

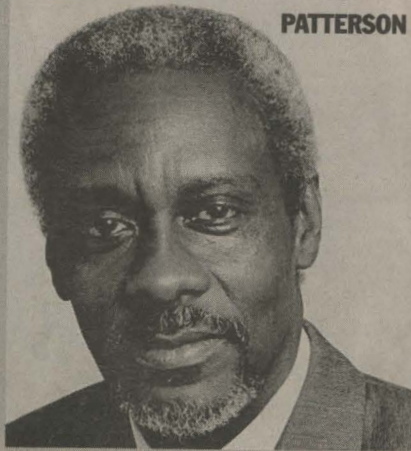
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## PERCIVAL JAMES

### PATTERSON 1935-PRESENT

- Jamaica's sixth and current Prime Minister, was born on March 30, 1935 in Dias Hanover to farmer, Henry Patterson and Ina James, a schoolteacher.
- He attended Calabar High School, the University College of the West Indies (today UWI) and the London School of Economics where he studied Law.
- He joined the People's National Party (PNP) in 1958.
- He served as legal advisor to the National Workers Union (NWU).
- In 1969, Mr. Patterson was elected vice-president of the PNP at the age of 34 to become the youngest person to hold the post.
- On the retirement of the Right Honourable Michael Manley, in 1992, Mr. Patterson was sworn in as Jamaica sixth Prime Minister.
- He has been prime minister since 1992.

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