

The Cannabis Conundrum

The debate over whether or not marijuana should be legalised is making the rounds again (has it ever stopped?) this time seemingly with a sense of greater urgency.

The drug is already decriminalised for medical use in 13 states in America. However, a number of people are still being investigated by federal prosecutors for its consumption.

But the US Attorney General, Eric Holder, has called this practice wrong.

Caribbean concerns

In a recent column, former Caribbean diplomat Sir Ron Sanders, argued that perhaps the time had come for the prohibition on cannabis (and other drugs) in the Caribbean to be reviewed.

He referred to a report by the Latin-American Commission on Drugs and Democracy which called for the decriminalisation of cannabis and criticised "the criminalization of consumption".

Sir Ron noted that: "When the report was published, (one of the authors) observed that: "An ever growing number of Latin American leaders ... recognize that the prohibitionist approach to drug control has wreaked havoc throughout the region, generating crime, violence and corruption on a scale that far exceeds what the United States experienced during alcohol Prohibition in the 1920s."