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On May 19 in Bridgetown, spokespersons for about 3,000 sugar plantation workers said they planned to continue a strike launched May 10. The strikers are demanding payment of productivity bonuses defined in negotiations prior to the harvest which began in March. The bonuses were set at 2.75% of salary payments. Cane cutters earn about US$5.75 per metric ton of green sugarcane, and US$5.30 per MT of burned cane. Drivers on the plantations earn about US$3 per hour, and mill workers, US$2.25 per hour. Sugar is the island's single most important export, accounting for 12.6% of total export income. Approximately 31,830 MT of cane have been cut thus far, equivalent to 56% of the harvest. (Basic data from Agence France-Presse, 05/19/92)

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