



NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL OF THE CAYMAN ISLANDS – POST MEETING
SUMMARY

Her Excellency the Governor Mrs. Jane Owen chaired the meeting of the National Security Council held on Thursday, 8th January 2026 in the Cabinet Conference Room, Government Administration Building.

Apologies were extended for Hon Joseph Hew, Leader of the Opposition, Hon Isaac Rankine, Minister and Hon Samuel Bulgin, Attorney General. Solicitor General, Mrs. Reshma Sharma acted for the Hon Attorney General. All other Members of the National Security Council were present.

At this meeting the National Security Council:

- Briefed on situation in Venezuela, Government statement issued and published on website. Importance of preparing for potential impacts as it relates to this situation and the ongoing regional concerns regarding mass migration.
- Ministry of District Administration and Home Affairs provided a presentation on the HMS Northward Prison and plans to update/expand the prison.
- Commissioner of Police provided statistics for the period 1st January – 31st December 2025 in relation to crimes and traffic offences.
- Director of Customs and Border Control briefed Council on seizures, arrests and joint operations undertaken since last meeting.
- Chief Information Security Officer provided an update in relation to subsea cables, UK grant to bolster cyber security and staff training, and threats in relation to VASPAR Act – Crypto.

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Guidance Notes:

1. *The National Security Council is established under section 58 of the Cayman Islands Constitution Order (as amended).*
2. *NSC Members are as follows: Her Excellency the Governor Mrs. Jane Owen (Chair); Hon. André Ebanks, Premier; Hon. Nickolas DaCosta, Minister; Hon. Isaac Rankine, Minister; Hon. Franz Manderson, Deputy Governor; Hon. Samuel Bulgin, KC, Attorney General; Hon. Joseph Hew, Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Kurt Walton, Commissioner of Police; Ms. Deborah Ebanks, civil society representative; and Mr. Alva Suckoo, civil society representative.*
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