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In a move that has been welcomed by the public, especially conservationists, the government has secured ownership of the land around which the Cayman Brac lighthouse stands.

Regarded as a prized piece of real estate, campaigners had lobbied for the area to be retained as part of the national

cultural and ecosystem patrimony.

The land which has been on the mar-

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# 'TAXING TIMES' AS THE UK **SEEKS TO BRIDGE BUDGET GAP**

By Staff Writer

The United Kingdom is embroiled in an all-consuming debate about taxes that resonates beyond the UK mainland, with potential implications for some of its Overseas Territories, particularly those receiving UK aid or likely to seek UK support.

Since coming into office last year, the current Labour Party government has made a top priority of tackling what it called an initial £22 billion blackhole in public finances, which it claimed it inherited from previous Conservative party administrations. This issue has been an abiding headline issue in political discourse and news headlines, and shows no signs of abating.

It is speculated that a slew of new and higher taxes, among them a hike in inheritance taxes, other wealth taxes and corporate taxation, are said to be under consideration alongside the government's oft-repeated pledges to grow the economy.

In its manifesto, Labour promised not to raise taxes such as income tax, VAT or national insurance on "working people" and ever since taking office in July 2024 has embarked on a campaign to plug the public finances blackhole, which is now reported to have ballooned to over £50



▶ UK Chancellor of the Exchequer Minister of Finance Rachel Reeves

"We inherited a £22 billion black hole in the public finances, and we set out the detail of that at the time of the Budget," UK Chancellor of the Exchequer/Minister of Finance Rachel Reeves reported to Parliament/House of Commons, in response to questions about the initial series of measures the government had implemented.

The next full UK Budget is due to be presented late October or early November 2025, with the exact date yet to be confirmed. A Spring Statement, which occurred on Wednesday, 26th March 2025, provided an economic forecast.

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taken have been an increase in several business-related taxes such as the basic rate capital gains tax on profits from selling shares, the share of national insurance paid by companies, and the tax paid by private equity managers on a share of profits from successful deals.

The government is also targeting what it described as "wealthy offshore non-compliance", estimated to be depriving the government coffers of around £100 million per year, to recoup an extra £500m over five years.

Higher charges for water, energy and council tax, coupled with tighter welfare policies accompanied by cuts to some government services, were the hallmarks of that presentation. The Chancellor also authorised more government borrowing for public sector investment, increased funding for the National Health Service and housing plan, as well as clearing the way to increase the defence budget. Increases to capital gains tax and private school fees, and the abolition of the controversial "non-dom" tax regime, have also featured prominently in the Labour government's budget decisions to date.

There have also been several relief measures on personal and business taxes aimed at stimulating economic growth.

But now, with the full annual budget statement looming, the UK government is grappling with further measures to tackle the deficit while seeking to get the economy moving at a time of global economic tensions mainly driven internationally by tariff wars, supply chain disruptions, and national issues.

Some specialist analysts and think tanks are also suggesting that Chancellor Reeves might not have a choice other than to further increase taxes in the upcoming budget.

The influential National Institute of Economic and Social Research (NIESR) has already recommended "a moderate but sustained increase in taxes", including reform of the council tax system to make up the shortfall.

The independent NIESR also suggested the government could raise revenue through changes to the scope of value-added tax(VAT), pensions allowances and prolonging the freeze in income tax thresholds, which is set to end in 2028.

Meanwhile, in Cayman, the Pre-Election Economic and Financial Update (PREFU) released in April had cautioned about a deficit in the territory's public finances this year.

The PREFU had warned that "without corrective measures, projected deficits will persist in 2025 and 2026.

Some observers have privately speculated on the prospect of a rise in certain fees and duties, or the introduction of selected taxation to bridge the revenue gap and diversify the government's income sources beyond the heavy reliance on revenue from the financial services sector, tourism and construction. Stamp duty is currently paid at various rates on transfers of land/property and the execution of certain documents. There are no income or withholding taxes imposed on individuals in the Cayman Islands.

In its recent First 100 Days report, the government concluded that "deliberate actions were required, which include reviewing revenue enhancement measures and re-examining operating and capital expenditure plans to identify reductions."



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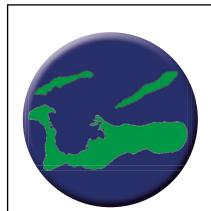
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# Youth Empowerment Symposium To Tackle Financial Literacy



► Hon. Isaac D. Rankine

The Youth Services Unit (YSU) will host its third annual Youth Empowerment Symposium (YES) at the Marriott Resort from September 17-18. This year's theme, "Money Matters: Empowerment through Financial Literacy," aims to equip young people with practical knowledge and tools to improve their financial well-being.

