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### Virgin Islands Anti-Crime Summit

- I look forward to next week's Anti-Crime Summit. It's an opportunity to come together and confront rising crime rates - particularly the serious issues of gun violence and domestic abuse. The Summit offers a platform for **collaboration across government, law enforcement, and the community**, which I expect will shape a meaningful and actionable plan to strengthen public safety.

### Police Graduation Ceremony

- I was delighted to celebrate recent graduates of Community Policing Training and the Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training. Their work is pivotal to the security of our islands.

### HMP Balsam Ghut

- New Induction Unit:** A dedicated First Night Centre has been opened to ensure new arrivals to the prison are supported, assessed and safely integrated into the prison community.
- Staff Recruitment & Training:** Six new Prison Officers have joined to replace retirees. A UK Training Officer is currently deployed to help train new recruits and upskill experienced staff. The recruitment of Prison Counsellor, Dr Paul Ricketts marks a positive step in strengthening rehabilitation and mental health support.
- Community Projects:** The prison wood workshop continues to support community initiatives, most recently partnering with the Association of Reef Keepers to build a sensory garden at the Eslyn Henley Richez Learning Centre. Inmates constructed benches and signage, demonstrating how rehabilitation can create lasting benefits for the wider community.

### Financial Crime

- Over recent months, the UK's **National Crime Agency** has deployed several subject matter experts into the Financial Investigation Agency (FIA) and Financial Crime Unit (FCU) to assist with investigations. I thank all agencies for their collaborative efforts.

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