



Labor Party wins elections in Barbados, Mia Mottley elected first female prime minister



Bridgetown, May 25 (RHC)-- The Barbados Labor Party (BLP) has won the country's 2018 General Elections, garnering all 30 seats in the country's House of Assembly.

The party's leader Mia Amor Mottley will be sworn in as Barbados' first female Prime Minister since the country gained independence from Britain in 1966.

Mottley, 52, becomes Barbados' eighth Prime Minister and the fifth female head of government in the English speaking Caribbean joining the likes of the late Dame Eugenia Charles of Dominica, Janet Jagan of Guyana, Portia Simpson Miller in Jamaica and Kamla Persad Bissessar in Trinidad and Tobago.

In her electoral campaign, Mottley, who secured the broadest electoral victory in the history of Barbados, promised to make changes to the country's constitution and implement other reforms.

Mottley assumes office at a difficult time for the Caribbean country, as the Barbadian economy has struggled since 2009 in the wake of the global financial crisis.