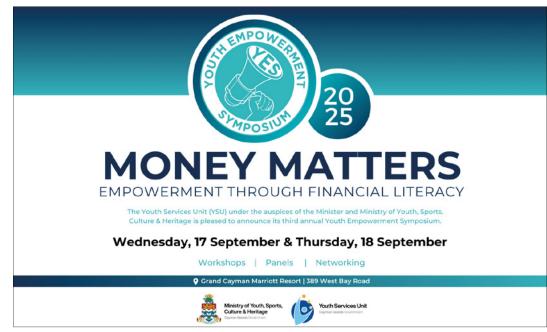
The two-day event features a School Delegates Conference for students aged 12-18, selected from public and private schools across the island. This daytime conference will include interactive talks and activities exploring key topics such as budgeting, investing, money management and financial goal-setting.

To extend the reach of the initiative, YES will also offer a Young Adult Evening on September 18 from 6:00 to 8:30p.m. targeting persons aged 18 to 30. This free event includes dinner, a networking reception and an interactive panel discussion with young Caymanian professionals sharing their insights and tips.

Young adults are especially encouraged to RSVP as space is limited. Discussions will focus on financial literacy, goal-setting and building one's financial future. RSVPs should be submitted by 10th September at: https://www.youthservices.ky/event-details/yes-2025-young-adults-evening

"Our main goal is to engage youth across ages groups through practical hands-on learning," states Head of Youth Services Unit, Mrs. Mellony Bryan-Waugh. "Our presenters include professionals and institutions from the financial sector, whose support will is important in preparing young people to navigate today's economy."

The Symposium is sponsored by the Ministry of Youth, Sports, Culture and Her-



▶ Cayman youth will be empowered at the upcoming third annual Youth Empowerment Symposium, centered on this year's theme, Money Matters: Empowerment through Financial Literacy.

itage, the YSU along with bronze sponsors: Credit Union, Scotiabank, Cayman Islands Centre for Business Development, and KPMG. It is a key initiative that Hon. Isaac Rankine, Minister of Youth, Sports, Culture and Heritage, recognises as essential to the success of young people.

Minister Rankine noted, "Empowering our youth with financial literacy is an important investment in their

personal development. Early exposure helps young people make more responsible decisions, break cycles, be innovative and inspire interest in career paths in our financial services sector, entrepreneurship and other related fields. The symposium is the perfect launch pad for our young people to learn skills that will enhance and empower their future."



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# Cayman Islands Launches 2025-2026 National Risk Assessment

The Cayman Islands has launched its 2025-2026 National Risk Assessment (NRA), a significant step in strengthening the country's framework against money laundering, terrorist financing, and proliferation financing. Importantly, completion of the NRA is also an integral part of preparation for the upcoming 5th Round CFATF Mutual Evaluation, currently scheduled for December 2027.

The NRA is an internationally recognised process that helps countries better understand and address financial crime risks. The findings are used to shape risk-based policies, guide regulatory and supervisory priorities, and ensure Cayman continues to meet the highest global standards.



► Hon. Andre Ebanks MP, Premier

"The NRA is an essential part of our national strategy to protect the Cayman

Islands' financial system and reputation," Premier and Minister for Financial Services and Commerce, the Hon. André Ebanks said. "It also reflects Cayman's continuing commitment to combating financial crime. By taking a rigorous, transparent, and inclusive approach, we are demonstrating our responsibility as a trusted global financial services centre of excellence and innovation."

The 2025-2026 NRA is being coordinated by the Office for Strategic Action on Illicit Finance (OSAIF), with participation from government agencies, regulators, and private sector stakeholders. Initial meetings were held this week to address the assessment methodology and the ongoing risk evaluations within certain sectors of financial services.

"The NRA gives us the evidence base we need to develop effective, risk-based policies," OSAIF Director Andrea Proctor said. "It brings together government, regulators, law enforcement partners, and industry to identify threats and vulnerabilities so that we can respond decisively. This is about ensuring both compliance and resilience, while showing international partners that Cayman takes its responsibilities seriously."

### Next Steps

The NRA process will continue through the rest of the year and into 2026, with findings and recommendations published upon completion. Updates will be provided to stakeholders throughout the process.

# GOVERNMENT ACQUIRES PRIME PROPERTY ON CAYMAN BRAC 'FOR THE CAYMANIAN PEOPLE'



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ket for around KYD6.9 million, has been purchased by the National Coalition for Caymanians Administration(NCFC) for a reported KYD5.5 million.

Addressing the issue on the Radio Cayman talkshow For The Record with Orrett Connor on Monday (this edition guest-hosted by Dr. Steve McField and Dr. Theresa Pitcairn), Hon. Premier Andre Ebanks disclosed that one consideration for the acquisition was a United Nations guidance on how much green space a country should reserve.

Outline the possibilities for the location under government control, which could include a national park layout, the Premier welcomed the public's supportive feedback on the decision.

Stating that it fits into a balanced development outlook, he said: "The country is looking for a balance. The country knows

that it will have to enhance infrastructure and have the built environment, but I think they want it done in a way that takes account of preservation of land for Caymanians."

Meanwhile, in a post on social media, Hon. Minister for Planning, Lands, Agriculture, Housing and Infrastructure, Jay Ebanks, hailed the decision by stating: "One of Cayman Brac's landmarks has returned to its rightful owner, the Caymanian people."

The 125-acre property, which had been listed for sale by a real estate company and advertised as prime land with "immense potential" for development, had already been subdivided into 44 lots to capitalise on its market value.

