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## In Barbados, Dominica Prime Minister Says Dominica is 'Back'

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BARBADOS -- Dominica Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerrit recently told an audience in Barbados that Dominica, after being ravaged by Hurricane Maria in 2017, had been rebuilt and is back to normalcy.

During a national consultation on Thursday attended by Dominicans working and studying in Barbados, Mr. Skerrit said Dominica would work toward natural disaster resiliency -- a feat that would see the island become the first in the region.

Mr. Skerrit also thanked Calvin Alkins and Mark Maloney -- two businessmen from Barbados -- for their prompt action to help Dominica after it was affected by Hurricane Maria. Mr. Maloney is a serial businessman with ventures in manufacturing windows,

roofing systems, recycling of plastic bottles for the production of plastic roofs; home-building and real estate development.

Mr. Alkins made his money in the import and export business through his company Calvin Akin Customs Services Inc., which was established in 1994.

Meanwhile, Dominica is nearing a peak of the hotly contested general election between Mr. Skerrit's Labour Party and opposition United Workers Party (UWP). The prime minister has yet to call elections, however it is expected to happen in the coming months.

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