



**PRIME MINISTER**

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OPENING OF THE THIRTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT

The Prime Minister today announced that the Thirty-first Parliament would be opened by the Governor-General's Deputy at 11.00 a.m. on Tuesday 21 February 1978 and that His Excellency the Governor-General would deliver the Opening Speech at 3.00 p.m. on the same day.

A Proclamation fixing the time and date of the Opening has been signed by the Governor-General and was published in the Commonwealth Gazette today.