

Meet Barbados` New Prime Minister

Barbados wasted no time, swearing in Freundel Stuart as the country`s new prime minister just hours after the passing of the former PM, David Thompson.

Stuart, who had been acting as PM since Thompson fell ill in May, was sworn at Government House earlier today. Adriel Brathwaite was sworn in as the new Attorney General. So who exactly is Stuart?

The seventh PM of Barbados is a graduate of the University of the West Indies with degrees in political science and law. He is a practicing attorney-at-law and his practice encompasses criminal and corporate law. He says he was initially attracted to politics because he believed that the informed exercise of power could reduce the glaring disparities in wealth he observed in Barbadian society.

PM Stuart has in the past listed poverty and in particular, unemployment and inadequate housing as the major problems that his constituents in St. Michael South currently face.

Stuart has for several years been a stalwart of the Democratic Labour Party and has served in many capacities including that of President. He says he believes that Barbados is now ready for the completion of the social and economic revolution that was started in the 1960`s. His vision for Barbados is that of an affluent society in which resources are equitably distributed and citizens enjoy all their human rights and freedoms.

PM Stuart is single and has one daughter who is pursuing studies in Sociology at the Cave Hill Campus of the University of the West Indies.