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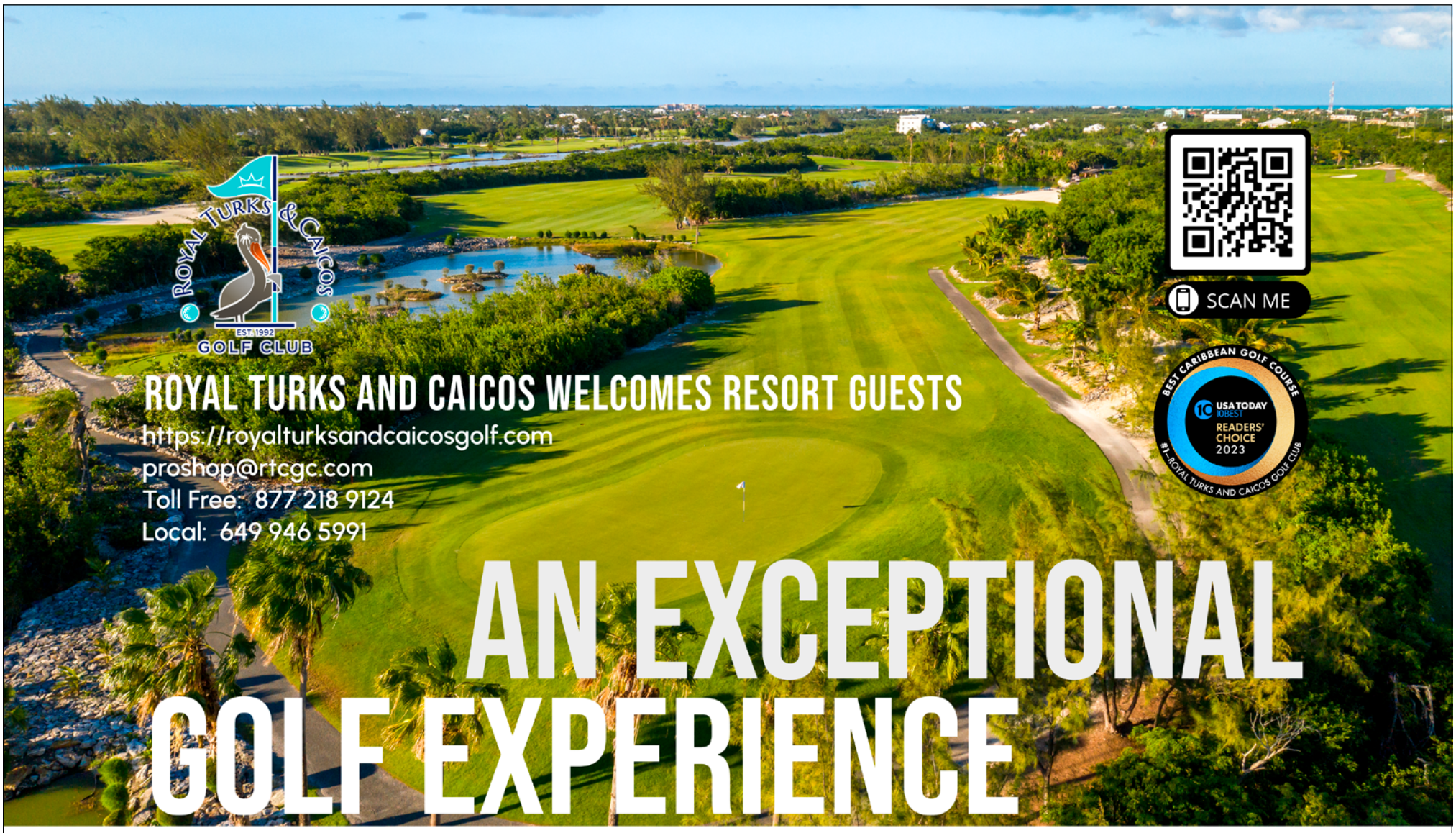
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Vision Ridge acquires FortisTCI, rebrands it Pelican Energy TCI

– signals new era for sustainable power for TCI

BY OLIVIA ROSE

FortisTCI, the long-standing sole electricity provider for the Turks and Caicos Islands, has undergone a major ownership transition and full rebranding—ushering in a new chapter for the territory's energy sector.

The utility is now officially known as Pelican Energy TCI, following its acquisition by Vision Ridge Partners, a global investor in sustainable real assets. While the financial terms of the transaction remain undisclosed, the move reflects a strategic pivot toward building a more resilient and environmentally conscious energy future for the islands.

The rebranding was swiftly implemented, with updated logos rolled out across social media platforms and the company's official channels. According to Pelican Energy TCI, the new identity underscores its commitment to modernising its generation mix and grid infrastructure to meet the evolving energy and economic demands of the territory.

Founder, Managing Partner, and Chief Investment Officer of Vision Ridge Reuben Munger, expressed optimism about the acquisition:

"We are pleased to lead the next phase of Pelican Energy TCI's growth and infrastructure advancement at a pivotal point in TCI's power demand growth trajectory."



Pelican Energy TCI's new logo (Facebook photo)



President and Chief Executive Officer of the newly rebranded Pelican Energy TCI, Ruth Forbes

He added that the company is "Well positioned to strategically improve its generation mix to meet this demand and to help ensure the reliable delivery of sustainable power on TCI for future generations."

Munger also emphasised Vision Ridge's intention to work collaboratively with the TCI Government, stakeholders, and the wider community:

"We and Pelican Energy TCI's management are excited by the opportunity to closely collaborate with the TCI Government as well as all company stakeholders and the TCI community at large to effectively meet the increasing needs of local energy consumers."

President and Chief Executive Officer of Pelican Energy TCI, Ruth Forbes echoed Munger's sentiments and praised Vision Ridge's expertise:

"Vision Ridge brings extensive experience investing in, leading, and transforming critical and complex energy solutions businesses across different geographies, and we look forward to this new chapter as Pelican Energy TCI with their partnership."

She reassured customers that the company remains committed to excellence:

"As Pelican Energy TCI, we look forward to continuing to maintain the highest standards of safety and service excellence for our customers, while helping to address the long-term power needs and energy security of the Turks and Caicos Islands."

Founded in 2008, Vision Ridge Partners manages approximately $5.1 billion in sustainable real assets on behalf of institutional investors globally, as of 30 June 2025. Their portfolio spans energy, transportation, and agriculture, with a strong track record in supporting diverse energy companies—including wholesale power supply, solar development, energy efficiency and storage, thermal generation, waste-to-energy, and renewable natural gas.

Notable companies in their energy portfolio include GSSG Solar, Key Capture Energy, Vanguard Renewables, Guzman Energy, and Earthrise Energy.

The acquisition and rebranding of FortisTCI to Pelican Energy TCI mark a transformative moment for the Turks and Caicos Islands. With Vision Ridge's backing and a renewed focus on sustainability, Pelican Energy TCI is poised to play a pivotal role in shaping the territory's energy future—one that prioritises reliability, resilience, and environmental stewardship.

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Point-based system to be introduced for TCI Status Grants

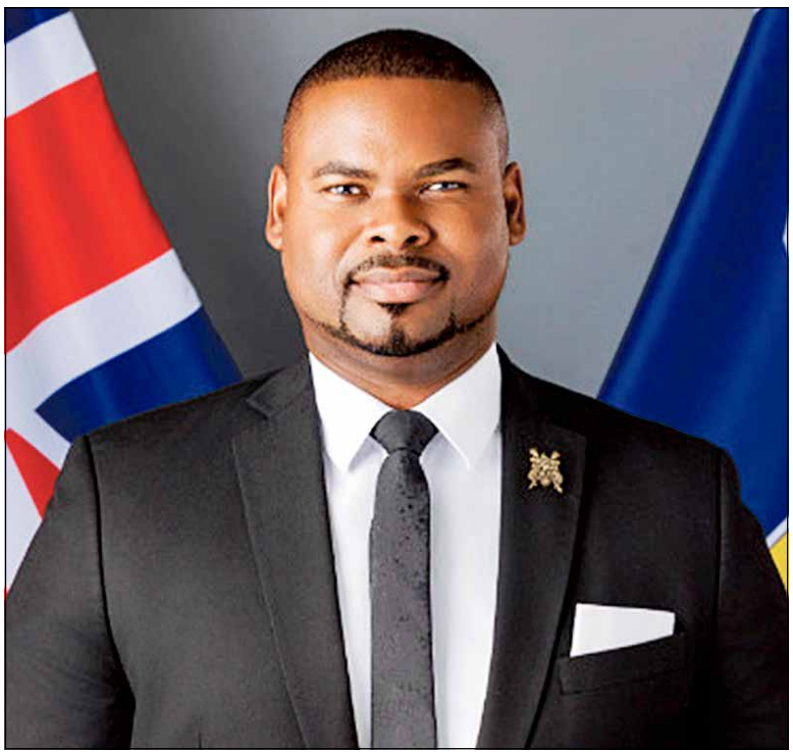
– Public accountability key to the overhaul – Immigration Minister

BY OLIVIA ROSE

In a landmark move, the Turks and Caicos Islands Government is introducing a transparent, point-based system for immigration decisions, directly addressing past controversies such as the infamous "49" status grants.

The new system involves a multi-tiered review process with local representation. "The commission has an appointed chair, with the Premier and Opposition Leader both having representatives," Minister of Immigration, Hon Jamell Robinson explained. "They go through a point system, review criteria, and make recommendations to the cabinet."

Crucially, the process now demands public accountability. "If we know there are undesirable people, we must speak up," Robinson insisted. "We can't have others fighting our battles for us. If I have to fight for you, it makes it easier to enslave you."



Minister of Immigration, Hon Jamell Robinson

The system ensures multiple levels of review: the commission makes initial recommendations, cabinet can request additional information, and there's a final review before any status is granted. "So, they recommend that, alright, these people, whoever they are, go forward, cabinet reviews it. It comes to the cabinet. We can review it and say, 'Alright, well, let's look good.' Or we can say, 'Well, Boy, these three people, I know some things about them, yeah, send it back to the send these three back to the commission. Here's the additional information. Please, look into this.'"

This robust back-and-forth mechanism is designed to eliminate any potential for oversight or malfeasance.

The Minister further clarified that if the Commission, after re-evaluation, still stands by its recommendation, "we can say no again, but we gotta come with new information. We gotta say no, but check this again." This layered scrutiny ensures that decisions are not arbitrary but are instead supported by verifiable information.

Robinson also emphasized the importance of appointing capable and independent individuals to these crucial boards. "If you appoint somebody, you have to allow them the opportunity to do their jobs. You don't appoint them to think exactly like you would think. You allow them the latitude to be able to assess and utilize their judgment."

A significant aspect of the new regime is the commitment to public accessibility of the criteria. When asked if the comprehensive criteria would be available to the general public, Minister Robinson affirmed, "Oh, yeah, yeah, that's definitely available…it has to be public, available and transparent." He acknowledged that a previous issue was not a lack of availability but rather a "vague" and overly "subjective" criteria that led to inconsistencies.

The amendments, now enshrined in legislation, mandate that "everybody, who would have applied once their stuff comes through the system, they gotta come to cabinet with their big dossier and with the recommendations, why this, that? And then we see people we didn't like say, go back and review back."

This direct involvement of the cabinet in the final stages of the process is a significant shift, empowering elected representatives to act as a final safeguard against questionable grants.

"We know who they are": Commissioner responds to threats against police

The "Free to Speak TCI' page on Facebook has come under increased scrutiny in recent weeks, following the publication of threats to the ranks of the Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Police Force.

Commissioner of Police Fitz Bailey has since stated that they know who these individuals are, despite the posts being made anonymously on the controversial social media page. The page is a private group with over 20,000 members on the popular social network.

One alarming post read: "TCI Police I soon give yall work to so get ready to pick up bodies, I need a headshot for Bailey and he family cause he's causing my ppl to die so u gotta dead to bailey."

Host of The Expressions show, Robert Hall, asked the Commissioner some pointed questions this week when he appeared as a guest, questioning the actions the police force plans to take against individuals making threats against the police and him specifically.

"There are a number of persons issuing threats under anonymity, is there a way of going after those persons, or those who run these sites, because it is quite damaging and I am of the view that something has to be done," Hall asked of the Commissioner.

Bailey said they can invoke their authority; however, he added, "We don't really want to reduce freedom of expression. But what I will say, some of those persons who have issued threats, we know them. We know who they are, we have investigated, we know who they are, it's just a matter of time; they will be brought to justice."

The Commissioner said they have a mechanism to find that out, and that they have utilised it.

Bailey defended the Force's decision not to shut down the site by stating that there are legitimate discussions on the forum, and "I don't think the good should suffer for the bad". He did, however, admonish the administrators of the site to remove those who are not contributing in a meaningful way to the discussion.



Commissioner of Police Fitz Bailey

The Commissioner's warning comes on the heels of the shooting death of wanted criminal Andral Perceval. Percival was fatally shot by officers during an operation in Blue Hills on Sunday, August 31. The dead man and his band of violent criminals have terrorised the territory for the past two years.

Perceval was a suspect in several homicide investigations.

Hall referenced these recent police actions, calling on holders of illegal firearms to turn them in, and calling on parents not to harbour their children's criminal actions.

He said: "It is better to visit your son in jail than to visit him in the grave."

The commissioner chimed in, stating gravely: "There are some who have basically vowed to shoot their way through if confronted by the police." He warned that his officers are superior, trained, and will face any attack.

The commissioner appealed to families who are aware of the criminal activities of relatives to surrender them to the police.

"The citizens of these Islands must recognise that they have a role to play, to help us to secure the Islands… we have to guard this country from being overrun by criminal elements. It's a responsibility of every law-abiding citizen," Commissioner Bailey expressed.



Talk Back

A Weekly News column that puts you on the spot for your opinions on the issues of the day

TCI'S PLANS FOR A NEW 'NHS'

TCI taxpayers fork out more than $23 million a year on sending patients overseas for medical treatment in cases where local services fall short. Health officials are currently laying the groundwork for a comprehensive, publicly-funded national health authority – similar to the UK's NHS. They say this would not only reduce the need for patients to leave the country for care, but ultimately cut costs too.

What are your thoughts? Is it feasible? What should the government bear in mind when working towards this? What improvements would you like to see to the current health system? And how much of the financial burden should local taxpayers bear for ensuring universal health coverage?

A Health City

The Turks and Caicos Islands (TCI) spends over $23 million annually on overseas medical referrals. These funds could be invested in building a Health City—providing advanced care locally and positioning the islands as a regional hub for medical tourism, following the Cayman model.

A sound, structured public-private partnership could establish a specialty centre focused on high-demand services such as cardiology, dialysis, obesity, and oncology. We can collaborate with regional professionals by recruiting skilled practitioners from Cuba, the Dominican Republic, the Bahamas, and Jamaica, supported by telemedicine, while also training and retaining local talent.

We can promote health tourism through wellness centres where individuals can recuperate, and athletes can train—generating revenue and boosting the local economy.

We should encourage healthier lifestyles by reducing duties on fruits and vegetables, promoting home and yard farming as our parents and grandparents once did, developing parks and safe public spaces for exercise, and reducing the work week to 35.5 hours to allow residents quality time with their families and to focus on health and wellness. We need to adopt the European model and design cities that promote walking.

We have created our own challenge by living unhealthy lifestyles. Just look at the size of people in this country.

This approach will reduce costs, improve access to care, and enhance the quality of life—just as many European countries have demonstrated.

Cloud of secrecy

While the Hon Minister's remarks on adopting a UK-style National Health Service (NHS) model may be well-intentioned, there remain several unresolved matters that warrant public consideration before any significant reforms are pursued.

The current healthcare arrangement in the Turks and Caicos Islands, introduced in 2010, has long prompted questions from various stakeholders. At the time, the plan was released with limited public engagement, and the financial projections presented were met with concern. Many felt the figures appeared difficult to reconcile with the country's long-term sustainability objectives.

This lack of clarity has contributed to ongoing debate and, in some instances, legal proceedings that remain unresolved. It has been reported that the government may be responsible for substantial annual payments under a long-term contract—figures which have not been publicly confirmed. The full terms of the agreement with InterHealth Canada have not been widely disclosed, leading to calls for greater transparency.

It is understood that an audit of the current system is underway, alongside arbitration proceedings, although public awareness of these developments appears limited. Understandably, this has led to scepticism about transitioning to a new model without first addressing the existing framework.

Before any steps are taken towards adopting an NHS-style system, it would be prudent for the government to provide a comprehensive review of the past 15 years, including actual costs, annual payments, and the nature of the hospital contract. Transparency in these matters would help foster public trust and ensure that any future reforms are grounded in accountability and shared understanding.

How will it work?

It has been reported that many are hopeful lessons learned from Britain's National Health Service (NHS) will be taken into account. Established 77 years ago, the NHS is now the second largest single-payer healthcare system in the world, following Brazil's. While its scale and longevity are notable, this is not the time to replicate external models wholesale, but rather to focus on making the current system in the Turks and Caicos Islands (TCI) more effective and transparent.

A comprehensive study and public consultation should be initiated to examine existing practices, costs, accounting procedures, and audit mechanisms. Without such openness, it is difficult to see how meaningful reform can be achieved. Relying on systems that have faced significant challenges elsewhere may not serve the best interests of the TCI.

It has also been noted that while most NHS services are free at the point of use and widely supported by UK residents, there is ongoing concern about long waiting times. This complex relationship is reflected in recent surveys, which suggest that although the majority of people wish to retain the NHS's universal access, fewer than one in three express satisfaction with its current performance.

The debate in the UK continues to centre on the cost and efficiency of healthcare delivery. In contrast, the TCI model requires individuals to contribute 3% of their income to the National Health Insurance Plan (NHIP), subject to passing a health examination. There is reported dissatisfaction with aspects of this arrangement, which underscores the need for a more inclusive and transparent review.

Genuine reform will require a robust public dialogue, with contributions from both the governing People's Democratic Movement (PDM) and the Opposition. Collaboration between political parties, alongside a revitalised civil society, will be essential in shaping policy that reflects the needs and aspirations of the people.

Political oversight?

There are 19 elected seats in the current Parliament: two held by the Official PDM Opposition, 16 by the PNP Government, and one Independent MP representing South Caicos. With the Government now discussing a $500 million budget and planning reforms to the hospital system, greater oversight is essential.

Three voices alone cannot provide the scrutiny such reforms demand. It will require PNP MPs who are not Ministers to take on a rare representative function and hold the Government to account on this health care reform and other pressing matters.

Elected PNP MPs who do not hold ministerial office have a solemn duty to the people. They must act as representatives, not simply delegates of the governing party. Their foremost obligation is to the electorate. They should be actively questioning the health care proposals put forward by the Minister and the Premier.

Key issues—such as the lack of transparency surrounding the health care contract, the implementation of proposed reforms, their potential impacts, and the true cost to the public—should be openly examined by all elected MPs. Without this scrutiny, there is a risk of continued dereliction of duty to the people.

Proposed reforms or admission of defeat?

It is increasingly evident that the current Minister may be recognising the limitations of the existing health care system. Many subscribers must be referred abroad—to the United States (in select cases), Santiago in the Dominican Republic, Jamaica, or the Cayman Islands—for surgeries and procedures that local facilities, despite significant investment, are unable to provide.

The overseas treatment programme, costing approximately $23 million annually, cannot be considered a sustainable model for health care. This raises serious questions about whether the system was ever

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Police decimate gang leadership: three killed in six days

– Commissioner Bailey issues stark warning to criminals



Commissioner of Police, Fitz Bailey

BY OLIVIA ROSE

The Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Police Force (RTCIPF) has delivered a resounding blow to the criminal underworld, neutralising three high-profile gangsters within a mere six days.

In a powerful display of intensified law enforcement efforts, a series of decisive police-involved shootings culminated in the death of Andral Percival, the nation's most wanted fugitive, on 31 August 2025.

Commissioner of Police Mr Fitz Bailey, in a stark address to the nation on Monday, 1 September 2025, issued a chilling warning to remaining criminals, asserting the police force's unwavering commitment to making the Turks and Caicos Islands safe and free from the clutches of organised crime.

Speaking just a day after Percival's fatal encounter, Commissioner Bailey emphasised the sustained and focused approach of the RTCIPF.

He addressed the public not only as Commissioner but "as a fellow resident deeply committed to the safety and well-being of our communities."

He then detailed the critical developments that underscored the police's relentless pursuit of criminals, confirming that the 31 August shooting "led to the fatal shooting of Andral Percival, one of the most wanted individuals in our nation's history."

This marked the third significant police-involved death of a criminal in less than a week, signalling a clear shift in police strategy to confront gang violence head-on.

The Commissioner highlighted a tactical success that preceded Percival's downfall, noting, "One of his associates was shot and killed by the police on the 27th of August, 2025."

This incident involved officers coming under fire during a foot patrol in Miracle Close, leading to the fatal shooting of Percival's accomplice, while Percival himself narrowly escaped.

While specific details of the third neutralised individual were not provided in the Commissioner's public statement, the overall context paints a picture of a concerted and successful effort to dismantle key criminal elements.

However, it is widely suspected that the fatal shooting of 19-year-old Jaheim Forbes, a primary suspect in a recent quadruple murder in the territory, is linked to the police's recent takedown of gangsters in the Islands.

The Commissioner further articulated the force's ongoing strategy: "We will continue to target illicit guns, gunmen and gangs. We will take the fight to gangs and gunmen." He affirmed the police's intent "to make Turks and Caicos Islands safe so our citizens will be able to move about free from crime and the fear thereof."

This aggressive stance comes after years of Percival's reign of terror, which included 14 murders, two rapes, multiple robberies, burglaries, and kidnappings.

His ability to evade capture, often through violent means or diversionary tactics—such as the massive fire in Blue Hills on 24 July 2025—had instilled widespread fear.

Commissioner Bailey had previously stated that the fire was a deliberate act by Percival to escape a concerted police operation.

Now, with key figures removed from the criminal network, Commissioner Bailey issued a direct and unambiguous warning to those still engaged in illicit activities: "To those who continue to engage in criminal activities. This is your warning."

He stressed that the RTCIPF is "focused and unmoved" and "will act decisively to protect our people and restore peace."

He concluded his address with a stark message to gunmen, leaving no room for misinterpretation regarding the police's readiness to defend themselves and the public: "Do not challenge our officers. Surrender when you are instructed to do so. Our officers must always come out as the winner."

Talk Back *Continued*

designed to meet the long-term needs of the population. Some observers have suggested that the original framework was driven more by financial arrangements than by health care priorities.

Concerns have been raised about the nature of the contract with a Canadian company, which is said to involve substantial long-term financial commitments. Estimates suggest that the total cost over 25 years could reach hundreds of millions, possibly more. The full details of this agreement have not been made public, leading to calls for greater transparency.

Additionally, the system is tied to work permits, and individuals are required to contribute 3% of their income to the National Health Insurance Plan. Yet many feel the system is not delivering adequate value or access in return.

There is a growing consensus that radical reform is needed—alongside clear accountability to the people. The time has come for open dialogue, transparent review, and a renewed commitment to building a health care system that truly serves the needs of the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Long-term impact

Following the implementation of the current health care arrangement in 2010, there has been ongoing public interest in understanding its long-term impact. With fifteen years passed and ten remaining under the existing contract, many are now calling for greater transparency and review.

