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Order of Jamaica for Lady Bustamante

Lady Gladys Maud Bustamante is to receive the fourth highest national award of appointment, the Order of Jamaica (OJ).

Lady Bustamante, wife of the late Sir Alexander Bustamante — National Hero and first Prime Minister of Jamaica — will receive the award for services to the trade union movement and for general public service.

Lady Bustamante has been the treasurer for the Bustamante Industrial Trade (BITU) since 1938 and became a life member of the Jamaica Labour Party

(JLP) in 1977.

These two organisations were founded by her husband in 1938 and 1943, respectively.

Lady Bustamante, Justice of the Peace, was born in Ashton, Westmoreland and was educated at Ashton Primary School and Tutorial College.

A release from the Office of the Prime Minister said she had advised Sir Alexander to have the Public Service Regulations amended to rescind the provisions which disqualified women from holding their jobs after marriage.