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New Built-For-Purpose Vehicles For BVI Police To Fight Crime

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TORTOLA -- The Police Force here now has two of the first built-for-purpose vehicles to help fight crime with a third on its way.

Among the special features of the new vehicles is a mobile workstation which allows officers access to the Force's database for retrieving and importing information.

With the portable data system, officers can obtain and file reports as well as record necessary intelligence while on patrol allowing officers to spend more time outside the police station and to be more visible to the public.

These new vehicles are also equipped with built-in safety barriers, partitions and doors for suitable containment of prisoners. In the past, partitions were constructed and welded into ordinary vehicles for the purpose of carrying prisoners.

Acting Commissioner of Police Alwin James thanked the Government, Ministry of Finance and the Deputy Governor's Office for making the monies available this year for purchasing these vehicles.

"For years these vehicles have been at the top of Force's priority list. We are grateful that Government has made it possible to make these purchases," he said

The Acting Commissioner also thanked Burke's Garage who sourced and purchased the vehicles and arranged for their transport to the Territory.