

St. Eustatius, September 16, 2021.

Dear (deputy) government commissioner of St. Eustatius,

Thank you for your letter of September 13, 2021. After weeks of "no written response", now suddenly "almost daily".

You conclude from our letter of September 10 that our insights and positions in this case have remained unchanged. You further indicate that - translated into our own words - you will no longer respond to our continued correspondence. At least, not substantively.

We have some difficulty in seeing what insights and positions should have changed. After all, if we look at the case with a helicopter view, we see an action on your part (with SECAR as your "tool") and we protest against this and want to see this action stopped. In connection with this we would like to see the human remains that have been removed from the ground in the meantime reburied with the greatest possible respect. To date, nothing of substance has happened and we are being "accused" of making insinuations (without you actually proving this, either factually or substantively).

You announce social participation and dialogue but to date there is no signal that these initiatives will actually be undertaken. You have provided us with a factual overview but no glimpse into the future. In other words, with regard to what follows the current 'stop' we are completely in the dark. From our first letter of July 13, we have asked for insight into the plan about the future.

So far we can do little else but conclude that you are unwilling to share your plans with us (or even with the Island Council), which may be your right (in the current administrative constellation), but shows a far-reaching arrogance towards the people of St. Eustatius (incidentally also towards the Island Council of St. Eustatius).

With still friendly but disappointed greetings,
together with a group of concerned Statians,

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*Cc: National Ombudsman
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