

Rastafari Community of Barbados

PETITION Seeking JUSTICE



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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.

A very law abiding citizen, and a recent graduate of St. Augustine Campus, University of the West Indies, Trinidad, the Late Ras Tacuma has no history of drug possession or trafficking. Reference to drugs degrades the status of this most honored and valued young and gifted member of the Rastafari Community to that of a common criminal. Such a status is deemed to be unworthy and unmeritorious to this sacred individual, 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.

Those institutions which lay claim to standards of excellence and efficiency must also maintain and adhere to standards of excellence and efficiency. 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.

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JUSTICE COMMITTEE

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“I LEAVE the laws of Maat to deal with those who took my son.” The words of a grieving Rastafari mother Margaret Maloney, who refuses to believe that her first-born I'Akobi Tacuma Maloney jumped to his death at Landlocks near Cove Bay, St Lucy, on Tuesday evening as stated by police. (Nation Newspaper, June 19, 2008)



DIED IN THE PRESENCE OF POLICE.

WHY?



*“It is us today;
Tomorrow it
will be you...”*

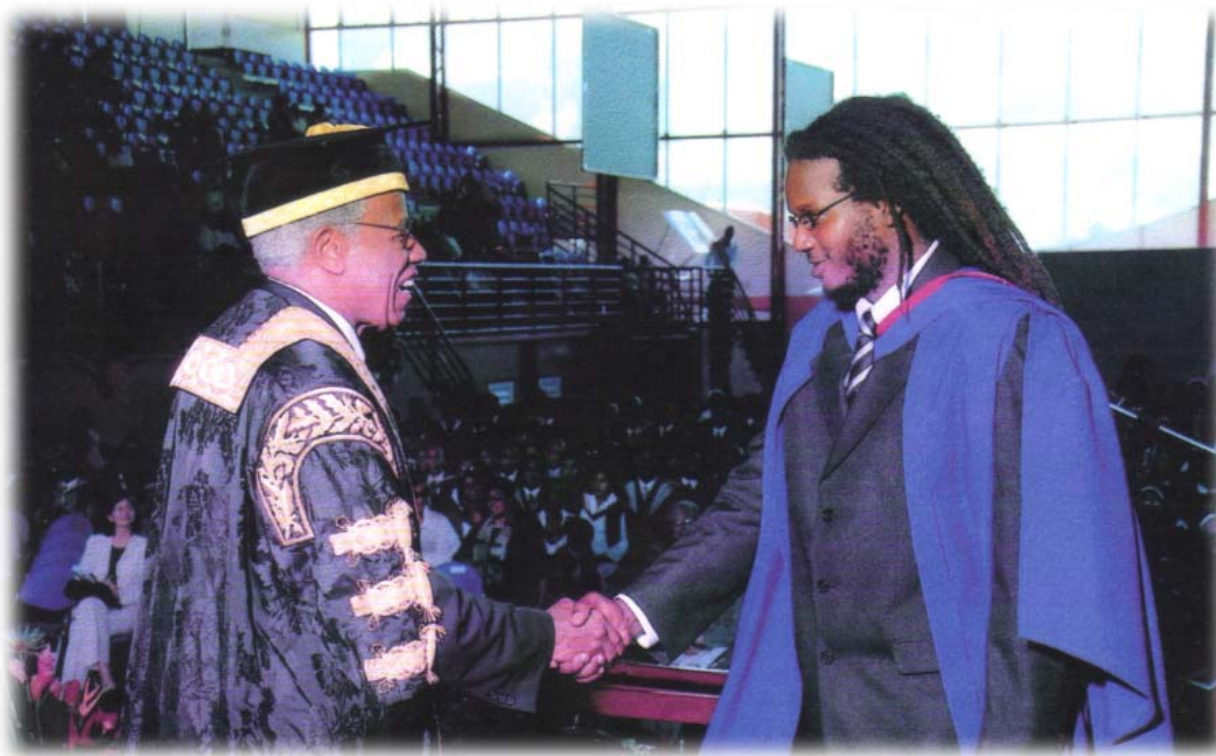
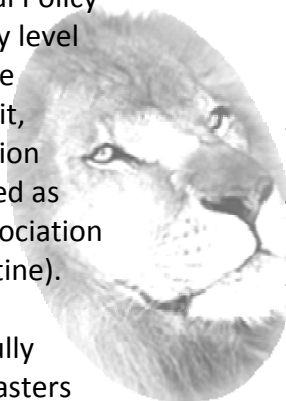
(H.I.M., June 1936)

JUSTICE MUST PREVAIL

Born into the folds of Rastafari, I' Akobi was an attribute of significance to the movement of Rastafari. Upon his crossover I' Akobi was a student member of the Barbados Association of Professional Engineers (B.A.P.E).

In 2001, I' Akobi, who was voted by peers as the most likely to succeed from the Christ Church Foundation School, graduated as valedictory speaker and "Best All Round Male". The year prior, the Ministry of Social Transformation sent I' Akobi as their Youth Delegate at the 5th Ministerial Meeting on Children and Social Policy in the Americas. At the tertiary level I' Akobi was the recipient of the Scholarship for Academic Merit, Barbados Government Exhibition (2003) and recently was elected as president of the Barbados Association of Students at UWI (St. Augustine).

To his credit, I' Akobi successfully completed the Sunjet Toastmasters public speaking and youth leadership programme and was the recipient of a summer internship at the Arawak Cement Company Ltd. as a Trainee Process Chemical Engineer.



These and a host of other accomplishments including a black belt in martial arts demonstrated an idea of the value of this Rastafari youth and the magnitude of the loss of such an accomplished individual. In addition to his academic achievements, I' Akobi had a great interest in meditational arts and was practicing the art of Capoeira when he started his transition into the esoteric realm.

The life of this 23-year-old Rastafari youth deserves no less than a standing ovation. With this in mind the members of The Ichirouganaim Council for the Advancement of Rastafari (ICAR) and the Rastafari community of Barbados, we wish to express the heart-felt loss of our beloved brother I' Akobi (my first born) Tacuma (alert) Hembadoon (the winner) Maloney born 5:20 p.m. March 17th, 1985 transitioned 5:30 p.m. June 17th, 2008.

To the parents of I' Akobi, ICAR and the wider Rastafari community offer much strength and love at this time. We close this tribute with I' Akobi's most favoured psalm, "Rastafari, rid me and deliver me from the hand of strange children, whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood. That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth;" Psalms 144.