During his time as Minister of Health, the Hon Edwin Astwood initiated an arbitration process to examine the contract and its implications. This may have been part of an effort to address concerns and improve the system's effectiveness.

The current Minister, the Hon Shaun Malcolm Knowles, appears to be considering a shift towards a new model. While this is a commendable initiative, it would be beneficial for the public to first have access to the findings of the arbitration, the details of the contract, and a clear account of spending to date. Such information would help inform any future reforms and ensure they are built on a foundation of accountability and public trust.

There is also interest in exploring whether the public might have a greater role in shaping the future of the National Health Insurance Plan, including discussions around premium structures. A more inclusive approach could help align the system with the needs and expectations of the people.

A chance to build better

The Turks and Caicos Islands stand at a pivotal moment in shaping the future of health care. With the current system under review and the Hon Minister Knowles signalling a potential shift toward a new model, there is an opportunity to build a framework that better serves the needs of the people.

The existing arrangement, introduced in 2010, has supported health care delivery for over a decade. However, with rising costs and continued reliance on overseas referrals—reportedly totalling over $23 million annually—many are calling for a more sustainable and locally focused solution.

The arbitration process initiated by former Minister of Health, the Hon Edwin Astwood, reflects a commitment to transparency and accountability. As the findings from that review become available, they can serve as a foundation for informed reform.

A new system, shaped by public input and guided by clear data, could empower citizens, improve access, and ensure long-term viability. Discussions around NHIP premiums and service delivery should be open and inclusive, allowing the people to help shape the future of their health care.

This is a moment not just for change, but for progress.

Violent criminals in TCI are Haitians, Belongers, Jamaicans etc – Commissioner

BY DELANA ISLES

The social persecution of Haitian people in the Turks and Caicos Islands continues, and now, even with the death by cop of the most wanted criminal, Andral Percival, in public online spaces, it has not let up.

In recent months, the government has jumped in feet first to help combat crime: imposing increased surveillance on local Haitian communities, visa restrictions, and spoken warnings about harbouring, just to name a few of the measures it has implemented to curb rising crime.

Granted, in neighbouring Haiti, a humanitarian crisis has ravaged and continues to ravage a depressed country. Consequently, Haitian citizens continue to flee for protection, betterment, and peace. But among those seeking succour, hide the criminal elements, and with the Turks and Caicos Islands less than 90 miles away, their escape leads them here.

It is a situation that has not just bedevilled the TCI; the USA, other Caribbean Islands, and countries as far away as Guyana have seen an influx of fleeing Haitians.

However, to brand an entire people with responsibility for the criminality that has ploughed through the TCI in recent years – 2024 being the worst – is not just unfair, it is factually incorrect.

Appearing on the Expressions show hosted by former speaker of the House of Assembly, Robert Hall, Commissioner of the Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Police Force, Fitz Bailey spoke frankly.

"We have a serious challenge within the country, that is the proliferation of gang activities. I think what we have seen is unprecedented in terms of the level of violence that we have experienced this year, albeit we are lesser in terms of our homicide figures but the magnitude of the incidents has actually brought shockwaves across the islands," the commissioner noted.

Addressing the increased police operations across the Islands, some of which have raised serious humanitarian issues, the commissioner stated: "We have to wake up to the reality that the type of policing that we are accustomed to will have to be changed."

He defends recent police actions stating: "These are criminal elements who do not hesitate to shoot, who have no interest than to destroy the fabric of our society, destroy the peace and quietness of our society, so the police force will have to respond.

"I will say that I make no apology for responding to this crisis, and we are going to continue to respond until we bring back this country to normalcy."



Commissioner of the Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Police Force, Fitz Bailey

Drawing on his own experience with gangs, the retired Jamaican cop said the significant number of people who engage in gang activity have no interest in changing; "they love the lifestyle".

Host Robert Hall sought clarity from the Commissioner as to which demographic of people in the Islands are committing the heinous crimes referred to by the Top Cop, noting that the "kind of Haitian nationals" now entering the territory has changed drastically from what it was before.

Commissioner Bailey was, however, keen to note that the demographic of the criminals is split: "There are incidents where significantly Haitians are involved, but unfortunately, sir, there are some locals who are actually as vicious."

He explained: "You have young men in this country who are responsible for 20 murders, and they are homegrown individuals, who are actually on the run, they are really creating fear within their communities."

"I know of instances where people have literally been affected by the behaviour of these guys. They come and they take people's goods without paying for it, and make demands of people."

He insisted that he and his force would bring back normalcy to the territory.

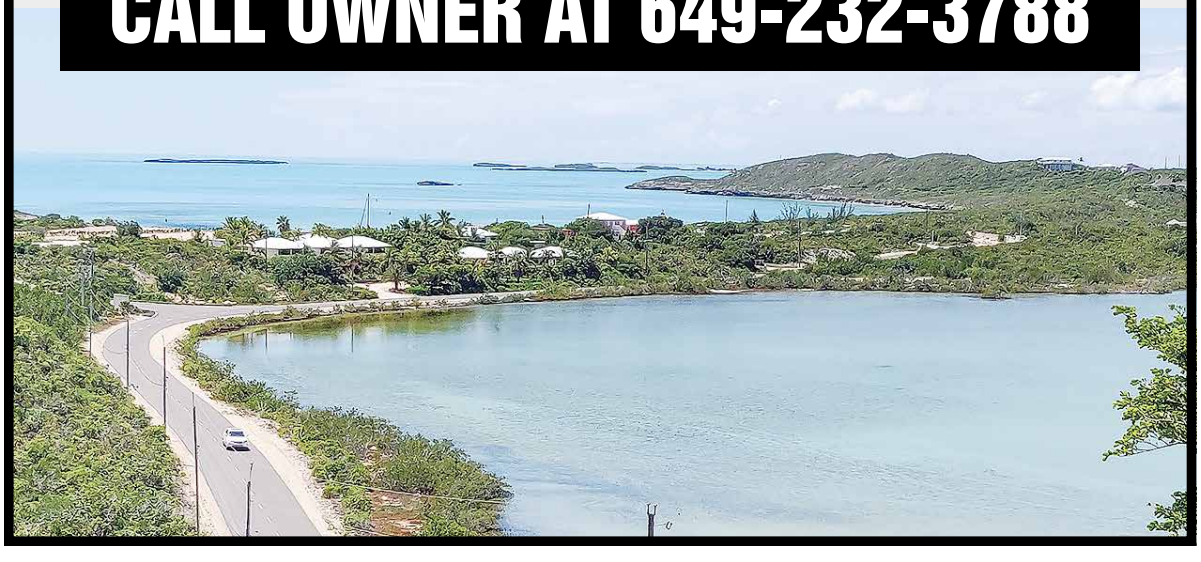
"There's a mixture of individuals; there are Jamaicans who are involved as well. One of the most wanted persons is a Jamaican. I know that he has fled to Jamaica, and he came back on the island. I am not certain that he is still here.

It doesn't matter your nationality; if you're a criminal, you're just a criminal for me," Commissioner Bailey stated.

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Commissioner of Police Mr Fitz Bailey flanked by senior members of the Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Police Force

Reign of terror ends

TCI's most wanted criminal Percival shot dead by police

BY OLIVIA ROSE

After years of terrorising the communities of Blue Hills and Dockyard, Andral Percival, the Turks and Caicos Islands' most wanted fugitive, met his end on Sunday, 31 August 2025, in an operation by the Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Police Force (RTCIPF).

His death marks the dramatic conclusion of a violent chapter that had gripped the nation, leaving a trail of 14 murders, two rapes, multiple robberies, burglaries, and kidnappings in its wake.

The fatal shooting, which occurred at Miracle Close in Blue Hills, has been hailed by Commissioner of Police Mr Fitz Bailey as a critical step towards restoring peace and security across the Islands.

Commissioner Bailey, addressing the nation in a video message on Monday, 1 September 2025, underscored the significance of Percival's demise.

Flanked by the top brass of the RTCIPF, a visibly resolute Commissioner stated: "Today, I address you not only as Commissioner of Police, but also as a fellow resident deeply committed to the safety and well-being of our communities across these beautiful by nature Turks and Caicos Islands.

"On Sunday, 31 August 2025, officers of the Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Police Force responded to a report in the Miracle Close area of Blue Hills, Providenciales, which later led to the fatal shooting of Andral Percival, one of the most wanted individuals in our nation's history."



Deceased Andral Percival

The Commissioner elaborated on the profound impact Percival's reign of terror had on the populace, which began as early as 2021.

"This incident marked the conclusion of a long and violent chapter. Andral Percival was responsible for a reign of terror that began as early as 2021. This includes 14 murders, two counts of rape, two incidents of robbery, multiple burglary and kidnapping offences. His actions devastated families, corrupted young minds, and disrupted the peace of the Blue Hills and Dockyard communities."

Percival's reign

Percival's notoriety was well documented, with his ability to repeatedly evade capture frustrating law enforcement and terrifying residents.

Just days before his fatal encounter, on Wednesday, 27 August 2025, Percival had once again slipped through the grasp of police during a foot patrol in the very same Miracle Close area.

During that incident, an unidentified associate of Percival opened fire on officers, leading to his fatal shooting, while Percival used the chaotic scene to make another escape. A black .40 calibre pistol with a magazine was recovered from that scene.

His escape tactics often involved extreme measures that further endangered communities.

On Thursday, 24 July 2025, Percival was implicated in a massive fire that ravaged a portion of Blue Hills, leaving numerous families homeless and one child with minor burns.

Commissioner Bailey had previously confirmed this was a deliberate diversionary tactic during a concerted police operation.

"The fire was a deliberate diversionary tactic employed by Percival and his accomplices to escape a concerted police operation," Commissioner Bailey stated in a press briefing following that incident, vehemently denying social media claims that police were responsible for the blaze.

The impact of Percival's crimes extended to the tragic fire of 27 June 2025, which led to the declaration of Block/Parcel 60503/17 on Mary Jane Lane in Blue Hills as a disaster zone, displacing over 100 residents.

This incident was preceded by the grim discovery of two murdered brothers on the same property, allegedly trying to protect their sister from Percival.

With Percival now neutralised, Commissioner Bailey pledged renewed commitment to safety: "We are increasing patrols, enhancing intelligence operations, and strengthening our partnership with community leaders. It is not time for rhetoric that will divide us.

"Now is a time for a united front against bad actors within our communities. These moments call for reflection and shared responsibility. We urge every resident to remain vigilant, report crimes, and stand united against criminal influence. Together, we must protect the sanctity of our neighbours and build communities that are safe, resilient, and free from fear. Let us move forward with unity and determination."

Percival's death marks a significant victory for law enforcement and a moment of profound relief for the communities he terrorised.

TCI revamps status ordinance, vows transparency and vetting to prevent future '49' debacle

BY OLIVIA ROSE

The Turks and Caicos Islands Government has made crucial amendments to the Status Ordinance, explicitly addressing the processes for granting permanent residency and citizenship.

Deputy Premier and Minister of Immigration, Hon Jamell Robinson, shed light on these changes during his interview on the Progressive National Party's talk show This is What's Up 3.0 on Tuesday, 26 August 2025, emphasising enhanced vetting, transparency, and accountability at every level of the decision-making process.

The amendments are a direct response to the infamous '49' incident, in which a large number of individuals were granted status under questionable circumstances.

Minister Robinson confirmed that the revised ordinance "explicitly speaks to the Governor and Cabinet," clarifying the roles and responsibilities in the decision-making chain.

He explained that even "before the 49," the process was flawed, with the Commission previously unable to "make recommendations on the criteria," which in his view led to "the judge's judgment"—something he described as incorrect.

The newly fortified legislation now meticulously defines the powers vested within the Commission.

This body, central to the new transparent process, consists of "an appointed chairman... on the advice of the Leader of the Opposition and Premier," complemented by "the Premier has three representatives, and the Opposition has two representatives. So it's all local."



Deputy Premier and Minister of Immigration, Hon Jamell Robinson on the PNP's talk show programme

This staunchly local composition is a cornerstone of the reform, guaranteeing that these critical decisions are rooted in the direct oversight and understanding of Turks and Caicos Islanders.

CONTROVERSIAL STATUS GRANTS

Earlier this year, a contentious decision to grant Islander Status to 49 individuals sparked political turmoil and public outcry in the Turks and Caicos Islands.

The Governor, HE Dileeni Daniel-Selvaratnam, approved the grants, but Premier Hon Charles Washington Misick and his Government were vehemently opposed, citing fundamental concerns over the integrity of the status process and the spirit of the law.

This controversy followed a Supreme Court ruling that significantly altered the parameters for granting Islander Status, leading to what the Premier called an "indiscriminate grant" to some "undeserving persons."

The unfolding drama intensified with a formal statement issued by Premier Misick on 9 June 2025, following a statement from the Governor announcing her decision to grant Islander Status to 49 individuals whose applications had previously been denied by the Turks and Caicos Islander Status Commission.

In the statement, he minced no words, declaring: "My Government wishes to address public concerns and provide clarity on the matter of the 49 grants of Turks and Caicos Islander Status, which were the subject of a judicial review before the Supreme Court."

In a firm tone, Misick stated: "Let me state categorically at the outset that my ministerial colleagues and I adamantly opposed the grant of Turks and Caicos Islands Status to many of those persons recently approved by the Governor for reasons communicated to her. The Governor was informed of our position over three weeks ago."

LEGAL INTERPRETATION AND FALLOUT

The heart of the issue lies in the interpretation of the law and the aftermath of the Supreme Court ruling.

Premier Misick elaborated on his Government's stance: "We do not believe that it is the spirit of the law to indiscriminately grant Turks and Caicos Islander Status on the most basic grounds of residency, not currently serving a custodial sentence, and not a bankrupt. However, the legal circumstances that existed when the applications were considered gave the Governor almost unfettered authority to grant Status."

The complex situation traces back to applications submitted between 2016 and 2018, which were initially reviewed by the Turks and Caicos Islander Status Commission in 2021.

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According to Premier Misick: "On 5 July 2024, the Supreme Court ruled that the Commission had acted unlawfully by applying discretionary criteria that were outside their remit and instead cited section 132(2) of the Constitution, which mandates that the conditions for the grant of Islander Status be prescribed. No conditions had ever been prescribed. Had they been, the Commission and the Governor would have been obliged to use the prescribed conditions as part of the criteria for granting Turks and Caicos Islander Status."

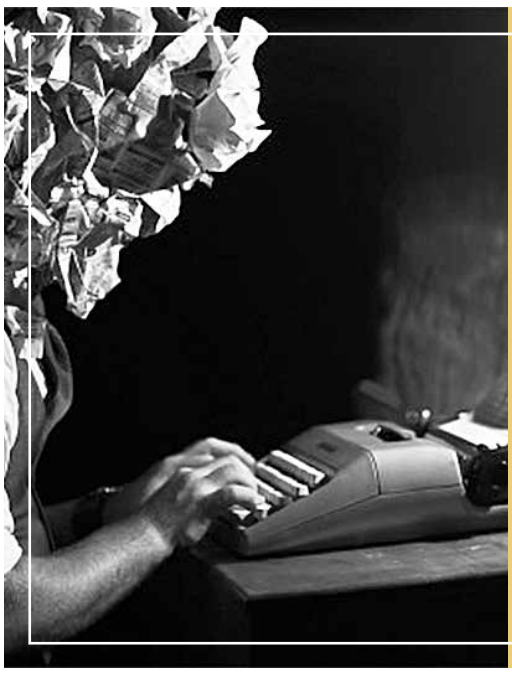
The consequences of the court ruling were far-reaching. "Accordingly, the result of the Court's ruling was that the only conditions that the Commission could lawfully consider for that group of applicants are those contained in section 4(2) of the TCI Status Ordinance, which relates to possession of BOTC and PRC, and who are neither serving a custodial sentence over one year," the Premier explained.

"The Court, therefore, ordered that the applications be reconsidered in line with the law that existed when the applications were first assessed."

This narrow interpretation of the law severely limited the Commission's ability to evaluate the applications based on factors beyond basic eligibility.

Premier Misick stated: "The Court's ruling significantly curtailed the role of the Commission, confirming that in the absence of a formal selection framework, the Commission's function was limited to checking whether applicants met basic eligibility requirements—such as residency duration and clean legal standing. The Court held that discretionary assessments, such as the applicant's contribution to the community or potential value to the Islands, could only be made by the Governor."

At that time, the Government vowed to consider its options in response to the Supreme Court ruling and the subsequent status grants, signalling a period of potentially significant change in the Turks and Caicos Islands' immigration and status policies.



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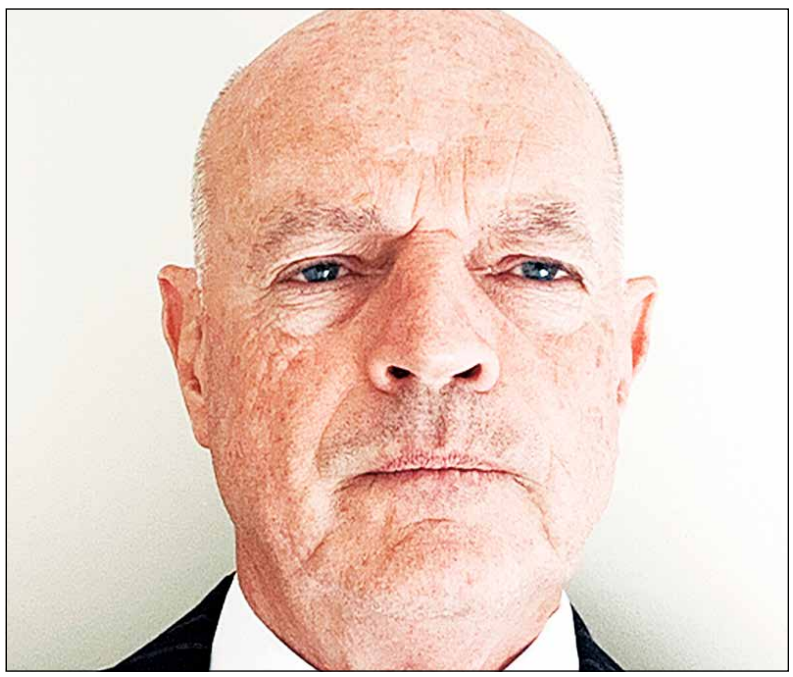
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‘Critical priority’: Search on for new faces to bolster criminal prosecutions



Philip Bennetts KC demits office on October 6

BY GEMMA HANDY

The search is on to fill two positions at the helm of TCI’s justice system as the country continues to grapple with violent crime.

A new Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) along with a Principal Public Prosecutor will have the critical task of ensuring the Islands’ most formidable criminals are brought to account.

Current DPP Philip Bennetts KC – who took on the role in June last year – is due to depart office early next month. Bennetts replaced Eugene Otuonye KC who had held the position for five years.

Bennetts’ successor will be recruited by the Governor’s Office who announced the start of a high-level recruitment drive earlier this week.

Dr Angela Brooks is likely to be Acting DPP in the meantime, a post she has held on occasion previously, including the period between Otuonye and Bennetts.

Bennetts came from the UK’s Crown Prosecution Service, lauded for his experience with serious and complex cases, and was hired for the $137K job via an open recruitment process.

Identifying a new DPP will follow similar procedures. Whoever that is will have to demonstrate “outstanding legal expertise, leadership and strategic vision” to help “meet the demands of a challenging criminal justice environment”, a Governor’s Office release said.

“We are in no doubt about the importance of a strong, effective and fearless prosecution service - especially at a time when public safety and justice outcomes are under significant pressure,” Governor Dileeni Daniel-Selvaratnam said.

“The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions plays a vital role in upholding the rule of law and ensuring that those who commit serious crimes are held accountable. I thank Mr Bennetts KC for his service and acknowledge his efforts to strengthen the prosecution service during his tenure.”

She added that finding a new DPP was a “critical priority”.

Ensuring public confidence in the delivery of justice will be key for the incoming position-holder.

Just three weeks ago, police themselves lamented the volume of offences committed by people while on bail for previous crimes.

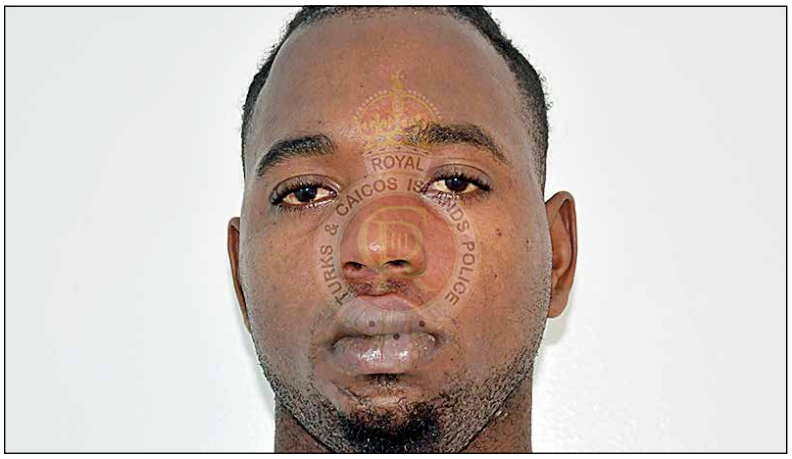
Speaking to media in the wake of the 72-hour curfew in Blue Hills, Commissioner Fitz Bailey said it was crucial to ensure repeat offenders were kept behind bars.

Too often, the perpetrators of violent incidents are “people who have been caught, bailed, commit another offence and are bailed again,” he said, adding: “We can’t work at cross purposes with the judiciary.”

Further details about the DPP post had not gone live up to press time but applicants during the 2023 hiring process were required to have at least 15 years’ post-qualified experience as an attorney-at-law or barrister. The prosecution of criminal offences is at the heart of the position, along with delivering an independent, effective, fair and just prosecution service, the job listing said.

Meanwhile, the Principal Public Prosecutor position is already being advertised online and comes with an annual salary of $101,355 plus allowances.

A two-year extendable contract will be offered if the successful applicant is recruited from overseas. They must have a minimum of 10 years’ relevant experience, ideally with serious or violent crime, and complex financial cases. The deadline for applications is March 16.



Dario Butterfield 22-year-old (Photos-RTCIPF)



Ammunition seized by the RTCIPF

Suspect linked to notorious crime group charged in major rifle and ammunition seizure

BY OLIVIA ROSE

In a significant breakthrough against organised crime, the Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Police Force (RTCIPF) has formally charged Dario Butterfield, 22, a suspected member of the notorious Blue Hills / Five Cays Organised Crime Group (OCG), in connection with the recovery of a high-powered rifle and a substantial cache of ammunition.

The arrest follows an intensive investigation launched after the 22 August 2025 seizure of one high-powered rifle and 255 rounds of assorted ammunition, according to a statement from the RTCIPF.

Butterfield, a resident of Millennium Highway, Blue Hills, Providenciales, faces serious charges of Possession of a Firearm and Possession of Ammunition.

This development, coupled with a series of recent police operations that have led to the shooting deaths of three suspected gang members accused of murders and other heinous acts, underscores the RTCIPF’s unwavering commitment to dismantling criminal networks and ensuring the safety and security of residents across the islands.

