

Hubert A. Ingraham

Prime Minister of the Bahamas

Hubert A. Ingraham was born at Pine Ridge on Grand Bahamas Island on Aug. 4, 1947. A lawyer, Mr. Ingraham was first elected to the House of Assembly in 1977 as a Progressive Liberal Party candidate. He chaired an investigative Select Committee on Influence Peddling and Political Contributions and in 1982, became Minister of Housing, National Insurance and Social Services.

In 1987, Mr. Ingraham was re-elected as an independent candidate. He joined the opposition Free National Movement in 1990 and was appointed Leader of the Opposition. Mr. Ingraham became Prime Minister of the Bahamas in 1992 and was re-elected in 1997. Mr. Ingraham is married and has five children.

Owen Seymour Arthur

Prime Minister of Barbados

Born in Barbados on Oct. 17, 1949, Owen Seymour Arthur holds a master's degree in economics from the University of the West Indies.

Mr. Arthur's political career began when he was appointed to the Senate in 1983. He became a member of Parliament in 1984 and was appointed Leader of the Opposition in 1993.

Mr. Arthur became Prime Minister of Barbados on Sept. 7, 1994, after leading the Barbados Labour Party to victory. He was re-elected in 1999 and remains party chairman.