

Rastafari Community of Barbados

PETITION seeking Justice

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WHEREAS rumours associating the most untimely death of a most priceless and cherished member of the Rastafari Community of Barbados, Ras I A'Kobi Tacuma Maloney to the interception, proliferation or possession of drugs are wholly inaccurate and totally unjustifiable; and,

Whereas Ras Tacuma was a very law-abiding citizen, and a recent graduate of St. Augustine Campus, University of the West Indies, Trinidad, who has no history of drug possession or trafficking; and,

Whereas reference to drugs degrades the status of this most honoured and valued young and gifted member of the Rastafari Community to that of a common criminal; and,

Whereas such a status is deemed to be unworthy and unmeritorious to this sacred individual and such an association will only serve to vilify the character of The Late Ras Tacuma and also to tarnish his hitherto spotless image and reputation; and,

Whereas those institutions which lay claim to standards of excellence and efficiency must also maintain and adhere to standards of excellence and efficiency and therefore relevant authorities should either provide just and adequate evidence to confirm this ghastly and obscure loss of life in connection to drugs or uncompromisingly remove all question marks and any element of doubt surrounding the character, the name and the reputation of the late Ras Tacuma as it relates to drugs and their proliferation.

We, the undersigned people of Barbados and the friends of Barbadians all over the Caribbean and the world, call on the Government of Barbados through the Prime Minister and the Attorney General to engage private and independent investigators to fully investigate the death of I'Akobi Tacuma Maloney, and bring the perpetrators to Justice.

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