

Greetings Rastafari Nation:

Give Thanks & ises for life always since InI have made ones and ones look at the trod of Rastafari in many lights.

Praises to InI Father and Mother of Iration in this celebrated 77th anniversary of the Coronation of H.I.M.s Emperor Haile Selassie I and Empress Woizero Menen I for glory and victory are InI becoming always. ADONAI Haile Selassie I

It is good that the nation is so concern about the works the Elders and the advisory group re: Discovering Rastafari and InI forward steps as a nation. I for one represented the Hispanic Community on the Rastafari Exhibit now been displayed at the Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institute, Washington D.C..

I just did not represent the Hispanic Community but also the interest of Rastafari as a whole and in particular the Elders which made the push for this educational exhibit on Rastafari. Just review I humble and simple report on "Discovering Rastafari" and lets find ways to move the nation in unison.

Brief summary of the Rastafari exhibit encounter, the preparatory meeting of stakeholders for the senior officials meeting and the African Union - African Ministerial conference South Africa 16 -18 November 2007 and the EADUMC meeting Nov. 15th & 21st, 2007 Dejahmatch Spanish Town

Rastafari Exhibit Trod:

Nov. 1, - Members of the Jamaica Rastafari delegation and several advisory members assembled at Norman Manley Airport. Delegates consisted of the following:

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| 1. Bongo Tawney | Nyahbinghi |
| 2. Bongo Shephan | " |
| 3. Bongo Irie Lions | " |
| 4. Ma Ashanti | " |
| 5. Sis. Yanzie | " |
| 6. Sis. Marva | " |
| 7. Sis. Starliner | " |
| 8. Bro. Brissett | EWF |
| 9. Bro. Sam Clayton | Mystic Revelation Rastafari |
| 10. Bro. Alveranga | " |
| 11. Bro. Sangie Davis | 12 Tribe of Israel |
| 12. Ras Jr. Manning | EADUMC |
| 13. Ras Ayenton | " |
| 14. Hon. Priest Trevor | Bobo Ashanti |
| 15. Empress Esther | " |

16. Ishiwawa Hope	EADUMC
17. Afrika Thompson	Rastafari Youth Council
18. Ras Ivi	Advisory Member
19. Ras Tekla Mekfet	"
20. Ras Miguel Lorne	"
21. Ras Sela	"
22. Sis. Merle	Observer
23. Sis Iby	"

Delegates and advisory members were process through Air Jamaica airline with a minor shortcoming. Where, Ras M. Lorne was not able to travel due to incomplete travel document. The group traveled on F041 to Montego Bay and proceeded to Baltimore Washington Int. Airport. InI were received by Elder Ras Irice, members of the D.C. family and Jake Homiak. Then InI were transported to the Quality Inn, in Takoma, Washington and rooms were assigned to ones and ones.

Nov. 2, - Coronation Day - The group had breakfast at Top Shelf, then were transported to the Smithsonian Institute for orientation on the process of how the Exhibit was developed, its purpose and opportunities for Rastafari as a whole. The orientation was hosted by Jake Homiak, Curator and Michael Mason, Exhibit Developer and writer. Members of the USA Rastafari family comprised the orientation session.

How it was developed - the anthropological studies and collection of Dr. Carol Yawney and Dr. Jake Howiak on Rastafari led a colleague to recommend submitting a proposal to the Institute, in order to expose the LIVITY of Rastafari in the Museum.

Upon submitting the proposal and approval was granted, it was recommended to Carol and Jake to put in place an advisory group. Since Rastafari is considered a living culture/indigenous culture. At the 2003 Rastafari Global Reasoning in Jamaica, Advise was provided to Jake by Ras Iration, Sis. Ijahnya Christian and Miguel Lorne on the way forward in order to set up an advisory group for the exhibit.

The Advisory group was formed which consisted of the major mansions of InI trod and the group members are as follows:

- 1. * Bro Larry Benjamin, attorney at law - New York - 12 Tribe of Israel**
- 2. *Mama Farika, educator - Washington D.C.**
- 3. *Empress Marina Blake - attorney at law - New York - Bobo Ashanti**
- 4. Sis. Ijahnya Christian - proposal writer- Anguilla**
- 5. Ras Iration - Priest- Jamaica - Nyahbinghi**
- 6. *Ras Irice Clarke - Elder - Washington - Nyahbinghi**
- 7. *Ras Ivi - Priest - Jamaica - Nyahbinghi**
- 8. Ras Ali Babar Kenjah - Martinique - French W.I.**
- 9. Ras Miguel Lorne, attorney at law - Jamaica**

10. Ras Seymour Mclean, London, UK
11. *Ras Roy McPherson, educator - Washington D.C.
12. *Ras Tekla Mekfet, educator - Jamaica
13. Mama Desta Meghoo-Peddie - educator, Florida
14. *Ras Sela, Strategist, Panama
15. *Priest Dougy Smith, Bobo Ashanti - Florida
16. Ras Kabinda Trotter, Shashamane - Ethiopia
17. *Elder Ras Marcus Reid, Baltimore - Maryland

*** Present at the opening.**

The group (remember Rastafari at that time was not unified globally) met in 2004 at the Institute for 3 days and the process commence until its full manifestation of the exhibit on the 77th anniversary of the Coronation of InI Alpha and Omega.

