Your Government and You
Moving Forward Together

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Welcome to this October 25 edition of the BVILOVE e-Magazine.

Inside, you will find articles about your Government’s work in moving towards transforming the Virgin Islands into a leading regional economy by 2025 through Entrepreneurship, Innovation, Local and Foreign Investment.

We continue to see a significant drop in COVID-19 cases. We have introduced DIGI-CERT, where vaccine certifications are done electronically. We have seen the successful return of the cruising industry following our trip to the Seatrade Cruise Global 2021. We have shared updated protocols for travellers to the Virgin Islands effective October 1. We have promoted several initiatives, including a healthier Virgin Islands, ‘Reading is Fun Week’, Fire Safety Week, Anti Bullying Week, Asphalt Paving Roadworks, Emergency Nurses Week, and so much more. We also celebrated our first Hereos and Foreparents Day in the Virgin Islands on October 18.

Your Government continues to push forward in further strengthening the economic foundation of the Virgin Islands through diversification. We are also encouraging entrepreneurship and the development of new industries, whether it is in Green energy, SMART technology, online businesses, farming, education or provision of goods and services to expand different sectors of the economy of the Virgin Islands.

As we move forward, all hands must continue to be on deck. All shoulders must continue to be on the wheel. Everyone who calls the Virgin Islands home must work hand-in-hand in the spirit of BVILOVE.

Honourable Andrew A. Fahie
Premier, Minister of Finance and First District Representative
The Ministry of Health and Social Development launched a parade and health fair for adults and children as part of activities to observe World Food Day on October 16.

The events was organised for residents to address issues related to their overall health and well-being in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic as emphasis is being placed on food appreciation, food security, healthy diets (nutrition) and agriculture.

The parade commenced World Food Day celebrations and participants could wear any of the following: full costume/outfit portraying healthy food, partial costume, e.g. a headpiece/headdress, or uniquely designed T-shirt representative of any of the themes.

For more information, please click on the link below or scan the QR code

Premier and Minister of Finance Honourable Andrew A. Fahie led a delegation to the Seatrade Cruise Global 2021 from September 27 to 30 in Miami, Florida.

The delegation comprised of the Minister for Transportation, Works and Utilities Honourable Kye M. Rymer; Junior Minister for Tourism Honourable Sharie deCastro and members from the BVI Ports Authority, Cyril B. Romney Tortola Pier Park, BVI Tourist Board and local cruise industry partners.

Premier Fahie explained that the Seatrade meeting provided an opportunity for the team to meet with ports, cruise lines, and members of the cruise community to source partners, network with peers both new and known, and to hear insights from leading industry players.

For more information, please click on the link below or scan the QR code

https://bvi.gov.vg/media-centre/premier-fahie-leads-team-seatrade-meeting
Sixty-two Senior Public Officers have received first-level training in Psychological First Aid as an essential learning course through the Department of Human Resources’ Essential Learning and Development Programme (ELDP).

The two-part psychological training sessions was an essential learning session geared towards Senior Managers, Heads of Departments and their deputies, Human Resources Managers and Unit Team Leads, and was designed to ensure they possess the relevant knowledge and skills needed to respond to events of crisis affecting the workplace and the Public Service.

For more information, please click on the link below or scan the QR code

The Government of the Virgin Islands is pleased to inform the public that Mr. Benito Wheatley will continue in his role as Special Envoy of the Premier until December 31, 2022. The extension was agreed by the Cabinet of the Virgin Islands on September 22, 2021.

As Special Envoy, Mr. Wheatley has played an important role in strengthening the international relations of the Virgin Islands and supporting the Administration’s implementation of Government’s post-Brexit strategy designed to transition the Territory from development cooperation with the European Union (EU) to development cooperation with the United Nations (UN).

For more information, please click on the link below or scan the QR code

Residents of the Virgin Islands are asked to remain vigilant and adhere to the COVID-19 protocols as the Mu and Delta variants continue to circulate in the Virgin Islands.

Acting Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Ronald Georges said genetic typing on samples collected between August 27 and 31 which met the criteria for sequencing by Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) identified four samples positive for B.1.621.1 also known as the Mu variant and classified by World Health Organization (WHO) as a Variant of Interest, and one case of AY.4 also known as the Delta variant and classified by WHO as a Variant of Concern.

Dr. Georges said, “The Mu and Delta variants should be considered to be circulating in the Territory and, of note, of samples typed over the last two batches only Mu and Delta variants have been identified.” He further stated that the cases identified were all appropriately quarantined and cleared.

