

A grey banner with the text "THE FRIDAY REPORT" in bold blue capital letters. The banner is flanked by two vertical bars, each containing three vertical stripes in blue, yellow, and green.

On Monday, January 19, 2026, His Excellency Dr. Akima Umezawa, Ambassador of Japan, paid a courtesy call on Prime Minister Hon. Dr. Godwin Friday, accompanied by Hon. Dwight Fitzgerald Bramble, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade, Foreign Investment, and Diaspora Affairs. The officials discussed strengthening bilateral cooperation and deepening collaboration in key areas of mutual interest between Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and Japan.



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Tuesday, January 20, 2026, Prime Minister of the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis and current Chairman of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), Hon. Dr. Terrence Drew, paid a courtesy call on Prime Minister Hon. Dr. Godwin Friday of St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

The meeting was also attended by Dr. Carla Barnett, Secretary-General of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), underscoring the regional importance of the engagement.

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Hon. Dr. Drew met with Prime Minister Hon. Dr. Friday and Hon. Dwight Fitzgerald Bramble, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade, Foreign Investments, and Diaspora Affairs, to discuss matters of regional importance, shared priorities, and continued cooperation within CARICOM.

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On Tuesday, January 20, 2026, President of the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB), Mr. Daniel M. Best, paid a courtesy visit to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, during which he met with Prime Minister Hon. Dr. Godwin Friday, members of Cabinet, and senior officials.

Mr. Best was accompanied by a CDB delegation comprising Dr. Isaac Solomon, Vice President (Operations); Mr. L. O'Reilly Lewis, Director of the Projects Department; Ms. Ann-Marie Warner, Senior Advisor to the President; and Ms. Tahira Carter, Corporate Communications Officer.

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The discussions focused on ongoing CDB-supported initiatives, potential future projects, and priority areas aligned with the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines' development agenda.

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On Wednesday, January 21, 2026, Cabinet met and discussed several matters of national importance. Among the decisions taken were measures relating to the return of public officers affected by the vaccine mandate. The details of this decision were shared in the Cabinet Brief.



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On Friday, January 23, 2026, Prime Minister Hon. Dr. Godwin Friday, along with Attorney General Hon. Sarah Louise Mitchell and Minister of Health, Wellness, Environmental Health, and Energy Hon. Daniel Cummings, hosted a press conference during which matters relating to the reinstatement of workers affected by the vaccine mandate, as well as bonuses for public sector workers, were discussed. An overview of a site visit to the New Modern Hospital was delivered.



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On Friday, January 23, 2026, Prime Minister Hon. Dr. Godwin Friday made his first official visit to the construction site of the new modern hospital, alongside Hon. Daniel Cummings, Minister of Health, Wellness, and the Environment. They were joined by the Deputy Prime Minister, Major St Clair Leacock, and other ministers for a walk-through and an update on work done at the hospital.

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The visit formed part of the Government's ongoing oversight of major national infrastructure projects and provided an opportunity to assess progress, timelines, and next steps in the development of the healthcare facility.

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