Its purpose is to serve as an educational aide to erase the stigma of violence, drug trafficking and obeah or voodoo cult from the Rastafari ancient tradition and to provide the grass roots aspects of the livity of Rastafari.

Opportunities are, that it opens avenues for Rastafari to be heard at any level of governments, NGOs, philanthropic and private organizations, to advance the cause of Rastafari (total development of Africans at home and abroad with an emphasize on repatriation/reparation). It is up to InI how to make the next move towards the many projects within Rastafari as a nation.

On this note the floor was open for questions and answers: Some major questions.

Q1. How long will the exhibit be displayed at the museum?

Ans. one year and could be extended, if proposals can reflect sound terms for extension.

Q2. Who own the items in the exhibit and those not displayed?

Ans. items are own by the collectors and individual Rastafari.

Q3. Can the exhibit travel?

Ans. yes, however, needs funding.

Q4. After completion of terms on exhibit, can the exhibit be relocated to Jamaica or Ethiopia?

Ans. It all depends on the relationship with the community and the collectors.

Q5. Can the items in the exhibit be copied to establish Rastafari museums?

Ans. it all depends on funding.

Q6. Can the Rastafari Community claim intellectual Property Rights on the exhibit?

Ans. Dialogue is happening with the legal minds of Rastafari and Jake.

Q7. Can the Rastafari Community in D.C. utilize the exhibit to have local & international interaction with the Rasta youths for educational purposes immediately? Such as bring youths from abroad to set forums?

Ans. yes, but proposal must be submitted to governments and timely coordination must be established internationally.

These 7 questions were the high light to I at the orientation. Thereafter, the groups were escorted to view the exhibit and the exhibit reflects the advisory group advice to the Curator and the Exhibit developer. The Central Focal point which is H.I.M. Emperor Haile Selassie I and Empress Woizero Menen I and the Royal Family extended to the grass root movement in Jamaica and worldwide.

The groups were escorted to the hall where the actual ceremonial opening of the exhibit. The hall centerpiece depicted a huge elephant and fashion in historical museum style. At 6:30pm the call to attention was given and the ceremony commence with the presentation of the key note speaker Prince Hermias Sahle Selassie, grandson of H.I.M. and Steve Golding, son of PM of Jamaica, Bruce Golding, who represented the Ministry of Culture and the UNIA.

To say the less, the atmosphere was that of a socio-cultural political setting. Where, Rastafari harmonies just neutralize the whole scene as the Nyahbinghi drumming seizes the hour. What a breathtaking and glorious movement for Rastafari – a victory without firing a gunshot. However, the battle as not reach its fullness yet. InI must now get ready for the final battle.

Coronation celebration continued at the institute auditorium with the performance of Ras Michael and the Sons of Negus, victory again that the Prince honored Ras Michael with an emblem of the Conquering Lion of Judah. Nyahbinghi ises followed at Top Shelf until.

Nov. 3 and 4 – Howard University Youth presentation/reasoning, Top Shelf Reasoning and Zanzibar banquet and reasoning:

At Howard Univ. Blackburn Ctr – a film was presented to the Rastafari gathering re: one of Ghana disadvantage population by a Rasta youth Tresubira Whitlow, graduate student, the Document Institute, Univ. of Florida. At an adjacent hall, reasoning chaired by Mama Moses on the unification of the nation reach its zenith, for the call of Inity as soon as April or March of 2008 and to elected a representative to the African Union to speak on behalf of Rastafari. Also, that the legal minds of Rastafari become the nation legal advisor on matters concerning InI intellectual property and all legal matters.

Resolutions:

- 1. That Sister Ijahnya Christian represent the Rastafari nation at the African Union, CARICOM and worldwide immediately.**
- 2. That the Ethio-African Diaspora Union Millennium Council (EADUMC) is the leading Rastafari Organization in Jamaica charge to call the global unification of Rastafari in August 2008 in Jamaica, date to be announce by the council in Dec. 2007.**
- 3. That the legal minds of Rastafari now advice InI nation on legal matters and those legal minds are: Ras Kwasi, Ras George – Baltimore, Ras Larry Benjamin, NY, Empress Marina Blake, NY and Ras Marcus Goffe, Jamaica and other to be announce soon.**
- 4. That Rastafari now as an international elder's council which Mama Farika and Ras Maurice Clarke represent the eldership in the USA. The council will be extended to the Motherland and global as soon as the unification is achieved.**

Reasoning continued at Top Shelf on Nov. 4, see Marcus Ras Goffe report attached. At Zanzibar reasoning were casual and led to the collection of funds for the delegates to defray travel expense trodding back to Jamaica and NY. Funds collected at Zanzibar \$630.00 from the Rastafari community and \$200.00 from Jake Howiak.

