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BVI House of Assembly Debating Motion of No Confidence in Andrew Fahie

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BVI Premier Andrew Fahie

The BVI House of Assembly is currently debating a motion of no confidence in the Andrew Fahie government. The resolution, brought by Acting Premier Dr. Natalio Wheatley, reads:

"Whereas the Honourable Andrew A Fahie was appointed Premier having been recommended by the majority of the elected members of the House of Assembly after the 2019 general elections in accordance with section 52(1a) of the Virgin Islands constitution order

Whereas the Premier the Honourable Andrew A Fahie has been arrested and charged with money laundering and conspiracy to import a controlled substance into the United States of America

Whereas the arrest and charge of the Premier, the Honourable Andrew A Fahie has brought the integrity and sanctity of the role of the Premier into public and international disrepute and demonstrates a lack of character and suitability to operate in a public leadership role.

Whereas these charges, the ongoing investigation and trial, will undermine the international confidence and reputation of these Virgin Islands.

Whereas the Premier the Honourable Andrew A Fahie has not stepped down as Premier and remains in custody outside the Virgin Islands and unavailable to perform his functions and lead the government.

And whereas the Virgin Islands constitution order 2007 section 53 (1) provides that if a motion on the [parliamentary] order paper — that the House of Assembly should declare a lack of confidence in the government of the Virgin Islands — receives in the House the affirmative votes of a majority of all the elected members of the House, the governor shall by instrument under public seal revoke the appointment of the Premier.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the House of Assembly of the Virgin Islands that it does declare a lack of confidence in the government led by Honourable Andrew A Fahie."

Fahie is currently fighting drug and money laundering charges in a US Federal court, and had most recently asserted claims of diplomatic immunity in a bid to obtain an unconditional release from detention.

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