The 22 August operation, which led to the discovery of the illicit weapons and ammunition, stands as a testament to the diligent efforts of law enforcement.

While details surrounding the initial recovery remain under wraps as the investigation progresses, the subsequent identification and charging of Butterfield represent a crucial step in disrupting the operations of the Blue Hills / Five Cays OCG.

According to reliable sources, this group has long been identified as a significant concern for authorities due to its suspected involvement in various criminal activities within the territory.

The gravity of the charges against Butterfield is not lost on the community. The presence of high-powered weaponry and a large quantity of ammunition poses a direct threat to public safety and can fuel further criminal enterprises.

The RTCIPF has consistently reiterated its stance against illegal firearms and ammunition, emphasising that such items have no place in a peaceful society.

Butterfield is expected to appear before the Magistrate in the coming days to answer the charges—a proceeding that will be closely watched by both the public and law enforcement officials. This court appearance will mark the next phase in what promises to be a robust legal process.

In the wake of this arrest, the RTCIPF continues to urge the public to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity. Community cooperation remains a vital component in successful law enforcement efforts, providing crucial intelligence that can lead to arrests and the prevention of further criminal acts.

FortisTCI sale was private – Minister Saunders

BY DELANA ISLES

With a rapidly changing infrastructural landscape, the Turks and Caicos Islands' energy demands are soaring, as noted by FortisTCI, which has struggled to keep up with the changing dynamics since the 2017 hurricanes caused severe damage to its own infrastructure.

Twice refused rate hikes by the TCI Government to modernise and keep pace with the growing demands, the Canada-based energy giant has now bowed out of the British Overseas Territory, selling its shares to Vision Ridge Partners.

Little is known about the sale itself, since it was a private transaction which did not require governmental intervention, TCI's Energy Minister, Erwin Jay Saunders, told the Weekly News on Thursday, September 4.

In fact, Saunders noted that the government was officially informed of the sale of the shares on Wednesday, the same day the public was informed by way of a press statement from Vision Ridge Partners.

According to its website, Vision Ridge Partners is a "sustainable real assets investor that seeks to capitalise on the global transition to sustainability by identifying, developing, and transforming complex assets across energy, transportation, and agriculture."

The investment company has offices in Colorado, New York, California, and London, and is headed by Reuben Munger, Founder, Managing Partner, and Chief Investment Officer.



TCI's Energy Minister, Erwin Jay Saunders

According to the energy minister, the government is now making itself familiar with the company, stating – upon questioning – that it will likely be meeting with the company executives in due course as a result of the change of ownership.

"We were notified yesterday, and I think people are mixed up… but it's a private sale, it's nothing that had to come through the government at all." He said if it were a situation where the government needed to sign a development or license agreement, something would have been said by the government. However, that is not the case.

For clarity, in 1987, the Provo Power Company (P.P.C. Limited) acquired a 50-year exclusive license to generate and distribute electricity for Providenciales, North Caicos, and Middle Caicos. Separately, Atlantic Equipment and Power (AEP) acquired an exclusive license for South Caicos. For Grand Turk and Salt Cay, electricity generation was run by Turks and Caicos Utilities (TCU). Fortis acquired P.P.C. and AEP in 2006 and subsequently completed the acquisition of TCU in 2012.

P.P.C.'s licence expires in 2037, AEP's in 2036, and TCU is government-owned.

Saunders explained that upon expiration of the licenses, the government will have a say as to their renewal. "We are open to renegotiating new terms and conditions if the companies are open to that. Now, if Fortis had closed down and tried to sell the licenses, we would have been able to come in; but that is not what happened."

The minister said he has noted the concerns expressed by the public, but it is a private transaction. He said the government is now doing its due diligence on the company behind the rebrand. FortisTCI is now Pelican Energy TCI.

Questioned whether the Governor's refusal to grant FortisTCI a second rate increase in 2024 - following eventual approval for a rate increase in 2020 - played any part in the utility company's exit from the territory, the Energy Minister said he does not know, nor does he believe it did.

FortisTCI initially applied for a rate increase of 6.8% in 2018, following the devastating hurricanes in 2017, citing the impact on its infrastructure from Hurricanes Irma and Maria. That application was denied in 2018. However, following an appeal process that entailed an independent review of its application, the government granted the increase in 2020.

In March 2020, the company stated: "The request for a rate increase was, and remains, for the purpose of ensuring the continued financial health of the utility company, and to enable FortisTCI to attract the investments needed to maintain and expand the electricity infrastructure."

FortisTCI had stated at the time that it was proud to provide one of the most reliable services in the region. However, over the past two years, the islands have been plagued with intermittent power outages, a situation that had not occurred before.

Subsequently, in 2024, the company applied to the government for a further 6% increase, which was immediately denied. In accordance with the Electricity Act, in April 2024, FortisTCI once again requested that the Governor appoint an Independent Inquirer to examine the reasonableness of its application for revised rates, following the denial.

The request for an Independent Inquirer was approved, and an inquirer is set to be appointed. That process is still ongoing.

The company has maintained that the increase - which would see electricity bills hiked from between 2% and 15% depending on customers' usage - was warranted and necessary.

Meanwhile, according to a press release from the Pelican Energy TCI this week, Vision Ridge has a history of supporting a range of energy companies operating in different geographies, including wholesale power supply companies, solar developers, energy efficiency and storage businesses, as well as thermal generation, waste-to-energy, and renewable natural gas providers.

Founded in 2008, Vision Ridge "has invested in 26 companies across energy, transportation and agriculture, including 10 energy industry companies at various stages of development, such as GSSG Solar, Key Capture Energy, Vanguard Renewables, Guzman Energy, and Earthrise Energy".

APPOINTMENT

Missick appointed as juvenile manager in Department of Rehabilitation

The Office of the Deputy Governor of the Turks and Caicos Islands has announced the appointment of Mr Andy Missick as Juvenile Manager within the Department of Rehabilitation and Community Services, under the Ministry of Public Safety and Utilities.

Mr Missick holds a Bachelor's Degree with Honours in Social Work from the Turks and Caicos Islands Community College.

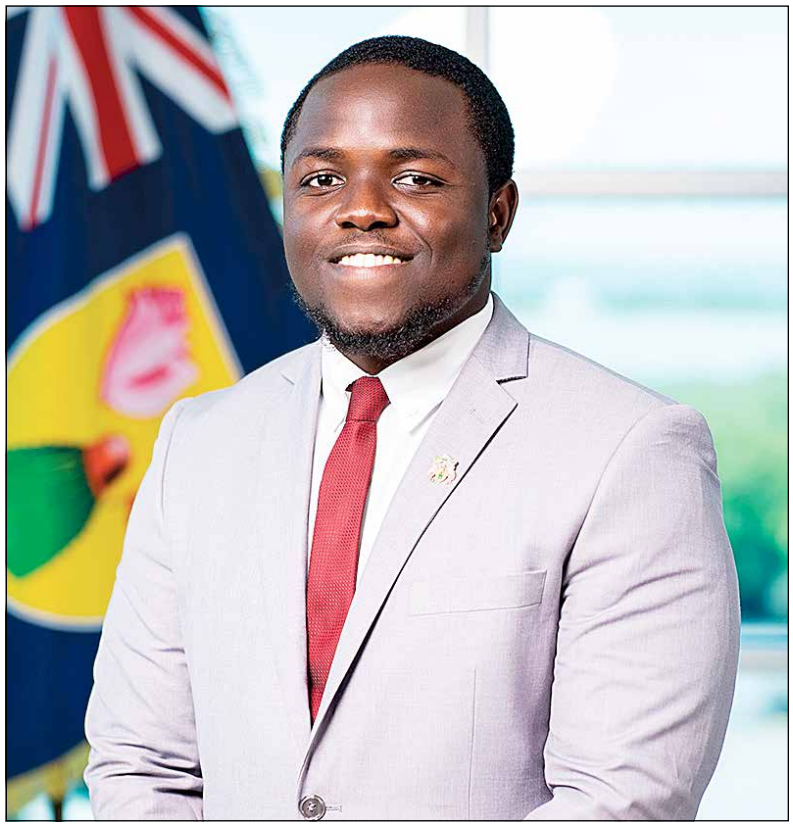
His professional experience includes serving as a Registration Officer at the Financial Services Commission for three years, a Social Worker for the Turks and Caicos Islands Government for one year, and most recently as a Probation Officer in the Department of Rehabilitation and Community Supervision from 2023 until his promotion.

Mr Missick has sharpened his skills in rehabilitation through professional training in areas such as Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT), Case Management, Risk Assessment, Intake and Interviewing Techniques, Counselling, Report Writing, Conflict Resolution and Mediation, Reentry and Reintegration Planning, Community Resource Networking, Motivational Interviewing (MI), Behaviour Modification, and Social Skills Training.

Widely recognised for his contributions to youth leadership and representation in the Turks and Caicos Islands and abroad, Mr Missick currently serves as the Male CARICOM Youth Ambassador (since 2023) and is an active Youth Parliamentarian. He has represented the Turks and Caicos Islands at the 12th Annual Commonwealth Youth Parliament in Wellington, New Zealand, the 10th Commonwealth Youth Ministers Meeting in London, United Kingdom, and the Caribbean Youth Summit 2023 in Kingston, Jamaica.

Beyond his professional

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Andy Missick

APPOINTMENT

Tamica Prospere appointed Director of the Department of Learning and Development

The Office of the Deputy Governor of the Turks and Caicos Islands has announced the appointment of Mrs Tamica Prospere as Director of the Department of Learning and Development within the Office of the Deputy Governor.

Mrs Prospere holds a Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD) Associate Diploma in Organisational Learning and Development (RQF Level 5), a Bachelor's degree in Education from the University of the West Indies (UWI), and an Associate Degree in Education, also from UWI.

She has further enhanced her credentials through certifications and coursework in content delivery, human resource management, talent management, and training and development from respected institutions including Mico University College and CIPD.

With a strong foundation in public service and education in Saint Lucia, Mrs Prospere dedicated over a decade to secondary school teaching, beginning in 2002.

During this time, she taught a diverse student body across subjects such as Mathematics, Information Technology, and Life Skills, all aimed at supporting students' personal and social development. She also facilitated adult learning programmes in the community, reflecting her ongoing commitment to inclusive education.

Her public service career in the Turks and Caicos Islands began in 2014 as a teacher at Marjorie Basden High School. From 2019, she served as Learning and Development Manager for the legacy Customs Department and later for the TCI Border Force. In this role, she championed a culture of professional growth and made significant contributions to organisational development.

Mrs Prospere has been a strong advocate for leadership development, spearheading several key programmes. She conceptualised and introduced the Leading Effectively through Accountability and Development (LEAD) programme for the management team, which has run successfully for three consecutive years, with the most recent leadership reinforcement event held in 2025.

She also partnered with educational institutions to deliver impactful training, resulting in 27 Border Force officers earning Continuing Professional Development (CPD) certifications in supervisory management from UWI, and 10 managers completing the Dynamic Leadership course with the Caribbean Maritime University.

She played a pivotal role in developing strategic operational plans and frameworks for both the Customs Department and the TCI Border Force. Among her achievements, she led the creation and delivery of the Customs Broker Certification Programme and introduced a Learning Management System (LMS) to support scalable learning for aspiring Customs Brokers.

Mrs Prospere also led the implementation of several major projects, including the Regional Clearance System in the TCI and a comprehensive overhaul of customs procedures at Howard Hamilton International Airport, significantly improving operational efficiency.

She facilitated key engagements with regional bodies such as the Caribbean Customs Legislation and Enforcement Council (CCLEC), the border security team within CARICOM IMPACS, and the customs advisory arm of CARTAC. These partnerships secured vital technical assistance for training and development.

Speaking on her appointment, Mrs Prospere said: "I am honoured to step into this role and lead the Learning and Development Directorate.

I believe that a world-class public service is built together. I'm committed to partnering with civil servants at all levels to foster a dynamic learning environment where we can collectively develop the skills needed to be adaptable, exceed standards, and deliver truly exceptional service to the public."

In congratulating Mrs Prospere, Deputy Governor and Head of the Public Service, Her Excellency Anya Williams stated: "We are pleased to extend congratulations to Mrs Tamica Prospere on her appointment as Director of the Department of Learning and Development within the Office of the Deputy Governor.

"With over a decade of dedicated service in training and development, Mrs Prospere has consistently demonstrated a deep commitment to building capacity and strengthening the public service workforce in the Turks and Caicos Islands. Her innovative and strategic approach to learning has transformed teams and empowered individuals, ensuring the public service is well-equipped to meet the demands of a constantly evolving landscape.

"As the government continues its efforts to enhance service delivery through robust and comprehensive training initiatives, we are confident that Mrs Prospere's leadership will be instrumental in advancing a culture of excellence, collaboration and continuous growth across the public sector.

"Congratulations, Mrs Prospere, on your well-deserved promotion. We look forward to working with you to shape the future of learning and development in the Public Service of the Turks and Caicos Islands."



Tomica Prospere

Missick appointed as juvenile manager in Department of ...

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roles, Mr Missick is deeply involved in community service and volunteerism through the Rotaract Club of Providenciales, where he has been an active member for seven years. He has held various leadership positions, including Sergeant-at-Arms, Foundation Chair, Youth Service Director, Wellness Chair, Fundraising Director, Vice President, and currently serves as President.

Speaking on his appointment, Mr Missick said: "I am extremely grateful for the opportunity. Growing up in the Turks and Caicos, I have seen far too many young lives cut short—some lost to violence, some to poor choices, and some to the weight of circumstances they never asked for. Those experiences are etched into me, and they are the reason I feel such deep gratitude and responsibility in being appointed Juvenile Manager. This is more than a role; it is a calling to stand in the gap for our youth, to remind them that they are not defined by their mistakes but by the greatness still inside of them. I believe in second chances, I believe in opportunity, and I believe that with guidance, accountability and hope, our young people can rise above their struggles and become the leaders of tomorrow.

I anchor myself in the words of Mark 10:45: 'For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve.' True leadership is service, and in serving our youth, I serve the future of the Turks and Caicos Islands. This appointment is not just about today. It is about building a legacy of hope, discipline and purpose for tomorrow."

In congratulatory remarks, Deputy Governor and Head of the Public Service, Her Excellency Anya Williams, stated: "It gives me great pleasure to officially congratulate Mr Andy Missick on his appointment as Juvenile Manager within the Department of Rehabilitation and Community Services, under the Ministry of Public Safety.

The post of Juvenile Manager is a critical role, focused on shaping the future of our islands by supporting, guiding and rehabilitating at-risk youth. The Juvenile Manager plays a key part in ensuring that young individuals are given every opportunity to grow into productive, empowered citizens who contribute meaningfully to society.

Mr Missick brings to this position a wealth of experience, a deep passion for youth empowerment, and a proven track record of service and leadership. His longstanding commitment to the development of young people in the Turks and Caicos Islands is well known, having served with distinction as a CARICOM Youth Ambassador, Youth Parliamentarian, and a dedicated member of Rotaract. Through these platforms, he has consistently advocated for youth engagement, policy development and community service, earning the respect of peers and stakeholders alike.

We are confident that Mr Missick will continue to inspire and implement innovative initiatives that uplift our youth and strengthen our communities.

Congratulations, Mr Missick, on your well-deserved promotion. We look forward to the positive impact you will undoubtedly make in this vital role."







Complaints Commission engages students at HJ Robinson Career Day

The Office of the Complaints Commission (OCC) joined students, educators, and fellow agencies at H.J. Robinson High School's Career Day on 9 May 2025, in a vibrant showcase aimed at inspiring the next generation of leaders.

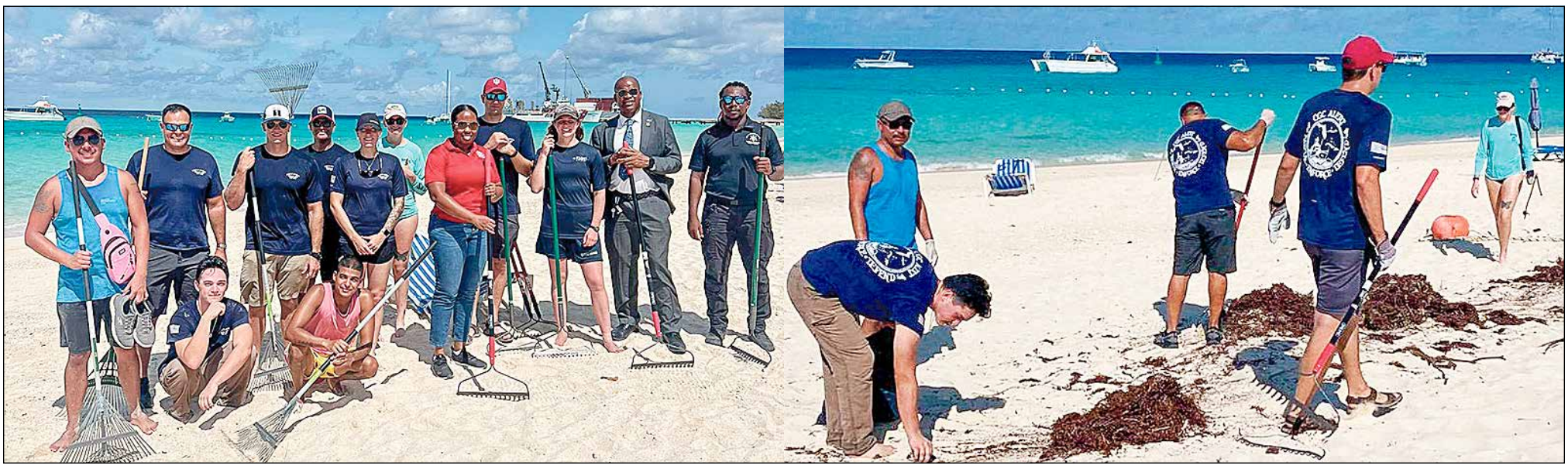
Representatives from the OCC used the opportunity to engage students in meaningful dialogue about the Commission's role in promoting fairness, accountability, and transparency across public administration. Through interactive presentations, students gained insight into how the OCC helps individuals resolve complaints against public bodies, protects rights, and supports good governance in the Turks and Caicos Islands.

To make the experience both educational and enjoyable, the OCC team distributed informative pamphlets, hosted Q&A sessions, and facilitated educational games. These activities sparked curiosity and encouraged students to explore potential careers in law, governance, and public service.

The Commission's presence at Career Day reflects its ongoing commitment to public education and youth empowerment. By connecting directly with students, the OCC hopes to foster a deeper understanding of its work and inspire young people to consider roles that contribute to democratic integrity and civic responsibility.

"The youth of today are the stewards of tomorrow's accountability," an OCC spokesperson noted. "Outreach like this helps build a culture of fairness and transparency from the ground up."

The Office of the Complaints Commission continues to prioritise public engagement, particularly among young people, as part of its broader mission to strengthen democratic values and ensure equitable treatment within the public sector.



During the clean-up exercise

US coast guards visit Grand Turk, strengthen regional security ties

The Governor of the Turks and Caicos Islands, HE Dileeni Daniel-Selvaratnam, officially welcomed Commander Gill, Captain of the United States Coast Guard Cutter ALERT, during its port call to Grand Turk.

The visit marks a continued commitment to regional cooperation between the United States and the Turks and Caicos Islands, particularly in the area of maritime security. The collaboration supports joint interception operations aimed at safeguarding TCI's borders from illegal activity and enhancing overall maritime safety.

Beyond security efforts, the crew of the ALERT engaged in several community-based initiatives, partnering with the Ministry of Public Safety, the Department of Disaster Management and Emergencies, the Department of Environment and Coastal Resources, and HM Prison. Among the activities was a beach clean-up, reflecting a shared dedication to environmental stewardship and civic engagement.

The Governor's reception of Commander Gill and his team highlights the importance of strategic partnerships in protecting both the people and natural resources of the Turks and Caicos Islands. The visit not only reinforces TCI's role in regional security but also showcases the value of international cooperation in addressing environmental and social challenges.

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Ignore the naysayers



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INTRODUCTION

If you believe you're on the right path, keep going. Stay focused and do not be distracted by the naysayers. In fact, you should ignore them. I know it is easier said than done, but I tried it—and it worked for me. A couple of months ago, an anonymous individual responded to an article I wrote several months prior. Their response received widespread attention online. The document was forwarded to me; however, I chose not to review its contents. The thing is, paying attention to naysayers can be both a distraction and a discouragement. You may feel like giving up—and you see, that is the role of the naysayers. They want to keep you quiet. However, you must remain focused on the mission, not the noise.

A MESSAGE TO THE PASTORS

Pastors play a very important role in our community. You may sometimes feel that your labour is in vain, and be tempted to quit the ministry and pursue a higher-paying position elsewhere. You may face criticism from members, followers, or others in the community. Your prayers may seem unheard, your words may not always be met with applause, your presence may be overlooked. There may even be competition among other pastors. You are not called to chase popularity, but to walk faithfully. You were called for this role—so stay the course.

A MESSAGE TO THE POLICE COMMISSIONER

The role of the Police Commissioner has never been more critical than now. There will be threats and critics. I encourage you to remain resolute. We need a leader to stand firm against crime, corruption and fear. We need a leader who deters criminals. Although the task is challenging, your role is essential to the success of our country. Therefore, lead with courage—and catch those criminals.

A MESSAGE TO THE EDUCATORS

Recently, many of our teachers returned to the classrooms to equip and train our future leaders. I know your role is not easy. Some of you feel weary, unappreciated, and at times blamed by parents and students for their non-performance. We need you to stay on your current path. Education serves as a foundation for individuals, influencing where they are today.

A MESSAGE TO THE ENTREPRENEURS

As an entrepreneur, I can say it is not easy. It may be tempting to give up, but you must remain focused and stay the course. Each challenge you overcome is a step towards success. Your resilience will enable you to achieve your goals and realise your purpose.

A MESSAGE TO OUR HEALTH HEROES

Health professionals play an important role in providing care and support. I personally appreciate the tireless hours, the compassion in crisis, and your courage in uncertainty. Some patients may attribute responsibility for health outcomes to you—even when those outcomes result from their own actions. Stay the course. The world is healthier because of you.

A MESSAGE TO EVERY INDIVIDUAL

Everyone is unique and has a unique journey—some pursue education, others build careers, raise families, or work behind the scenes. Every path has obstacles, and progress can feel slow and unseen. To the student dedicating late hours to study, the employee pursuing professional aspirations, and the parent maintaining family unity—remain steadfast in your efforts.

CONCLUSION

History is filled with examples of individuals who faced scepticism, only to push forward and prove their vision was right. Whether you're an individual, business owner, or leader, resilience matters more than recognition. Stay the course. Ignore the naysayers.

COMMENTARY

Engaging men in church



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Kenyatta Lewis is the pastor of Harvest Bible Chapel, a growing church committed to taking followers of Jesus deeper and going further in their faith. Besides loving, serving, and helping people he has watched the extended Director's cut of the Lord of the Rings trilogy multiple times.

