamie Raskin, the top Democrat on the House judiciary committee, has launched an investigation into Fifa president Gianni Infantino, seeking documents that would detail the ties between soccer's governing body and Donald Trump and his administration.

In a Sunday letter, Raskin wrote to Infantino and called for Fifa to provide any documents and communications related to gifts, payments or benefits provided to Trump and his associates, as well as the visitor logs for Fifa's office space in Trump Tower, which it acquired last year. The committee also requested that Infantino sit for a transcribed interview.

Infantino's relationship with Trump came under scrutiny in the lead-up to this summer's World Cup. In December, at the World Cup draw in Washington, Trump was awarded a newly created "Fifa peace prize" at the Kennedy Center, where renovations were allegedly "rushed" on the administration's orders to prepare for the event. Fifa opened its office in Trump Tower in midtown Manhattan last July. Such scrutiny intensified during the World Cup. Trump made several calls to Infantino to lobby for a review of US striker Folarin Balogun's controversial red-card suspension before the Americans' last-16 match against Belgium. Fifa did reverse Balogun's ban, but the political circus cast a pall over the US team and drew the ire of other teams and associations from around the world.

Alongside the leaders of Canada and Mexico, Trump joined Infantino for the World



Donald Trump joins Fifa president Gianni Infantino on the field for the trophy presentation at the World Cup final. Photograph: Richard Sellers/Sportsphoto/Allstar

Cup trophy presentation after Spain beat Argentina in the final. The pair, who watched the final together in a glassed-in section of luxury seats, were met with boos from the New York New Jersey Stadium crowd when they took the field.

Raskin's letter references the Department of Justice's decision to "dismiss the indictments" of defendants in US government investigations into corruption in global soccer, including the 2015 prosecution of more than 20 high-level Fifa officials and sports-marketing executives.

"[Y]our election as Fifa president was supposed to mark a red-card break from a decades-long culture of corruption and scandals that dressed down world soccer's reputation," Raskin wrote to Infan-

tino in the letter. "Instead, at the start of your tenure, you dismantled Fifa's ethical guardrails and disabled the organization's ethics committee by pushing out most of its members. This lack of transparency and oversight has since paved the way for you to ingratiate yourself with the Trump administration via tactics that a New York University law professor and one of your former ethics committeemen described as 'legal bribery'."

The letter also addresses Fifa's World Cup ticketing policy, which is already the subject of investigations by several attorneys general in the United States. The use of dynamic pricing drew much criticism during the tournament, leading to massive surges and pricing out many fans

from attending games.

"The most recent quid pro quo that Fifa and President Trump orchestrated is not a victimless crime. It hurts Americans. Fifa has taken its newfound favored status in the Trump administration as a sign that it may rip off its consumers, most notably, by employing illegal price-gouging and fraudulent sales tactics for the World Cup," Raskin said in the letter.

The letter gives a deadline of 9 August to provide the requested documents and schedule the interview. Raskin does not have the power to compel Infantino to appear, given that Democrats do not hold the majority in the House, unless he garners Republican support.

Fifa's interactions with the US government did not end with this summer's World Cup. The US is expected to be the primary host of the Women's World Cup in 2031, and the success of this year's tournament has led many to speculate that the 2038 men's World Cup could be hosted by the US. Fifa has been approached for comment.

Earlier on Monday, Infantino used a 15-part message on Instagram to denounce his critics, accusing them of spreading hate and false narratives. He touted the World Cup as a success.

More than 200 Fifa members have endorsed Infantino ahead of the presidential election in March, but some associations have stood in opposition. The Norwegian football federation is planning to submit a formal complaint to Fifa ethics investigations over Trump's role in the reversal of Balogun's ban.



Argentina goalkeeper Emiliano Martinez (23) is beaten by a shot from Cape Verde's Sidny Lopes Cabral (13) during the World Cup round-of-32 football match in Miami Gardens, Florida, Friday, July 3.

Cape Verde made more World Cup history when Sidny Lopes Cabral won the public vote for Goal of the Tournament.

Lopes Cabral's curling shot into the top far corner of the Argentina net was a standout moment at the World Cup, where the unheralded African team made a stellar debut.

His goal tied defending champions Argentina at 2-2 in extra time of their thrilling round-of-32 game in Miami Gardens. Cape Verde would eventually lose 3-2.

Lopes Cabral's goal was voted best of the 308 goals scored at the tournament, ahead of Eldor Shomurodov's delicate lob for Uz-

bekistan against Congo and Wilson Isidor of Haiti scoring with a powerful rising shot against Morocco.

Fifa drew up a shortlist of 12 goals for public voting.

Lopes Cabral's celebration also entered World Cup lore as he broke free of teammates reaching to grab him before climbing into the tribune to hug his girlfriend and look for his mother.

