



A Historic Step: Blaise Metreweli Leads Her Majesty's Secret Service - MI6

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On June 15, 2025, Prime Minister Keir Starmer formalized a historic appointment: Blaise Metreweli, a career agent of British intelligence, became **the first woman to lead the Secret Intelligence Service (MI6), the foreign espionage agency**. At 47, Metreweli has a career dating back to 1999, the year she began her journey in intelligence. Currently head of the MI6 technology division, known as "Q", Metreweli has spent much of her career in the Middle East and Europe.

Her appointment, which will be formalized with the retirement of Sir Richard Moore in the fall, marks a further breaking of a glass ceiling in the world of intelligence, but also in British politics in general. "I am proud and honored to have been called to lead the Service," Metreweli stated, with a phrase that underscores her commitment to continuing the fundamental work carried out by MI6 in protecting the security of the United Kingdom and defending global interests.

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A Role of Strategic Leadership

Metreweli's task will be extremely challenging, in an era of geostrategic challenges never so complex. With the duty to **protect national security and counter emerging threats, including terrorism, cybersecurity, and the growing threat from states like Russia, China, Iran, and North Korea**, Metreweli will have to lead MI6 with a forward-looking and innovative vision. Her career has been distinguished by a strategic approach, characterized by the adoption of cutting-edge technologies and the analysis of new digital threat scenarios, such as biometric surveillance by China.

The Challenges of the New Director

Metreweli will have to face a series of challenges, both geographical and technological. The global context, marked by intense geopolitical competition, requires a management of intelligence resources never seen before. The growing digitalization, access to satellite data, and the need to continuously innovate to keep pace with enemies in an increasingly connected world represent vital challenges for the agency.

The security of the United Kingdom, the protection of its secrets, and the defense of its economic and strategic interests intertwine with the **needs of strong and innovative leadership**, which not only understands current threats but anticipates future ones.

The appointment of Blaise Metreweli as head of MI6 is a significant moment for British politics and marks an important evolution in world intelligence. With Metreweli's leadership, MI6 not only embraces modernity but prepares to face future challenges with a vision in step with the times.