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The life and character of Prime Minister, the Hon. P. J. Patterson are the subject of two features in the latest edition of the JAMAICAN, the classy magazine which regularly highlights outstanding achievements by Jamaicans.

Ian Boyne, the author of both articles takes a candid look at the "Patterson Style" - his views on politics, Jamaica, the economy, family life, marriage, and generally what makes P. J. Patterson tick.

The articles are based on an interview with the Prime Minister, comments from friends and political colleagues of Mr. Patterson, as well as research on the "Man of the Moment".

In discussing politics, the Prime Minister "rejected the vulgar, confrontationalist approach to dealing with the Opposition".

He spoke too, of the need to restore the political system to one that commanded national respect.

In tracing Mr. Patterson's political career in one of the articles, Boyne, a senior print and television interviewer wrote:

"Mr. Patterson belongs to that generation of Jamaicans whose hearts burn with nationalist pride. After serving as Deputy Prime Minister, the highest office is finally his. For how long is anybody's guess. But one thing is sure - this Prime Minister is determined to make a difference."

The author sums up Mr. Patterson's concept of his role as Prime Minister as "inspiring us towards our better selves of fostering unity of purpose and direction that can transform our energies."

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