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TUNE IN
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
and 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. DAILY

GOVERNMENT INFORMATION PROGRAMME
on
CBN channel 101

FLOW
Lawrence Wheatley Construction was awarded the contract to repair the Emile E. Dunlop Community Centre on Anegada which serves as a primary emergency shelter for residents on the island.

Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) Representative for Barbados and Eastern Caribbean Countries, Dr. Yitades Gebre, said works on this facility will focus mainly on non-structural elements such as replacement or strengthening of the roofs, upgrade of windows and doors; flooring, energy efficient light and water fixtures; and improvements in functionality and ensuring that they are in full compliance with international shelter standards as well as SMART standards. Attention will also be paid to improving drainage and security around the perimeter of the buildings.

For more information, please click on the link below or scan the QR code

Minister for Health and Social Development Honourable Carvin Malone is pictured with the newly trained health team who are now stationed full time at the West End Port of Entry. The health team is responsible for the administration of Rapid Antigen Tests for fully vaccinated crew and inbound international travelers. Additional health teams have completed training and are on schedule to be deployed at the additional approved Ports of Entry including Jost Van Dyke, Virgin Gorda and Anegada.

For more information, please click on the link below or scan the QR code

http://bvi.gov.vg/media-centre/health-teams-work-west-end-port-entry
Minister for Health and Social Development Honourable Carvin Malone commended nurses during a ceremony in observance of ‘Emergency Nurses Week’. The week was observed from October 10 to 16 under the theme, ‘Emergency nurses, always expecting the unexpected’. Honourable Malone stated that the Virgin Islands owes a debt of gratitude to all our health care workers in general and to our emergency teams for their pivotal role in saving lives.

For more information, please click on the link below or scan the QR code

Minister for Transportation, Works and Utilities Honourable Kye M. Rymer and Permanent Secretary Mr. Ronald Smith-Berkeley have received the keys for the completed ground floor of the Virgin Islands Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters in Road Town. The keys were handed over by Managing Director of Metro Construction Mr. Brian Marshall on October 14.

The keys were then handed to the Chief Fire Officer Mr. Zebalon McLean. The contract for renovation works were signed in March between the Government of the Virgin Islands and Metro Construction.

For more information, please click on the link below or scan the QR code

Ten persons graduate with a Home Care Basics Course Certificate from the BVI Red Cross. Minister for Health and Social Development, Honourable Carvin Malone commended the graduates for completing the three-month course load that provided them with the skillset to care for the elderly. Director of the BVI Red Cross, Ms. Stacy Lloyd stated that the course is an amazing opportunity as a stepping stone into the essential profession of Nursing, in the community. The graduates include Tracey-Ann Richards, Henrietta Georges, Una Watson, Aloma Brathwaite, Ava Matthews, Claudette, Blyden-Scatiffe, Juliet Denton, Marcia Gray, Efeen Lynch and Josephine Williams.

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http://bvi.gov.vg/media-centre/ten-complete-home-care-basics-course-bvi
We are a **DYNAMIC TEAM OF HIGHLY SKILLED INDIVIDUALS** who contribute significantly to Public Relations as it relates to the Government of the Virgin Islands. We are tasked with using traditional and innovative means to disseminate public interest topics such as news, services, events, social media and others. We are the Department of Information and Public Relations.

#teamGIS.
For one day only, the Recovery and Development Agency hosted a procurement workshop aimed at improving contractors and supplier’s capacity to effectively respond to general bidding opportunities as well as for projects financed by the Government of the Virgin Islands, and the Caribbean Development Bank.

Acting Chief Executive Officer of the Recovery and Development Agency (RDA) Anthony McMaster shared that the workshop will provide contractors with the opportunity to understand how best to develop their tender submissions and the key areas for consideration.

The CEO stated, “We have collected 12+ months of data on projects, the tender processes, the evaluation process, the types of bids submitted, and we think it’s appropriate for us to show and share this information with contractors so they can see where success lies and what has been the challenges in the submissions.”

For more information, please click on the link below or scan the QR code

The COVID-19 Vaccine is safe and effective at lowering, transmission, reducing severe illness, reducing hospitalisation and lowering the possibility of death caused by the COVID-19 virus and variants.

La vacuna COVID-19 es segura y eficaz para reducir la transmisión, reducir las enfermedades graves, reducir la hospitalización y reducir la posibilidad de muerte causada por el virus COVID-19 y sus variantes.

