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The National Security Council (NSC) met on the afternoon of Friday, 17th May, 2024 to consider the murder of two adult males earlier that morning in Huntums Ghut. NSC noted the tragic loss of two lives and expressed its sympathies for the loved ones of the victims.

The Royal Virgin Islands Police Force (RVIPF) updated NSC on the incident and set out the next steps in their investigation.

The NSC was grateful for the quick response by the RVIPF and offered its full support for the police investigation.

The NSC calls on anyone with any relevant information to be in touch with the police without delay or by calling Crime Stoppers and the confidential and untraceable hotline **800-8477[TIPS], 800-847-8477** and **368-9339.** NSC remains committed to working with the community to improve security and, in the context of its response to the forthcoming

law enforcement review; it will develop a strategy to respond effectively to gun crime in the Virgin Islands.

The NSC considers matters relating to internal security and any significant security developments in the Territory, including the occurrence of significant criminal activity. The NSC comprises the Governor, as Chairman and members, including the Premier, the Minister for Communications and Works, the Attorney General and the Commissioner of Police.