In addition to its location as the highest point in the Cayman Islands, the area is also the site of the Cayman Brac lighthouse, a functioning navigational aid for maritime traffic in the area.





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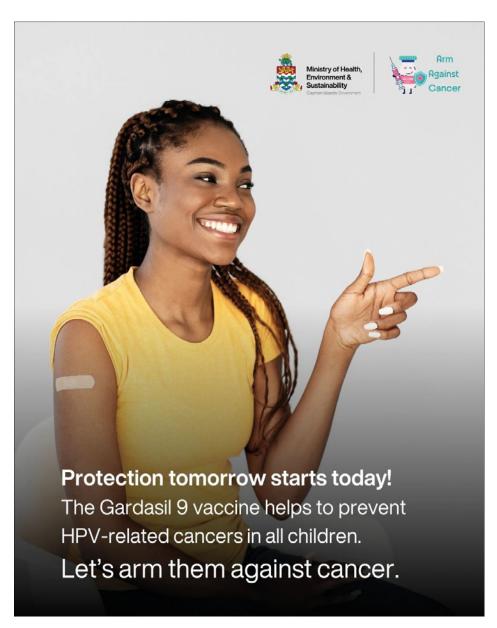
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# MHES and Partners Launch Annual HPV Vaccination Drive to Eliminate Cervical Cancer in the Cayman Islands



The Ministry of Health, Environment and Sustainability (MHES), the Public Health Department (PHD) and the Cayman Islands Cancer Society (CICS) are pleased to announce the expansion of what has become an annual HPV vaccination drive for school age children and young adults, ages 9-25, via not only the school vaccination programme but also a partnership with six private sector providers — Cayman Clinic, Doctor's Hospital, Health City Cayman Islands, Integra Healthcare, Savannah Medical Centre and Seven Mile Medical Centre — to enhance access to this vaccine across our Islands.

HPV, or human papillomavirus, is a group of over 200 viruses, which can cause warts as well as various cancers, including but not limited to cervical cancer and some types of oral and throat cancers. "I am very pleased that our efforts to protect our children and young people against the threat of certain cancers is not only ongoing, but expanding," explains Chief Nursing Officer, Mrs. Felicia McLean. "This year, HPV vaccines will be available free of cost not only from Public Health, but also from participating private sector providers who will be facilitating the administration of these vaccines to their patients and who will be hosting vaccination clinics of their own," she adds.

While the school vaccination drive will begin in October 2025, participating private sector providers will be able to administer the vaccine as early as 1 September 2025

"The school vaccination drive remains the same as last year," Public Health's School Health Coordinator, Nurse Carvell Bailey, explains. "Parents who wish to have their children vaccinated, and whose school has signed up for the programme, can request that the vaccine is administered at school by a School Health Nurse. To do this, parents must also complete the requisite consent order so that the vaccine can be administered at school."

In addition to the school drive, Cayman Clinic, Doctors' Hospital, Health City Cayman Islands, Integra Healthcare, Savannah Medical Clinic and Seven Mile Medical Clinic will also be facilitating access to this vaccine for free at their locations for children and youth ages 9-25. "We are grateful to our private sector partners for helping us to broaden the reach of this work by providing children, youth and their families with additional options of where to access this service," states Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Nick Gent. "The Ministry will be providing these vaccines free of cost, so other private sector providers who are interested in assisting us and administering the HPV vaccine free of cost in their clinics can contact Ms. Taneil Lee at the Ministry on taneil.lee@gov.ky."

Efforts to raise awareness and encourage the uptake of the HPV vaccine began in the 2010s by the Cayman Islands Cancer Society, working in partnership with the Public Health Department. "It is great to see how far this effort has come over the last 15 years," explains Mr. Dave O'Driscoll,



Operations Manager for CICS. "The Cancer Society is thrilled to be able to support this important, life saving, initiative once again, and I sincerely hope that all persons who are eligible — especially parents who are making choices for their children — will take advantage of this opportunity and get vaccinated."

"HPV vaccination is cancer prevention, plain and simple" states Hon. Katherine Ebanks-Wilks, Minister for Health, Environment and Sustainability. "It gives us an opportunity to be proactive in fighting cancer rather than being reactive. As Minister of Health, my aim is to strengthen our preventative measures in healthcare, ensuring we can prevent cancer diagnoses before they occur. We all understand that prevention is far better than cure, and I am hopeful that our community will support the efforts of all participating healthcare facilities to keep our children safe."

"The Ministry of Health, Environment and Sustainability remains committed to improving the health of the people of our islands," emphasises Acting Chief Officer, Mrs. Bobeth O'Garro. "This is one such initiative to maximise prevention across all of our islands. I want to thank not only our Ministerial team and the Public Health team for their hard work, but also the Cancer Society and our private sector providers for their ongoing support and

commitment to safeguarding the health of the nation."

The HPV vaccine is already available by appointment at the Public Health Clinic every Wednesday from 2pm to 4pm, and every Friday at the Women's Health Clinic from 1pm to 4pm. For appointments, and more information, persons should contact Public Health on 244-2648 and 244-2889. Participating private sector providers will be administering the vaccine from 1 September.