*The number of fully vaccinated reflects people and not actual vaccines as previously reported.
*El número de personas completamente vacunadas refleja personas y no vacunas reales como se informó anteriormente.
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS DASHBOARD
CORONAVIRUS COVID-19
LAST UPDATE - OCTOBER 20, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

Latest figures are the result of testing done on the 19th and reported on the 20th October.

84,123 samples from 78,977 persons tested at the
Dr. D. Orlando Smith Hospital Laboratory

TERRITORY'S EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SUMMARY

**Total Cases Recorded**
2,731 (2)*

**Total Active Positive Cases**
2*

**Total Persons Recovered**
2,691 (3)*

**Deaths**
38#

**Analysis by Location**

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*NOTE: All cases and close contacts are quarantined
* NOTE: Figures in parenthesis indicate
new recorded/recovered cases since October 16th, 2021

ANALYSIS OF ACTIVE CASES

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*NOTE: Due to delays in reporting, the actual numbers of hospitalisations and deaths will likely differ from the current report.
N/A: not available

GENERAL INFORMATION: 1(284) 468-2274 | WEBSITE: BVI.GOV.VG/COVID-19 | MEDICAL HOTLINE: 1(284) 852-7650

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Digi-Cert
Vaccine Certification

Did you know that COVID vaccination certifications can now be done online?

INSTRUCTIONS

• Have your passport and vaccination cards handy
• Go to www.bvivaccinate.vg
• Create an account
• Answer some questions
• Upload photos of documents where necessary
• Submit and wait.

Your application will be responded to within 48 hours. Certificates are valid for six months and can be renewed via the same process. The Digital Certificate is linked to an official secure server making it accessible and verifiable using a barcode or QR code.
COVID-19 PROTOCOLS FOR TRAVELLERS TO ENTER THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OCTOBER 1

The Government of the Virgin Islands is advising residents and travellers to take note of the updated arrival protocols effective October 1, 2021.

Please be advised that there will be further updates, and the information will be shared, as provided.

Are you a Fully Vaccinated Traveller?

• You do not have to apply to enter on the BVI Gateway Portal.
• You must have received the second COVID-19 vaccine no less than two (2) weeks before entry to the Virgin Islands.
• The vaccine must be approved by the World Health Organization.

For more information, please click on the link or icon below or scan the QR code:


VIDEO COVERAGE
COVID-19 Update for Travellers
The Attorney General has written to the Commission of Inquiry to express her concerns about the handling of the hearing conducted on 28 September.

The Attorney General writes that a misleading and damaging impression was needlessly given to the public by those proceedings. The manner of questioning implied, incorrectly, that the elected Government had acted irresponsibly regarding the security of the Territory by granting Belonger Status to persons convicted of serious criminal offences.

In fact, no application for Belonger Status was granted by the Cabinet in the two cases it discussed in November 2019, nor since.

For more information, please click on the link below or scan the QR code


SCAN ME
Thank you for making Reading is Fun Week 2021 a success. "Reading Transforms"
Demolition work on the Isabella Morris Primary School began on October 1 in preparation for new development.

Minister for Education, Culture, Youth Affairs, Fisheries and Agriculture Dr. the Honourable Natalio Wheatley said demolition work begins on the building which was deemed structurally unsafe while the Government of the Virgin Islands moves forward with its mandate to rebuild public schools that were severely damaged by the 2017 hurricanes.

“We acknowledge and appreciate the many memories that were created by principals, teacher and students who attended and graduated from the school,” he said, adding, “We will ensure that we honour the strong legacy of this institution, named in honour of one of our education stalwarts, the late Isabella Morris.”

For more information, please click on the link below or scan the QR code

Residents Urged to Continue Good Reading Practices

Minister for Education, Culture, Youth Affairs, Fisheries and Agriculture, Dr. the Honourable Natalio Wheatley is reiterated the importance of developing a love for reading as the Territory observed ‘Reading is Fun Week’ from October 10 to 16.

Honourable Wheatley said, “I am happy to see the hard work put into this annual event which promotes the love for reading. I use this opportunity to appeal to the entire community to participate in this year’s Reading is Fun Week. I further urge, parents, and guardians to continue good reading practices beyond this week.”

The Minister added, “According to science, everyone should read every day, in order to reap benefits such as building your vocabulary, which is a direct impact on how effectively you are able to communicate. Reading helps you reduce stress, sleep better and the list continues.”

