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BARBADOS' MOST SUCCESSFUL entrepreneur, Sir Kyffin Simpson, has made a multimillion-dollar investment in what is being called a mega farm in Guyana. This move is seen as strategic as it diversifies his vehicle and petroleum businesses with high demand agricultural cash crops. The farm, located in Santa Fe in the Upper Takutu-Upper Essequibo region some 231 miles (or 371 km) south-west of Georgetown, will be producing rice, corn, soya, cow beans, guar and eventually moso bamboo trees primarily for export. Already 10 000 acres are being prepared for cultivation and this will be extended by another 30 000 acres as production is steadily increased. Sir Kyffin has the option of tripling this acreage if the venture proves successful. With the project in its infancy all the necessary infrastructure, such as irrigation, drainage canals and a pump system, is being put in place. Recently a state-of-the-art rice mill with huge silos to store the paddy harvested has been commissioned. And by the end of June the first rice crop comprising 120 acres will be reaped. Sources indicate that Sir

Kyffin who has always had an interest in agriculture was very keen to explore the opportunities that such a venture could bring.

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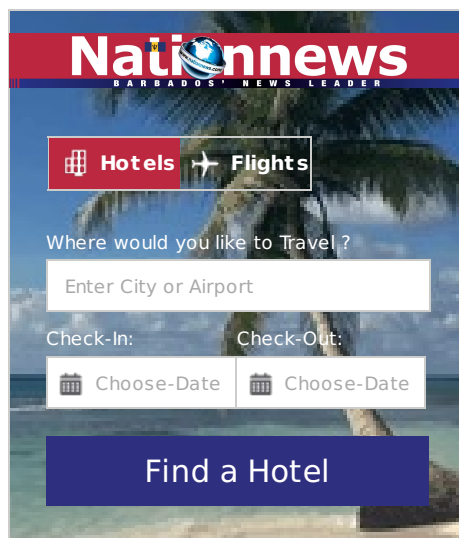
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CITY SHOCK Boy shot while with parents on Swan Street

JUST NOW A NINE-YEAR-OLD BOY was shot among a throng of shoppers on Swan Street in Bridgetown last Saturday remains a mystery.

AT TOP: Major Bradshaw (left) making a donation to the Multiple Sclerosis Society as vice-president Patricia Snider receives it along with Shantia Lyles.

THE GROUP making their way along Prince William Henry Street in The City. The camp there is the only one, as wheelchair users have no choice but to use the street.

by CAROL ATWELL

...was bleeding from the back of the head. A closer inspection of the wound revealed that he had been shot in the head as the family was travelling along Swan Street, on one of the most busy shopping days.

Police reports say that the boy suddenly clutched his head and, upon inspection, his parents realised he had been badly injured. They rushed their youngest child to FHM Emergency Medical Clinic in Belleville St Michael, which then contacted the police.

Police-investigations revealed the injury was as a result of a gunshot.

"The BABELY WATERFORD undoubtedly the bullet had lodged in the boy's head and he required emergency surgery at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. He is now out of here's way after making

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