Additionally the following HPV clinics have been organised in the community by the Public Health Department:

- West Bay Clinic: Monday 25 August, 5pm to 7pm
- Bodden Town Clinic: Wednesday 3 September, 4pm to 7pm
- Conquering Cancer Health Fair, Hotel Indigo Grand Cayman: Saturday 13 September, 9am to 3pm

For a full list of participating providers, contact details and vaccine information, click this link or scan this QR code:



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# Miss Global International Cayman Islands 2025 and Miss Global International Philippines 2025



▶ Caitlin Tyson, Miss Global International 2024, Raven McTaggart, Miss Global International Cayman Islands 2025, Catherine Tyson-Sewell, National Director of MGICI and MGIP, Angela Ramos, Miss Global International Philippines 2025 and Britney Quiz Miss Global international Philippines 2024.



Miss Global International Cayman Islands 2025 and Miss Global International Philippines 2025 each have crowned their new queens. Raven McTaggart and Angela Christine Ramos will represent their countries respectively in the upcoming

Miss Global International 2025 pageant on October 4th at the Hotel Indigo.

Early Bird Tickets are available on eventpro.ky. For more information, go to mgicayman.com. Look out for more to come on their story.



▶ Miss Global International Cayman Islands 2025



► Miss Global International Philippines 2025



# Cayman Athletes to Make Historic First Appearance at Pan Am Youth Championships

For the first time ever, our nation will be represented at the XXXIV Pan American Youth, Cadets, U14, and U12 Table Tennis Championships, to be held from August 25–31, 2025 in Asunción, Paraguay.

Our national delegation includes three talented and hardworking youth athletes — Lucas Jackson, Matthew Power, and Michael Webster — who

have emerged as top contenders in the region through the development efforts of the Cayman Islands National Karate & Athletics Association (CINKA).

This marks a major advancement for youth sports in the Cayman Islands, as CINKA continues to create opportunities for young athletes to compete on the world stage and gain invaluable international experience.

We would like to extend special thanks to **Campbells LLP** and **Cayman Airways**, whose support has been instrumental in enabling our athletes to attend this event. Their commitment to community and youth development continues to make a meaningful difference.



# TURKS AND CAICOS IMPOSES LOCALISED LOCKDOWNS TO FIGHT CRIME



▶ RCIPS helicopter

### **By Staff Writer**

A second locality in the Turks and Caicos Islands (TCI) has been placed under a State of Emergency as the UK Overseas

Territory grapples with a serious crime wave.

Just a few weeks ago, TCI was rocked by its first mass shooting in which four people were killed, with several others injured.



► Five Cays curfew area

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► Blue Hills curfew area

At the core of the problem are gang conflicts linked to drug trafficking and illegal immigration, as well as a spate of street crimes and robberies.

In the latest measure aimed at clamping down on the crime surge,

Governor Dileeni Daniel-Selvaratnam has taken the extraordinary measure of placing the area called Five Cays in the capital Providenciales under a weeklong curfew initially from August 20th.

The area is regarded as a crime hotspot with the authorities saying the violence has escalated to the point where it poses a serious threat to national security.

The State of Emergency order restricts residents to "remain indoors during curfew hours unless commuting for essential work, seeking medical care, or carrying out other police-authorised activities."

There's also a 6 pm curfew on businesses operating in the area.

An accompanying statement from the Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Police Force (RT&CIPF) declared: "This measure is in direct response to recent incidents that have posed a threat to public safety and community stability [...] To ensure compliance and maintain public order, police checkpoints will be established throughout the area. Law enforcement presence will be significantly increased within the designated boundaries..."

It also warned that movement within the curfew zone is strictly prohibited during restricted hours, with exceptions for individuals commuting to and from work who show valid identification.

The Five Cays area state of emergency is the second localised shutdown of targeted areas in the TCI in recent times over crime.

Earlier in August, the area known as Blue Hills was placed under similar tight restrictions as the police-led anti-crime initiative, Operation Dragon, intensified.

Governor Dileeni Daniel-Selvaratnam stated: "The threats we face are real. I want to commend the community for standing

with our law enforcement agencies to ensure our islands remain safe. This is partnership in action."

TCI Police Commissioner Fitz Bailey added that the curfew was proving effective in reducing risk and enabling law enforcement to carry out strategic operations with greater focus and control.

Government agencies have also posted videos showing the demolition of some illegally constructed neighbourhoods, some said to be breeding grounds for criminal activity.

The TCI has been receiving external expert advice and support from the UK with logistical support from the Cayman Islands.

The Royal Cayman Islands Police Service(RCIOPS) recently dispatched a helicopter and crew to bolster tactical operations, support border security and enhance TCI's aerial surveillance capabilities.

"The deployment, which is funded by the Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office, supports our multi-agency efforts to tackle key threats, ensure public safety and protect our borders," said a statement from the Cayman Islands Government (CIG).

The crime crisis in the Turks and Caicos Islands was also highlighted during a recent UK-organised international summit which examined the work of the government's Joint Maritime Security Centre (JMSC).