For more information, please click on the link below or scan the QR code

https://bvi.gov.vg/media-centre/residents-urged-continue-good-reading-practices

VIDEO COVERAGE
Reading Is Fun Opening Ceremony

CHAT WITH THE COMMUNITY
Reading Is Fun Week

SCAN ME
# Culture and Tourism Month 2021

**November 2021**

**Upcoming Events**

Contact: 1 (284) 468-4379 or 1 (284) 468-9912

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**Our Heritage, Our People, Our Cultural Arts!**

**When Culture Meets Tourism We Capture All Hearts**

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Director of Central Statistics Office, Mr. Raymond Phillips is inviting the public to complete a COVID-19 Individual Impact and Public Perception Survey which seeks to solicit the opinions of residents and explore how they may have been affected by the virus.

Mr. Phillips said the department is seeking answers to questions including whether respondents viewed the COVID-19 situation in the Virgin Islands as dreadful or not so serious, and whether their income was affected by the pandemic.

For more information, please click on the link below or scan the QR code

The British Virgin Islands Ports Authority (BVIPA) informs the public of the newly adjusted International Ferry Passenger Schedule at Road Town Jetty.

Per request from our International Ferry Operators the international ferry passenger schedule between the British Virgin Islands and the US Virgin Islands has been adjusted for the period starting 15th October until 31st October 2021 due to increased bookings.

For more information, please click on the link or icon below or scan the QR code

Deputy Chief Environmental Health Officer, Ms. Henrietta Alexander is urging residents to be aware of the potential for mosquito breeding around their premises and to be vigilant especially since the Territory has been experiencing moderate rainfall over the last few weeks.

Ms. Alexander said householders and property owners should survey their premises for empty containers and other water holding receptacles. “Mosquitoes can lay over 200 eggs in a receptacle as small as a bottle cover, therefore, I urge the community to be thorough when carrying out their surveillance,” she said.

For more information, please click on the link below or scan the QR code

https://bvi.gov.vg/media-centre/survey-premises-control-mosquito-breeding

No.1
Make sure all tanks, water deposits and containers are covered and sealed to keep mosquitoes out!
Executive chefs, kitchen managers and supervisors are expected to benefit from a free three-day ServSafe Food Safety Protection Management Course hosted by the Ministry of Health and Social Development in collaboration with the Pan American Health Organization.

Human resources personnel and financial officers within the food industry and the Tourism, Agriculture and Health Sectors within the public service are also expected to benefit from the training course that will be held from October 27 to 29 at Maria’s by the Sea.

For more information, please click on the link below or scan the QR code


SERVSAFE FOOD SAFETY PROTECTION MANAGER CERTIFICATION COURSE

REGISTER FOR FREE!

The course will emphasize the importance of preventing foodborne diseases within food businesses.

TARGET AUDIENCE:
1. Food Business Managers/ Supervisors
2. Executive Chefs/Senior Cooks
4. Food Business Financial Officers
5. Government Agencies/Departments (Tourism, Agriculture and Health)

Interested persons should email their name, place of employment and position to ehd@gov.vg and cc: halexander@gov.vg. Space is limited so register today!
Work on the long awaited modern tertiary sewerage treatment project for the Cane Garden Bay community is said to be underway.

Minister for Transportation, Works and Utilities, Honourable Kye M. Rymer said the construction phase of the project is expected to last nine (9) months, or until June 2022. “I would like to thank the residents of the Cane Garden Bay community for their patience and understanding during this critical upgrade that will benefit the community,” he said.

For more information, please click on the link below or scan the QR code

OFFICE OF SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS
BUILDS CAPACITY

The Office of the Supervisor of Elections has enhanced its capacity to successfully manage the electoral process in the Virgin Islands.

This was made possible through the Supervisor of Elections, Ms. Scherrie Griffin’s completion of a Professional Certificate in Management of Electoral Processes from the Internation Centre for Parliamentary Studies.

The capacity building initiative allowed Ms. Griffin to analyse the established international standards relating to the duties of electoral bodies to allow for electoral integrity through an efficient electoral process that is supported by sound knowledge and logistical considerations.

For more information, please click on the link below or scan the QR code


Supervisor of Elections, Ms. Scherrie Griffin represented the British Islands and Mediterranean Region as a short-term observer during an Election Expert Mission for the St Helena General Election held on October 13.

The Observation Mission, which was held from October 4 to 14 included an international team of analysts and others invited by the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) who were tasked with reviewing election processes in accordance with international standards and domestic legislation.