The problem is clear: in many churches, Jesus' vision for the church – His Body – is being thwarted and opposed. How? By the lack of intentionality in creating spaces for men to function and serve in areas where they are under-represented, like children's ministry. Scripture reminds us that barriers are broken in Christ: "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." (Gal. 3:28 ESV). Practically speaking, this scripture calls the church to harness the gifts of men for the flourishing of families and the wider community. Here are six ways we can do that.

1. MEN'S MENTORING IN NURSERY & EARLY CHILDHOOD

Create a roster of vetted male disciples who serve once per month in nursery or toddlers' ministry. Benefits: children experience the blessing of seeing males and females made in God's image serving and leading together; men gain confidence and set an example for others; the church is blessed.

2. APPRENTICE MALE VOLUNTEERS

Train men in lesson planning, classroom management, and child safeguarding. Graduates move into lead or co-teacher roles. This reduces entry anxiety and builds competence.

3. WORKPLACE CHAPLAINCY AND PASTORAL PRESENCE

Mobilise men who qualify and are gifted to serve at local schools, clinics, or businesses. Start with a pilot partnership—one half-day per week—and recruit men with flexible work schedules. This normalizes male caregiving and caring professions as vocationally and spiritually vital.

4. PARENTING WORKSHOPS FOCUSED ON FATHERS

Run quarterly "Fathers in Faith" workshops—practical sessions on reading with kids, discipling teens, and showing up emotionally. Offer childcare and a light meal to remove barriers to attendance.

5. MEN-ONLY DISCIPLESHIP AND SERVICE COHORTS

Form small all-male groups that combine study (biblical parenting, spiritual leadership) with community service (tutoring, building projects). The service element connects faith to practical care and exposes men to helping roles.

6. INTERNSHIPS AND PATHWAYS INTO HELPING PROFESSIONS

Partner with others to offer short internships that expose young men to nursing, social work, and early childhood education. Provide scholarships where possible.

Engaging men in areas like these and other helping/nurturing roles is not merely a checkbox—it strengthens families, models Christlike service, and expands the church's capacity to love. With intentionality, churches can cultivate a new generation of men who serve well, lead humbly, and reflect the unity we find in Christ.

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REGIONAL

Jamaican PM Andrew Holness wins rare third term in office

Jamaican Prime Minister Andrew Holness, 53, has won a rare third term in office after his Labour Party sailed to victory in Monday's election.

The Caribbean nation's electoral commission said the Labour Party had won 34 seats, beating the opposition People's National Party (PNP), which secured 29 seats, according to preliminary figures.

The candidate for the PNP, Mark Golding, has conceded defeat.

Holness campaigned on a promise to lower the income tax rate from 25% to 15%, while Golding had said he would raise the income tax threshold.

The incumbent was also credited by many voters for bringing down the number of homicides in the country after the murder rate fell to its lowest in 25 years in the first quarter of 2025, according to official figures.

While there was some criticism of the measures used to bring about the drop in crime - such as states of emergency being declared in some regions - the increased sense of safety seems to have helped propel Holness to another term.

But the economy was at the centre of the election campaign with the Labour Party pointing to the low unemployment rate of 3.3% as one of its achievements in office.

The main opposition party, the PNP, accused the government of squandering money, citing the high cost of second-hand school buses it had purchased.



Andrew Holness's Labour Party won 34 seats

It also raised questions about the Holness's integrity, citing a report which had questioned his income and assets declaration.

Holness denied any wrongdoing and accused the PNP of using the report as a "distraction" because, he said, the government's record was such that there was little the opposition could criticise.

While turnout was low at 39.5%, an observer mission sent by the Organization of American States (OAS) praised Jamaican voters for being "calm and orderly with a sense of civic maturity and pride".

Holness thanked voters for "this historic third term" and for their "trust, your faith and your belief in the vision of a stronger, safer, more prosperous Jamaica". (BBC)

Letters

'NHS-style' healthcare would be a grave mistake in TCI

Dear Editor,

I read with great concern the announcement of plans to create an 'NHS-style' health system in the Turks and Caicos Islands. While the desire to provide accessible care for all is admirable, copying the United Kingdom's National Health Service would be a grave mistake for these Islands.

The NHS, once a model of post-war idealism, is today plagued by chronic inefficiencies. British taxpayers fund one of the most expensive health systems in the world, yet patients routinely face agonisingly long waiting times for surgery, overcrowded emergency departments, staff shortages, and rationed treatments. A system that was meant to provide comprehensive care "free at the point of use" is instead synonymous with delays, frustration, and declining standards.

With an increasing number of non contributors depleting inadequate facilities and services in TCI, importing the NHS model to a small island nation with limited resources would be disastrous. The UK's struggles stem from the very structure of the NHS: a massive bureaucracy, rigid centralisation, and an unsustainable funding mechanism that cannot keep up with demand. While TCIG and Inter Health Canada love this approach as it guarantees profits, silences critics and disenfranchises patients, these problems would be magnified in TCI, where the scale is far smaller, the tax base narrower, and the need for flexibility far greater.

A better approach lies closer to home. Cayman Islands residents benefit from a high-quality, privately funded model in which competition drives innovation and efficiency. Caymanian patients enjoy world-class facilities without being trapped in an endless queue. Likewise, telehealth partnerships and targeted specialist agreements abroad, combined with strengthening primary care locally, offer smarter, cheaper and more sustainable solutions. The Cayman approach would not favour IHC (who oppose any reduction in profits) and would require competent work on the part of TCIG (who would have to do some work) but it must be preferable to importing a system that has proven itself not to be fit for purpose.

The Hon Robinson is right that "the health of a nation is the wealth of a nation." But we must be realistic about which models truly serve TCI patients best and not just the myriad consultants that will get fat and rich from this misadventure. The NHS is held up as a symbol of fairness in the UK, yet behind the symbolism lies a system that fails too many of its citizens. TCI should learn from its shortcomings—not repeat them.

I would be grateful if you would be kind enough to grant me some space in your esteemed newspaper to air this viewpoint.

Many Thanks

Yours sincerely

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Regional News

United Nations says children make up 50 percent of gang members in Haiti

The United Nations has reported that children now comprise about half of the membership of Haitian gangs, as violence and political and economic instability continue to roil the Caribbean nation.

On Thursday, the head of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), Catherine Russell, announced the "alarming" statistics, as she and other officials pushed for more support in Haiti.

"We estimate that children currently account for a staggering 50 percent of the members of the armed groups active today," Russell said.

"Children are being forced into combat roles, directly participating in armed confrontations. Others are being used as couriers, lookouts, porters to carry weapons or are exploited for domestic labour."

She added that the number of child recruits appears to be rapidly rising. Child participation in gang activities, including recruitment, had surged by 700 percent in the first three months of the year, compared with the same period last year.

That coincided with an increase in the number of human rights violations committed against children in Haiti.

In 2024, the UN reported more than 2,000 grave violations against minors, an increase of 500 percent from the previous year.

Criminal organisations and gangs have grown increasingly powerful in Haiti, particularly in the aftermath of the 2021 assassination of President Jovenel Moise.

The resulting violence has forced nearly 1.3 million Haitians to flee their homes, half of them estimated to be young people.

The UN has previously warned that gangs have gained "near-total control" of the capital, Port-au-Prince, with as much as 90 percent of the city under their influence.

The result has been blocked roads, limited public services and skyrocketing costs for essential supplies, including food.

Haitian gangs have long pointed to political corruption as a reason for seeking increased power and territorial control. But human rights abuses have been growing: From October to June alone, nearly 5,000 people were killed as a result of gang violence.

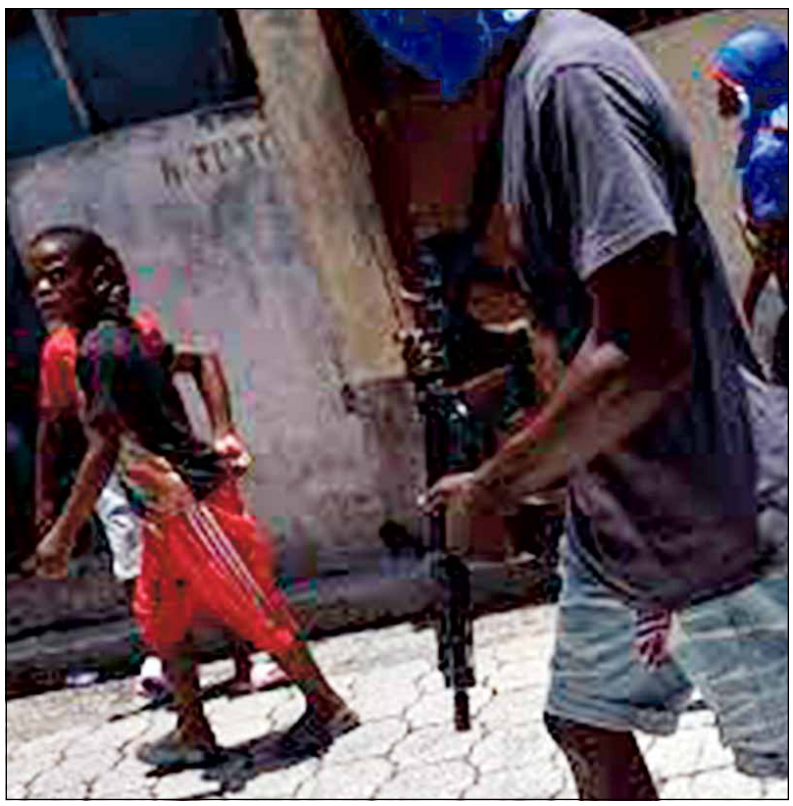
Both the Haitian government and the international community have struggled to address the widespread bloodshed.

In October 2023, the UN Security Council approved a Kenya-led mission to support Haiti's police, but those forces have struggled to make an impact and have suffered from lack of funding and resources.

Critics have also feared the prospect of foreign intervention, given the country's disastrous history with colonial and military occupation.

At a UN Security Council meeting on Thursday, United States Ambassador Dorothy Shea said her country and Panama would put forward a draft resolution to establish a security force aimed at confronting the gangs.

It is unclear how that force would intersect with the existing UN-backed security force.



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NOTICE

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PR18592	NAVAH PARTNERS LTD	VILLA +POOL	60000/863 formerly part of 60000/806 &811	0.64 acres
PR18596	NAVAH PARTNERS LTD	RESTAURANT + POOL	60000/816 formerly part of 60000/152&153	6.11 acres
PR18597	NAVAH PARTNERS LTD	TENNIS/PICKLEBALL	COURTS AND PAVILLION+ SECURITY HUT	
		AND ENTRANCE GATE	60000/809 formerly part of 60000/150 &151	0.69 acres

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Regional News



The 23 murders that were recorded over the period August 23 to 30 bring Jamaica back to the 2024 average weekly murder count

Twenty-three Jamaicans killed last week

Jamaica last week recorded 23 murders, representing a spike when compared to recent weeks of single-digit homicides.

The 23 murders that were recorded over the period August 23 to 30 bring Jamaica back to the 2024 average weekly murder count.

The figure is contained in the police's latest serious crime statistics.

It shows that Jamaica's murder toll, as at August 30, is 459 and represents a 42 per cent decline year-on-year.

A week prior, 14 murders were recorded between August 16 and 22.

A week before that, August 9-16, Jamaica recorded seven murders.

The spike in murders last week was seemingly impacted by 11 homicides over two days, between Tuesday and Thursday morning.

The St Andrew South Police Division leads all 19 divisions with 55 homicides.

This is followed by St James and St Ann with 41 murders each and St Catherine South with 40.

Sixteen of the 19 police divisions have recorded reductions in murders when compared to last year.

Shootings, injured persons, and rape have declined while robberies and break-ins have increased by 11 and 29 per cent, respectively.

Overall, crime is down 16 per cent.

Minnis: 'I will be running in election' - and pledges to vote for himself

Days after the Free National Movement's newly ratified candidate, Senator Michela Barnett-Ellis, said she hoped to gain support from former Prime Minister Dr Hubert Minnis, the incumbent declared he will vote for himself in the upcoming election.

"I live in the west, so obviously I'll vote for myself," Dr Minnis told The Tribune yesterday. "I'm running, who you think I'll vote for? And leave it as that."

Senator Barnett-Ellis was confirmed last week as the party's candidate for Killarney, a constituency long held by the FNM. Party officials announced in April that Dr Minnis would not be renominated.

Despite this, Dr Minnis has reiterated his intention to run in Killarney. He has expressed confidence in being re-elected even if the constituency is split due to its large voter population.

The Constituencies Commission is preparing to recommend adjustments to electoral boundaries ahead of the next general election. Killarney is widely expected to be divided because of its high voter numbers.

Prime Minister Philip "Brave" Davis recently acknowledged that voter counts are out of balance in "one or two" New Providence constituencies and said the issue



Former Prime Minister Dr Hubert Minnis

requires "an anxious look" to determine whether boundaries should be redrawn.

Dr Minnis said he believes Killarney will inevitably be split in two.

On the night Senator Barnett-Ellis was ratified as the FNM's Killarney candidate, she told reporters she looked forward to Dr Minnis' support. She said they had brief conversations but had not spoken since her ratification. (Tribune242)

Bahamas: Court-ordered haircut draws Rastas' anger

House of Rastafari leaders have condemned a Supreme Court ruling that left a convicted man's dreadlocks subject to prison barbers.

Leaders say the decision reflects a long-standing pattern of cultural violation and constitutional neglect.

"This isn't just about Rastas — today it's us, tomorrow it could be you," said Jah Mikey Bowe. "Our locs are part of our liberty, our identity. They should be protected under the Constitution. When the courts themselves don't uphold that, we have a serious problem."

Shamarcus Adderley, also known as Priest Marcus, said: "Our locs are a vow. Cutting them is a big disrespect, a violation of who we are. The state cannot keep saying it respects freedom of conscience while violating it in practice."

Their response followed the sentencing of Franco Ferguson,



Members of the Rastafarian community listening to the debate on marijuana legislation in the House of Assembly on July 15, 2024

a 28-year-old Bahamas Power and Light technician, convicted in March of murdering Charles Demeritte, the boyfriend of his ex-partner. A jury rejected Ferguson's self-defence claim by a 6–2 vote, and Justice Dale Fitzpatrick sentenced him to 35 years on Friday.

Defence lawyer Ryszard Humes asked the court to prevent prison officials from cutting Ferguson's hair, citing constitutional protections and previous case law, Barry v Commissioner of Corrections. Ferguson told the court he considered Rastafarianism a way of life, pointing to his diet, cultural practices and the biblical Nazarite vow.

Prosecutor Rashied Edgecombe countered that Ferguson's dreadlocks were worn for style, not faith. Justice Fitzpatrick noted the probation report referenced marijuana use but did not record Rastafarian worship or affiliation with a recognised group. He said the challenge was verifying such claims and concluded decisions on prisoners' hair rest with prison officials, not the court.

Rastafarian leaders said that stance undermines basic rights. They pointed to Article 22 of the Constitution, which guarantees freedom of religion, and to earlier rulings that upheld the right of prisoners to keep their locks.

"We've fought this fight before," Mr Bowe said. "The precedent was set. Now it's being ignored."

Priest Marcus recalled his own experiences in custody. "I've been locked up more than once, and at least three times they cut my locks," he said. "One time, even after my lawyer put in a letter to stop it, the prison officer marched me to the barber and told another inmate to cut my hair. That was a violation — they disrespected me and my faith."

He said the problem is systemic. "Plenty brethren went through the same thing," he said. "Maybe three or four percent managed to get an exemption, but the rest of us were persecuted and cut. That's the reality Rastas face inside."

"We contribute to this society in every way," Mr Adderley said. "We are farmers, workers, cultural bearers. But for too long, our way of life has been disrespected. This time, our rights must be respected and protected by law."

The debate extends beyond prisons. Grooming rules in schools have long been a battleground, with some institutions easing restrictions. Earlier this month, Sunland Baptist Academy announced it would allow braids and culturally appropriate styles for male students.

World News

Washington DC sues Trump administration over National Guard deployment

Washington DC has sued the Trump administration over its deployment of the National Guard in the nation's capital.

The lawsuit accuses President Donald Trump of violating the US Constitution and federal law by sending troops into DC without the consent of local leaders.

The suit, filed by DC Attorney General Brian Schwalb on Wednesday, says that the deployment of troops is undermining the city's autonomy and hurting the local economy.

In recent weeks, Trump has deployed hundreds of troops, some of them armed, in an effort to "clean up" the district, which is not part of any US state. He has threatened to send troops to other Democratic strongholds as well, such as Chicago and New Orleans.

"Deploying the National Guard to engage in law enforcement is not only unnecessary and unwanted, but it is also dangerous and harmful to the District and its residents," Schwalb said in a statement. "It's DC today but could be any other city tomorrow. We've filed this action to put an end to this illegal federal overreach."



The lawsuit accuses President Trump of violating the US Constitution and federal law by sending troops into DC without the consent of local leaders

No hearings have been scheduled yet in the suit, which was filed in federal district court.

Trump, who has not yet commented on the suit, began deploying troops to the streets of the nation's capital on 11 August as part of his crackdown on crime and homelessness.

Federal law enforcement agents, including those from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), are also patrolling city streets, operating checkpoints and taking suspected illegal immigrants into custody.

Trump is expected to approve an extension of the National Guard's deployment in DC through December, US media reported on Wednesday.

The city's mayor, Muriel Bowser, has called the National Guard deployment costly and unnecessary. She has also said that bringing in National Guard troops from other states is inefficient and having masked ICE agents in the community is not working.

Despite that criticism, Bowser is working with the Trump administration and on Tuesday laid out a plan for cooperating with federal officials, to the extent that DC law allows. She has also said the increased support from the federal government has helped drive down carjackings and other violent crime.

One day before DC's lawsuit, a federal judge in California ruled that Trump's deployment of the National Guard to Los Angeles this summer was illegal because it violated the Posse Comitatus Act, which limits the power of the federal government to use military force for domestic matters.

The White House said Trump is trying to "protect American cities from violence and destruction" and that the judge is "trying to usurp the authority of the Commander-in-Chief".

Separately, the White House has touted its efforts in DC, saying hundreds of arrests have been made since the operation began and that crime rates are down because of the president's actions.

According to crime figures published by Washington DC's Metropolitan Police (MPDC), violent offences fell after peaking in 2023 and in 2024 hit their lowest level in 30 years.

They are continuing to fall, according to preliminary data for 2025.

Violent crime overall is down 26% this year compared to the same point in 2024, and robbery is down 28%, according to the MPDC. (BBC)

Macron says 26 countries ready to send troops for Ukraine ceasefire

Twenty-six Western allies have formally committed to deploying troops "by land, sea or air" to Ukraine the day after a ceasefire deal is agreed, Emmanuel Macron has said.

Speaking after a summit of 35 countries dubbed the "Coalition of the Willing", the French president accused Russia of trying to delay the peace process to buy more time to seize more Ukrainian territory.

Hopes of a Ukraine-Russia summit to end the fighting have receded since Russia's Vladimir Putin met Donald Trump in Alaska last month.

Trump spoke to the Western allies over the phone on Thursday, and Macron said US support would be finalised in the coming days.

However, the US president was also critical of EU countries that continued to buy Russian oil, Ukraine's Volodymyr Zelensky told reporters.

The 27-member European Union has set a target of ending all gas and oil imports by the end of 2027. Hungary and Slovakia, whose leaders are seen as close to Russia, are among the EU's biggest importers of Russian oil.

Few countries have openly promised to deploy troops on the ground in Ukraine in the event of a deal, and the US has already ruled such a move out. European diplomats have suggested that committing troops at this point would probably help Putin's narrative against the West.

Moscow has made clear that no Western forces should be deployed to Ukraine and has insisted that it should be one of the countries acting as "guarantors" - an idea rejected by Kyiv and its allies.

The French president said he had "no doubt" of US willingness to be part of security guarantees for Ukraine.

Trump recently indicated that US backing could come "probably" in the form of air support. Details so far are vague, but air support could include help with air defence or intelligence.

Russia continues to send troops into Ukraine despite the latest attempts to set ceasefire talks, Macron complained.



Ukraine's president joined France's Emmanuel Macron for the summit at the Élysée Palace

In the latest violence, two people clearing mines were killed in a Russian attack in northern Ukraine.

UK Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer said Western allies now had an "unbreakable pledge" to Ukraine, backed by the US, and had to press Russia to end the war, according to a Downing Street spokeswoman.

Sir Keir, who co-chaired the Paris summit remotely, said Putin could not be trusted.

Ukraine and its allies believe a ceasefire should be agreed before any attempt at securing a broader peace deal, although Russia disagrees.

German Chancellor Friedrich Merz said following the meeting that the first priority was to secure a ceasefire at a summit involving Ukraine's Volodymyr Zelensky, and then provide "strong security guarantees".

Zelensky's top officials held talks in Paris with US special envoy Steve Witkoff on Thursday.

More than three-and-a-half years after Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, Putin said this week there was "a certain light at the end of the tunnel" and that "there are options for ensuring Ukraine's security in the event the conflict ends".

The prospect of a direct meeting involving Putin and Zelensky has become increasingly unlikely since it was suggested last month by President Trump.

Putin suggested this week Zelensky could come to Moscow for talks, an idea branded "unacceptable" by Kyiv. The Ukrainian leader said it was indication Russia did not really want the meeting to take place.

Nato chief Mark Rutte said on Thursday that Russia had no veto on Western troops being deployed to Ukraine: "Why are we interested in what Russia thinks about troops in Ukraine? It's a sovereign country. It's not for them to decide."

World News

Swinney sets out latest plan for an independence referendum

First Minister John Swinney has urged the UK government to agree to a referendum on Scottish independence if the SNP wins a majority at next year's Holyrood election.

But Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer predicted the SNP would not win a majority and accused Swinney of "distraction politics".

At a speech in Edinburgh, the first minister encouraged Scots to "come together and demand a say over our future".

It came after the Scottish government published the latest in a series of papers on the constitution.

Swinney also accused Westminster politicians, including Sir Keir, of using "utterly chilling" language about immigrants.

And the SNP leader urged the prime minister to apologise for claiming that he had failed to welcome a £10bn shipbuilding deal securing thousands of jobs on the Clyde.

On a visit to BAE Systems shipyard in Glasgow, Sir Keir defended his immigration policies and urged Swinney to work with him to support jobs in Scotland.

Several prime ministers, including Boris Johnson have argued that the 2014 independence referendum was a "once in a generation" event.

But Swinney said that by 2030 there would be one million young



John Swinney's government has published a new independence paper

Scots eligible to vote who were too young to participate in the 2014 referendum, adding: "That seems like a generation to me."

The first minister said that a precedent had been set in 2011, when a historic SNP majority in the Scottish Parliament paved the way for the 2014 independence referendum.

Holyrood elections in 2016 and 2021 - which returned pro-independence, but not SNP, majorities - did not lead to a second referendum, with successive UK governments refusing to sanction a second vote.

Swinney said: "I think what we have to do to break the logjam is to repeat what we achieved in 2011 and make sure the UK government has no answer to escaping from the precedent that was established in 2011."

However, Constitution Secretary Angus Robertson suggested earlier that a majority of pro-independence MSPs from any party would also represent a mandate.

He told the BBC's Good Morning Scotland: "If the parliament, by a majority, including the SNP and who knows, perhaps others too, votes that something should happen that is not a lesser mandate. That is not less democratic."

