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### Statement by the Government of Belize

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The Government of Belize unequivocally condemns the physical assault on Dr. the Hon. Ralph Gonsalves, Prime Minister of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, that occurred yesterday outside Parliament in Kingstown.

While the right to assembly is a fundamental freedom in democratic societies, violent protests can never be countenanced. We reject any attempt to introduce violence, hate and undemocratic practices into the political life of the Caribbean Community which has a proud and long history of peace, democratic traditions, and respect for rule of law and human rights.

We call for those responsible for the attack on Prime Minister Gonsalves to be brought to justice.

The Government of Belize stands in solidarity with Prime Minister Gonsalves and the Government and people of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and extends its best wishes to him for a speedy recovery.

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