"Before the game, I'd told my mom and my girlfriend that if I scored, I'd run over to them," he said. "When I got there, I saw my mom crying. She hadn't even realised I was right there. Everyone was busy tending to

Cape Verde's strike against Argentina voted best goal at 2026 World Cup



Cape Verde's Sidny Lopes Cabral (13) celebrates with teammates after his incredible goal

her because she had fainted when I scored." Cape Verde defied both World Cup finalists in their four games, after goalkeeper Voz-

inha's standout display saw his team open with a 0-0 draw to stun eventual champions Spain.

Concacaf seek transparency over FIFA’s plan to sell stake in World Cup

Concacaf has joined a growing list of football bodies calling on FIFA to provide greater transparency over reported plans to sell a stake in the commercial rights of future FIFA World Cup tournaments to private investors.

In a statement released on Wednesday across its social media platforms, the Confederation of North, Central America and Caribbean Association Football (Concacaf) said it was “deeply concerned” by what it described as a lack of due process surrounding the proposal. The regional governing body said it first became aware of the reported plans through media reports rather than through FIFA’s established governance channels.

Concacaf stressed that decisions of such significance should be discussed with football’s stakeholders before details are made public, adding that the approach taken had raised serious concerns across the region.

“We are deeply concerned by the lack of due process,” the confederation said, adding that it shared “the disappointment of many within our

region and the game that this level of detail has been designed and shared publicly before any discussion with the relevant governance bodies and stakeholders has taken place.”

The confederation’s position quickly received backing from the Central American Football Union (UNCAF), one of Concacaf’s regional bodies. In a post on X, UNCAF said it fully supported Concacaf’s stance, insisting that matters of such importance should be handled through the appropriate governance structures.

“UNCAF supports Concacaf’s position and reiterates that any matter of this nature should be addressed through the appropriate governance processes and bodies,” the organisation said.

FIFA President Gianni Infantino has faced mounting criticism since reports emerged that the world governing body is exploring the sale of a minority stake in the commercial rights to future World Cup competitions. UEFA and the English Football Association are among the organisations that have also questioned the process and called for greater consultation before any decisions are



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CONCACAF President Victor Montagliani

made.

Reports have further claimed that FIFA has approached its more than 200 member associations with a proposal that could see each federation receive US\$40 million (approximately J\$6.4 billion) if they support the initiative. FIFA has not publicly confirmed those reports.

Concacaf emphasised that all organisations within world football have a collective responsibility to safeguard the long-term interests of the game, arguing that governance standards must remain at the centre of major

decisions.

“As collective custodians of the game, FIFA, the confederations and every member association have a responsibility to always act in the best interests of the sport,” the statement said. “Every decision we make must be guided by good governance, robust processes and long-term stewardship.”

The confederation concluded by expressing confidence that all members of the FIFA family would uphold those principles as discussions surrounding the proposal continue.

New Zealander Grant Bradburn to coach Jamaica Kingsmen in CPL

JAMAICA Kingsmen have announced that noted international coach Grant Bradburn will lead the team’s coaching staff for the 2026 Republic Bank Caribbean Premier League, with a coaching unit boasting a wealth of experience and talent as the franchise eyes the 2026 title.

Head Coach Bradburn, who represented New Zealand at the test and one-day international level, has had significant success in the coaching ranks since retiring more than 20 years ago.

He helped guide the Hyderabad Kingsmen to an impressive run to the Pakistan Super League final during the franchise’s inaugural season in May.

Previously, Bradburn had a successful stint with Pakistan between 2018 and 2024, first as fielding coach and head of high-performance coaching at the National Cricket Academy before leading the team as head coach at the 2023 ICC Men’s Cricket World Cup. Bradburn also led Scotland’s national team from 2014 to

2018, guiding the team to historic appearances at the 2015 ICC World Cup and the 2016 T20 World Cup.

Bradburn said: “Over the past few months, we have been planning and shaping our squad and as head coach, I am confident we have selected a high-quality group of players and staff, capable of putting Jamaica Kingsmen into CPL title contention. We are all super excited to bring Kingsmen to Jamaica. We will aim to represent the beautiful island nation with Kingsmen’s dynamic style, high skill and entertainment.”

He will be assisted by Robert Samuels, one of Jamaica’s most successful coaches. Samuels, who represented the West Indies in Test and ODI formats and played more than 100 first-class matches for Jamaica, has coached at every level of the game in both the men’s and women’s ranks.

He has led the Jamaica Scorpions at several regional tournaments, recently coached the Under-19 team at the Cricket West Indies Ris-

ing Stars tournament, and served as head coach of the West Indies women’s team.

Samuels, no stranger to franchise cricket, led the Trinbago Knight Riders to the first-ever Women’s Caribbean Premier League title in 2022.