INDEPENDENCE STRATEGY

Shortly before Swinney's speech, the government published its new independence paper.

More than a dozen of the documents have been published since the series was launched by Nicola Sturgeon in 2022.

Political opponents have described them as a waste of time and money, while some within the SNP have argued for a more radical approach to securing independence.

The new paper, called Your Right To Decide, said that the 2011 election result had showed "that it is for the people of Scotland to decide when a referendum is to be held".

The Scottish government called on Downing Street to "accept and re-state that the UK government would not seek to prevent a clear majority of people in any part of the UK deciding to leave it through a fair and democratic process".

The SNP is due to agree on its independence strategy at a party conference next month.

In 2022, Supreme Court judges ruled that the Scottish government cannot hold an independence referendum without the UK government's consent.

In recent years support for independence has hovered at about 50% in the polls, while support for the SNP has declined from peaks under Nicola Sturgeon's leadership.

At the event in Edinburgh, Swinney accused Sir Keir of "toadying along" behind Reform UK leader Nigel Farage as he criticised "utterly chilling" language used about immigration.

He cited reports of calls for "mass deportations" after Farage said Reform would be prepared to deport 600,000 migrants if it won power at the next election. Farage said his party's "credible plan" could help stop illegal immigration.

Swinney described as "dreadful" Reform's proposal to take the UK out of the European Convention on Human Rights, a treaty designed to protect human rights and political freedoms,

In his speech, the first minister said: "I'm ringing the alarm bell for our values, for our common humanity, for our commitment to the oppressed and for those seeking sanctuary.

"Friends, let us join with others in saying unequivocally: Our saltire is a flag of welcome – and refugees are welcome here."

The comments came after saltires were used at anti-immigration protests outside hotels used to house people in the asylum system, mimicking displays of St George's flags and union flags on England's streets.

Flags have since been put up in some streets in Glasgow, while councils in the north east of Scotland have said they will remove saltires which have been tied to street lights without permission after dozens appeared in recent weeks. (BBC)

Starmer considering digital ID scheme to tackle illegal migration

Sir Keir Starmer has confirmed for the first time the government is looking at digital ID as a way to tackle illegal immigration.

The prime minister said a new identity programme could play an "important part" in reducing the incentive to enter the UK without permission.

The last Labour government started issuing ID cards to UK citizens, but the scheme was scrapped by the Tory-Liberal Democrat coalition over privacy concerns.

But Sir Keir said he felt the debate had "moved on in the last 20 years".

Speaking to political editor Chris Mason, Sir Keir said: "We all carry a lot more digital ID now than we did twenty years ago, and I think that psychologically, it plays a different part."

Asked whether a new scheme could play a role in reducing the attractiveness of the UK as a destination for illegal migrants, he added: "My instinct is it can play an important part. Obviously we need to look through some of the detail."

He added that, two decades on from the row over New Labour's physical ID card scheme, the public was likely to "look differently" at a digital-based scheme.

He did not confirm whether any new digital ID scheme would be mandatory.

By law, employers have to check that prospective candidates have the right to work in the UK.

Since 2022, they have been able to carry out checks on passport-holding British and Irish citizens by using digital verification services that have been certified by the government.

A Home Office online scheme also exists to verify the status of some non-British or Irish citizens, whose immigration status is held electronically.

It is understood officials are looking at whether requiring a digital ID could provide a more consistent approach to verifying identity.

They are also thought to be exploring whether the scheme could reduce the use of fake documents, and make it easier to target enforcement activity.



Prime Minister Keir Starmer said a new identity programme could play an "important part" in reducing the incentive to enter the UK without permission

ESTONIA VISIT

Sir Keir's comments are the most positive remarks yet by the prime minister about the idea, which is likely to reignite a debate over civil liberties.

Cabinet Office minister Pat McFadden has visited Estonia recently to examine the Baltic state's extensive use of digital identity to allow citizens to access government and some private services such as medical records, voting and banking.

The government has previously rejected a digital ID proposal suggested by former Labour Prime Minister Sir Tony Blair, whose government legislated for compulsory identity cards when he was in office.

Around 15,000 were in circulation when the scheme was scrapped by the coalition government in 2011, and the database destroyed.

In July, French President Emmanuel Macron said the UK had agreed to address the "fight against illegal work" as part of pull factors attracting illegal migrants.

There are sanctions including fines of up to £60,000 per unauthorised worker in cases where foreign workers are found to be working illegally.

For agency workers, the responsibility lies with the agency to conduct the relevant checks.

In March, the government announced the requirement to conduct a test would be extended to self-employed contractors carrying out work on behalf of a company.

Currently, firms are responsible for conducting checks on such workers only if they have sponsored the visa allowing them to work in the UK.

Dwayne Johnson says he felt 'pigeon-holed' as Hollywood blockbuster star

Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, whose role in boxing movie "The Smashing Machine" is marking a dramatic turn in his acting career, has said he felt "pigeon-holed" as a blockbuster star.

The former WWE wrestler – who is known for portraying charismatic and athletic characters in high-octane action movies such as the "Fast & Furious" film franchise, "San Andreas" and "Skyscraper" – takes on the role of a much more nuanced character, MMA and UFC fighter Mark Kerr, in his latest film.

The real-life Kerr was the subject of a 2002 HBO documentary that chronicled his substance abuse and explored the brutality of the sport to which he had dedicated his life.

Johnson cried as "The Smashing Machine" received a 15-minute standing ovation at the world premiere of the movie at the 82nd Venice Film Festival in Venice, Italy, on Monday night.



Dwayne Johnson attends "The Smashing Machine" red carpet during the 82nd Venice International Film Festival in Venice, Italy, on Monday

"A lot of times, it's harder for us, or at least for me, sometimes to know what you're capable of when you've been pigeon-holed into something," Johnson told reporters in Venice.





Cardi B in court in Los Angeles County last week

Cardi B found not liable of assault allegations in civil case

A California jury has found Cardi B not liable of assault allegations in a civil lawsuit filed by a former security guard.

The case stems from a 2018 incident involving plaintiff Emani Ellis, a former building security guard who sued Cardi B for alleged assault during an interaction between the women in the hallway of a medical office where Ellis was employed.

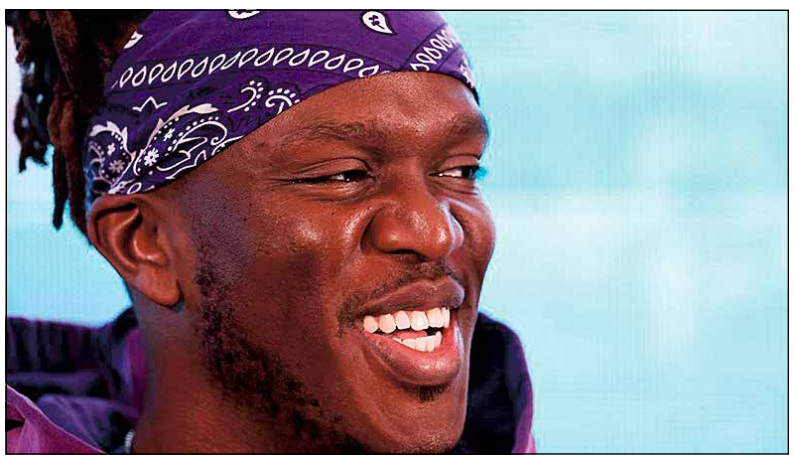
The artist, who was pregnant at the time and on her way to see her obstetrician, denied the allegations. Ellis was seeking punitive and other damages that included medical expenses for a scratch on her face.

The Grammy-winning artist, who testified over two days in the trial last week, reacted with a sigh of relief to the verdict.

Outside of court, Cardi B expressed thanks to her lawyers, the jurors and her supporters. She lamented that she missed her children's first day of school because of the trial, which she criticized as being the result of a "frivolous" lawsuit.

"I'm not even playing around, even if I'm on my death bed, I swear to God I will say it on my deathbed, I did not touch that woman. I did not touch that girl. I didn't lay my hands on that girl," she said.

The "Up" rapper told reporters gathered that she's in the middle of an album rollout. She said she had late nights and early mornings, waking up at 5:30 am in order to be camera-ready for court and joked that her forehead is "raw" from changing her wigs.



KSI was a guest judge on the last series of BGT and was clearly a hit

KSI replaces Bruno Tonioli as Britain's Got Talent judge

YouTuber, rapper and boxer KSI has been announced as a judge on Britain's Got Talent.

He will replace Bruno Tonioli, who has confirmed he won't be returning for ITV's upcoming 19th series due to scheduling conflicts; Tonioli is also a judge on US show Dancing With The Stars.

KSI will join returning judges Simon Cowell, Amanda Holden and Alesha Dixon, after he stepped in as a guest judge last season and sent through the eventual winner Harry Moulder using his golden buzzer.

KSI, whose real name is Olajide Olatunji, said: "I'm so grateful and happy to be a part of the Britain's Got Talent team for another season."

"I had such a good time last year and I can't wait to see some more top talent. I'm full of energy, ready to go and can't wait to make this the most entertaining BGT season ever. Let's do this."

KSI is one of seven members of the Sidemen, a YouTube collective, who have more than 22 million subscribers.



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Radiohead to tour for first time in seven years

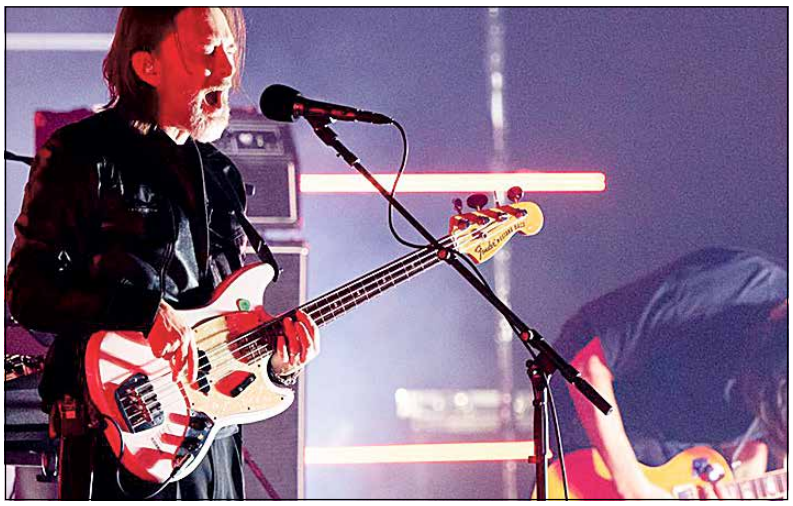
Radiohead have announced their first tour in seven years, after teasing it with a series of mysterious flyers that appeared in cities across Europe.

The revered band will play four nights at London's O2 Arena on 21, 22, 24 and 25 November 2025, with other dates in Berlin, Bologna, Copenhagen and Madrid.

Radiohead last played live in 2018, but drummer Philip Selway confirmed in an Instagram post on the band's official account on Wednesday that they got back together "to rehearse, just for the hell of it" last year.

"After a seven year pause, it felt really good to play the songs again and reconnect with a musical identity that has become lodged deep inside all five of us," he continued.

"It also made us want to play some shows together, so we hope you can make it to one of the upcoming dates."



Radiohead's Thom Yorke and Jonny Greenwood pictured performing as The Smile in 2022

The five-city European tour is all there is for now, he wrote, but added: "Who knows where this will all lead."

There was no mention of any new music, and the post included versions of artwork from Radiohead's 2005 track I Want None of This.

The British band last performed together when they brought their Moon Shaped Pool tour to a close in the US in 2018, after having headlined Glastonbury Festival the previous year.

Since then, frontman Thom Yorke and guitarist Jonny Greenwood have recorded and performed as side project The Smile.

The Smile cancelled some concerts in July 2024 when Jonny, also an Oscar-nominated film composer, became seriously ill from an infection that needed emergency hospital treatment, some of it in intensive care.

Among the other band members, Ed O'Brien has been working on the follow-up to his debut solo album, released in 2020 under the moniker EOB, while bassist Colin Greenwood - Jonny's brother - has been playing with Nick Cave and the Bad Seeds of late.

Last year, Colin confirmed that Radiohead - who formed as schoolmates in 1985 and went on to release nine studio albums - had rehearsed together again that summer. "And it was really fun, had a really good time," he said in conversation with the Hay Festival Querétaro.

However, late last year, Yorke told Australian radio station Triple J he was not aware of any plans for a Radiohead live return any time soon, regardless of the demand from fans.

"No offence to anyone and, er, thanks for caring," he said. "But I think we've earned the right to do what makes sense to us without having to explain ourselves or be answerable to anyone else's historical idea of what we should be doing."

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Sting sued by ex-Police bandmates over royalties



The Police were one of the biggest bands of the punk and new wave era (L-R: Stuart Copeland, Sting and Andy Summers)

Sting has been sued by his former bandmates in The Police over alleged lost royalties for the songs they recorded together between 1977 and 1984.

In a civil case filed at the High Court, guitarist Andy Summers and drummer Stewart Copeland, claim they have been underpaid for their contributions to songs like Roxanne and Every Breath You Take.

Although they did not receive writing credits on those songs, they say the band entered an "oral agreement" to share income in 1977, which was later formalised in written contracts.

Sting, who wrote all of The Police's biggest hits, denies underpaying his bandmates. In court documents, his lawyers called the claims "illegitimate."

'VERY DARK' HISTORY

The Police formed in 1977 and quickly became one of the UK's most commercially successful bands.

They earned a US number one single with Every Breath You Take, taken from their fifth album, Synchronicity, in 1983.

It was later recognised as the most-played radio song of all time and was heavily sampled on P Diddy and Faith Evans' 1997 song I'll Be Missing You.

However, the band split up in 1984 amid personal and musical animosity.

Copeland later told The Guardian that the band "beat the crap out of each other" during the "very dark" recording sessions for Synchronicity.

In 2022, Sting, whose real name is Gordon Sumner, said he felt the band were holding him back.

"My frustration was I would have written an album's worth of material but also had to entertain these others songs that were not as good," he told Mojo Magazine.

"Explaining to someone why their song isn't working is a bit like saying their girlfriend's ugly. It's a very personal thing... That pain was something I didn't want to go through any more."

Although Sting was the band's primary songwriter, the other members both made contributions to their albums - and Summers has often claimed that he originated the iconic guitar riff on Every Breath You Take.

In 1977, documents submitted to the High Court show the band agreed that, when any one member received publishing income for a song they'd written, they would share a percentage of that money, usually 15%, with the other two members, in what was termed an arrangers' fee.

In the court documents, none of the members agree how that arrangement came into place.

Summers recalls it taking place on the street outside their manager Miles Copeland's office in Notting Hill.

Sting, however, contended there was no "oral agreement" - but that Copeland had floated the idea during a visit to his flat in Bayswater to help "keep things sweet" with his bandmates, who were not present.

Either way, the agreement was formalised in 1981, and revised again in 1995 and 2016.

The current legal dispute centres around which categories of publishing income Summers and Copeland should receive compensation.

It's a complicated area, but royalties are generally split into two separate categories:

Performance royalties - which are paid when a song is played in public, on the radio, or via a streaming service.

Mechanical royalties - paid when a song is pressed to CD or vinyl, but also when it is streamed on demand.

Summers and Copeland argue that they should be paid for both of these categories, while Sting says their agreement only covers mechanical royalties.

Sting's lawyers further contend that, under the terms of the band's 2016 agreement, all three members agreed not to pursue any historic or future claims over royalties.

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DOMESTIC WORKER

To perform various cleaning task and ensuring a high standard of cleanliness and customer satisfaction.
Salary: $8.00 hourly

CONTACT: 241-4838
BELONGERS APPLY TO THE LABOUR BOARD. RENEWAL 50342

R & C SNACK BAR/ CLIFFORD GIBSON
#100 Walter Cox Street, Kew Town, Providenciales
Is seeking to employ a

BARTENDER

Uphold customer service
Maintain Bar
Mix and serve drinks
Salary: $8.00 hourly

CONTACT: 241-6307
BELONGERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SEND A COPY OF THEIR RESUME TO THE LABOUR BOARD. RENEWAL 50380

ROBENS PETIT-FRERE
Bible Street, Blue Hills
Is seeking to employ a

BABYSITTER

Ensuring a safe environment, preparing and giving meals, bathing and dressing children, etc. $8.00 hourly

CONTACT: 341-6666
BELONGERS APPLY TO THE LABOUR BOARD. RENEWAL 50374

RO'S DECOR PLUS
William Plaza, Aviation Road
Is seeking to employ a

SEAMSTRESS

Alterations, sew hems, fix tears, mend zippers and apply buttons.
Salary: $8.00 Hourly

CONTACT: 241-0186
BELONGERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY TO THE LABOUR BOARD RENEWAL 50416

SCOTRICO DUVELL CLARE
Five Cays
Is seeking to employ a

DOMESTIC WORKER

To perform various cleaning task and ensuring a high standard of cleanliness and customer satisfaction.
Salary: $8.00

CONTACT: 243-4695
BELONGERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY RENEWAL 50392

SILAFETE PETIT-HOMME
Kew Town
Is seeking to employ a

HOUSEKEEPER

Performing a variety of cleaning activities such as sweeping, mopping, dusting and polishing. Ensuring all rooms inspected according to standards.
Salary: $8.00

CONTACT: 341-9123
BELONGERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY
RENEWAL 50408

SUNRISE CAFE
Rigby Hills, Five Cays
Is seeking to employ a

WAITER

Take orders and serve food and beverages.
Salary: $8.00 Hourly

CONTACT: 343-9892
BELONGERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY TO THE LABOUR BOARD
RENEWAL 50381

V & D GROCERY STORE
Five Cays
Is seeking to employ a

MAINTENANCE MAN

Fix and maintain mechanical equipment, buildings, and machines. Plumbing work, painting, flooring repair and upkeep, electrical repairs, etc.
Salary: $8.00

CONTACT: 333-1237
BELONGERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY
RENEWAL 50375

VANISE BASSETT
Long Bay
Is seeking to employ a

DOMESTIC WORKER

Cleaning the house, laundering sheets, towels and personal clothing and other housework.
Salary: $8.00 hourly

CONTACT: 342-9278
BELONGERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY TO THE LABOUR BOARD
RENEWAL 50415

WEDSON A PIERRE LOUIS
Bible Street
Is seeking to employ a

CAREGIVER

Help the patient get dressed, eat, bathe and complete light housekeeping duties, such as dishes or folding laundry. Plan, prepare and monitor meals. Run errands, remind patients of medications.
Salary: $8.00

CONTACT: 343-0082
BELONGERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY
RENEWAL 50379

WIDELINE FERVIL
The Bight
Is seeking to employ a

DOMESTIC WORKER

To perform various cleaning task and ensuring a high standard of cleanliness and customer satisfaction.
Salary: $8.00

CONTACT: 246-6980
BELONGERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY
RENEWAL 50404

BLUE HERON VACATION
Is seeking an experienced

BUTLER

To assist with in villa guest services.

- Applicants must have a minimum of 5 years' experience at a local resort or hotel.
- Must speak perfect English, be willing to work weekends and evenings, and have a strong work ethic.
- Salary – $8.50 per hr

BOOKKEEPER

- Applicants must have a minimum of 5 years' experience at a local resort or hotel. Must speak perfect English, and have a strong work ethic.
- Salary - $3000.00 Monthly

QUALIFIED APPLICANTS MUST SEND RESUME'S TO:
CLAUDIUS WILLIAMS, OWNER/OPERATOR OF SENTOSA SPA AND YOGA
2 QUEENS LANDING PLAZA
EMAIL AT CLAUDIUS@BLUEHERONTCI.COM
QUALIFIED ISLANDERS PLEASE SUBMIT RESUME'S TO TCI EMPLOYMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT.
WORK PERMIT HOLDERS CURRENTLY HOLD THESE POSITIONS 50419

TECH LOGIC
#12 Platinum Street, Wheeland, Providenciales, Turks and Caicos Islands, Seeks

SERVICE TECHNICIAN

CAPABILITIES & EXPERIENCE:

- Minimum 10 Years working in IT Supervisory role. Specifically with IP networks, servers and desktops
- Strong Microsoft client and server OS skills including Active directory, DNS & DHCP
- Experience in Hotel Property management and Electronic systems
- Installation of conduit and cabling for various projects
- Able to multitask
- Attend to client needs 24/7 on call
- Installation of TV's, CCTV, Speakers & Wifi
- Able to use a ladder up to 15 feet
- Physically fit and able to lift minimum 50 lbs

QUALIFICATIONS:

- MCSE
- A+
- N+
- CCNA

SALARY: $3500

CONTACT: 649-331-7020
BELONGERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT A COPY OF THEIR RESUME TO THE LABOR DEPARTMENT 50389

BLACKROCK DESIGN
Is seeking to employ a

MECHANIC

Inspecting and testing vehicles, engine tune-ups, oil changes, tire changes, wheel balancing, and replacing filters.
Salary: $8.00 hourly

CONTACT: 247-1000/ 249-2000
BELONGERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY TO THE LABOUR BOARD
RENEWAL 50387

RELIABLE BUSINESS SERVICES
Acting on behalf of clients:
BLUE WATER DAY SPA
Grace Bay Beach-Providenciales
Is seeking to employ a

2 MASSAGE THERAPISTS

Duties are:
Performing therapeutic massages
Providing treatment for wellness maintenance
Salary: $400.00 weekly

CONTACT: 649-241-6161
BELONGERS SHOULD SUBMIT A COPY OF RESUME TO THE LABOUR BOARD 50386

CRANDELL ANTON LIGHTBOURNE
Venetian Rd, Providenciales
Is seeking to employ a

LABOURER

Cleaning outside the property with sweeper, pick up yard waste and collect leaves, dispose of trash, clean windows, and doorframes.
Salary: $8.00 hr

CONTACT: 343-1056
BELONGERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY TO THE LABOUR BOARD
RENEWAL 50439

KEYS TCI
24 Chandelle Dr., Providenciales
Is seeking to employ a

BUTLER

Prepare and service tables for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Provide guest services, check in and check out, and arrange activities.
Salary: $8.50 Hourly

CONTACT: 345-4689
BELONGERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY TO THE LABOUR BOARD
FIRST TIME 50444

LORNA O GILVIE
Kew Town
Is seeking to employ a

DOMESTIC WORKER

Cleaning the house, laundering sheets, towels and personal clothing and other housework.
Salary: $8.00

CONTACT: 241-7600
BELONGERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY
RENEWAL 50384

SANEL MERILIEN CHARLES
The Bight
Is seeking to employ a

CARPENTER

Follow blueprints and building plans. Install structures and fixtures. Measure, cut, or shape wood, plastic, and other materials.
Salary: $10.00 Hourly

CONTACT: 232-8096
BELONGERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SEND A COPY OF THEIR RESUME TO THE LABOUR BOARD. RENEWAL 50388

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DENTAL SERVICES LTD.
107 Ocean Club West Plaza, Grace Bay, Seeks

DENTAL HYGIENIST/THERAPIST FULL TIME POSITION

Applicant needs to be registered in USA, Canada, New Zealand or UK.
Orthodontic, Periodontics
Post-Operative Care and Facial Plastic Surgery Care experience necessary
Salary commensurate with experience

EMAIL: DRJO@DENTIST.TC
BELONGERS ONLY NEED TO APPLY. 00000

E & V CONSTRUCTION
Blue Hills, Providenciales /Breezy Brae, Grand Turk, Is Seeking

2 LABOURERS

Set up equipment, erect scaffolding, mixing concrete, and cleaning work site.
Renewal. $9.00 hourly

2 CLEANER

Stocking and supplying designated facility areas, dusting, sweeping, vacuuming, mopping, restroom cleaning etc.
$8.00 hourly

CONTACT: 242-1358
BELONGERS ENCOURAGED TO APPLY. RENEWAL 50394

E & V EQUIPMENT
Five Cays Road, Seeks

5 MECHANICS

Inspecting and testing vehicles, tune-ups, tire changes.
$700.00 weekly

5 EQUIPMENT OPERATORS

Operate the machinery in construction projects.
$700.00 weekly

4 TRUCK DRIVERS

Transport materials and goods. Inspecting vehicles for mechanical issues relating to safe operation. $616.00 Weekly

CONTACT: 649-941-8494
BELONGERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY 00000

SANDBAR RESTAURANT
Grand Turk, Is seeking to employ a

WAITRESS

DUTIES INCLUDE:
- Taking orders from customers.
- Serving food and beverages to Patrons.
- Assisting kitchen staff with meals preparations.
- Providing customer services to all Patrons.
- Cleaning and preparing tables.
- Keeping kitchen work area clean.
- Remuneration 30 hours per week @ $9.50 per hour plus tips.

