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## **58 Persons Naturalised as British Overseas Territories Citizens**

Fifty-eight persons have been naturalised as British Overseas Territories Citizens following a Naturalisation Ceremony held at Government House on Friday, 29 May, 2026.

The newly naturalised citizens received congratulatory remarks from Acting Governor Mr. David D. Archer Jr., Premier and Minister of Finance Honourable Dr. Natalio D. Wheatley, and Registrar General Mrs. Tashi O'Flaherty-Maduro.

In his remarks, Acting Governor Mr. David D. Archer Jr. congratulated the new citizens and acknowledged their longstanding contributions to the Territory. Mr. Archer said, "The wait is over. And if you have any doubt if you were good enough, let me tell you, you're beyond good enough, because you're great. You're not just here by physical presence, you're here because of your contributions, your dedication to the Virgin Islands, and the impact you've made on the lives of others. We are extremely grateful and honoured to provide this recognition for the work you've done to make the Virgin Islands better."

Reflecting on the Premier's remarks, he reminded the newly naturalised citizens that citizenship comes with a renewed commitment to the Virgin Islands. He encouraged them to embrace the Territory as their home, viewing its successes and challenges as their own, and to protect, strengthen and serve it with pride, passion and dedication as fellow Virgin Islanders.

Premier and Minister of Finance Honourable Dr. Natalio D. Wheatley welcomed the newly naturalised citizens into the Virgin Islands family and encouraged them to embrace their new status with a sense of pride, ownership and responsibility. Honourable Wheatley said, "Now we have many more persons who enrich the diversity of the Virgin Islands. In the past, we may have been defined by our smallness and our family connections, among other things, but today we have to be defined by our tolerance for differences. Despite the fact that we might be of different races, religions, countries

of origin, it is possible for us to share the same values, to share the same principles and to share the same love for these beautiful Virgin Islands.

He continued; it's more than just receiving papers; you are joining a family. Regardless of where you come from, the Virgin Islands is your home. I look at you as Virgin Islanders of Lebanese descent, Dominican descent, Jamaican descent, Nigerian descent and many other backgrounds. We have to be able to embrace the Virgin Islands as home.

Registrar General Mrs. Tashi O'Flaherty-Maduro described the occasion as a celebration of belonging and shared responsibility. She said, "Citizenship is more than a legal process. It is a recognition of belonging, of shared values, shared responsibilities, and a shared future. It reflects your commitment to the Virgin Islands and equally affirms the Virgin Islands' embrace of you as an integral part of this community."

The Registrar General noted that many of the new citizens have already made significant contributions to the Territory through their service in healthcare, education, business, community development, charitable organisations and other sectors that help strengthen the social and economic fabric of the Virgin Islands.

The 58 newly Registered British Overseas Territory Citizens are:

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| 1. Audley Olanzo Bennett                | 14. Jagnarine Deochand                |
| 2. Arlene Rose Marie Bobb               | 15. Ikechukwu Samuel Emelandu         |
| 3. Urenna Nzinga Folayan Butler         | 16. Rebecca Essumang                  |
| 4. Calisha Rachael Cayonne              | 17. Banmatie Etwaru                   |
| 5. Obi Fitz Patrick Chester             | 18. Nehaul Etwaru                     |
| 6. Ivet Rose Clarke                     | 19. Alcyon Antoinette Gillings        |
| 7. Omar Gaddafi Kwame Courtney          | 20. Kempton Junior Halley             |
| 8. Natasha Ann Cush                     | 21. Sandie Nikacha Huggins            |
| 9. Joseph Owusu Yeboah Daaku            | 22. Rebecca Jane Redvers-Higgins      |
| 10. Aiesha Elena Daniel                 | 23. Chelcia Cheslyann Abigail Jackson |
| 11. Audrey Denise Carol Griffith-Daniel | 24. Vanessa Samanta Surujdeo-James    |
| 12. Samantha Alexis Daniels             | 25. Sharon Blackett Jeremiah          |
| 13. Sylvia Jestina Debique              | 26. Saad Kaddoura                     |

27. Saif Kaddoura  
28. Mahandradat Kaiso  
29. Claudette Donnice Jessica King  
30. Natalia Mandy Lawrence  
31. Claudina Jno Lewis  
32. Vernese Shikeba Guy Marquis  
33. Marjorie Anita McCarthy  
34. Melinda Equis McKie  
35. Solomon Duhaney McKie  
36. Jason Kelvin Seon Mingo  
37. Juliana Diaz Molano  
38. Brian Godfrey Moore  
39. Vernella Pandora Moore  
40. Alexander Nicholas  
41. Craig Gareth Noblett  
42. Tabitha L. Desbonnes Parillon

43. Milenia Altagracia Lugo de Penn  
44. David Samuel Primo  
45. Sharon Jennifer Primo  
46. Sheldon Michael Riviere  
47. Leon Roger Rodgers  
48. Monica Haidee Osoria Del Rosario  
49. Amelia Maria Angela Samuel  
50. Earill Eraemus Sergeant  
51. Jacqueline Jennifer Sergeant  
52. Christopher Andrew Simpson  
53. Roger Gregory Sinclair  
54. Wrinisck Rene De Leon Vanterpool  
55. Wrisberg Rene De Leon Vanterpool  
56. Kimana Gabline Wattley  
57. Martin Terence Whitrod  
58. Tamica Anitra Sharlene Williams

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