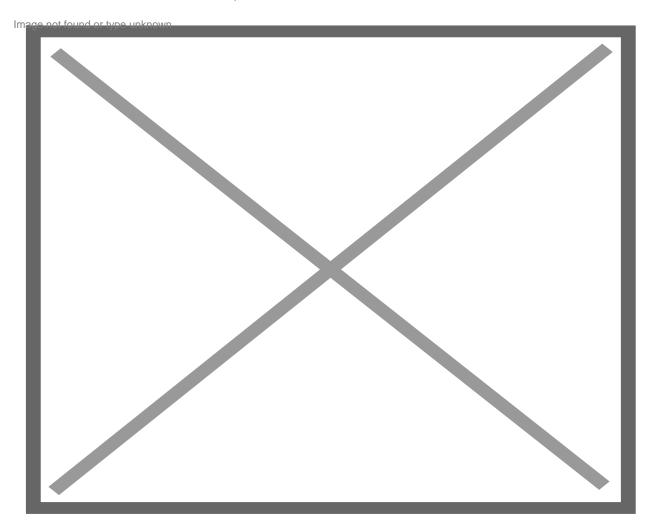
VI Consortium Expands into the Caribbean

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Caribbean Map

The Virgin Islands Consortium has expanded to provide Caribbean news coverage.

Company founder and Publisher Ernice Gilbert said the expansion will start with five islands and expand further in the coming months. Currently on the Consortium website is news from Jamaica, Trinidad, St. Lucia, Barbados and the British Virgin Islands.

"The expansion into the Caribbean has always been part of my vision to grow the company, eventually becoming a platform that is synonymous with the entire Caribbean," Mr. Gilbert said.

Each island has its own dedicated site within the new VI Consortium. Then there's a Caribbean site that includes news from the five islands and other Caribbean islands.

To navigate, click on Caribbean, then a drop-down menu produces the five islands and the Caribbean. Click on any island or the Caribbean and the site navigates to that section.

"We intend to unify the Caribbean," Mr. Gilbert added. "We are a chain of small islands that are vibrant with culture and activities. Yet we know little about our neighbors and I intend to change that."

The content will be updated daily. Eventually, the Consortium intends to bring live coverage of certain activities on each island as the platform brings the Caribbean closer together. This will start with Consortium journalist in Jamaica, Deandra Goss.

"It is also my belief that as we unify the Caribbean, and our leaders see progress being made by their neighbors, hopefully this will help them improve their product," Mr. Gilbert said.

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