INTERESTED BELONGERS SHOULD SUBMIT CV TO LABOUR BOARD.
CONTACT: 649-243-2666
THE POSITION IS CURRENTLY HELD BY A WORK PERMIT HOLDER. 00000

CAICOS TOURS
P.O.Box 873, Providenciales, Turks and Caicos Islands, B.W.I
Is seeking to employ a

MERMAID WANTED

- Trained in freediving skills
- Wearing a monofin mermaid costume swim underwater around the boat in open water
- To educate guests above and below the water on reef ecology
- Must know first aid
- Professional attitude and communicate with guests of all ages
- Working hours Mon-Sat include bank holidays
- Start time 8h15 until last tour is completed
- Deep clean interior cabin daily
- Salary $1000 p/m

CONTACT: +1-649-432-0006
EMAIL: CAICOSTOURS@CAICOSTOURS.COM
TC ISLANDERS NEED ONLY APPLY 50390

TERRA-MAR RESTAURANT
Grace Bay Court, Suite101 P.O. Box 762, Is seeking to employ a

DINING ROOM CAPTAIN

- WSAT level 3 or above
- Minimum 5 years as a WSAT level 3 or above
- Guest Service Excellence: Strong ability to anticipate guest needs and create memorable experiences.
- Leadership & Training: Ability to lead, train, and motivate service staff.

CONTACT: INFO@TERRAMARTCI.COM
BELONGERS APPLY TO THE LABOUR BOARD 50401

CLARA LIGHTBOURNE VARIOUS
ACTING ON BEHALF OF OUR CLIENT

CLEANER
JJ CLEANING SERVICES
Kew Town
241-4286
Cleaning offices, apartment, Airbnb and homes. $8.00

LABOURER
REELZ PLUMBING
Downtown / **243-2087**
setting up equipment, run lines for power tools, erect scaffolding, layout tools and clean job site. $8.00

CASHIER
MYRLINE FASHION STORE
Five Cays / **347-7429**
Cleaning the store, giving and receiving payment, assist customer with store purchase.
$8.00

DOMESTIC WORKER
MONISHEKA FORBES
Blue Hills
243-2087
Taking care my children and home. $8.00

LABOURER
UNIVERSAL LANDSCAPING
Airport Road / **341-3426**
Cutting grass, planting flowers, cleaning properties.
$9.00

DOMESTIC WORKER
VINCENT WILSON
Blue Hills
231-1926
Caring for children, wash.
$8.00

50403

MOUNTAIN HOME CONSTRUCTION
Unit #5 Francis Plaza, Airport Rd., Providenciales, Seeking

1 PAINTER

Apply paints, stains, and coatings to interior and exterior walls, new buildings, homes, offices and other structural surfaces. $14

2 HELPER

Assisting with site preparation, loading and unloading materials.
Operating hand and power tools, and maintaining clean and safe work environment
Etc. $8.25

CONTACT: 649-348-7102
BELONGERS ONLY APPLY. FIRST TIME 50383

SIP & SURF INTERNET CAFÉ
Grace Bay
Is seeking to employ a

SALES CLERK

Greets customers, receive payment by cash, checks and credit cards, Issue receipts, and change due to customers.
Salary: $8.00

CONTACT: 244-9901
BELONGERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY RENEWAL 50442

ST MONICA ANGELICAN CHURCH
Leeward Highway
Is seeking to employ a

LABOURER

Cleaning outside the property with sweeper, pick up yard waste and collect leaves, dispose of trash, clean windows, and doorframes.
Salary: $8.00

CONTACT: 231-4137/ 941-8499
BELONGERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY RENEWAL 50440

WESELAND RAPHAELLE BOLIVAR BERTIL
Five Cays
Is seeking to employ a

DOMESTIC WORKER

Cleaning the house, laundering sheets, towels and personal clothing and other housework.
Salary: $8.00 hourly

CONTACT: 342-1515
BELONGERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY TO THE LABOUR BOARD RENEWAL 50386

VARIOUS

CLEANER
CAICOS EDEN (348-4628)
South Dock Road, Providenciales
Clean Offices, cleaner workstation etc.
Salary: $8.00 hourly

LABOURER
CHAMPAGNE JOSEPH
(341-3622)
Blue Hills, Providenciales
General cleaning, heavy lifting etc. Salary: $8.00 hourly

CAR WASHER
GETHO CAR WASH & TIRE SHOP (341-1977)
Mervo Gas Station, Leeward Highway, Providenciales
Clean interior and exterior of vehicles etc. $8.00 Hourly

LABOURER
DENISE SMITH (341-6493)
Leeward Highway, Providenciales
General cleaning, heavy lifting etc. Salary: $8.00 hourly

BELONGERS MAY APPLY WITH LABOUR DEPARTMENT RENEWAL WORK PERMITS 50445

HOLY FAMILY ACADEMY CATHOLIC SCHOOL
Is accepting applications for:

CATHOLIC TEACHERS AND SUBJECT AREAS

REQUIREMENTS:
- Missionary Roman Catholic Teacher
- Fully initiated Roman Catholic
- Experience teaching Roman Catholic Religion
- Full knowledge of the United States National Curriculum

DUTIES:
- Teaching Catholic Religion
- Teaching math, science and English
- Teaching History
- Salary Package: $1200 per month for twelve months, paid as a compensation package.

CONTACT: FR. ORLANDO GONZALEZ (649) 941-5136
HOLYFAMILYTCI@GMAIL.COM
BELONGERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY TO THE LABOUR BOARD. RENEWAL 50436

NORIS BAR & RESTAURANT
#18 Old Airport Road
Is seeking to employ a

KITCHEN HELPER

Preparing the workstation for the cook. Keeping the kitchen area clean and tidy at all times.
$8.00 hourly

CONTACT: 348-1654
BELONGERS ONLY APPLY
RENEWAL 50341

PIERRE'S BARBER SHOP & BEAUTY SALON
Airport Rd., Providenciales
Is seeking to employ a

HAIRSTYLIST

Shampooing, cutting, and styling hair, provide hair treatments, deep conditioning, permanents, coloring, and weaving.
Salary: $8.00 hourly

CONTACT: 347-8757
BELONGERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY TO THE LABOUR BOARD.
RENEWAL 50346

QIEMO BAILEY
Five Cays
Is seeking to employ a

DOMESTIC WORKER

To perform various cleaning task and ensuring a high standard of cleanliness and customer satisfaction.
Salary: $8.00

CONTACT: 247-1444
BELONGERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY
RENEWAL 50322

RAYMOND MOMPREMIER
Blue Hills
Is seeking to employ a

TEACHER

Creating lesson plans and teaching them, individually, or in small groups; track students' progress and present the information to parents; create tests; create and reinforce classroom rules. Salary: $8.50

CONTACT: 247-4924
BELONGERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY
FIRST TIME/RENEWAL 50344

REAL CLEAN CAR WASH
Blue Hills
Is seeking to employ a

CAR WASHER

Wash inside and outside of vehicles.
Salary: $8.00 Hourly

CONTACT: 343-3564
BELONGERS APPLY TO THE LABOUR BOARD
RENEWAL 50294

ROSAM'S CONSTRUCTION
Kew Town
Is seeking to employ a

CONSTRUCTION LABOURER

Set up equipment, run lines for power tools, erect scaffolding, lay out tools, mixing concrete, hand tools to workers, and cleaning work site.
Salary: $12.00 hourly

CONTACT: 649-342-2511
BELONGERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY
RENEWAL 50320

ROSSY BOUTIQUE
#7 IBO Plaza, Behind Ball Park, Kew Town
Is seeking to employ a

SALES CLERK

Greets customers, receive payment by cash, checks and credit cards, Issue receipts, and change due to customers.
Salary: $10.00 Hourly

CONTACT: 343-9266
BELONGERS APPLY TO THE LABOUR BOARD
RENEWAL 50295

SAMUEL 9 CONSTRUCTION
Millennium Highway
Is seeking to employ a

LABOURER

Cleaning outside the property with sweeper, pick up yard waste and collect leaves, dispose of trash, clean windows, and doorframes.
Salary: $8.00

CONTACT: 341-6966/ 343-7857
BELONGERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY
50345

SHAVAGO L THOMAS
Blue Hills
Is seeking to employ a

LABOURER

Cleaning outside the property with sweeper, pick up yard waste and collect leaves, dispose of trash, clean windows, and doorframes.
Salary: $8.00

CONTACT: 232-5435
BELONGERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY
RENEWAL 50307

SPOTLESS CLEANING SERVICES
Down Town, Providenciales
Is seeking to employ a

DOMESTIC WORKER

Clean all rooms of home inclusive of sweeping, mopping, dusting surfaces, washing linens/clothing, stocking restrooms, and ensuring waste baskets are cleaned.
Salary: $8/hr Mon to Fri

CONTACT: 331-0818
BELONGERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY
RENEWAL 50355

STEVEN ANTHONY RIGBY
Rigby Hill, Five Cays
Is seeking to employ a

DOMESTIC WORKER

To perform various cleaning task and ensuring a high standard of cleanliness and customer satisfaction.
Salary: $8.00

CONTACT: 343-4200
BELONGERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY
FIRST TIME 50299

WE GOT YOU DELIVERY
Five Cays
Is seeking to employ a

LABOURER

Cleaning outside the property with sweeper, pick up yard waste and collect leaves, dispose of trash, clean windows, and doorframes.
Salary: $8.00

CONTACT: 342-7447
BELONGERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY
RENEWAL 50337

WOULIEME POMPILUS
Kew Town
Is seeking to employ a

CLEANER

Stocking and supplying designated facility areas, dusting, sweeping, vacuuming, mopping, restroom cleaning etc.
Salary: $8.00

CONTACT: 242-0306
BELONGERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY
RENEWAL 50365

GUERLINE JOSEPH
Blue Hills, Seeks

BABYSITTER / CLEANER

Ensuring a safe environment, preparing and giving meals, bathing and dressing children, administering medicine, doing housework, and etc. Cleaning the house, laundering sheets, towels and personal clothing and other housework. Salary: $8.00

CONTACT: 331-3887
BELONGERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY.
FIRST TIME 50361

AGA MONCION
Five Cays
Is seeking to employ a

CLEANER

Stocking and supplying designated facility areas, dusting, sweeping, vacuuming, mopping, restroom cleaning etc.
Salary: $8.00 hourly

CONTACT: 331-2702
BELONGERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY TO THE LABOUR BOARD.
RENEWAL 50378

DAVIS TIRE SHOP & SERVICES
Windsor Place #895, Leeward Hwy
Is seeking to employ a

LABOURER

Cleaning outside the property with sweeper, pick up yard waste and collect leaves, dispose of trash, clean windows, and doorframes.
Salary: $8.00 hourly

CONTACT: 232-5420
BELONGERS ONLY APPLY
RENEWAL 50367

DEYA VARIETY STORE
Five Cays
Is seeking to employ a

CASHIER

Greets customers, receive payment by cash, checks and credit cards, Issue receipts, and change due to customers.
Salary: $8.00

CONTACT: 347-6406
BELONGERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY
FIRST TIME 50365

Pioneer
COMMERCIAL LINENS & DRY CLEANING

PRESSER

- Minimum of 5 years' experience in garment pressing with emphasis on specialty items; wedding gowns, cocktail dresses, drapes, suits etc.
- Excellent finishing quality and efficiency is required.
- Must be able to stand for long hours and manage hot working conditions.
- Must be fluent in English and be a team worker.
- All applicants will be required to demonstrate skills.
- Pay is dependent on pieces pressed per hour, approx $9/hr.

QUALIFIED APPLICANTS SHOULD EMAIL CV TO TANYA@PIONEERTCI.COM OR DELIVER TO PIONEER OFFICE, #11 VILLAGE ST, GRACE BAY, PROVIDENCIALES PHONE: 649-441-4407
50035

GRACE MIMA CLEANING SERVICES
Glass Shack
Is seeking to employ a

LABOURER

Cleaning outside the property with sweeper, pick up yard waste and collect leaves, dispose of trash, clean windows, and doorframes.
Salary: $8.00

CONTACT: 347-7265
BELONGERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY
RENEWAL 50364

GRANT'S PETROLEUM
#771 Leeward Highway,
P.O Box 477, Providenciales
Is seeking to employ a

LABOURER

Cleaning outside the property with sweeper, pick up yard waste and collect leaves, dispose of trash, clean windows, and doorframes.
Salary: $8.00 hourly

CONTACT: 432-8265
BELONGERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY TO THE LABOUR BOARD
WORK PERMIT RENEWAL 50376

IBAN BARBER SHOP
BEHIND BALL PARK, Kew Town
Is seeking to employ a

BARBER

Cutting, trimming, shampooing, and styling hair, trimming beards, or giving shaves. Clean and sterilize scissors, combs, clippers, and other instruments.
Salary: $8.00 hourly

CONTACT: 331-1977
BELONGERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY
RENEWAL 50369

IRIS KITCHERIA
Blue Hills
Is seeking to employ a

COOK

Setting up workstations. Preparing ingredients, chopping and peeling vegetables, cutting meat etc. Cooking food in various utensils or grillers.
Salary: $8.00 Hourly

CONTACT: 649-242-5425
BELONGERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY TO THE LABOUR BOARD RENEWAL 50349

J&J BEAUTY SALON
Five Cays, Providenciales
Is seeking to employ a

SALON HELPER

Provide support to stylists and other salon staff
Salary: $8.00 hr

CONTACT: 343-3595
BELONGERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY TO THE LABOUR BOARD RENEWAL 50301

JEAN EDDY ALCE
Is seeking to employ a

NANNY

Watch over child, Prepare meals, Bath time etc.
Salary: $8.00

CONTACT: 342-3264
BELONGERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY RENEWAL 50323

JEAN RUSS NOEL
Glass Shack
Is seeking to employ a

CLEANER

Stocking and supplying designated facility areas, dusting, sweeping, vacuuming, mopping, restroom cleaning etc.
Salary: $8.00

CONTACT: 243-8582
BELONGERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY FIRST TIME 50348

JULES CHARLES
Blue Hills
Is seeking to employ a

LABOURER

Cleaning outside the property with sweeper, pick up yard waste and collect leaves, dispose of trash, clean windows, and doorframes.
Salary: $8.00

CONTACT: 342-9627
BELONGERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY FIRST TIME 50308

JULIAN CONSTRUCTION
Venetian Road
Is seeking to employ a

CARPENTER

Follow blueprints and building plans. Install structures and fixtures. Measure, cut, or shape wood, plastic, and other materials.
Salary: $10.00

CONTACT: 342-8800
BELONGERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY FIRST TIME 50296

N & P CONSTRUCTION
Blue Hills
Is seeking to employ a

LABOURER

Cleaning outside the property, pick up yard waste, dispose of trash, clean windows, and doorframes.
Salary: $8.00 hourly

CONTACT: 343-6204
BELONGERS ARE TO APPLY TO THE LABOUR BOARD RENEWAL 50321

NEWMOND BUCKLEY
Providenciales
Is seeking to employ a

HANDYMAN

Fix and maintain mechanical equipment, buildings, and machines. Plumbing work, painting, flooring repair and upkeep, electrical repairs, etc.
Salary: $8.00 hr

CONTACT: 649-331-8346
BELONGERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY RENEWAL 50345

NORIS BAR & RESTAURANT
#18 Old Airport Road
Is seeking to employ a

BARTENDER

Uphold customer service, Maintain Bar, Mix and serve drinks.
$9.00 hourly

CONTACT: 348-1654
BELONGERS ONLY APPLY TO THE LABOUR BOARD FIRST TIME 50342

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ASHLEY'S LEARNING CENTER

Job Title: Special-Needs Teacher's Assistant
Location: Downtown Providenciales
Reporting To: Principal

SPECIAL-NEEDS TEACHER'S ASSISTANT WANTED

Ashley's Learning Center seeks a compassionate, patient, and reliable assistant to support students with special needs in a classroom setting. Responsibilities include supporting the teacher in coordinating students, assisting with daily activities, and fostering a positive and supportive environment.

REQUIREMENTS:
- Experience working with children, preferably those with special needs
- Strong communication and teamwork skills
- Ability to remain calm and encouraging under pressure
- Relevant training or certification a plus (but not required)

SCHEDULE & PAY:
- Full-time position (Monday - Friday ; 8am – 5pm). Paid vacation, and salary based on experience.
- If you have a caring heart and a passion for helping children succeed, we'd love to hear from you.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE PRINCIPAL, EXTRAORDINARY MINDS: ASHLEY LEARNING CENTER, #6 GEORGE ALLEY, PROVIDENCIALES, TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS. APPLICATIONS CAN BE HAND DELIVERED, OR SENT BY EMAIL TO: PRINCIPAL@ASHLEYSLEARNINGCENTER.ORG

We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only persons selected for an interview will be contacted. APPLICATION DEADLINE: September 30, 2025

50334

TCMILLWORK LTD.

ARCHITECTURAL WOODWORKING, CABINETRY AND DESIGN
SOUTH DOCK ROAD, INDUSTRIAL PARK
PROVIDENCIALES, TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS

FURNITURE CARPENTER

SKILLS REQUIRED:
- 5 years work experience in technic that involves making custom made stains, applying/ spraying coatings such as polyurethane/conversion varnish/lacquer. On product made in manufacturing department. Includes furniture, doors, windows, cabinet making, Work experience in manufacturing furniture, woodworking, joinery and cabinet making.

Salary at $12.00 per hour.

LABOURER

SKILLS REQUIRED:
- 5 years work experience in woodworking, joinery and cabinet making.
- Trained to help cabinet maker, furniture carpenter
- Cleaning the shop, offload materials, stack materials

Salary at $11.00 per hour

FURNITURE FINISHER

SKILLS REQUIRED:
- 5 years work experience in finishing for woodworking, joinery and cabinet making.
- Trained to prepare, sand, spray on high end finishes to cabinets, doors, furniture, all visible faces.

Salary at $11.00 per hour

SKILLS REQUIRED FOR ALL POSITIONS ABOVE:
- Individuals must have previous experience with manufacture, construction, and installation of high standard cabinetry.
- Must be familiar with operation of all current woodworking machinery and tools with proper safety practices.
- Must be able to read Auto-Cad drawings.
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50347

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Requirements: 5+ years in a senior culinary role, proven leadership, experience with international as well as local cuisine, and high-volume service. Must have experience preparing Western, Asian, and Caribbean food.

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Requirements: 3+ years of culinary experience, ability to work in a fast-paced environment, and knowledge of kitchen safety standards. For events, we are looking for someone with banquet experience in high-end kitchens, preferably in the Caribbean and the Middle East.

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CLEANER

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To perform various cleaning task and ensuring a high standard of cleanliness and customer satisfaction. Salary: $9.50

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- Manage sensory panels and record results for stability analysis and shelf-life recommendations.
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EXPERIENCE:

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- Experience in the operation, practices, and procedures of a law office engaged in commercial and civil litigation.
- Experience in a variety of work including commercial litigation, civil litigation, judicial review and public law litigation, insolvency law, and employment law.
- Demonstrated ability to manage a large workload including completing multiple tasks to deadlines.
- Must be proactive and able to work both independently and with a professional team.
- Experience in mentoring and training junior attorneys and trainees is essential.

JOB QUALIFICATIONS:

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REGULATION 8 OF THE PHYSICAL PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION) REGULATIONS, 2021

An Application, REGISTERED PR 18690, by OUT OF THE BLUE LTD. for DETAILED DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION for the extension of a DWELLING HOUSE TO CREATE THREE BEDROOMS TO BE CONSTRUCTED USING A BUILDING SYSTEM on BLOCK & PARCEL 60902/278, WHICH IS 0.27 ACRES LOCATED IN LEEWARD,

PROVIDENCIALES has been submitted to the Department of Planning.

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Anyone wishing to make representation(s) may do so in writing to the Director of Planning, South Base, Grand Turk or through the Department of Planning, Emily House, Leeward Highway, Providenciales, within twenty-eight (28) days of publication of this Notice. You may also make representation(s) via video conferencing at the sitting of the Physical Planning Board when this application would be considered. If you are desirous so to do via video conferencing, contact the Secretary of Physical Planning Board.

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Using the phone while you poop greatly raises hemorrhoid risk, new study says

There's nothing like shutting the bathroom door, maybe even locking it and hiding away from one's family, even just for a few minutes.

The toilet has long been a sanctuary to catch up on some light reading and, for the harried parent, a spot for some rare "me time." But the amount of toilet time has become a more pressing medical issue as people shift from reading physical books and magazines to endlessly scrolling on their smartphones.

There are consequences to sitting longer than we used to on the toilet: People are reporting a higher rate of hemorrhoids when they bring their smartphones to the bathroom, according to a new study in PLOS One.

Hemorrhoids are groups of veins in the rectum and outside the anus that can swell and enlarge due to increased pressure, which can create itchiness, discomfort, pain and bleeding.

This new research provides concrete evidence of what many have long suspected: People lose track of time in the bathroom when they have their phones, said Dr. Trisha Pasricha, the study's senior author, a gastroenterologist at Massachusetts General Hospital and an instructor at Harvard Medical School.

All this scrolling is messing with people's health.

"The entire business model of these social media apps is to distract us, make us lose track of time and addict us to the algorithm," Pasricha said. "We're just now understanding how much smartphones impact lots of other factors in our lives."



Doctors are seeing younger patients with hemorrhoids, and scrolling while sitting on the toilet may be partly to blame

HEMORRHOID RISK LINKED TO PHONE USE ON THE TOILET

The study invited 125 adults undergoing a screening colonoscopy to complete a survey on their toilet habits, including whether they scroll online in the bathroom. The survey also asked questions about straining, fiber intake and exercise routines — additional factors involved in hemorrhoid risk. Confirmation of hemorrhoids was detected by endoscopy.

