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122 Persons Naturalised as British Overseas Territories Citizens

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122 persons have been naturalised as British Overseas Territories Citizens following two ceremonies held at Government House on Tuesday 24th February, 2026.

During the ceremonies, the newly naturalised individuals heard congratulatory remarks from His Excellency the Governor, Mr. Daniel Pruce, Acting Premier, Honourable Julian Fraser, RA, and Registrar General, Mrs. Tashi O'Flaherty-Maduro.

Governor Pruce reminded the celebrants that naturalisation is an enriching process from which the Virgin Islands gains during his remarks. He expressed that the intermingling of cultures and ways of thinking brings benefits that will reach the entire community.

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."

Acting Premier, Honourable Julian Fraser welcomed the individuals to the Virgin Islands family. He shared that he was overjoyed to see individuals who have contributed to the success of the Virgin Islands reach this pivotal milestone in their lives.

Honourable Fraser said, "Today we join a distinguished group of individuals who have committed themselves to the development of this territory, who have followed it's laws, embraced it's values and enriched it's communities through their hard work and perseverance. Your Naturalization is not merely a legal transaction. It is a symbol of appreciation for your years of service, commitment and respect for the Virgin Islands which you now call home. Becoming a BOTC is more than an administrative process it is a statement that your presence here is valued and that you have woven yourself into the fabric of our society."

Meanwhile, Registrar General, Mrs. Tashi O'Flaherty-Maduro said, "Becoming a citizen is more than the granting of a legal status. It is the embracing of a shared identity, shared responsibility, and a shared future. It means that you have chosen

these beautiful Virgin Islands as your home, not simply as a place to live, but as a place to belong.”

Mrs. O’Flaherty-Maduro added, “Our Territory is built not only by those born here, but also by those who come, invest their talents, raise families, build businesses, serve faithfully, and give of themselves. Today, we celebrate the richness that your presence adds to our community. Your diverse backgrounds, cultures, and experiences strengthen us and remind us that unity does not require uniformity. As you take your pledge of loyalty to the Virgin Islands and Oath of Allegiance, reflect on the journey that brought you here. Reflect on the perseverance it required and the commitment you have demonstrated. Let today be a renewal of your dedication to contribute positively to the life of this Territory.”

The new 122 British Overseas Territories Citizens are:

1. Edith Pamela Augustine
2. Kenia M. Jimenez Avelina
3. Jean Hepson Avril
4. Smeralda D. Avril
5. Collis Glenton Bailey
6. Ronald Gregory Baird
7. Hema Beharry
8. Isaac Beharry
9. Alexandra Paul-Burke
10. Jorge Manuel Faulkner Cadete
11. Bernardo Caines
12. Rondell Troy Calliste
13. Hilda May McLean Callwood
14. Jesticia Liza Mondesir-Callwood
15. Naiyada Ika Melika Henry-Callwood
16. Sachet Latisha Chance
17. Alice Jane Combrink

18. Denzel Amish Corum
19. Jonathan Guillermo Cruz
20. Alex Ricardo Cupid
21. Beverly Bonnie Cupid
22. Leidi A. Rabsatt Crispin De Castro
23. Malta Rosa Garcia De Daniel
24. Monica Helen James-Davis
25. Arismeily Alexandra Ramirez Donovan
26. Rane John Downing
27. Michel Nick Etienne
28. Claire Althea Garnett
29. Joel Alexander George Gonzalez
30. Christoph Bernhard Gutmann
31. Loida Baez de Hatchett
32. Alecia N. Drummond-Jardine
33. Trevor Andrew Elmore John
34. Tysa Deradee Lucia Joseph
35. Debra John Jules
36. Christopher Ryan Juredin
37. Hansrani Karran
38. Dahiana Daniel Martinez
39. Kenneth Emanuel Matthew
40. Lennox Mc Pherson
41. Rosa Belen Alberto Milford
42. Carmen Eudene Nelson
43. Jeaninne Korah Kaynahi Nibbs
44. Oliver Desmond Palmer
45. Oneyda Isabel Grassals Perez
46. Tricia Ann Peters
47. Tony Alberto Garo Pichardo
48. Rafael Rabsatt
49. Kirk Anthony Robinson
50. Shelly-Ann Brumant-Romney
51. Gregoria D. D. D. Alvarez Salazar

52. Elizabeth Brandon Shaw
53. Donald Richard Shettlewood
54. Delroy Dwight Spencer
55. Noah Sherroy Spencer
56. Shernett Shereen Spencer
57. Marcia Foga-Smith
58. Leone Anesta Young-Springette
59. Kiara Shemoia -omas
60. Naomi Elizabeth Joaquin Torres
61. Bielka Esther Gil Vasquez
62. Vernaser Bernadine Walters
63. Lynette Alanna Williams
64. Shirleen E. B. Baptiste-Williams
65. Curwin Hensley Andrews
66. Kevin John Austin
67. Erica Deloris Bailey
68. Cletus Mac Lenny Bannis
69. Lydia Luenda Baptiste
70. Alicia Donna Davis-Bastian
71. Lesley Ann Bayles
72. Drupattie Bharat
73. Vishaldev Bharat
74. Ericka Nadia Bobb
75. Evansley Jamal Bradshaw
76. Sean Anselmo Browne
77. Deborah Angelie Bruce
78. Rasheid Arsenio Chambers
79. Dominique Tyra Cole
80. Horace Gareld Cole
81. Margarette Ann Whyte-Cole
82. Daliah Yvette M. Gidden-Corrington
83. Paul Brian Cowlard
84. Bensford Hezekiah Joseph Cupid
85. Tommy Julien Daniel

86. Shaniqua Sheasheana Evelyn
87. Jeremy Gabriel
88. Henschel Von Bulow George
89. Kacia Avril Subrina George
90. Marvin Orlando Grant
91. Jozette Casandra Gregg
92. Delores Hall
93. Ronald Matthew Henry
94. Yamile Hilton-Joseph
95. Euphrasia Marilyn Hypolite
96. Yonette Loraine Jacobus
97. Anil Jagnandan
98. Delice Annelle James
99. Calvin Dexter Jardine
100. Siddie Monica Jones
101. Deborah Isabelle Leslie
102. Sharon Donna Maria Leslie
103. Cessie Mc Queen
104. Leroy Mc Queen
105. Annie Ida Merry
106. Wadewatie Newton
107. Henry Nevers
108. Earl Wilson Noel
109. Sheniece Louise Palmer
110. Ieline Darby-Peters
111. Suzette Shemmelar Phillips
112. John Lennox Pitt
113. Dominique L. R. Ketterer Rathbun
114. Bibi Zalina Richards
115. Curtis Rowland Orlando Roberts
116. Albert Nethelston Rogers
117. Augustina Sanderson
118. Theresa Seenarine
119. Allison Hermia Tench

120. Collin Leslie Thomas
121. Maria Antonet Vieira
122. Reginald Elijah Wynter

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