"The JMSC is harnessing cutting-edge technology and capabilities to provide 24-hour monitoring of UK waters and ensure our borders are secure, by using satellite to provide a better overall understanding of incoming threats to the Turks and Caicos Islands," a UK government statement outlined.

It said the British government is "working with our partners in Turks and Caicos to support and protect the Island from irregular migration."

Locally, the TCI government this month imposed an immediate six-month moratorium on the issuance of first-time work permits to Haitians, citing escalating violence in Haiti and a huge rise in visa applications from Haitian nationals. The territory also has a huge Haitian population, aggravated by a continuing flow of illegal migrants from that country and reported crime links.

TCI Premier Charles Washington Misick stated: "In light of the ongoing escalation of violence in Haiti and the steady influx of work permit applications from that country, the Government will immediately implement a six-month moratorium on the issuance of first-time work permits to Haitian nationals and a six-month moratorium on visas that will take effect immediately."

Meanwhile, the U.S. government has had a Level 2 travel advisory in place for Turks & Caicos for nearly three years due to high levels of crime.

Level 2 means travellers should "Exercise Increased Caution." A Level 3 alert would advise reconsidering travel, while Level 4, the most serious, is a 'Do not travel' warning.









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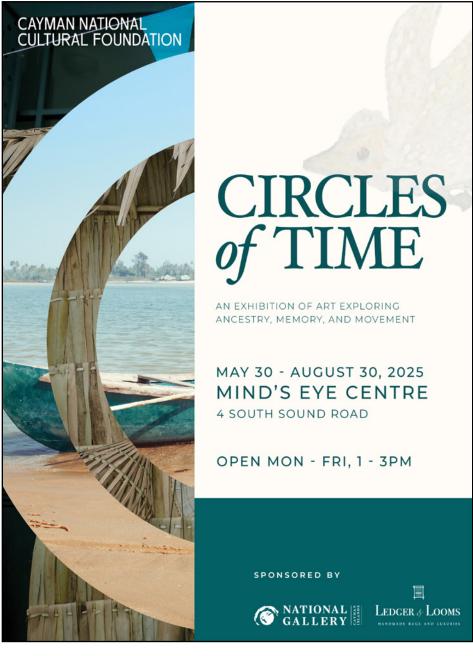
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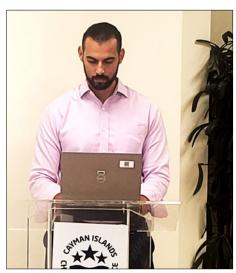
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► David Shibli of EY

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**David Shibli,** Manager in EY's Transactions & Corporate Finance team, will lead the session. "Valuation is the most fundamental concept in finance and is essential in order to make optimal decisions for your business and its stakeholders," said Shibli. "Join our session hosted by EY which explores the foundations of business valuation and valuation methods. We will run through an interactive business valuation example and, if you are minded, provide a steer as to the key drivers for your business and what it may be worth."

Whether preparing for a sale, raising capital, succession planning, or navigating mergers and acquisitions, understanding business valuation is critical. Attendees will also have the opportunity to network with other professionals and engage directly with EY's Transactions & Corporate Finance team during a Q&A session.



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For more information, please contact Emily Sintorn at Emily.sintorn@cayman-chamber.ky or call 743-9126.

# CIIPA Director speaks at regional CFATF training



► Alfred Tweneboah

Cayman Islands Institute of Professional Accountants (CIIPA) Director of Regulatory Affairs and Policy, Alfred Tweneboah, was invited to participate in a collaborative discussion at a recent Caribbean Financial Action Task Force (CFATF) training event in Trinidad and Tobago, focussed on the specific money-laundering & terrorist financing risks and vulnerabilities associated with firms of accountants in the Cayman Islands.

The two-day course was the inaugural CFATF training provided to supervisors of Designated Non-Financial Businesses and Professions (DNFBPs),which includes a wide range of sectors, such as casinos, lawyers, notaries and other independent legal practitioners and accountants, real estate agents and dealers in precious metals and stones. Tweneboah represented CIIPA and the Cayman Islands, joining other Cayman Islands and regional DNFPB supervisors.

"This was CFATF's first DNFBP supervisor training and it was important to share

Cayman's perspective and understand those of our peers in the region," Tweneboah said. "CIIPA is unique in the region in being a self-regulatory body with AML supervisory responsibility, so there was much interest in our experience and approach."

CIIPA is designated the Supervisory Authority for firms of accountants in the Cayman Islands. In this role, the Institute is responsible for monitoring and ensuring compliance with Cayman's Anti-Money Laundering Regulations among firms of accountants conducting relevant financial business and adopts a risk-based approach to its supervision.

In his discussion, Tweneboah covered CIIPA's supervisory strategies and discussed challenges in compliance, monitoring and enforcement as well as the use of technology.

He said, "Participants were particularly interested in how CIIPA engages with the private sector and our views on the use of third parties in supervision".

"It's vital for jurisdictions to share experiences and learn from each other," he added.

