

Jamaica may get a new National Hero

Prime Minister Bruce Golding has moved to re-establish an advisory committee to look at individuals on whom Jamaica's highest honour can be bestowed – The Order of National Hero.

In a motion in parliament on Wednesday Golding indicated that the committee has not be functioning for about three years as the term of office of its members expired in January 2008.

Golding nominated culture minister Olivia Grange and her opposition counterpart, Lisa Hanna, to sit on the advisory committee.

The committee is to be made up of seven members.

The Order of National Hero is the highest national honour and may be conferred on any Jamaican or naturalised citizen who has rendered the most distinguished service to Jamaica.

For years, there has been a raging debate that international reggae icon Bob Marley and Jamaican Cultural Ambassador Louise Bennett-Coverly should be named as national heroes.