

Kidnapping?

A.V. Dicey, the British constitutional Scholar, says everybody is equal before the law and that this precept is the essence of the Rule of Law. In the Christopher Coke extradition matter, the current JLP government abandoned this principle by giving preferential treatment to a politically influential individual. It will be interesting to see how the Coke Grand Jury in New York addresses this problem and whether or not a superseding indictment for Obstruction of Justice is already under seal. U.S. Grand Juries have in the past indicted sitting foreign Government officials in the Caribbean; in fact, as recently as the U.S. v Stanford case. Let us hope that does not occur in the Coke case.

Kidnapping is a natural consequence of the abandonment of the Rule of Law by the Government. If the Government will not abide by the Rule of Law, why should the people do so? The law and order Government that we were promised by the JLP is a joke in rather poor taste. Private security firms rake in the profits, while we lie to the tourists about the real Jamaica. Our captains of industry pose as moguls while the poor black people live a very marginal life.

A few more kidnappings will completely destroy our credibility in the already unsteady American market. Perhaps both kidnapping and conspiracy to engage in kidnapping should be a capital offence in Jamaica.

The Diaspora in general continues to absorb bad news from Jamaica, debt defaults, kidnappings what next?

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