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SVG's Deputy PM to Chair Regional Security System (RSS) Council of Ministers.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Security, Disaster Management and Immigration, Hon. Major St. Clair Leacock, is preparing to assume the chairmanship of the Regional Security System (RSS) Council of Ministers.

Speaking on state-owned NBC Radio on Wednesday, January 28, 2026, the National Security Minister said he will travel to St. Lucia on March 27 and 28 for the RSS Council of Ministers meeting, during which Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG) will officially assume the chairmanship from St. Lucia.

Minister Leacock said he is fully prepared, trained, and equipped to carry out his responsibilities as Minister of National Security, noting that national security is a “full-time occupation” and stressing that he is looking forward to working closely with regional partners to strengthen security cooperation across member states.

Noting that the RSS is a well-established regional security organization comprising eight member states, including the countries of the OECS, Barbados, and Guyana,

Minister Leacock noted that the organization has since grown into a large, professionally run entity with strong regional and international linkages, interfacing with major global security agencies. He acknowledged that chairing the Council will be a serious responsibility, requiring constant engagement to ensure peace, stability, and citizen security throughout the region.

Drawing on his extensive background in security and law enforcement, Minister Leacock said he is no stranger to the operations of regional defence forces as he once served as a Commandant in the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Cadet Force and the

Auxiliary Police Force, lectured at the Police Training School for eleven (11) years, and trained alongside senior regional officers during his military education abroad in places like Canada.

Describing the role as challenging but familiar territory, Minister Leacock said he is confident that his experience and longstanding professional relationships within regional defence and security institutions will aid him in effectively leading the RSS Council of Ministers during SVG's tenure as chair.

“There is great familiarity,” Major Leacock said.

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