

Ackee and Salfish

A United States diplomatic cable leaked by WikiLeaks demonstrates the close relationship between the JLP Administration and the Shower Posse.

Kingston Mayor, Desmond McKenzie, told the U.S. Information Officer in Kingston that his Administration had collaborated for years with the criminally indicted Christopher 'Dudus' Coke. This information was front-page news on the major British newspaper, *The Guardian*. Foreign journalists are still trying to determine how 76 Jamaicans died in the ensuing violence associated with Coke's extradition.

The diplomatic cable, which was written in August of 2009, demonstrates clearly the tendency of JLP politicians to form alliances with well-known gangsters in the Jamaican urban underclass.

Mayor McKenzie's statements to the U.S. Embassy must be viewed in the context of the financially significant, predictable contracts given to Christopher Coke's contracting company, Incomparable Enterprises by the JLP.

Mayor McKenzie has predictably developed political amnesia about his meeting with the U.S. Embassy and his statements made to them at the time.

The good thing is that cables are computerized and time-driven. The shocking concept of the influential and powerful McKenzie working hand-in-hand with the cocaine trading 'Dudus' is an indelible reflection of the methodology and practice of the Golding government. Gangsters and politicians in Jamaica are closer than ackee and saltfish.

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