For more information, please click on the link below or scan the QR code

Tender Designation: Tender Notice No. 33 of 2021

Tender Category: CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION

Title: Ralph T. O’Neal Administration Complex Construction of a New Elevator Shaft and Procurement and Commissioning of New Elevator

Description: Provide demolition and excavation works, concrete foundation works, exterior cladding, supplying and installing structural steel frame members, interior finishes and MEP works, procurement, supply and installation of new Otis elevator

Action Deadline: Tuesday, 14th December, 2021 | 10:00 a.m.

To View Tender Details: Tel: (284) 468-4243/5921
Email: Procurement@gov.vg
Website: bvi.gov.vg or click link below this flyer
Honourable Wheatley spends World Food Day with Farmers

Minister for Education, Culture, Youth Affairs, Fisheries and Agriculture, Dr the Honourable Natalio D. Wheatley has said that he would and did observe World Food Day on October 16, with farmers and fishers at the Sir Olva Georges Plaza in Road Town.

Honourable Wheatley said, “Every week, farmers and fishers consistently set up at the plaza to offer local produce for sale. This is the foundation to providing a stable and nutritious food supply. This is what World Food Day celebrates.”

Observance of the day commenced with an opening ceremony and presentations by select Government agencies and members from the farming and fishing community. Farmers and fishers will also be on hand to sell their produce and promote their services.

For more information, please click on the link or icon below or scan the QR code

https://bvi.gov.vg/media-centre/honourable-wheatley-spend-world-food-day-farmers

VIDEO COVERAGE
World Food Day Opening Ceremony

VIDEO COVERAGE
World Food Day Part2
A digital platform was launched to make verification of vaccination status easy and accessible.

The National COVID-19 digital platform BVIDigiCert was launched by the Ministry of Health and Social Development in collaboration with the Department of Information Technology and will allow persons who are partially or fully vaccinated for COVID-19 access at www.bvivaccinate.vg

Acting Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Ronald Georges said the aim of BVIDigiCert is to provide residents of the British Virgin Islands with a digital COVID-19 Vaccine certificate which will be accessible anytime or anyplace and reduce the likelihood of fraud and impersonation.

For more information, please click on the link below or scan the QR code

https://bvi.gov.vg/media-centre/covid-19-vaccination-certifications-can-now-be-done-online
Residents of the Virgin Islands are being challenged to “Go Sober for October” following the launch of a campaign to reduce the harmful use of alcohol Territory-wide.

The First Annual Dry October campaign was launched by the Ministry of Health and Social Development and is aimed at sensitising the people of the Virgin Islands to the harmful effects of the abuse of alcohol and encourage people to drink less.

Public Health Nutritionist Ms. Patrice Maduro said that according to the 2009 STEPS survey, excessive consumption of alcohol is a major health risk and the behavior is occurring increasingly among the male population with 50% consuming alcohol and 27% engaged in heavy episodic drinking.

For more information, please click on the link below or scan the QR code

http://bvi.gov.vg/media-centre/health-ministry-launches-campaign-reduce-alcohol-use

HEALTH BYTES
Alcoholism in the BVI Part1

HEALTH BYTES
Alcoholism in the BVI Part2
There will be a $20.00 reconnection fee applied to meters that have been disconnected. This amount will have to be paid and any other outstanding amounts on the account will have to be paid before the supply can be reconnected. The Department will remain committed to restoring the disconnected supply within 24 hours of the amount being paid.

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Minister for Transportation, Works and Utilities Honorable Kye M. Rymer is encouraging residents to continue to support the officers of the Virgin Islands Fire and Rescue Service.

Honourable Rymer, while addressing the official opening of Fire Safety Awareness Week 2021 on Sunday, October 10 stated, “Even as we are still in this COVID-19 moment, our fire officers continue to work 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It is fitting that we continue to support them.”

Honourable Rymer said, “Since the hurricanes of 2017, Irma and Maria, through my ministry, we have restored all the fire stations in the Territory; purchased vehicles to be used by officers and we continue to ensure that they can continue to serve safely.”

For more information, please click on the link or icon below or scan the QR code

https://bvi.gov.vg/media-centre/residents-urged-continue-support-fire-officers
RDA VACANCY NOTICE – PROJECT MANAGER (INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)

The Virgin Islands Recovery and Development Agency (RDA) invites suitably qualified professionals to apply for the post of: Project Manager (Individual Consultant)

For further information regarding this vacancy including a detailed copy of the Terms of Reference, please refer to the following website: http://www.bvirecovery.vg or email: procurement@bvirecovery.vg

For more information, please click on the link or icon below or scan the QR code

https://bvi.gov.vg/media-centre/rda-vacancy-notice-project-manager-individual-consultant

SCAN ME
The East End/Long Look Community Library is in its final stage of automating its operations and has received a new card machine.

