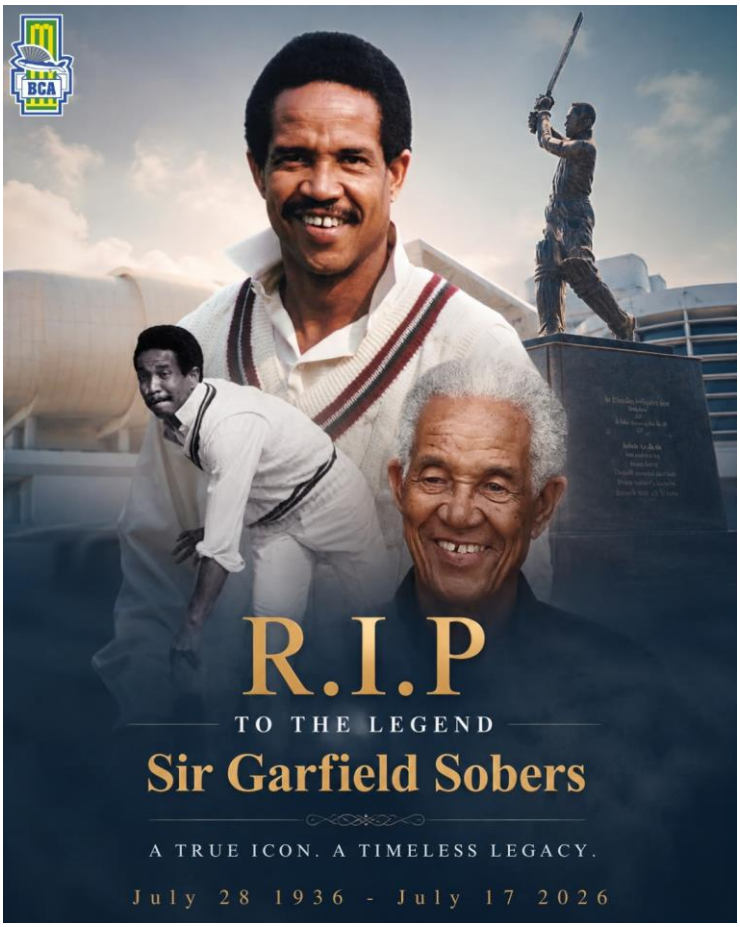
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BCA NEWS RELEASE #52/26: PASSING OF NATIONAL HERO AND CRICKET GREAT, THE RIGHT EXCELLENT SIR GARFIELD SOBERS



It is with profound sadness that we have learnt of the passing of National Hero of Barbados and West Indies cricket great, the Right Excellent Sir Garfield St. Auburn Sobers.

The genius all-round cricketer died peacefully earlier today at the age of 89.

Sobers who represented the West Indies in 93 Test matches, scoring 8032 runs at an average of 57.78 (26 centuries). He also took 235 wickets and secured 109 catches.

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His Excellency the Most Honourable Jeffrey Bostic, FB MVO
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Mr. Calvin G Hope, LLB (UWI) LEC MSc.
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President of the Barbados Mr. Calvin Hope has reflected on the passing of Sir Garfield Sobers:

'I was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of the Rt. Excellent Sir Garfield St Aubrun Sobers, National Hero of Barbados, the greatest cricketer ever born, the maestro, the supreme brand of cricket, icon of Barbados and West Indies cricket.

I am aware he was not in his usual good shape for sometime. I was hoping he would rally, because I could not bring myself to think of a Barbados without him.

He was a great friend, a work partner functioning in promotion and deployment of our island's sports tourism, and a source for analyzing all things cricket. He will be greatly missed, but the good thing is that his legacy will live on forever.

On behalf of the BCA Board of Directors, staff and all its members I express deepest condolences to Sir Garfield's family, friends, and fans. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.'

From his origins in the Bayland to Buckingham Palace, the Right Excellent Sir Garfield Sobers always remained courteous and respectful to everyone he interacted with.

We are eternally grateful for his contribution to the game of cricket.

As a mark of respect, all domestic cricket in Barbados on Saturday July 18, 2026 has been postponed.

May he Rest in Peace.

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