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SOUL OF THE SOLeD

BY: Ganjahman Samora

They broke bread and wine in the daybreak a time once again to be beheld as those who whined the morning binge had been coupled by the puff and the engulf in the soul and sold. The mandate was the same a daylight design playsight in open citing the era was inviting the terror just across the road. The momentum held a glide so blissful in the tide that was tucked in the helm of shifting sand, a lot had transitioned since the THC ruling and a lot had arisen in the stare of interest and oh what a vehicle to reverse the gains of time and twist the scales of inclusion in the illusion of an offset that withdraws privileges in a world of boundaries. The outcry in the aftermath of the collision and the exclusion of the prototype resounded strongly with the term illegal again more so at a time when the community sought to take a second look at the cannabis plant. Consider my mother taking cannabis oil for sleep after the psychotic twelve hour work shift, it is a new dawn for cannabis globally and with Skyz like this the wealth determiners by the Ship definitions a well ready to dice in on the authentic green gold. Time has come for a mass gathering of the souls unified in the voicing of their freedoms once more and even so their human choices in what has

translated to dollars for some playing on pivoted names and collars in offices that have new names on the day. Still at a time of headline aphrodisiacs the toys have come and the message has infiltrated hearts and transformed minds in the reach and the breach that is Cannabis in however language one chooses to consume it in. The movement in the moment is for Cannabis but the rail road is the same, gather in cells, connect as cells, multiply as cells and mutilates as cells. From freedom movements across the African plains to free the herb movements across the globe there is always a reach to breach the barriers and reach for inclusion or total control of the consensus. Are you wondering why we have cencusis running across the globe? Same drill just at a larger scale, access the masses and sponsor an initiative, the big ben in falling shifted a polarity that came calling for a normality in a restoration of lost orders. Cannabis like Freedom is not new, it has always existed in the systems for plants came before man, it is not a new found plant, or an invention of this time, what the combined cannabis community stands for is the combined realisation of a symbiotic relationship that covers the same ground that the grass grows on and the sounds of the rustle not in the whistles of the bird but the swing of the broom. It's a dynamic existence found in the dance of the wind and the light that birth a rainbow and a sheave of a new light. The rainbow nation is the setting, the rain in its self is an expressive gathering of letting out all the colours that are swallowed within glow out or in a dual order throwing back all the colours thrown at one and not letting them in. The current legal framework which is a construction is an

adoption and not a formulation that exists first hand. The whole mandate is that of imitators of imitators of imitators. Now who are the original originators, one seeks not to lobby just for a suspension of framework but a freeing of the framework. Let the plant plead its own plains on the pavements of the valleys. The people will not all be the weed wealth experiencers but a bulk of the people will all be knowing weed like how my grandmother knows Mark Zuck I cant beg. Now here emanates the interest who will pool such a power and who will poll such a tower imitating that of Babel for when the people are united they will rise to heights unknown so in the manner of the old let us grasp and cusp at the old and laugh at the gold. A glorious moment at the corridors of the courts, a turmoil in response a reason for being, a reasonable being like staples to a nation the roles of cannabis cannot be blurred from the fine print. Now the cry now the call, free not just cannabis free the plants, free the mind, free the souls and the poles of coexistence shall merge and maybe just maybe a puff in private won't end in a ratchet.



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AWAKE KIN GIANT

SAMORA MAMBA

The visit to the cannabis headlines over the last few weeks in the month of August in particular have all been humming the same tune. One major reason could be the gravity of the matter in discussion or the parity in the absent agnostics. The news has been about the sectional exclusion of what would be the mass populace in the rolling out of cannabis opportunities within this “paralegal” period. Whilst the grasp of the news may raise concerns there is ever a need to assess the route back to the root and not just blame the misplaced offshoot seeking to bud onto the stems. The war on drugs not just cannabis is statistically indicated as the pipeline to prison for what would be the masses on the African terrain. The absence or the presence of distorted neuropaths presents at the onset a huddle in just the mental grasp of seeing freedom from a plant that has been pushed as the pit stop to prison. With the deliberate miseducation over the years the narratives are rooted and morphed but the true beauty of the Insango plant is now emerging on the plains of Africa. Once where we only knew smoking,

psychotic periods and police raids, we now see presidents opening Pot pharmacies, residents making bricks from Mbanje and doctors dropping Ganja oil in their prescriptions. The times have changed and the undoctored narrative now needs to be relayed to the most affected by the Cannabis stereotype, they have paid the price of life and death over the years, now emerges an opportunity to change the state of those tears. The expectation for smooth roll outs are hampered by more than just access to information true, as there are reiterations of applied intelligence, there is also “perishing for lack of knowledge”. Deliberate drives need to be pioneered across the board on communication systems pioneered to report health plagues, the Matekwane plant is life to an ailing globe and this life will be channelled to corners beyond the grasp for the common man. How do we ensure that unlike the pharmaceutical industries, or the