Minister for Education, Culture, Youth Affairs, Fisheries and Agriculture, Dr. the Honourable Natalio D. Wheatley said the newly designed library card is a welcome change and that he was grateful to the donors.

Honourable Wheatley said, “The new library card is powerful. It is a key that opens doors to knowledge, builds literacy and empowers whole communities. Knowledge is the key for success in life, and this is a very timely presentation as we celebrated International Literacy Day on September 8 and are now celebrating ‘Reading is Fun Week’.”

For more information, please click on the link below or scan the QR code

https://gov.vg/media-centre/new-card-machine-east-end-library
INVITATION TO TENDER DEMOLITION AND DEBRIS CLEARANCE WORKS AT ELMORE STOUTT HIGH SCHOOL

The RDA now invites tenders from eligible and qualified Tenderers for the demolition and debris clearance works at the Elmore Stoutt High School, Road Town, Tortola in the British Virgin Islands.

The Procurement method will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) process.

For more information, please click on the link below or scan the QR code

The Ministry of Transportation Works and Utilities in collaboration with the Recovery and Development Agency (RDA) continue road works funded under the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) reconstruction and rehabilitation loan.

The final phase on existing road projects is asphalting for six road projects which will commence this Friday, 15th October with Little Dix Hill.

For more information, please click on the link below or scan the QR code

https://www.facebook.com/BVIGovernment/posts/10158727576472945

Masters who are operating as commercial, pleasure or sport fishers, who received fishing licences for the years 2020 and 2021 and have not submitted their fish catch logbooks or datasheets are to do so immediately.

Director in the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, Mr. Theodore E. James said, “Fisheries data is required for proper stock assessment and assists with the management of our fisheries. Data should be recorded every time your vessel goes out to fish and submitted weekly or monthly. The lack of reporting fish catch data is one of many ways fishing licences can be suspended or denied.”

For more information, please click on the link below or scan the QR code

Deputy Premier Dr. the Honourable Natalio D. Wheatley has told a meeting of the Fourth Committee (Special Political & Decolonization) at the 76th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in New York that the United Kingdom (UK) should not go further down the path of colonialism in the Virgin Islands as the UK Government prepares for the outcome of a UK-backed Commission of Inquiry on governance in the Territory.

“Despite the questionable motives behind the calling of the Inquiry, along with the tremendous disruption to the operation of the Public Service, the locally elected Government of two years and seven months, and the Territory’s hardworking Public Servants, have fully cooperated as we have nothing to hide,” the Deputy Premier said in an official statement to the Committee on 6th October.

For more information, please click on the link below or scan the QR code

https://bvi.gov.vg/media-centre/bvi-says-uk-should-not-pursue-colonial-path-un
This month, the British Virgin Islands Electricity Corporation (BVIEC) is celebrating ten years of providing e-commerce services to customers in the Virgin Islands and throughout the world.

October 2011, the BVIEC officially launched the option for customers to pay their bills online. BVIEC is pleased to have provided its valued customers for ten years a safe and secure means of paying their bills from work, home or anywhere in the world, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

The BVIEC Deputy General Manager, Ms. Symorne Penn said that the desire to offer convenience to customers was the catalyst for the initial launch.

For more information, please click on the link below or scan the QR code

http://bvi.gov.vg/media-centre/bviec-celebrates-ten-years-e-commerce
Fat Hog’s Bay resident Andrew Angus Penn received the keys to a newly built home as part of the Housing Recovery Assistance Programme.

The keys were presented by Minister for Health and Social Development Honourable Carvin Malone; Minister for Education, Culture, Youth Affairs, Fisheries and Agriculture Dr. the Honourable Natalio Wheatley; along with the Housing Recovery Assistance Programme team, Deputy Secretary Mr. Greg Massicote and Assistant Secretary Ms. Alisia Browne and representatives from the Contractor McMillan Construction on October 14.

For more information, please click on the link below or scan the QR code

https://bvi.gov.vg/media-centre/18-eslyn-henley-richiez-students-receive-certificates
Virgin Gorda resident Ms. Judy-ann Steven has received the keys to a newly built home as part of the Housing Recovery Assistance Programme.

The keys were presented by Minister for Health and Social Development Honourable Carvin Malone, Minister for Natural Resources, Labour and Immigration Honourable Vincent Wheatley, along with the Deputy Secretary in the Ministry of Health and Social Development Mr. Greg Massicote on October 5.