"We're all at different stages in the assessment cycle, but by coming together we strengthen AML/CFT efforts across the region. The goal is to ensure that, collectively, the region delivers on its global commitments and responsibilities."

"Taking part in regional and international discussions is part of the Cayman Islands' proactive and transparent approach that demonstrates

where we are today— not only complying with international standards but striving to anticipate the evolving global standards," CIIPA Chief Executive Officer Sheree Ebanks said.

The invitation follows previous international engagements for CIIPA, including

Tweneboah's participation in a panel discussion at the Financial Action Task Force Private Sector Collaborative Forum in Mumbai, India and Ebanks' presentation at a recent Institute of Chartered Accountants of the Caribbean (ICAC) conference in Miami, Florida.





### POLICE NEWS

# Police Investigate Armed Robbery in George Town

Shortly before 12:20PM on Saturday, 16 August, officers responded to a report of an armed robbery at a jewellery store on Albert Panton Street, George Town. It was reported that two masked men, one of whom was carrying what appeared to be a handgun, entered the store and made demands of the workers there. The men then made off in a vehicle with a quantity of jewellery and cash. No one was injured and no shots were fired during the incident.

Police made enquiries and subsequently located and recovered a vehicle which appeared to fit the description of the vehicle used by the suspects.

The suspect who was carrying the handgun is described as being tall and of slim build and was wearing a long-sleeved shirt, long pants and slippers, along with a mask and sunglasses.

The other suspect is described as being about 6" in height, of slim build and

was wearing a long-sleeved shirt, long pants and shoes. He was also wearing a dark-coloured head covering and a cloth over nose and mouth, but appeared to be of dark complexion.

Both men were dressed in neon orange construction type shirts and were wearing gloves.

The matter is currently under investigation and the public should be wary of any jewellery being offered for sale in questionable circumstances, or not through the usual retail sales channels, and avoid purchasing jewellery, or any other items, in such circumstances. If you have any information on any suspicious items being offered for sale, or any other information regarding this incident, please contact George Town CID at 949-4222.

Anonymous tips can be provided directly to the RCIPS via our Confidential Tip Line at 949-7777, or via our website<a href="http://www.rcips.ky/submit-a-tip">http://www.rcips.ky/submit-a-tip</a>.

# Traffic Stop Leads to Recovery of Substantial Quantity of Ganja



Shortly after 9:40PM on Thursday night, 21 August, officers were conducting a vehicle checkpoint along Yacht Drive when they detected the strong scent of ganja coming from a vehicle which had just been stopped at the checkpoint. Officers conducted a search of the vehicle and its occupants, recovering multiple packets of suspected ganja. The occupants of the vehicle, a woman, age 22, and a man age 23, both residing

in West Bay, were taken into custody

Officers then conducted a search of their residence, and recovered a significant quantity of suspected ganja. Both the man and the woman, and another resident of the address, a woman age 54, were arrested on suspicion of possession of ganja and possession of ganja with intent to supply.

They remain in custody as investigations continue.

# UPDATE: Men Charged for Importation of Illegal Drugs

The four men who were arrested following the interception of a vessel suspected of illicit activity on Thursday, 14 August, have now been formally charged.

Three of the men, ages 39, 45, and 64 of Jamaica, have been charged with Illegal Trafficking of Ganja, Possession of Ganja with Intent to Supply, and Conspiracy to Import Ganja.

The fourth man, age 38 of West Bay, has also been charged with the above offenses, as well as three counts each of Illegal Landing and Human Smuggling.

The men appeared in court on Monday, 18 August, and were remanded in custody, pending a further appearance on Wednesday, 20 August.



# Police Advise of Phishing Text Message Claiming to be from Local Bank

The RCIPS Cyber Crime Unit has become aware of a phishing SMS text message circulating in the Cayman Islands purporting to be from Cayman National Bank. The SMS claims that the your bank account has been frozen due to unusual activity, and advises to click the link in order to regain access. This text is fraudulent and clicking the link can result in your personal information, including banking details, being

obtained by scammers.

If you receive an SMS text message from CNB, or any other bank, please check via phone call or other means if it is legitimate, and do not click on any links before doing so. Never provide any personal, banking or password details in response to such messages.

If you have clicked on any such links or provided personal information, contact your bank immediately.

# HSA statement regarding criminal charge of former practitioner

The Health Services Authority (HSA) is aware of the 22 August 2025 criminal charge regarding a practitioner who previously worked at the Authority.

While we cannot comment on the matter, we wish to reassure the public that the HSA has and will continue to maintain strict requirements for all practitioners, including a compre-

hensive credentialing process, which includes independent verification of qualifications, licensing with the Cayman Islands Medical and Dental Council, and review by HSA's senior medical staff before practicing at our facilities.

Our focus remains on delivering safe, high-quality healthcare to the people of the Cayman Islands.

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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### Answer to previous puzzle

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# Word Search

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About Lookout Payout Buyout Scout Clout Copout Shout Cutout Snout Devout Spout Dropout Sprout Stout Dugout Fallout Trout Flout Tryout Walkout Grout Handout Wipeout Layout

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, back, up, down and diagonally

### **CROSSWORD** By THOMAS JOSEPH

**ACROSS** 1 President 41 or 43

**5** Word jumble:

structures 40 Hot, in a way

Abbr.

