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The installment of battery energy storage solutions (BESS) in six solar parks across the U.S. Virgin Islands has begun. The solar array and BESS will boost the islands' decarbonization efforts by fulfilling 30% of its energy consumption through renewable sources. Honeywell will provide the BESS.

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On Tuesday, Honeywell announced that it had been tapped to deliver the first of several battery energy storage solutions (BESS) for VI Electron, which is currently in the process of building...

"This will surpass the Government's target of reducing fossil-fuel-based generation by 80 percent. The system will comprise of approximately one MegaWatt of solar PV panels and 4,078 kilowatt-hour of battery energy storage," the Premier said.

Work on the Anegada Renewable Energy & Battery Storage plant started in January of this year, but due to lengthy pauses, many people, including legislators, have been asking if the plans for the historic renewable energy plant have been abandoned.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Communications and Works, Honourable Kye M. Rymer, has said that the Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) project is long overdue as the Virgin Islands continues to move towards energy resiliency and energy security.

The announcement by the Government of the Virgin Islands on 29 December, 2022, said the project

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combining solar PV and a battery energy storage system has a combined capacity of 2.1MW.

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