\$50.00 each was disbursed to Bongo Tawney, Bongo Shephan, Bongo Irie Lions, Priest Trevor, Bro. Fillmore Alveranga, Bro. Sam Clayton, Ma Shanti, Ras Ivi, Ras Sangie Davis, Ras Tekla Mekfet, Ras Jr. Manning, Sister Maxine Stowe and Bro. Brissett, sum = \$650.00

\$30.00 each to Sis. Yanzie, Ras Ayenton, Sis. Merle, Empress Ester, Sis. Marva, Sis. Ibe, sum = \$160.00 total = \$830.00

I extend I honors to the family in the USA and the Smithsonian Institute for the divine reception provided to the delegation and the advisory members for the moment was glorious and forever to be remembered in the history of Rastafari.

Give thanks and praises always for the mystic of Ethiopia is real.

Nov. 5, - Delegation and advisory members trod forward to Jamaica.

Perfect love in Inity, Ras Sela Judah Fari.

Nov. 8, - Meeting at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, re: Ministerial Conference South Africa 16 – 18 Nov, 2007, Chaired by Ambassador Paul Robotham:

Attendees: Minister of Culture Hon. Bartley, Dr. Rupert Lewis, UWI, Donna McFarlane, Liberty Hall, Colonel of the Maroons, UNIA youth council, Ras Jr. Manning, Ras Howie, Bongo Irie Lions and Ras Sela.

The meeting focus on the Consolidated outcome Document & Discussions on the five (5) themes for the African Union (AU) – African Ministerial Conference, which are: 1. Global Dialogue, peace and stability, 2. Historical, socio, cultural and religious, 3. Knowledge sharing, 4. Women, youth, children and vulnerable groups and 5. Economic cooperation.

InI input for the conference:

- 1. To examine the visa requirement from the Western governments for the diasporic family traveling to the Mother Land and overburden airline ticket prices.**
- 2. That the AU must take a more proactive stand on reparation.**
- 3. Examine passport requirement for the Diaspora**
- 4. Examine the educational curriculum for African at home and abroad, whereas whole spectrum of African knowledge is thought at all level of education with emphasize on teaching African languages.**
- 5. Utilize Rastafari to implement organic farming across continental Africa.**
- 6. Support the unification of Rastafari when it is call.**
- 7. Open avenues to present a maritime study, in order to solicit government support and investment.**

These items above were proposed to the Ambassador to be presented at the Ministerial conference on behalf of Rastafari in Jamaica. Now InI awaits a report from the conference from the Ministry above mentioned and the Rastafari delegation that attended the conference.

Nov. 15 and 21 Meetings of the EADUMC:

On the 15th, the meeting was chaired by Ras Ginger from the Dreaded Nyahbinghi.

Reasoning was focus on the Smithsonian exhibit reports, where, Ras Sangie Davis, Bro Brissett, Irie lions, Ma Shanti and I gave testimonies of the trod.

I will not elaborate on this issue since a report is stated above. However, the gatherings were pleased with ones reports and requested that all ones who made the trod from the EADUMC submit a written report by the 3rd of Dec. 2007.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45pm

On the 21st. the meeting was chaired by Jr. Manning, where he presented is testimony on the Smithsonian trod and InI reasoned of InI next step forward.

The steps forward are:

1. Fund raising activities must be utilize around the exhibit and globally for InI economic development must be InI priority, since InI spirituality is well grounded in all the houses and mansions of Rastafari.
2. That a date for August 2008 for the call for Unity be set at the next meeting on Dec. 3.
3. That individual Rastafari mansion fund raising activities must be support by all the mansions.
4. That the NGO status of the EADUMC be formally announce on the 3rd of Dec. and its structure implemented thereafter with a propose budget.
5. That a charge be giving to Ras Sela to present to the family in the USA for mid Dec. 2007.
6. That the youth council take on a proactive role in the affairs of the EADUMC.

Events were announced by the following:

12 Tribe of Israel – 40th Anniversary – Feb. 25, 2008 @ HQ in Jamaica from 7pm until – artists from Jamaica, the USA, Africa and England (flyers will be out soon)

Nyahbinghi – 16th Dec. 2007 – Banquet at Scott Pass – price for ticket \$300JD – benefit for building of Scott Pass.

Bobo Greg – 50th Anniversary of the 1st Nyahbinghi month groundation – tba

* Nov. 27, 2007 Pinnacle court case continues at Spanish Town court hall.

Ones and ones can make an evaluation on these reports above and see that the nation is on the move. I advice ones and ones to be critical always when InI reason about nation building. However, at the same time take a proactive role and give good guidance to the way forward. Let's not waste time on trivia. The

mystic and powers of H.I.M.s Emperor Haile Selassie I and Empress Woizero Menen I are about and around InI. Protecting and guide InI always.

Ises, love, justice and peace, Ras Sela Judah Fari