

Portia among *Time* magazine's 100 most influential

PRIME Minister Portia Simpson Miller has been listed in *Time* magazine's 100 most influential persons for 2012. Simpson Miller is one of 38 women on the list, the highest in any year.

Simpson Miller led her ruling People's National Party to victory in parliamentary elections last December and later won last month's local government elections.

"As a country, we are proud that our prime minister is being recognised on such an influential list," said Dr Wykeham McNeill, Jamaica's minister of tourism and entertainment. "As her vision for the country is being noticed, it's crucial for all of us to do our part to ensure Jamaica continues to shine in the global marketplace."

Singers Adele, Rihanna and *Saturday Night Live* star Kristen Wiig are also on the *Time* magazine list.

Also included on the list is Apple CEO Tim Cook; US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton; United States Congressman Ron Paul; German Chancellor Angela Merkel; International Monetary Fund boss Christine Lagarde; Catherine, the Duchess of Cambridge, and her sister, Pippa Middleton.

The list features 54 international figures from 37 countries and also includes several controversial figures,

such as Syrian President Bashar Assad; North Korean Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un; and Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar.

It is divided into five categories — moguls, breakouts, icons, pioneers and leaders.

According to *Time*, the coveted list recognises the activism, innovation and achievement of the world's most influential individuals and includes people who inspire, entertain, challenge and change the world.