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Seaga to stay

Following a show of support and pleas from community leaders, Prime Minister Edward Seaga told the country on Wednesday last that he would stay on in his post. "In light of the deep concerns expressed consequent to my decision in October, I have, in order to continue the programme of national recovery, decided to withdraw my intention to resign," he said in a statement issued by Jamaica House, the country's residence for its head of government.

"Since the announcement of my decision, party supporters, organisations and people from all walks of life have placed me under severe pressure to reconsider in the national interest," Mr Seaga said.

Cards and telgrams of support from Jamaicans in the country and from all over the world have poured into Jamaica House since the Prime Minister announced his resignation. Demonstrations have been mounted almost daily outside the gates of Jamaica House asking the Prime Minister to reconsider.

In his statement, the Prime Minister looked back on his years in political life. "For the greater part of my adult life, I have never been anything but a public servant, and I guess at this point I could be forgiven for taking comfort in the fact that I have contributed my fair share to the nation in public service," he said. Mr Seaga has been in public life for 27 years. He began his career at the age of 29 when he was appointed to Parliament, the youngest appointee in the history of that Chamber.

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