41 Assns.

39 Circus

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13 President 18

14 President 31

16 Espionage org.

17 Skilled

18 President 21

21 Israeli airport city

22 Church toppers 23 Slightly

drunk

24 President 26 Tree

fluid 29 President 39

30 Commotion

**31** Try for office

**32** President 12

34 President 2 or 6

37 Incline 38 Tin or

tungsten

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### Saturday's answer

25 Decorative

one's own

26 "See ya!"

27 Makes

11 Flag feature

15 Friendly relation-

4 Jekyll's ship evil half 19 Increase

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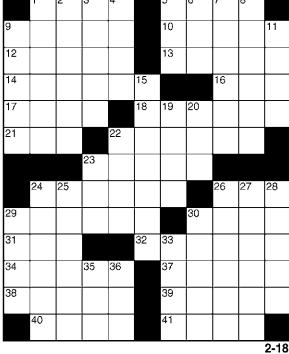
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stuff 33 Regarding 24 Writers **35** The Meagher Grinch's and dog

Robinson **36** Cunning



# Have fun with CAYMANIAN TIMES





#### **CURTIS** By Ray Billingsley



**JUDGE PARKER** 





By Woody Wilson & Mike Manley







# CaymanianTimesClassifieds



#### **Newspaper Editor / Journalist**

Caymanian Times is seeking a highly motivated Newspaper Editor/Journalist

Role & Responsibilities for the position of **Newspaper Editor/Journalist** at Caymanian Times

#### Role:

The Editor /Journalist will play a vital role in the output of Caymanian Times and its associated media endeavours across several platforms in addition to the printed paper reporting directly to and assisting the Publisher.

#### Duties and responsibilities include:

Assisting the Publisher with the complete news and current affairs production process from editorial planning to the final output of multi-platform news and current affairs content including; Compiling and reviewing content for the newspaper, covering events, researching news stories, interviewing and writing, on-mic and on-camera presentation in a multi-media environment.

- Editorial oversight of the general multi-platform news and current affairs output of Cavmanian Times under the direction of the Publisher
- Setting and overseeing assignments of the journalism team including; staff, free-lancers and contributors
- Produce and present content across the various platforms of Caymanian Times as directed by the Publisher
- Maintaining news files and archives
- Represent Caymanian Times at news and related events as directed by the Publisher
- Liaise with the production teams across the various content output of Caymanian Times as directed by the Publisher

### Candidate profile:

- Qualification in Journalism or relevant field
- Previous journalism experience of at least five years with prior editorial management responsibility is a necessity.
- Portfolio of published articles or newscasts
- Graduate-level proficiency in the English language
- Proficiency to a professional level with news content software and digital production processes across print, online, video and audio including television and radio
- Excellent communication and networking skills
- The successful candidate must be familiar with current socio-economic and political developments in the Cayman Islands, as well as the Caribbean and global news agenda with a focus on how they relate to the Cayman Islands.
- An understanding of the history, culture, and society of the Cayman Islands is desirable.

All applicants must have a clean Police Record (no prior convictions or pending judgments), a clean Medical Record, a clean and valid Driver's License and be able to provide at least three suitable references, with two of those being from previous employers.

Salary will be commensurate with experience and qualifications and will be CI\$5,100 per month. Benefits will be in accordance with Cayman Islands Labour, Health Insurance and Pensions Laws

Applicants should forward a detailed resume quoting reference

"Newspaper Editor" to:

The Publisher, Caymanian Times

Email: ralph@caymaniantimes.ky



#### **DRY CLEANER (1)**

Will be required to manage and operate the dry cleaning area which consists of the dry cleaning machines such as Union Hydrocarbon, 60lbs Sailstar and 40lbs. Aerotec, as well as other laundry machines. Must be able to identify different types of fabrics, how they should be handled to professionally to pre-spot and dry clean items. Must be able to offer technical advice in regard to dry cleaning and fabric care to both customers and staff should additional care be required. Must be familiar with chemicals used in dry cleaning to remove spots and stains. The Dry Cleaner is required to have knowledge in trouble shooting and maintaining dry cleaning machines while being able to service machines when required.

#### **Qualifications:**

Must have D.L.I. Certification or qualifications from any other certified Laundry & Dry-Cleaning institution. Should have 6-10 years professional experience in the Dry-Cleaning Industry. Must be knowledgeable and have a good understanding of dry-to-dry equipment, pre-spotting and wet cleaning, whilst being able to identify different stains and how they can be treated or removed from clothing. Able to read and understand care labels of garments for processing. Should be knowledgeable in the use of cleaning fluid control, temperatures, distillation etc. Must be able to operate drapery machine and perform drapery cleaning on and off site if required.

Must have a good command of the English language to be able to communicate effectively with customers and staff. Salary range: \$2000 - \$2200.00 month based on experience.

