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Premier Wheatley Away from the Territory; Attends Meetings in Bermuda and UK

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Premier and Minister of Finance, Honourable Dr. Natalio D. Wheatley, is scheduled to attend the Annual Caribbean Overseas Territories Caucus in Bermuda, under the leadership of the Premier of Bermuda, Honourable E. David Burt, from 8-10 September 2026.

Following the caucus, Premier Wheatley will travel to the United Kingdom for Bilateral Meetings with the Minister responsible for Overseas Territories from 10-12 September.

Deputy Premier, Honourable Julian Fraser, will be appointed to carry out the duties of Premier, Minister of Finance, Minister for Tourism, Culture and Sustainable Development and Minister for Financial Services, Economic Development and Digital Transformation during the period 7-13 September 2026.

Honourable Fraser's appointment is in accordance with Section 55 (1) of The Virgin Islands Constitution Order, 2007 which states, "If the Premier is expected to be absent from the Virgin Islands for more than forty-eight hours, the Governor shall authorise the Deputy Premier to perform the functions of the office of Premier; and the Governor shall revoke this authority on the return to the Virgin Islands of the Premier."

The Government of The Virgin Islands remains steadfast in its commitment to advancing the Territory through strategic international engagement and regional cooperation.

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About:

The Government of The Virgin Islands is committed to promoting good governance and the Territory's sustainable development to ensure a well-informed, prosperous, cohesive, and stable society. The Premier's Office serves as the focal point for coordinating cross-sectoral policies and programmes.

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