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76 Persons Registered as British Citizens

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76 persons have been registered as British Citizens following a ceremony held at Government House on Tuesday 17th March, 2026.

During the ceremony, newly registered British Citizens heard congratulatory remarks from Acting Governor of the Virgin Islands, Mr. David D Archer Jr. and Registrar General, Mrs. Tashi O'Flaherty-Maduro.

During his remarks, the Acting Governor noted that the new British Citizens should not take this new achievement lightly, but understand that they now represent a larger part of the world and they must take the responsibility seriously.

The Governor said, "The shared values in our community include respect and concern for others who are less fortunate, or simply those who are considered to be different. Perhaps, when you first came here, you felt different yourself. But, as the Bible reminds us, you shall love the stranger, for you were once a stranger in the land."

Meanwhile, Registrar General, Mrs. Tashi O'Flaherty-Maduro said,"Today marks a significant milestone in the lives of those who will shortly take the Oath of Allegiance and the Pledge of Loyalty. It is a moment that reflects commitment, belonging, and the start of a new chapter. Becoming a British citizen is not simply the completion of an administrative process. It represents a deeper connection to the values, responsibilities, and privileges that come with citizenship. It signifies your commitment to uphold the laws of the United Kingdom and the principles that guide our society, respect, fairness, justice, and service to the community. For many of you, this journey has required patience, perseverance, and dedication. Today we recognise and celebrate those journeys."

She went on to highlight, "Citizenship also carries important responsibilities. It calls on each of you to contribute positively to society, to respect the rule of law, and to support one another in building safe, vibrant, and inclusive communities. Today's ceremony is therefore both a celebration and a commitment, one that welcomes you fully into the British family and recognises the role you will play in its continued growth and success."

The 76 newly Registered British Citizens are:

1. Akesha Ethmay Cookie Adonis
2. Jendry Misael Bodre
3. Jermain Akeem Briscoe
4. Leila Felecia Burke
5. Trayisha Latoya Chalwell
6. Januarius Emily Lucy Bailey- Charles
7. Solange Cleva Charles
8. Kevin Ezron Cummings
9. Kimberly Tonian Drummonds
10. Amanda Natalie Emmanuel
11. Graham Jude Farinha
12. Geenette Faulkner
13. Jeannette Forte
14. Wayne Stewart Francis
15. Geraldine Ann Ritter-Freeman
16. Elizabeth Hogan Garcia
17. Marbelly Anavelly Daniel Garcia
18. Joan Winifred Gordon
19. Naline Harrigan
20. Kishma Whitney Abigal Harris
21. Roxanne Cutelyn Thomas-Itwaru
22. Jason Janus Jagessar
23. Aria Jamelia John
24. Kadeema Hernandez Johnney
25. Trechia Amagel Larocque
26. Vernon Larocque
27. Winnette Alexis Lawrence
28. Jamal Tyress Lennard
29. Latonia Tonike Lettsome
30. Stacy-Ann Leue
31. Genesis Paloma Lorenzo
32. Deyounce Elizabeth Lowenfield
33. Tamir Nkosi Meade
34. Kareen Georgia Mcleod

35. Rodger Linton Miller
36. Mikel Morain
37. Ricky Gary Nelson
38. Gerardo Antonio Nunez
39. Ogechukwu Blessing Okpara
40. Llewelyn Percival Ollivierre
41. Eufemio Cedano Ortiz
42. Lohanny Santana Pacheco
43. Keron Kevin Parsons
44. Marsha Kishima Shamora Penn
45. Omonike Danielle Robinson-Pickering
46. Gerald Patrick Poponne
47. Rem-Jermyn Patricia Prince
48. Ann Ramgadoo
49. Ramona Hemwani Ramlall
50. Vaman Romindranauth Ramlall
51. Altagracia Ortiz Reyes
52. Sophia Yvonne Richards
53. Zarea Sapphire Richards
54. Ann Stacey Raquel Roberts
55. Novlet Eunice Robinson
56. Ramona Maria Acevedo Rodriguez
57. Denise Michelle Williams-Simmons
58. Raphael Anthony Singh
59. Kenrick Kiondre Stevens
60. Blondina Idella Sutton
61. Andrew Bruce Chippendale Swapp
62. Felice Elizabeth Carinthia Swapp
63. Benita Sanchez Thomas
64. Sanchia Simone Thompson
65. Ashanna Devi Tillack
66. Elaine Joy Francis-Thomas
67. Bernadine Avalina Valrose
68. Sheldon Granville Vanterpool

69. Marquez Anthony Howard Watson
70. Jaizel Nikia Maturine Webbe
71. K’Zea Kanlesha Annette Weeks
72. Laudy Mairelys Wells
73. Loidy Mariely Wells
74. Jayden Jereke Terence Williams
75. Presenda Williams
76. Laurence Christopher Wintz

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About:

Section 2 of the British Nationality Act 1981 provides that a person born outside the United Kingdom and the qualifying territories after commencement of that Act will be a British citizen in certain circumstances, including where at the time of birth his father or mother is a British citizen and is serving outside the United Kingdom and the qualifying territories in service designated by the Secretary of State, recruitment for that service having taken place in the United Kingdom or a qualifying territory. Various types of service are designated for the purposes of this provision by the British Citizenship (Designated Service) Order 2006.

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