### LAUNDRY ASSISTANT (2)

Must have a good command of the English language, while being able to read and write English fluently. The ability to speak and write another language would be an asset

Although on-the-job training will be provided, applicants should have basic knowledge of the laundry business, while being familiar with and able to identify a wide range of fabrics. Must be able to read and understand instructions regarding the general care and cleaning of all types of wearing apparel, household items, and hotel linens. Having at least 2-3 years experience would be advantageous.

Must have good customer service skills, while being computer literate in Microsoft Word and Excel.

Applicant must be able to understand and follow instructions from Management and senior staff personnel. Must be able to work weekends, public holidays, and shifts when necessary.

Salary ranges between CI\$6.15 - \$7.50 per hour depending on experience, with health and pension benefits.

Applicants must apply in person at the Puritan Cleaners office at 337 Eastern Avenue, George Town. to complete an application form. References will be required, along with certificates attained.



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Flexible hours - shift work, 6-8 hrs per day, 4-5 days per week. Weekends. CI\$8.75 per hour.

Caymanians and legal residents only need apply.

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da cake lady@hotmail.com

#### **CAYMAN ISLANDS SPRAY FOAM**

Applications are invited for the position of SPRAY FOAM INSULATION INSTALLER

Candidate must have a minimum of 4 years' experience including preparation for installation process and knowledge of health & safety requirements.

This is a physical position which will require stamina and repetitive lifting of up to 50lb. The candidate will be required to wear a respirator for extended periods of time.

Required to work a minimum of 45 hours per week including weekends and evenings, as required.

Salary will be paid weekly at \$14 per hour. Health & Pension Benefits provided in accordance with Employment Law.

Only applications from Caymanians, Status Holders and Legal Residents will be accepted at this time.

Email resume to susan@elite.ky









### Job Summary

Job Id: 1367210725

Occupation Code: Sales Representative

Role: Senior Sales Associate

Country: Cayman Islands

Industry: Newspaper Publisher

No. of Positions: 1

Employment Stage: Full Time / Experienced

Job Location : Cayman Islands

Immigration Status: PR With Employment Rights, Caymanian by Birth, Caymanian Status, Married to Caymanian

Salary: Monthly

Minimum : 3,000

Maximum : 3,500

Benefits: Pension\*, Health\*, Vacation

positive attitude will be required.

Website Address: http://www.ctimes.ky

Email Address: jobmarket@caymaniantimes.ky

Brief Description of Role: Caymanian Times is seeking a highly motivated sales professional who will develop, work and maintain sales targets and schedule and up sell on quality goods. Mandatory Requirements: • The successful candidate must have a minimum of 3 years working in sales and service experience in selling Media and Newspaper Advertisements. • Must be computer literate and advanced in the use of MS Excel. • Must have excellent administrative and communication skills. • Must speak, read, write, and comprehend English fl uently. • Must have the ability to drive. • A current police record must be submitted. Duties for the role are: • Develop, work and maintain Sales Targets. • Develop and implement in-house and product knowledge training for staff • Create weekly & monthly sales and customer reports. • Be able to learn and sell variety of products. A strong work ethic and a

Minimum Qualification: High School

Attributes: Great Interpersonal Skills, Competitive, Team Player, Clear Police Record, Dependable

Posted Date: July 21, 2025

Expiry Date: August 04, 2025

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Minimum requirements: Bachelor of Physiotherapy degree, registration with CPAM (Cayman Islands Health Practice Commission), 5 years clinical experience, competence in assessment and treatment of musculoskeletal conditions, and evidence based approach to treatment.

Training and experience in dry needling, TMJ disorders and dizziness are required.

Basic salary plus commission structure.

Send applications to: rose@vitality.ky

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Qualified applicants may forward detailed resume to:

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### **EVENT WAREHOUSE ASSOCIATE**

Our events team are our ambassadors. We need a customer service oriented candidate who understands the importance of teamwork and communication. Duties will include, but are not limited to, preparing equipment in advance of loading and deliveries, greeting and assisting customers with loading and unloading of event equipment, assisting with set up and take down of tents, stages, dance floors, and a variety of other event rental equipment, assisting customers understand the proper usage and features of rented equipment, cleaning, maintaining and repairing equipment, on-site interaction with clients in keeping with the company code of conduct and other duties as assigned.

The successful candidate must have work experience and knowledge of the event rental equipment, strong verbal communication skills, and a willingness to learn.

The successful candidate must have Cayman Islands Group 2 Drivers License and clean police record.

The job is typically very physical and demanding, both from strength requirements and the stamina requirements. The successful candidate must be able to lift and carry at least 75 lbs over significant distances. Work is often outdoors in hot conditions. Must be willing to work overtime, Sundays, and public holidays as required.

The successful candidate will be well groomed, personable and organized. Computer literacy is strongly favoured. Communication is the backbone to our success and strong communication skills are required. We are looking for a candidate who is able to work as a team member and willing to assist in all areas of the company as needed.

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- August 18-22 (Returning Student Registration & Academic Advising)
- August 25-29 (Admission of New Student)

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To help manage orientation activities from the 25-29, new students will be grouped by surname on the following days:

- Mondays & Wednesdays: A-M
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- Fridays: All

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