For more information, please click on the link below or scan the QR code

https://bvi.gov vg/media-centre/virgin-gorda-resident-receives-new-home
VI Proverbs & Poems

Poetry Competition

DISTRICT BATTLE

We are inviting the remaining districts of the territory to share a poem with us that gives a unique spin on a VI proverb!

Categories: Ages 9-12, 13-17 & 18 +

Writing Prompt: write a poem based on one of the following proverbs

❖ “De remedy to fall is ‘get up’”
❖ “What doan kill will fatten!”
❖ “Watta boilin’ an’ fish doan know”

Word count: 20 lines minimum

Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners! Winners will be announced during Culture and Tourism month.

Email story to: viculture@gov.vg
Deadline: Friday, 5th November, 2021
Eighteen students of the Eslyn Henley Richiez Learning Centre have received certificates for Development through the United Kingdom based Award Scheme Development & Accreditation Network (ASDAN).

Chief Education Officer, Mrs. Connie George said the ASDAN is an education charity and awarding organisation providing regulated qualifications, accredited curriculum programmes and a range of other courses to help young people develop knowledge and skills for learning, work and life which is used mainly by learners with varying disabilities.

For more information, please click on the link below or scan the QR code

http://www.bvi.gov.vg/media-centre/18-eslyn-henley-richiez-students-receive-certificates
The Sustaining Turtles, Environment, Economies, and Livelihoods (STEEL) Project team visited Anegada on Wednesday, October 13 to educate stakeholders and students about the project and importance of sea turtles in the Virgin Islands.

Stakeholders and students were also updated on the increased incidence of Fibropapillomatosis (FP), a disease in turtles that results in the growth of external tumours that can grow to hamper a turtle’s ability to swim and feed effectively. Stakeholders also learned about the overall change in species composition within the Territory over the past 20 years.

For more information, please click on the link below or scan the QR code

The Virgin Islands observed Anti Bullying Week from Sunday, October 17 to Saturday, October 23 under the theme “One Kind Word”.

Minister for Education, Culture, Youth Affairs, Fisheries and Agriculture, Dr. the Honourable Natalio D. Wheatley, said, “Unfortunately, in the Virgin Islands we too have had incidents of bullying which have resulted in significant harm to children. Bullying can have a terrible effect on children and their families, and we must not give up in our attempts to combat it, especially now, when children are going through a very tough period in their life.”

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THE PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL WRITTEN INFORMATION TO THE COI

On Friday October 1 the Government provided a further quantity of documents to the Commission of Inquiry – around a thousand pages. Their discovery was the result of continuing intensive efforts by the public service of the Virgin Islands to find any and all evidence which might be helpful to the Commission in its work.

This is on top of 9,000 documents, totalling 130,000 pages, and dozens of affidavits provided to the COI in response to its requests already, a very time-consuming task which has soaked up a huge proportion of the administrative capacity of the public service while a continuing global health emergency continues to rage.

For more information, please click on the link or icon below or scan the QR code


PROVISION OF COVID GRANTS

When COVID-19 hit our islands, the Government acted swiftly to provide help, including money not only to assist hard-pressed farmers and fishermen but also to expand the numbers of both to ensure a stronger and more reliable local food supply. We also wanted to help our Churches, of every denomination, whose outreach work to support communities is so important, and also day care centres, schools and religious organisations.

We have been criticised for what we did by the Auditor General.

The people must be told the facts. The Government provided help in good faith to meet real needs.

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STATEMENTS BY
DR. THE HONOURABLE NATALIO D. WHEATLEY

WORLD TEACHERS’ DAY

Today, October 5th is celebrated as World Teachers’ Day around the world. The theme for this year is “Teachers at the Heart of Education Recovery.” The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) chose this theme for World Teachers’ Day and I think it is quite fitting. Today we honour you the educators for your perseverance and dedication during the critical era of the COVID-19 pandemic.

We acknowledge and recognise the work that you do. Teachers are important to our society, the responsibility placed on you to mold the lives of our children and young people of these Virgin Islands cannot be underestimated. You are at the centre of teaching and learning. And although you have your own personal matters, dealing with the impact of COVID-19 on your personal life and that of your families, we are relying on you to help our children heal and fill the knowledge gaps suffered during this pandemic period.

For more information, please click on the link or icon below or scan the QR code


PROTOCOLS FOR TRAVELLERS

Good evening and God’s blessings to the people of the Virgin Islands at home and abroad, all our visitors and all prospective visitors.

