

**STATEMENT BY THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION
THE HON. MIA AMOR MOTTLEY, QC, MP
ON THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTION HELD IN ST. KITTS AND NEVIS ON
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While the result is to be formally determined, this is a process that started 2 years ago. And the apparent outcome is testimony to what people coming together for the right reasons can accomplish.

Those who labour together in a great cause can never fail. It now behooves the powers that be in St Kitts and Nevis to acknowledge and respect the will of the people.

We must do so in a timely manner for this region to remain a beacon of democracy. Our people demand it of us and we, as leaders must not fail them.

These events also reinforce the need for a mechanism for CARICOM, and indeed the OECS, to ensure that the rights of our citizens are not frustrated. We cannot always repose confidence in the wish for common sense to prevail. We need to relook the role of these institutions and the treaties which are signed in the name of our people, like the Charter of Civil Society, but which far too often have been ineffective in dealing with the real problems that our people and institutions face.

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