

# Hugh Shearer in 'stable condition'

Hugh Lawson Shearer, Jamaica Labour Party Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs and central executive member, was said to be in "a stable condition" by a hospital spokesperson yesterday afternoon.

However, the hospital source said the 67-year-old former prime minister was not allowed visitors.

Shearer was admitted to the Nutthall Hospital in Kingston on Friday night, after complaining of chest pains. A source said the South Clarendon MP was on Thursday complaining of "not feeling well" and after visiting his doctor on Friday, was admitted to hospital.

The elder statesman who recently came out on top of a Carl Stone poll as the most likely successor to the crisis-plagued JLP leadership, was awarded the Order Of Jamaica, the nation's fourth highest national honour, on Labour Day, May 23.

Shearer, who is president-general of the Bustamante Industrial Trade Union, has been playing a mediating role



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in the impasse between party leader Edward Seaga and senior members of the so-called "Gang-of-Five", the group of five JLP MPs who have taken issue with certain internal party matters.

The Jamaica Record was told by a Jamaica House source that Mr Shearer called the Miami Heart Institute every day "without fail", to inquire how "his friend was doing" and told Prime Minister Michael Manley, his cousin, to "take it easy."