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Statement From The National Security Council Recent Spate of Violence in the Territory

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The National Security Council (NSC) convened a special meeting today under the chairmanship of Her Excellency the Acting Governor, Mrs. Dancia Penn, OBE, KC.

During the meeting, Interim Acting Commissioner of Police Mr. Richard Ullger briefe d the Council on security matters, including the recent spate of violence in the Territory.

The NSC assures the public that the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force (RVIPF) will use all available resources and capacity to safeguard the community throughout the Emancipation Festival season and beyond.

The NSC also supported the Acting Commissioner of Police's decision to ensure a heightened police presence over the weekend and at the remaining Emancipation Festival events.

Additionally, the NSC is urging members of the public to remain vigilant, conduct themselves responsibly, settle disputes peacefully, and report suspicious activity to the police, particularly during the remaining Emancipation Festival celebrations.

The NSC will continue to work diligently with the RVIPF to ensure that the full weight of the law is brought to bear in apprehending those responsible for criminal activity and bringing them to justice.

The Council continues to call on the public to support the police in preventing and detecting crime. Anyone with relevant information is encouraged to contact the police, call Crime Stoppers, or use the confidential and untraceable hotlines at 800-8477 (TIPS), 800-847-8477, or 368-9339.

The NSC is responsible for matters concerning internal security and major develop ments affecting the safety of the Territory. It is chaired by the Governor and comprises the Premier, the Minister for Communications and Works, the Attorney General, and the Commissioner of Police. The Cabinet Secretary facilitates the Council's operations.

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