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PRESS RELEASE

Prime Minister Assumes Interim Responsibility for Ministry of National Defence and Border Security; Hon. Florencio Marin Jr. Given Leave of Absence

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The Office of the Prime Minister announces that Hon. Florencio Marin Jr. has asked the Prime Minister to be allowed to immediately proceed on a leave of absence, while an audit is conducted in the Ministry of National Defence and Border Security.

The Prime Minister has approved the leave of absence, effective immediately, and for a period of ninety (90) days, to allow the audit of that Ministry for the period 2019-2026 to proceed without any perception of hindrance or interference.

The Prime Minister, Hon. John Briceño, will serve as Minister of National Defence and Border Security in the interim.

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