The staff is completed by bowling coach Shawn Bradstreet, who has had stints with the Hobart Hurricanes and Sydney Thunder in Australia’s Big Bash League, batting coach Hanif Malik and trainer Zac Martin, both of whom helped with Hyderabad Kingsmen’s success in PSL 2026.

Former Jamaica and West Indies batsman Nkrumah Bonner will serve as team manager, having won CPL titles with Jamaica Tallawahs.

Jamaica Kingsmen Head of Operations Atishai Mansingh said: “The mix of local and international experts is what’s going to allow us to uplift our team as well as giving our young local core of Jamaican talent access to different mindsets and different coaching techniques that are internationally used and give

them opportunities to enhance their game like never before.”

The Jamaica Kingsmen will begin their 2026 CPL campaign on Friday, August 5 against Antigua and Barbuda Falcons at Arnos Vale Stadium in St. Vincent.

They will return to Jamaica thereafter where CPL will be played in Jamaica for the first time since 2019 with matches scheduled for August 11, 13, 15 and 18.



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Edna Jeanty collecting the Collecting the Golden Ball Award.

Photos: Bahamas Football Association

Edna Jeanty is Best Player of the Goombay Soccer Tourney

By Vivian Tyson, NEWSLINE Editor-In-Chief

with six points, Bahamas in fifth position with four points, while Grenada placed sixth with one point.

FINAL STANDINGS

#Cayman Islands - 13 points (4-1-

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#Bermuda- 8 points (2-2-1)

#United States Virgin Islands - 8 points (2-2-1)

#Turks and Caicos Islands- 6 points (1-3-1)

#Bahamas- 4 points (1-1-3)

#Grenada- 1 point (0-1-4)

The Turks and Caicos Islands Under 15 Girls, did not leave the Inaugural Goombay Cup Football Tournament in the Bahamas empty-handed as two of their players – Edna Jeanty and Jai Robinson walked away with Individual accolades.

The tournament was in Nassau between July 24 and 26.

The promising Edna Jeanty copped the Golden Ball Award, outshining all the other players in tournament. The Golden Ball Award is given to the best player of a tournament. She also collects the MVP for the Turks and Caicos Team.

Edna's teammate Jamai Robinson took home the Golden Glove

Award, meaning that of all the team that participated, she maintained the most clean sheets.

Hosted by the Bahamas Football Association, the tournament brought together U15 girls soccer teams from the U.S. Virgin Islands, Bahamas, Bermuda, Cayman Islands, Grenada and Turks and Caicos Islands.

The Cayman Islands captured the tournament title after an unbeaten 4-1-0 campaign to finish with 13 points. Bermuda placed second on eight points, edging the United States Virgin Islands on goal difference after both teams posted identical 2-2-1 records. The Turks and Caicos Islands finished fourth



Jai Robinson collecting the Golden Ball Award

Turks and Caicos Volleyball Federation Announces Kids Beach Volleyball Camp

Young athletes across the Turks and Caicos Islands will have the opportunity to develop their volleyball skills and enjoy the outdoors as the Turks and Caicos Islands Volleyball Federation (TCIVF) hosts its Kids Beach Volleyball Camp.

The camp is scheduled for August 4, 5, and 8, with sessions running from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Kids Park in Providenciales. The program is open to children and teenagers ages 7 to 18.

Organized by the TCIVF, the camp aims to introduce participants to the fundamentals of beach volleyball while promoting teamwork, fitness, and sportsmanship in a fun and supportive environment. Players of all skill levels are encouraged to attend, whether they are new

to the sport or looking to improve their game.

Beach volleyball has continued to grow in popularity throughout the islands, and the federation hopes the camp will inspire more young people to get involved in the sport while building confidence and healthy lifestyles.

Parents and guardians interested in registering their children can contact Ms. CJ Durham via WhatsApp at 649-331-0520. Registration inquiries can also be sent by email to beach.tcivf@gmail.com.

The three-day camp is expected to bring together aspiring young athletes for evenings of learning, exercise, and fun on the sand as the federation continues its efforts to develop the next generation of

volleyball players in the Turks and Caicos Islands.





Overall champions: Team Hand Line members (from left) Joseph Musgrove, Zarek Swann, Pendieno Brooks and Javonio Fulford celebrate after being crowned champions of the inaugural Reel Deal Bottom Fishing Tournament.



Members of Team Hand Line celebrate with the tournament trophy following their first-place victory.

Team Hand Line Lands Top Inaugural Reel Deal Bottom Fishing Tourney

The inaugural Reel Deal Bottom Fishing Tournament proved to be a resounding success, bringing together anglers, families, businesses and supporters for a day of competition, community spirit and charitable giving.

