POND ISLAND/ST. EUSTATIUS – The tensions between the administrators on Statia and those in The Hague are flaring up again, and we are afraid that this time around not even that sweet tune of the Mighty Shadow, “Ease the Tension” can calm the hearts and the modern day chiefs in Statia and the Netherlands.

The Dutch Minister of Home Affairs and Kingdom Relations, the honourable Dr. Ronald Plasterk, has made it clear that he has had enough of what he considers the inept and corrupt local government on the Caribbean island. Higher supervision it is! Statia’s Coalition Leader, the honourable Mr. Clyde van Putten, has responded in kind calling the Dutch administrators racists who continue to act as colonial overlords. Massa day done!

The question on many persons’ mind, those who aren’t hastened to judge or choose sides immediately, is what must be done? But behind that question is actually the question of what exactly is the matter at hand? Only by answering the question behind the question can we hope to ease the tension in the Kingdom.

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