Sixty-six percent of survey respondents reported regularly using their smartphones on the toilet. Those who did spent significantly more time on the loo than people who left their smartphones outside the bathroom. About 54% of respondents reported using their phones to read news, while about 44% spent their time on social media.

How much did mindless scrolling on the toilet affect hemorrhoid risk? Researchers found regular smartphone use on the toilet was associated with a 46% greater risk of having hemorrhoids. About 37% of smartphone users spend over five minutes on the toilet compared with 7% of non-smartphone users.

HOW BATHROOM PHONE USE COULD CAUSE HEMORRHOIDS

Hemorrhoids are often associated with prolonged sitting; however, the risk is higher when sitting for too long on a toilet. The open toilet seat compresses the rectal area, keeping your bottom in a lower position than if you were sitting on a chair. Over time, the increased pressure from the toilet seat can cause blood to pool in the rectum.

"When you're sitting on an open toilet bowl, you have no pelvic floor support," Pasricha said.

Along with spending more time sitting, using a smartphone on the toilet may increase the risk of hemorrhoids due to poor posture.

Dr. Hima Ghanta, a colorectal surgeon at Holy Name Medical Center in New Jersey who was not involved in the study, said people tend to hunch when looking down at their phones, which isn't ideal for excretion because the rectum and anus curve from the colon. The squatted position is a better option for a smooth bowel movement.

"People way back who had to squat did not tend to have as many issues, but because we changed the angle we're evacuating and sitting longer, these are exacerbating factors for hemorrhoids," Ghanta said.

What about constipation? The study results suggest the issue is most likely the time spent sitting on the toilet rather than straining, Pasricha said.

People who used their smartphones weren't more constipated than those who didn't, she said. "They didn't actually strain harder to have a bowel movement than the ones who didn't. My hypothesis is that it's passive smartphone use that causes these hemorrhoidal cushions to become engorged and bulge, and that's what leads to hemorrhoids."

RISING HEMORRHOID DIAGNOSES IN YOUNGER GENERATIONS

While the study involved only adults 45 years and older, Pasricha said the results can also apply to younger people, as they are the most likely to always carry their phones with them.

"It was helpful to have this (45 and older) group because there were people who didn't use their smartphones on the toilet. So we had a comparison group," Pasricha explained. "Having a third of people not bringing their smartphones to the bathroom helped us understand what a baseline could look like, especially as I imagine the situation is more profound for younger individuals."

Dr. Sandhya Shukla, a gastroenterologist at Atlantic Coast Gastroenterology Associates in New Jersey who was not involved in the study, said she is seeing younger patients diagnosed with hemorrhoid issues. Though other factors, such as low fiber intake and obesity, can explain why this is happening, she said that scrolling mindlessly on the toilet is one of the major contributors.

HOW TO REDUCE THE RISK OF HEMORRHOIDS

The simplest answer is to avoid bringing your phone to the bathroom. If you do bring it, however, all the doctors recommend limiting your sitting time. Gastroenterologists previously advised people to spend no more than 10 minutes sitting on the toilet. Three to five minutes would be ideal.

"A lot of expert consensus is three minutes per bowel movement, but everyone is different," Shukla said.

Setting a timer can be helpful if you're prone to mindless scrolling. Pasricha also recommended checking in with yourself after two TikTok videos to see whether you're having a productive toilet session. If the magic isn't happening, it's better to get up and try again later than to sit and wait on the toilet bowl.

Ghanta explained it best: There are many things in life we're rushing to get through, and we often say to slow down and take time to smell the roses. But not on the toilet. (CNN)

Scientists have created rechargeable, multicoloured, glow-in-the-dark succulent plants

Glow-in-the-dark plants bright enough to light up streets at night may sound like the stuff of science fiction or fantasy.

But scientists have already made plants that emit a greenish glow. They are even commercially available in the United States.

A group of Chinese researchers has just gone even further, creating what they say are the first multicolored and brightest-ever luminescent plants.

"Picture the world of Avatar, where glowing plants light up an entire ecosystem," biologist Shuting Liu, a researcher at South China Agricultural University in Guangzhou and co-author of the study published August 27 in the journal Matter, said in a statement.

"We wanted to make that vision possible using materials we already work with in the lab. Imagine glowing trees replacing streetlights," she added.

To make the plants glow, Liu and her fellow researchers injected the leaves of the succulent Echeveria "Mebina" with strontium aluminate, a material often used in glow-in-the-dark toys that absorbs light and gradually releases it over time.

This method marks a departure from the traditional gene-editing technique that scientists use to achieve this effect, following a model pioneered by a team at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Injecting a plant with

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Researchers unearthed skeleton of extinct 'hypercarnivore' that had a taste for dinosaurs

Tens of millions of years ago, an apex predator resembling a giant crocodile stalked the humid freshwater floodplains of southern Patagonia. Measuring up to 11.5 feet (3.5 meters) long and weighing about 550 pounds (250 kilograms), it ate whatever it could catch. Including some dinosaurs.

Near the southern tip of South America, in Argentina, scientists recently discovered a skeleton — including the skull and jaws — of this hypercarnivore, an animal whose diet is at least 70% meat. They named it Kostensuchus atrox and described the reptile as a new species of peirosaurid crocodyliform, an ancient relative of modern alligators and crocodiles. This is the first crocodyliform found in Argentina's Chorrillo Formation, which dates to about 70 million years ago, toward the end of the Cretaceous period (145 million to 66 million years ago); it is the most complete fossil ever found for this group.



A 3D-printed version of the K. atrox skeleton found in Argentina's southern Patagonia. A hyper-carnivore, this ancient relative of today's alligators and crocodiles may have preyed on dinosaurs

The second-biggest extinct predator found in the region to date, K. atrox is also one of the largest of this type of crocodyliform, researchers reported on August 27 in the journal PLOS One.

"It is equivalent to a lion among felids," the study's lead author, Dr. Fernando Novas, a paleontologist with the Félix de Azara Natural History Foundation at Maimónides University in Buenos Aires, said in an email.

Other fossils previously found in the Chorrillo Formation indicate that K. atrox lived in a diverse habitat, home to dinosaurs, other reptiles, amphibians and even a Cretaceous ancestor of the modern platypus. With its giant head, powerful jaws and large teeth, K. atrox could have easily hunted plant-eating dinosaurs and defended its kills against carnivorous theropod dinosaurs, making crocodyliforms an important part of terrestrial ecosystems, according to Novas.

Discovering K. atrox so far to the south greatly expands the known range of this ancient and fearsome reptile group, suggesting that peirosaurid crocodyliforms were "not only restricted to warm and dry regions in Brazil and northern Patagonia, but also to temperate environments," Novas said.

'PUNCTURING AND SLICING'

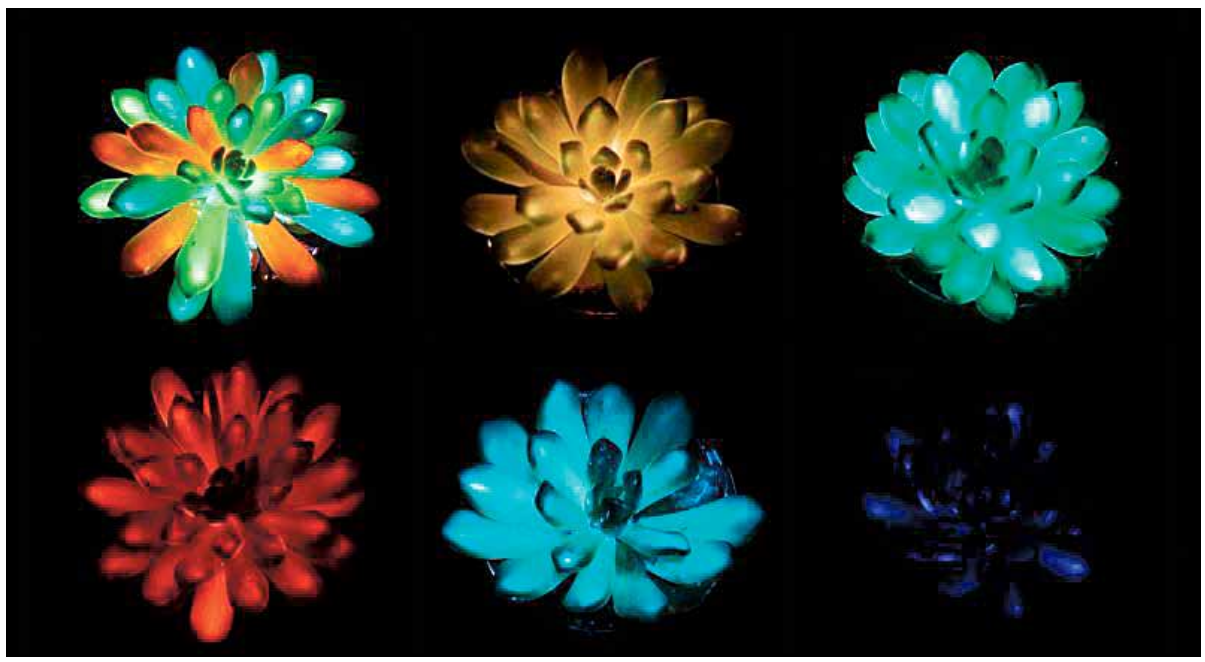
Novas was among the team of paleontologists who found the K. atrox skeleton in March 2020 while excavating the fossil of a large plant-eating dinosaur, and they were immediately struck by its superb preservation. The skeleton was nearly complete, missing only the tail and some limb bones, and the skull was in such good condition that its teeth still bore a coating of enamel, Novas said.

The teeth were pointed with serrated edges that would have been used for "puncturing and slicing through the flesh of sizable prey," the study authors reported. Though the animal's posture was more upright than that of modern crocs, the position of the forelimbs suggest it may have been semiaquatic.

"It is a really interesting animal, partially in that it looks so similar to many other croc relatives," said paleontologist Dr. Keegan Melstrom, an assistant professor at the University of Central Oklahoma who was not involved in the new research. Such similarities are examples of convergent evolution, when species that are not closely related evolve to have similar traits. (CNN)

Scientists have created rechargeable, multicoloured, ...

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Researchers in China used a new technique to create luminescence, injecting the plants with nanoparticles

nanoparticles instead of editing its genes allowed the researchers to create plants that glow red, blue and green. Normally, constrained by the plant's natural color, scientists can only create a green glow.

"Gene editing is an excellent approach," Liu told CNN in an email Tuesday, but added: "We were particularly inspired by inorganic afterglow materials that can be 'charged' by light and then release it slowly as afterglow, as well as by prior efforts on glowing plants that hinted at plant-based lighting — even concepts like plant streetlights."

"Our goal was therefore to integrate multicolor, long-afterglow materials with plants to move beyond the usual color limits of plant luminescence and provide a photosynthesis-independent way for plants to store and release light —essentially, a light charged, living plant lamp," she added.

The research team attempted to show the practical application of their idea by constructing a green wall made of 56 plants that produced enough light to see text, images and a person located up to 10 centimeters (four inches) away, according to the study.

Once injected and placed under direct sunlight for a couple of minutes, the plants continued to glow for up to two hours.

While the brightness of the afterglow gradually weakened during that time period, "plants can be recharged repeatedly by exposure to sunlight," Liu said, replenishing the plants' stored energy and "allowing the plants to continue glowing after the sunlight is removed."

The plants maintain the ability to emit the afterglow effect 25 days after treatment, Liu said, and older leaves injected with the afterglow particles continue to emit light under UV stimulation "even after wilting."

While strontium aluminate can readily decompose in plants, posing harm to plant tissue, Liu said, the scientists developed a chemical coating for the material that acts as a protective barrier.

The researchers said in the paper that they see their findings as highlighting "the potential of luminescent plants as sustainable and efficient lighting systems, capable of harvesting sunlight during the day and emitting light at night."

However, other scientists are skeptical about the practicality. "I like the paper, it's fun, but I think it's a little beyond current technology, and it might be beyond what plants can bear," biochemist John Carr, a professor of plant sciences at the University of Cambridge, who was not involved in the study, told CNN.

"Because of the limited amount of energy that these plants can emit, I don't really see them as streetlights anytime soon," he added.

Liu acknowledged that the plants "are still far from providing functional illumination, as their luminescence intensity remains too weak for practical lighting applications. Additionally, the safety assessment of afterglow particles for both plants and animals is still ongoing."

She said the luminescent plants currently "can primarily serve as decorative display pieces or ornamental night lights."

Sports International



The card features the signatures of both Michael Jordan and Kobe Bryant

Jordan & Kobe signed card sells for record $12.9m

An anonymous bidder paid a record £9.56m ($12.9m) at an auction for a basketball card signed by Michael Jordan and Kobe Bryant making it the most expensive sports collectable card in history.

The card is known as the 2007-08 Upper Deck Exquisite Collection Dual Logoman Autographs Jordan & Bryant card and was sold by Heritage Auctions in the United States.

It had been in the hands of its previous owner for more than a decade and went into auction with a valuation expecting it to achieve £4.4m ($6m) or above. In total 82 bids were then received as the estimate was more than doubled.

The winning bid beat the 1952 Topps Mickey Mantle card, which was sold for $12.6m in August 2022, though the exchange rate at the time meant this was equivalent to £10.8m.

The Jordan-Bryant card is the second most expensive sports collectable ever, behind baseball legend Babe Ruth's 1932 World Series "called the shot" jersey which sold for £18.1m ($24.12) in August 2024.

Heritage's director of sports auctions Chris Ivy told ESPN the Jordan-Bryant card was "the pinnacle" for modern card collectors.

He added that "another one can't be created" and has always been looked at by modern basketball collectors as a "holy grail".

"The pre-auction estimate was $6m-plus. So sometimes if a piece is unique like this, it's really beneficial to let it have its day," Ivy said.

Jordan is widely regarded as the greatest player in NBA history winning six NBA championships with the Chicago Bulls between 1991 and 1998.

Bryant, who died in a helicopter crash in 2020, is also considered an NBA legend and won five championships during a two-decade stint at LA Lakers between 1996 and 2016. (BBC)



Levy appointed Thomas Frank as Spurs manager in the summer

Levy steps down as Tottenham executive chairman

Tottenham's long-serving executive chairman Daniel Levy has stepped down after almost 25 years at the helm of the club.

Levy was appointed in March 2001 and leaves after Spurs won the Europa League in May to end a 17-year wait for a trophy.

The 63-year-old was the Premier League's longest-serving chairman and earned an estimated £50m-plus during his time in charge, but he was also the target of regular protests from Spurs fans, especially last season.

"I am incredibly proud of the work I have done together with the executive team and all our employees," said Levy, who had a reputation in football for being a shrewd operator and tough negotiator.

"We have built this club into a global heavyweight competing at the highest level. More than that, we have built a community.

"I was lucky enough to work with some of the greatest people in this sport, from the team at Lilywhite House and Hotspur Way to all the players and managers over the years.

"I wish to thank all the fans that have supported me over the years. It hasn't always been an easy journey but significant progress has been made. I will continue to support this club passionately."

Tottenham's European trophy success last season came against the backdrop of a difficult Premier League campaign in which the team finished 17th under Ange Postecoglou, who was sacked in the summer and replaced by Thomas Frank.

There were a number of protests aimed at Levy last season, with prominent banners at the home defeat by Leicester in January carrying the messages "Our game is about glory, Levy's game is about greed" and "24 years, 16 managers, 1 trophy - time for change".

There were also regular chants of "Levy out" during the campaign.

Four-time Tour de France winner Froome suffered life-threatening heart injury in crash

Four-time Tour de France winner Chris Froome suffered a life-threatening heart injury in his crash last week in France, his wife has said.

The 40-year-old Froome, who races for Israel–Premier Tech, was airlifted to hospital following a crash during training on August 27, undergoing surgery a day later.

In a post on Froome's X account, it said that he had sustained a pneumothorax, five broken ribs, and a lumbar vertebrae fracture.

Speaking to The Times, Michelle Froome said her husband had also sustained a pericardial rupture, a tear in the protective sac surrounding the heart, often caused by blunt chest trauma and often occurring in road accidents.



Froome is one of the most successful cyclists of his generation

"It was obviously a lot more serious than some broken bones," Michelle said. "He's fine but it's going to be a long recovery process. He won't be riding a bike for a while. Chris is happy for you to share this because people need to understand what is going on."

She added that her husband had been taken to Sainte Anne Toulon military hospital, the highest level trauma center for the region which specializes in thoracic surgery, saying that Froome was shown a video of both the tear and the repair.

A post on Froome's social media said that he was in "good spirits" after undergoing surgery.

The two-time Olympic medalist's contract expires at the end of the season, with his participation in the remainder of the campaign looking unlikely.

Froome also suffered a big crash in 2019 when training and missed that year's Tour de France. He was sent to intensive care and fractured his leg following the incident.

The 40-year-old is one of the sport's most successful stars and dominated cycling during the mid-2010s.

He won his first Tour de France in 2013 before going on to win back-to-back-to-back titles in 2015, 2016 and 2017. (CNN)

Sports International



Aryna Sabalenka

Sabalenka has machine-like consistency - but she's no 'robot'

Aryna Sabalenka has produced a consistency at the Grand Slam tournaments which is unrivalled in the women's game.

With a powerful style translating across court surfaces, the world number one has made 12 semi-final appearances in her past 13 major tournaments - with the latest coming when she faces Jessica Pegula at the US Open on Thursday.

But here's the kicker - Sabalenka's tendency to combust at a critical juncture means only three of those have resulted in titles.

None of the 27-year-old Belarusian's runs at this year's majors have ended with the trophy.

In the Australian Open final, French Open final and Wimbledon semi-finals, an erratic level has led to devastating defeats.

Sabalenka's last major trophy came when she beat Pegula in the New York final 12 months ago and, in a bid to get over the line again, she has brought 10-time doubles Grand Slam champion Max Mirnyi into her team.

"Everything fluctuates in life," Mirnyi, speaking after Sabalenka's practice at Flushing Meadows on Wednesday, told BBC Sport.

"We're not machines, we're not robots, right? As good as some of the professionals are in their fields, they're still human.

"It comes down to being good, but not always perfect. A tennis match is very tough to make perfect.

NBA to investigate report of prohibited Clippers endorsement deal with Leonard

The NBA announced it would investigate the Los Angeles Clippers following a report by podcast host and journalist Pablo Torre, who accused the team of orchestrating a deceptive endorsement deal to sign then-free agent star forward Kawhi Leonard, circumventing the NBA's salary cap.

In an episode of "Pablo Torre Finds Out" released on Wednesday, Torre claimed to have gained access to more than 3,000 pages of internal documents and spoke with multiple unnamed sources. Those documents and unnamed sources, Torre reports, puts together a picture of an alleged 2022 scheme to pay Leonard $28 million over four years, which would avoid the league's salary restrictions.

"We are aware of this morning's media report regarding the LA Clippers and are commencing an investigation," NBA spokesman Mike Bass told CNN Sports.

The episode included testimonial audio from a reported former employee of a now-defunct company called Aspiration Partners, Inc., which fronted the money to pay the All-Star without the league's awareness.

"I didn't so much discover it (the deal) as I was told about it," the anonymous person described as someone formerly working in Aspiration's finance department said on the podcast.

"'Oh, by the way, we also have a marketing deal with Kawhi Leonard, for $28 million, an organic marketing sponsorship deal with Kawhi,'" the person described being told about the arrangement in which Leonard would not need to do anything in return for the money. "(I was told) If I had any questions about it, essentially don't (ask), because it was to 'circumvent the salary cap. LOL,'" the person said.



Kawhi Leonard, seen here in a game against the Milwaukee Bucks in February 2025

Torre stated that team owner Steve Ballmer invested $50 million in Aspiration in 2021, although it is unclear what the direct connection is between Ballmer and the reported deal with Leonard. (CNN)

Europeans 'ready to go' for Ryder Cup – McIlroy

Masters champion Rory McIlroy says he "loves" the team selected by European captain Luke Donald for this month's Ryder Cup at Bethpage Black.

The world number two from Northern Ireland will again spearhead the European challenge with captain Donald naming the most settled team in Ryder Cup history.

Rasmus Hojgaard - who has replaced his twin brother Nicolai having qualified through the ranking system - is the only change to the team that beat the United States two years ago.

McIlroy, 36, has completed the career Grand Slam since that victory in Rome, while Justin Rose and Tommy Fleetwood both won FedEx Cup play-off events last month and Robert McIntyre was



Rory McIlroy will be playing in his eighth Ryder Cup at Bethpage Black from 26-28 September

second in another.

"You could make an argument that all 12 guys are more accomplished than they were two years ago, so I'm excited," McIlroy told BBC Sport NI's Stephen Watson.

"Continuity is an underestimated quality in a team, especially when it comes to a Ryder Cup when there's so many variables and changes. Love the 12 guys that have been assembled, and I think we're ready to go.

"We know it's going to be very difficult, there's a reason every Ryder Cup for the past 10 years has been won by the home team, but we have a great opportunity."

McIlroy was a part of the European team that most recently won a Ryder Cup away from home at Medinah in 2012.

In what will be his eighth time at the event, he is expecting a "raucous" home crowd but believes "taking a leaf" from tennis star Novak Djokovic's book could be helpful for his team-mates at Bethpage Black after the Serbian beat home favourite Taylor Fritz in the US Open quarter-finals.

"I watched a little bit of Novak Djokovic [Tuesday] night playing in his match against Taylor Fritz," said McIlroy of the 24-time major champion's latest Grand Slam charge.

"It was a very pro-American crowd and he's been the best at handling that. He's had to deal with it his whole life, whether it's playing against an American in New York or playing against Roger [Federer] or Rafa [Nadal].

"He came and spoke to us a little bit about that stuff last time in Rome so [it's about] maybe taking a leaf out of his book and channelling that energy the right way."

McIlroy is in the field at the Irish Open this week with the DP World Tour event at the K Club his penultimate tournament before the Ryder Cup.

Sports International

Ayuso wins stage 12 of the Vuelta a Espana



Juan Ayuso also won a stage at the Giro d'Italia earlier this year

Spain's Juan Ayuso held off Javier Romo to win stage 12 of the Vuelta a Espana in a breakaway as Jonas Vingegaard retained the overall race lead.

Ayuso, 22, who also won stage seven and is leaving UAE Team Emirates-XRG at the end of the season, was joined by his compatriot as he tried to go solo on the final climb of the day, about 26km from the finish of the 144.9km route from Laredo to Los Corrales de Buelna.

Romo finished second and France's Brieuc Rolland crossed in third, before Victor Campenaerts led home a 16-man group that formed from a larger contingent of over 40 escapees earlier in the day.

"I had already won a stage and he had to pull more if he wanted to win the stage," Ayuso told TNT Sports.

"I was told from the car to play it like this. It is not something I really enjoy, not co-operating fully, but sometime you have to play it smart.

"I knew how to time my sprint and I timed it perfectly."

Vingegaard was flanked by his Visma-Lease a Bike team-mates as he came home over six minutes later, along with other GC favourites including Joao Almeida and Britain's Tom Pidcock.