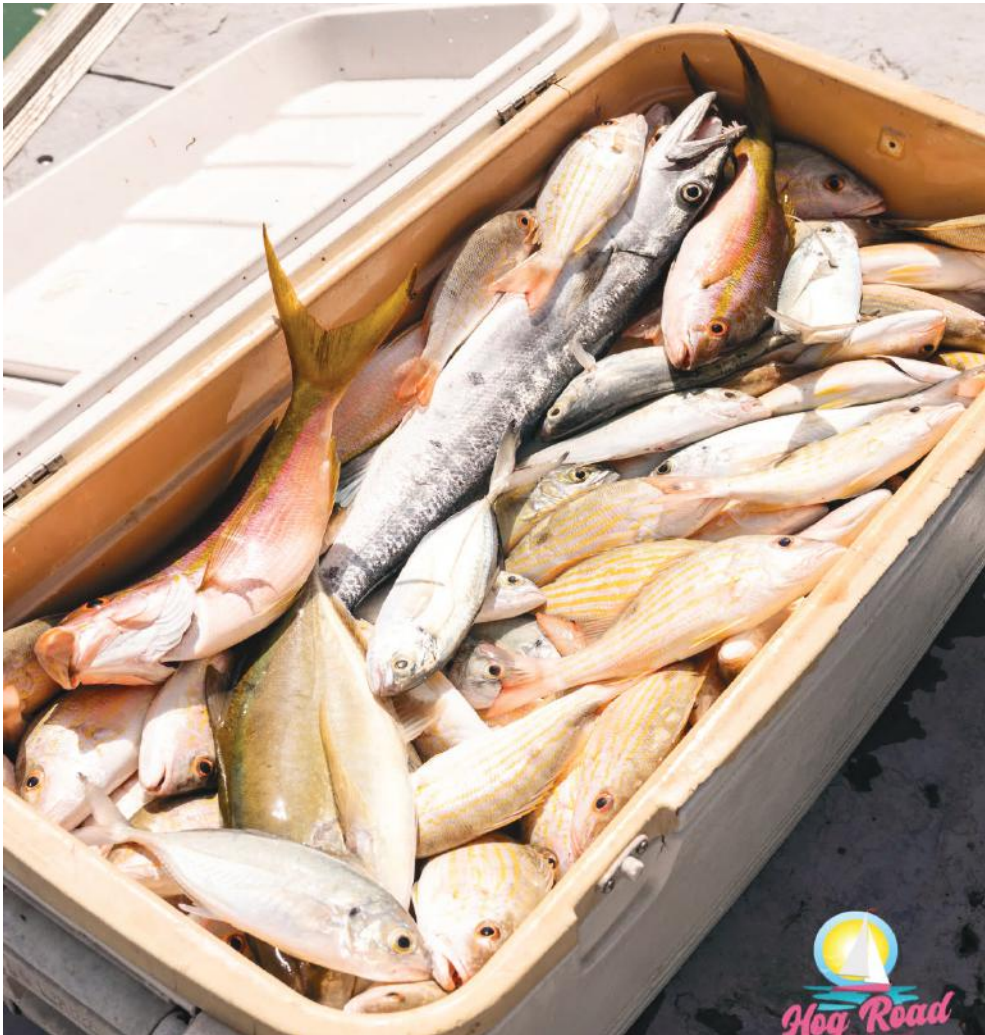
Team Hand Line, comprising Joseph Musgrove, Zarek Swann, Pendieno Brooks and Javonio Fulford, emerged as the tournament's overall champions, earning first place and taking home the \$2,000 cash prize after an impressive performance on the water.

The event exceeded organizers' expectations, with 13 boats competing in the friendly but spirited contest. Following the official weigh-in, more than 500 pounds of fresh fish were sold, with proceeds helping to support two local charities serving the communities of North and Middle Caicos.

Tournament organizers announced that the event raised \$2,500 for charity, with \$2,000 donated to Food for Thought and \$500 presented to the Dignity Foundation.

Organizers described the tournament as more than just a fishing competition, saying it was designed to unite the community while creating a new tradition centered on giving back.

"What started as an idea to bring our community together through friendly competition and support worthy



One of the coolers filled with freshly caught fish during the tournament's official weigh-in.

causes has exceeded all expectations," organizers said, expressing gratitude to the anglers, sponsors, volunteers, vendors, entertainers and supporters who helped make

the event possible. The festivities extended beyond the fishing competition, with live entertainment, food vendors and a lively atmosphere at the dock creating a

family-friendly celebration throughout the day. Organizers also praised the captains and crews whose participation helped make the inaugural tournament a memorable occasion, while thanking everyone who purchased fish after the weigh-in, noting that every purchase directly contributed to the charitable donations.

With the overwhelming support received during its first year, organizers are already looking ahead to an even bigger event next year, with plans to welcome more boats, larger crowds and an even greater impact on the community.



Competitors head out on the water during the inaugural Reel Deal Bottom Fishing Tournament.