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Daughter's triumph 'my reward'

People's Alliance leader Sirimavo Bandaranaike yesterday said she was "overjoyed at the stupendous victory" of the People's Alliance at the presidential election, and felt she had been rewarded for the suffering and misery she had undergone for the past 35 years of her political career.

"I believe and I know that my daughter came forward to carry out the mission of fulfilling my late husband's vision for the people", she said.

Appealing to all political parties to help the government in its efforts, she said: "Let us resolve now to forget all our differences and work together to build up Sri Lanka as a prosperous, peaceful and happy nation".

The following is the text of her statement:

"I am indeed more than happy and overjoyed at the stupendous victory of the People's Alliance at the presidential election. I feel I have been rewarded for the suffering and misery I underwent for the last 35 years of my political career".

"In spite of relatives and friends advising me to throw in the sponge and look after my health and my own affairs, I did not give up, but continued to give leadership to the Party, despite all the set-backs I had. I had confidence in the people that some day, sooner or later, I would be rewarded by my people who stood by me through thick and thin".

"Today's result shows that the people have not lost confidence in our party. I believe and I know that my daughter came forward to carry out the mission of fulfilling my late husband's vision for the people".

"Finally, as leader of the People's Alliance, I thank all those who voted for us, without whose support we would not have achieved so much. I also thank all those who stood by me and the party all these years".

"Let us resolve now to forget all our differences and work together to build up Sri Lanka as a prosperous, peaceful and happy nation. I also appeal to all political parties to help the government in its efforts to achieve the above".