The final 100 metres to the line was marked by a show of pro-Palestinian protest flags, but there was no repeat of stage 11 when racing was affected and curtailed three kilometres before the finish in Bilbao.

That had led to race technical director Kiko Garcia reportedly discussing the Israel-Premier Tech team, external in the context of the safety of the rest of the peloton.

Friday's 13th stage is the second longest in this year's Vuelta at 202.7km and it should see the general classification race ignite on the final climb, a brutal summit finish on the Angliru where gradients will ramp up above 20%. (BBC)

French women out of Worlds over late sex tests



World Boxing's mandatory genetic sex test is banned in France, save under strict conditions

The French women's team have been barred from the Boxing World Championships in Liverpool because they missed the deadline for sharing genetic sex test results.

World Boxing, the international governing body for amateur boxing, said last month that women wanting to compete in the event, which started on Thursday, would have to undergo mandatory genetic sex testing under its new policy.

Those tests are banned in France so the French boxing federation (FFBoxe) sent the five-member team to a lab in Leeds on Monday to take them.

However, the French federation said on Thursday that the lab would be unable to provide the results in time for its fighters to be eligible for the championships, which take place from 4-14 September in north west England.

"It is with stupefaction and indignation that the French team learned on Wednesday evening the French women's boxing team would not be able to compete in the first World Championships organised by World Boxing," it said.

"Despite guarantees given to us by World Boxing, the laboratory which they recommended to us was not up to the task of delivering the results on time.

"As a result our athletes as well as those from other countries have been caught in this trap and excluded."

BBC Sport has been told that France is not the only federation impacted and that 12 fighters in total have been barred - all five French fighters, plus others from Nigeria, Fiji, the Philippines and the Dominican Republic.

World Boxing said that the fault lies with the boxing federations.

"Since World Boxing first announced its intention to introduce mandatory sex testing to determine the chromosomal sex of a male or female at birth, the organisation has made it clear that testing will be the responsibility of national federations as they have the closest links and most access to their boxers and are best placed to manage the testing process," World Boxing said.

"They also oversee the entry process for boxers so know which boxers need to be tested and when.

"It is very disappointing for the boxers that some national federations have not been able to complete this process in time, which means that some athletes have not made it through the sports entry process for the World Boxing Championships."

Under World Boxing's rules "all athletes over the age of 18" that wish to participate in competitions it owns or sanctions "need to undergo a PCR (polymerase chain reaction) genetic test to determine their sex at birth and their eligibility to compete".

The body has declined to say if any fighters taking the tests have failed them.

Last week, Algerian boxer Imane Khelif filed an appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport to challenge World Boxing's introduction of the genetic sex test.

Khelif, along with Taiwanese fighter Lin Yu-ting, was disqualified from the 2023 World Championships by previous world governing body the International Boxing Association (IBA) for allegedly failing gender eligibility tests.

Both Khelif and Lin have not entered this year's event, said World Boxing president Boris van der Vorst.

The pair made headlines at the 2024 Paris Olympics where they won gold medals after the International Olympic Committee (IOC) permitted them to compete.

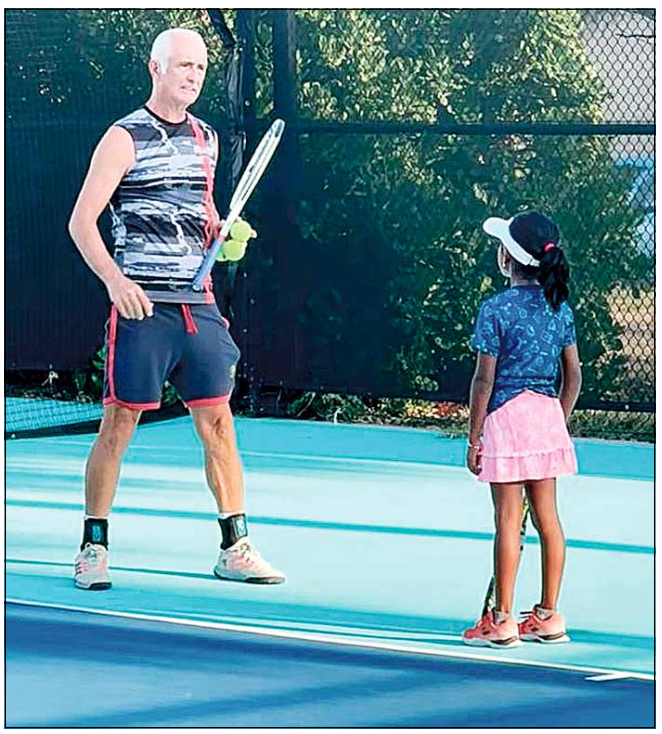
The IOC said competitors were eligible for the women's division in Paris if their passports said they were female and made it clear last year this is "not a transgender case".

Boxing has undergone a major restructure in recent years after the IBA was stripped of its powers for failing to implement reforms.

The IOC oversaw governance of boxing at the Paris Olympics before World Boxing was granted provisional recognition as the sport's international governing federation by the IOC in February 2025. (BBC)



Akshara Nagarajan with her trophies



Akshara and her coach



Akshara Nagarajan and Olivia Arage of Las Vegas won the doubles championship

Akshara Nagarajan shines on international stage at Little Mo Tournament

Turks and Caicos Islands junior tennis player Akshara Nagarajan delivered a standout performance at the Little Mo International Tournament, held recently in West Orange, New Jersey. Competing in the under-8 division, Akshara earned the singles runner-up trophy and captured the doubles championship alongside Olivia Arage of Las Vegas.

Her singles campaign was marked by grit and consistency, as she battled through each round with determination and poise beyond her years. Though she narrowly missed the top spot, her second-place performance left a lasting impression on coaches and spectators alike.

In doubles, Akshara and Olivia proved to be a formidable team. Their chemistry on court, sharp communication, and tactical play earned them the championship title—highlighting Akshara's ability to excel not only as an individual competitor but also as a collaborative athlete.

"The tournament was nice, but it was very competitive," Akshara said.

She added that she was grateful for the opportunity and delighted with the results, noting that her aim is to keep improving through hard work and more practice sessions.

Akshara's recent success builds on the momentum set by her sister Harini Nagarajan and her cousin, April Thirumalaiyandi, who placed third in the under-11 singles and won the mixed doubles title at the Little Mo International Tournament in Colorado Springs. The 10-year-old girls were instrumental in encouraging Akshara to take up the sport.

Supporting the eight-year-old's development both on and off the court is a dedicated team. Her coach, Jean Guy, has played a pivotal role in refining her technique, boosting her confidence, and nurturing her competitive mindset—laying the groundwork for her international achievements.

She also trains regularly at The Palms, whose generous provision of court access has been vital to her preparation. Akshara's daily schedule includes early morning and post-school training sessions, with unwavering support from her school, Mills Institute, and her class teacher, Ms Tracey, who actively encourages her passion.

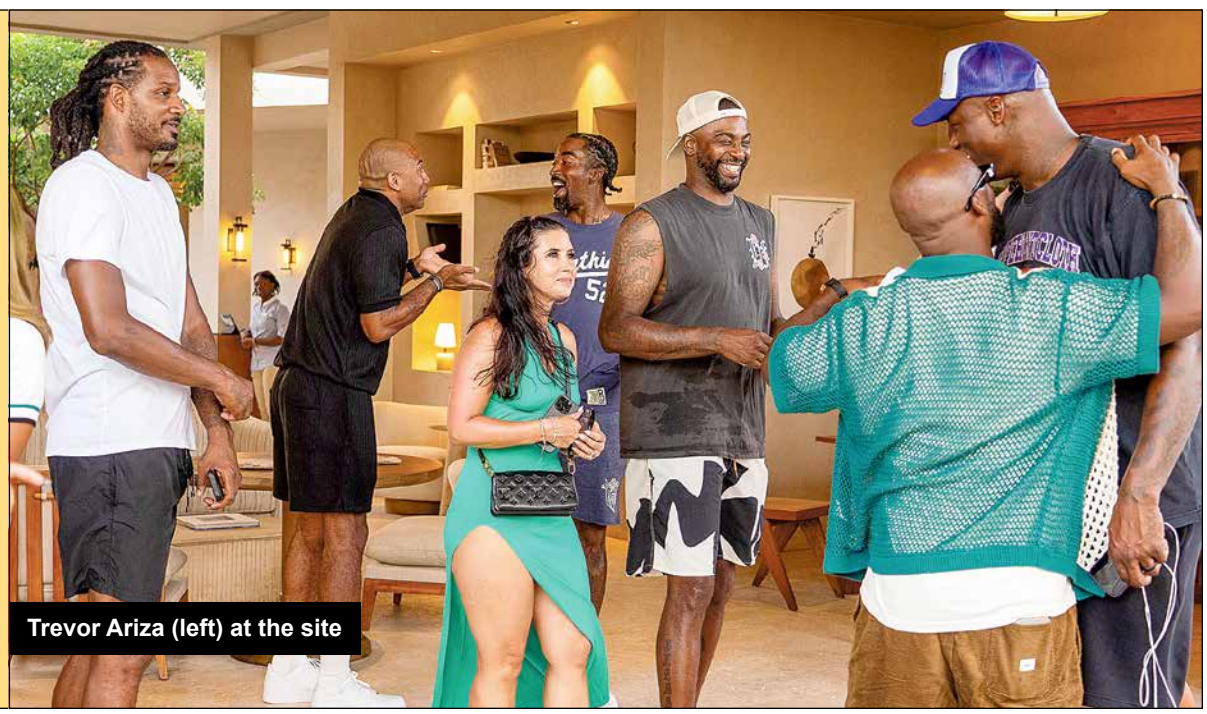
According to Akshara's family, additional thanks go to GK Foods for their continued support and encouragement, coach Reynaldo and the team at the Golf Club, and Shernequa for their ongoing encouragement.

Trevor Ariza visits South Bank's Arc Development

Former NBA Champion Trevor Ariza recently made a visit to South Bank in the Turks and Caicos Islands, where he toured the construction site of Arc, the development's flagship residential neighbourhood. Ariza, the first NBA player with roots from the Turks and Caicos, was joined by fellow athletes, entertainers, and entrepreneurs for an exclusive look at the progress of the project.

Designed by renowned Italian architect Piero Lissoni, Arc is one of the Caribbean's most anticipated residential developments. The group began the evening with a private dinner at Lua, South Bank's signature restaurant, before heading to the site for a guided tour.

The visit concluded at the South Bank Real Estate office, where Ariza and the group viewed models of Arc and the upcoming Beach Villas, getting a glimpse of what's to come in the evolving landscape of luxury living in the region.



Trevor Ariza (left) at the site



The 17U basketball champions

Badgers rule the court, Skyhawks dominate the diamond in PAL 17U 2025 Championships

The Police Action League (PAL) 17U Championships came to a thrilling close in Providenciales this past weekend, as the Badgers and Skyhawks emerged as champions in basketball and softball respectively.

Basketball took centre stage at the Gustavus Lightbourne Sports Complex, where fans witnessed a gritty showdown between the Badgers and Seaquest in the 17U Championship Final. The Badgers held their nerve and powered through to a 44–36 victory, with Jaron McNish delivering a clutch performance that earned him Championship MVP.

Seaquest's Dashawn Lightbourne was a standout all season, claiming both League MVP and Most Points, while the Skyhawks secured third place with a hard-fought 54–46 win over the Avengers, led by rebounding machine Samuel Harvey II who finished with the Most Rebounds trophy.

Other top basketball honours went to: Jovany Job from Seaquest (Most Steals) and Wodson Antonine from Seaquest (Most Defensive Player).

While the Badgers ruled the court, the Skyhawks soared on the diamond. In a dramatic five-game 17U Softball Series, the Skyhawks delivered a statement win in Game 5, shutting out the Badgers 12–0 to clinch the series 3–2 and take home the championship.

Jelena Riviere's bat was unstoppable, earning her Top Hitter, while Christina Pratt's command on the mound secured her Top Pitcher. Despite the final result, Badgers' Jayde Henfield was named Series MVP, a nod to her consistent excellence throughout the series.

Minister of Education, Youth, Sports and Social Services, Hon Rachel Taylor commended the athletes, coaches, and families for their dedication.

"The PAL championships once again highlight the power of sport in uniting communities, building discipline, and showcasing the extraordinary talent we have across our Islands. When parents lead, children succeed."

With the 17U season now in the books, the spotlight shifts to the PAL 13U and 15U basketball finals, which tips off this Saturday at the Gustavus Lightbourne Sports Complex.



The Skyhawks dominated the fifth game



The Skyhawks controlled the mound

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Savings USD	ALFRED L PHILLIPS	YAMACRAW BEACH EST, NASSAU, BAHAMAS
Savings USD	NOIVA V WILLIAMS	GODETS ALOTMENT, GRAND TURK, TCI
Business USD	REEF PROPERTIES LTD	P.O. BOX 656, COURTYARD PLAZA, UNIT 2A, LEEWARD HWY, PROVIDENCIALES, TCI
Business USD	TURKS & CAICOS JUNIOR GOLF ASSOCIATION	P.O. BOX 332, TURKS & CAICOS JUNIOR GOLF ASSOCIATION, PROVIDENCIALES, TCI
Business USD	DIHANGFA LIMITED	P. O. BOX 127, RICHMOND HOUSE, LEEWARD HIGHWAY, PROVIDENCIALES, TCI
Business USD	THE PROVO MARINE BIOLOGY CENTRE	VENETIAN ROAD, PROVIDENCIALES, TCI
Business USD	WATER LOO GOLF CLUB	P.O.80 WATER LOO, GRAND TURK, TCI
Business USD	SUN ENTERPRISE	PALM GROVE DRIVE, GRAND TURK, TCI
Business USD	J&S CARIBBEAN RENTALS LTD	PALM GROVE VILLAS UNIT NO.K4, GRAND TURK, TCI
Business USD	THE LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH	AIRPORT ROAD, COCKBURN TOWN, GRAND TURK, TCI
Savings CAD	DONALD R DAGENAIS	SOMERSET, PROVIDENCIALES, TCI
Term Deposit	SHANNON MANTOCK	1115 NW 144ST, MIAMI, USA
Term Deposit	ARNULFO O CAJURAO	SUGAR APPLE LANE, LEEWARD GARDENS, PROVIDENCIALES, TCI
Term Deposit	KAREN L WATT	ACE PLUMBING 2 B, KEW TOWN, PROVIDENCIALES, TCI
Term Deposit	TARA RAHMING-JENNINGS	APT 6, 7 HIBISCUS LANE, LEEWARD PALMS, PROVIDENCIALES, TCI
Term Deposit	NATASHA NICOLA FERNANDEZ	SUGAR APPLE CT, LEEWARD ESTATES, PROVIDENCIALES, TCI
Term Deposit	LAARNI JOAN VENTURA	MONICA SIMONS APT#3, BARRACK HILL ROAD, PALM GROVE, GRAND TURK, TCI
Term Deposit	AKINA S MCCARTNEY	PALM GROVE, GRAND TURK, TCI
Term Deposit	EMILY ROSE GERALDE	SOUTH DOCK, PROVIDENCIALES, TCI
Term Deposit	CRISTIAN R REBOLLEDO- ARAGON	UNIT 10, SEA FLOWERS LOWER BIGHT RD, THE BIGHT, PROVIDENCIALES, TCI
Term Deposit	ANITA J MARCUS	OSPREY CL, THOMPSON COVE, PROVIDENCIALES, TCI
Term Deposit	LUCIUS CHARLEMAGNE	ALPHEUS SMITH APT#3, LEEWARD PALMS, PROVIDENCIALES, TCI
Term Deposit	KENYATTA RIGBY	12 ZIRCON CRES, BLUE HILLS, PROVIDENCIALES, TCI
Term Deposit	HENRIK ARNTH-JENSEN	308 THE PINNACLEON GRACE BAY RESORT, 296 GRACE BAY ROAD, PROVIDENCIALES, TCI

Account Type	Account Name	Last Known Address
Term Deposit	DAVID J PHILLIPS	LONG BAY, PROVIDENCIALES, TCI
Term Deposit	NANCY LYNN MIZINSKI	BUILDING 12, TURTLE COVE, BRIDGE RD, PROVIDENCIALES, TCI
Term Deposit	KAREN S LIGHTBOURNE	COLONEL MURRAY HILL, BREEZY BRAE, GRAND TURK, TCI
Term Deposit	JONATHAN KRESPIL	UNIT 7, 9 LUCKER LN, FLAMINGO PARK, LEEWARD HIGHWAY, PROVIDENCIALES, TCI
Term Deposit	K'S TIRE SERVICES LTD	P.O. BOX 231, LEEWARD HIGHWAY, PROVIDENCIALES, TCI
Term Deposit	EPIC CORPORATE & CONSULTANCY SERVICES LTD	NORTH BACK SALINA, GRAND TURK, TCI
Term Deposit	JACA TCI LTD	REGENT VILLAGE B202-204 GRACE BAY ROAD, P.O. BOX 332, PROVIDENCIALES, TCI

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Draft USD	2426038988	NO CUSTOMER DETAILS AVAILABLE	N/A
Draft USD	9404040351	B/O AISHA ISMAIL I/F CSC CONSULAR SERVICES INC.	GOVERNOR'S ROAD, PROVIDENCIALES, TCI
Draft USD	6882036780	NO CUSTOMER DETAILS AVAILABLE	N/A
Draft USD	6882036781	NO CUSTOMER DETAILS AVAILABLE	N/A
Draft USD	9404040338	B/O KANDRA WILLIAMS I/F FEDEX	NORTH DISTRICT, GRAND TURK, TCI
Draft USD	9404040261	B/O ANAK AGUNG E LESTARI I/F EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF IND	GREAT HOUSE/SAILROCK RESORT, HIGH POINT, SOUTH CAICOS, TCI
Draft USD	9404040419	NO CUSTOMER DETAILS AVAILABLE	N/A
Draft USD	9404040286	B/O JOANNA FORTUNATE I/F EMBASSY OF THE PHILIPPINES	CABLE ROUTE ROAD, SOUTH BACKSALINA, GRAND TURK, TCI
Draft USD	6882036731	NO CUSTOMER DETAILS AVAILABLE	N/A
Draft USD	2426038936	NO CUSTOMER DETAILS AVAILABLE	N/A
Draft USD	9404040394	B/O CLAUDIMENE JOSEPH I/F FEDEX	262 SOUR BUSH ST, BEHIND MARA, BLUE HILLS, PROVIDENCIALES, TCI
Draft USD	9404040380	B/O LESSIA CAMBRONNE-BAILEY I/F FEDEX	SOUTH DOCK RD, PROVIDENCIALES, TCI
Draft USD	83073	B/O CHRISTIAN I/F FEDEX	N/A
Draft USD	9404040218	B/O LUIS F CASTRO-E SPINAL I/F GERMAN EMBASSY, KINGSTON , JAMA	UNIT 2A, 47 STINGRAY ST., GLASS SHACK, PROVIDENCIALES, TC1
Draft USD	80368	NO CUSTOMER DETAILS AVAILABLE	N/A
Draft USD	75490	NO CUSTOMER DETAILS AVAILABLE	N/A
Draft USD	2426038935	NO CUSTOMER DETAILS AVAILABLE	N/A
Draft USD	6882036724	NO CUSTOMER DETAILS AVAILABLE	N/A
Draft USD	6882036765	NO CUSTOMER DETAILS AVAILABLE	N/A
Draft USD	84246	B/O VALERIE G KENNEDY-HOUSEMAN	15B HOUSEMAN CLOSE, KEW TOWN
Draft USD	79895	B/O STEPHANIE SMITH I/F TCIG	UNIT 2 TURTLE CREEK, 57 WATERVIEW STREET, PROVINDENCIALES, TCI
Draft USD	75489	NO CUSTOMER DETAILS AVAILABLE	N/A
Draft USD	75685	B/O DEBORAH ASHTON	BREEZY BRAE, GRAND TURK, TCI
Draft USD	79852	NO CUSTOMER DETAILS AVAILABLE	N/A
Draft USD	75339	NO CUSTOMER DETAILS AVAILABLE	N/A
Draft USD	75659	B/O WALTER FORBES I/F EMERSON DEVLOPMENT	EAST SUBURBS, GRAND TURK, TCI
Draft USD	83084	NO CUSTOMER DETAILS AVAILABLE	N/A
Draft USD	83170	NO CUSTOMER DETAILS AVAILABLE	N/A
Draft USD	82231	NO CUSTOMER DETAILS AVAILABLE	N/A
Draft USD	83512	B/O ODINOR FRANCOIS I/F MISICK & STANBROOK	DUCK YARD KEW TOWN, PROVIDENCIALES, TCI
Draft USD	6882036819	NO CUSTOMER DETAILS AVAILABLE	N/A
Draft USD	284	NO CUSTOMER DETAILS AVAILABLE	N/A
Draft USD	80323	NO CUSTOMER DETAILS AVAILABLE	N/A
DraftUSD	75285	NO CUSTOMER DETAILS AVAILABLE	N/A
Draft USD	78458	NO CUSTOMER DETAILS AVAILABLE	N/A
Draft USD	82233	NO CUSTOMER DETAILS AVAILABLE	N/A
Draft USD	80203	NO CUSTOMER DETAILS AVAILABLE	N/A
Draft USD	82361	B/O EXECUTIVE TOURS LTD F/O CORE RESOURCES	P.O. BOX 201, AIRPORT ROAD, PROVIDENCIALES, TCI
Draft USD	54576	NO CUSTOMER DETAILS AVAILABLE	N/A
Draft USD	54579	NO CUSTOMER DETAILS AVAILABLE	N/A
Draft USD	52345	NO CUSTOMER DETAILS AVAILABLE	N/A
Draft CAD	5356	HIGH COMMISSION OF CANADA	N/A
Draft CAD	6618	KANDIDA M HARIRAJ	GRACE BAY, PROVIDENCIALES, TCI
Draft CAD	7528	HIGH COMMISSION CANADA	N/A

The public is also hereby given notice of the following–

1. Unless one or more of the following transactions are effected on a dormant account listed above on or before the 31st day of October 2025, the monies in the dormant account will be transferred to the general revenue of the Islands without further notice-
   (a) Increase or decrease the amount held or owed in the Financial Institution[1];
   (b) Present the passbook or other record for the crediting of interest or dividends in respect to any general deposit, demand deposit, savings deposit or deposit for a fixed period, made in the Islands;
   [1] Interest paid, or account fees applied, by a Financial Institution on monies held or owed in the Financial Institution shall not be regarded as a transaction which increase or decreases the amount held in the Financial Institution pursuant to section 4(4) of the Dormant Accounts Ordinance.
   (c) Correspond in writing with the Financial Institution concerning the monies; or
   (d) Otherwise indicate an interest in the monies as evidenced in writing by the Financial Institution.
2. Subject to the Dormant Accounts Ordinance, on the transfer of the monies in the dormant account to the general revenue of the Islands, the dormant account holder will no longer have any right against the Financial Institution to the repayment of the monies transferred, but the dormant account holder will have against the Government such right to repayment of the monies transferred that the dormant account holder would have had against the Financial Institution.
3. Any interested person should contact the Financial Institution mentioned above to establish if that person is a dormant account holder.

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