

BOBI Ladawa
(Phonetic: BObec)

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Wife of the President

Addressed as: Citizen Bobi or Mama Bobi

As the wife of President Mobutu Sese Seko, Bobi Ladawa makes public appearances in support of such issues as health, education, and women's rights. She also accompanies Mobutu on many of his trips abroad. She has visited the United States with him several times, most recently in September 1987 as a guest of then Vice President George Bush and Mrs. Bush.



The youngest of 11 children, Bobi was born on 2 September 1945 at Dula in Equateur Region. After attending a Roman Catholic convent school in Kinshasa, she began teaching. She and Mobutu were married in both church and civil ceremonies in May 1980, several years after the death of Mobutu's first wife. They have several children.

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