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## Premier Wheatley Attends The Ascension Of Saint Martin To The OECS

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The Premier of the Virgin Islands, Honourable Dr. Natalio D. Wheatley, will be absent from the Territory on official duty, from Tuesday, 18th March 2025, until Thursday, 20th March 2025. For the purpose of attending the ascension of Saint Martin to the Organization of the Eastern Caribbean States (OECS), and the OECS 76th authority meeting.

In his absence, the Deputy Premier, Honourable Julian Fraser will be Acting Premier, this is in accordance with Section 55 (1) of the Virgin Islands Constitution Order, 2007, which states, "If the Premier is expected to be absent from the Virgin Islands for more than forty-eight hours, the Governor shall authorise the Deputy Premier to perform the functions of the office of Premier; and the Governor shall revoke this authority on the return to the Virgin Islands of the Premier."

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