Let us first acknowledge the grace and mercies of our Almighty Creator who has spared us the ravages of Hurricane Sam. As we are in the peak of the hurricane season, we ask that you remain prepared.

The British Virgin Islands has reached another milestone in our journey of living, working and travelling in the midst of the ongoing COVID-19 Global Pandemic.

The pandemic, which started 18-and-a-half months ago, forced us in the Virgin Islands – as in all countries around the world - to implement measures to control the importation of the coronavirus onto our shores, and to mitigate the spread of the virus.

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VIDEO COVERAGE

World Teachers Day 2021 Message

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ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

The week commencing 17th October marks the start of Anti-bullying week in the Virgin Islands. Anti-bullying week is a time when school counsellors join others around the world to bring awareness to bullying of children and young people, and to highlight the need to stop it. This behavior occurs from adult to children and young persons as well as among peers. This year’s theme is, “One Kind Word”.

Anti-Bullying Week is a worldwide event that has grown to become an important event in many countries. The Anti-Bulling Alliance in the UK estimates that 30% of children have been bullied in the last year. Seventeen percent (17%) have been bullied online and at least one child in every classroom has been bullied. We are not immune. Unfortunately, in the Virgin Islands we too have had incidents of bullying which have resulted in significant harm to children. Bullying can have a terrible effect on children and their families, and we must not give up in our attempts to combat it, especially now, when children are going through a very tough period in their life.

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I extend greetings to everyone in the Virgin Islands, the Region and the World. I extend prayers and words of condolences to all families who have lost loved ones during this trying period, whether by COVID or other causes.

In the BVI we continue to recognise and appreciate the challenges faced by the island nations of Jamaica, Bahamas, Bermuda, Grenada, St. Lucia, Antigua, St. Vincent, St. Kitts and others.

The Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Ronald Georges have reported that of the 81,850 COVID samples analysed at the Dr. D. Orlando Smith Hospital 2,718 were declared as positive. While 2,635 cases have recovered; 37 deaths have occurred and there currently exist 46 active cases. Only three of the 46 cases were discovered on entry testing during days 0; 7 and 14. The most troubling aspect of the report is that 43 of the 46 cases were found within the community. Clearly, my people, we are not out of the woods.

For more information, please click on the link or icon below or scan the QR code

STATEMENT BY
HONOURABLE KYE RYMER

THE HANDOVER OF THE FIRE
AND RESCUE HEADQUARTERS
GROUND FLOOR

Recovery, Rehabilitation, and Resiliency these have been theme words of this Government of the Virgin Islands. Today is no exception as you are witnesses to yet another example of your Government working for you.

Earlier this year, on 2nd March, we stood in the fire tender bay area of the Virgin Islands Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters to sign a major contract with Metro Construction Limited. The agreement was in the amount of three hundred and thirty-two thousand, two hundred and six dollars and seventy-three cents ($332, 206.73) for the renovation of the ground floor of the Fire Headquarters.

Today, seven (7) months later, we are gathered here to receive a rehabilitated and resilient building for our Fire Officers. These are our Territory’s emergency first responders, so this project took high priority on our ‘to do’ list. And I say to God be all the glory.

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TOURISM UPDATE

Premier and Minister of Finance, Honourable Andrew Fahie, representatives of the BVI Tourist Board, BVI Ports Authority, Taxi & Livery Commission, industry partners, members of the media, fellow Virgin Islanders and residents, ladies and gentlemen both home and abroad listening by various communication platforms; Good Morning!

It is with absolute pleasure and great pride that I stand with Premier to provide you with an update on our latest efforts in relation to Cruise Tourism. On September 27th, I was pleased to be part of the delegation, led by Premier Fahie – that attended the 2021 Seatrade Cruise Global Trade Expo in Miami, Florida. The delegation comprised of:

The Minister of Transportation, Works and Utilities, whose attendance was crucial in ensuring that taxi and tour operators would be represented and that they would be fully engaged in the demands of the industry in relation to providing safe transportation to cruise passengers around the territory. This was also to ensure that effective protocols are in place for the public’s safety when using transportation services.

For more information, please click on the link or icon below or scan the QR code

COVID-19 UPDATE

Good Day residents of the Virgin Islands.
Today the Ministry of Health is informing you of a large cluster of cases associated with a local construction company on Virgin Gorda.

Regrettably, the large number of persons in barracks style accommodation lends itself to easier transmission in this instance. To date 29 persons have been detected to have COVID-19/coronavirus PCR results within the infectious range associated with one of the locations.

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