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TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO PAYS TRIBUTE TO SIR GARFIELD SOBERS AT STATE FUNERAL IN BARBADOS



Inset: Senator David Nakhid who represented TT at the funeral service of the late Sir Garfield Sobers.

Senator David Nakhid, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs represented the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, at the state funeral of the late Sir Garfield ‘Gary’ Sobers, held today at Kensington Oval in Barbados.

Trinidad and Tobago joined the regional and international cricketing community in paying tribute to the cricketing legend, who passed away on July 17, 2026.

Sir Garfield Sobers, widely regarded as one of the greatest all-rounders in the history of cricket, leaves behind an enduring legacy that transcends generations and borders. His exceptional mastery with both bat and ball redefined excellence in the sport and elevated West Indies cricket to global prominence.

The solemn ceremony brought together Caribbean leaders, sporting officials, and admirers from across the region to honour a man whose contributions to cricket and Caribbean identity remain unparalleled. Sir Sobers’ influence extended far beyond the boundary, inspiring pride, unity, and excellence throughout the West Indies and the wider sporting world.

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Senator Nakhid conveyed condolences on behalf of the Government and people of Trinidad and Tobago, acknowledging Sir Sobers as a timeless global sporting icon, a national hero of Barbados, and a true ambassador for West Indies cricket.

“Sir Garfield Sobers’ legacy is one of brilliance, humility, and regional pride. His achievements will forever stand as a benchmark of greatness and a source of inspiration for future generations of Caribbean athletes,” Senator Nakhid stated.

The Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs joins the Government and people of Barbados, the West Indies cricketing fraternity, and the global sporting community in mourning the loss of a legend whose impact will resonate for generations to come.

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