tea brew front there is a formulation of systems of participation that position Marijuana on the similar freedoms as corn. Given the access to information and the freedom of access the dynamics of participation would swing to a balance even not to societal accepted standards; who sets these rules? However it must be noted that pathways of pioneering have been paved by the plant in its part to morph back where it belongs. Schools have been opened in the name of Dagga, Homes have been standing from the financial mortar of Sensimilla and kings have been crowned in the business of Bud, the resurgence is clear on the vivid ground activity in the nations that have legalised cannabis a reflection of the economic prowess that the Bang plant possesses. Yes its true there is an alarming interest on cannabis from foreign operations looking at lodging their seed on the southern hemisphere, this has been the prevailing nature of business for the last centuries. The call to interested parties should be founded in empowering the self-positioned and in

positioning the passionate especially teens on the frontlines of Cannabis information together with the granting of access to the truth about the Bham plant. The decry of exclusions and systematic gate keeping is evident in not just the redtape alone but the high opportunity costs into the cannabis capital couches. The giant that has been bundled and lulled to sleep by blind leaders has itself opened one eye as it mutters for the protection of indigenous cannabis strains, the rotation in the order of participation in ensuring that local communities are not overlooked in the cannabis economic rollout. The call to inclusion and pleas to primary positioning sees an eye that now sees beyond the consuming mouth and more towards the reasoning mind, the fish not the rod they say. True power and not the illusion of power is the praise worthy rise for this Ganja grow giant.

THE CONVERSATION

Cannabis policy changes in Africa are welcome. But small producers are the losers

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SamoRa M.

The sharp contrast in the jubilation and the joy that culminated in the 18th of September ruling in 2018 that shifted the dynamic of the Cannabis Plant and its penetration into the South African headlines. The nation was HIGH on the Headlines of new found freedoms. The suspension of a legal framework that relinquished the freedoms to non-criminal use and grow of cannabis in private with stipulations that continued to crop in to curb the dynamics and the morphing of the cannabis industry in South Africa.

Pure bliss that day in history, followed by the blitz in the raids of Cannapax and the shutdown of a pioneering movement that was doing what pharmacies now offer in present day South Africa four years later. The bottom hanging hemp pioneers were culled in facility raids and dismembered

in the derailing of investments, welcome to 2020 early as the radial flu bug seeps in so too does the raid on The Haze Club (THC). Flourishing in a model that addressed the flaws of private use without the inclusion of frameworks for private suppliers the doors of legislation bit their own tail as they subsequently dismissed the case from its halls of managing, interpreting and implementation of legal framework.

The message to THC is the same as that of 2018 and whilst it does not suspend an existing sentence in the constitution its points to its inadequacies of the framework in the working tools they have shifting the concerns closer to the originators. "There is no key by which we can unlock this door, go find and talk with the keymaker people" basically that could have sufficed as the sum in the reading. The marches that

happened over the weekend are talking to different needs also seeking for the keymaker to play his part. In public fliers that filled the social platforms the core of the citizens mobilisation call talks to the snail pace that cannabis legislation is taking before coming full circle, the absence of inclusion with regard to rural legacy farmers and the urgent need for a cannabis industry that will address unemployment whilst provided a needed whiff to a swinging economy.

Myrtle Clarke of Fields of Green For All lost her partner and the male half of the Dagga Couple Jules Stobbs in 2020 a pioneer in the cannabis movement in South Africa and a trail blazer on the paths of cannabis mass gatherings addressed the pro-cannabis gathering. She stated that "today we are planting the seed of a mass uprising, tomorrow the 18th of September it will be four years since the constitutional court judgement, four years we have been waiting for our privacy to be respected. This August it was twelve years since Jules and I were arrested. This year is also twenty-two years since Ras Gareth Prince first lit that fire", this she said as she mentioned trailblazers living and passed calling for a remembrance of those that have railed the road to these moments. In shifting gears and providing answers to the same question the marchers are asking the legislators to respond to Myrtle Clark indicates that "we have solutions for this we want to be able to present our solutions

and a dagga commission, because who pays if we have to go back to court? We pay, we want a dagga commission. We have solutions, you need to watch this space, you need to support everybody. There will be no support apartheid we will support each other". Myrtle stated as she asked the community to look out for a very important announcement on Wednesday morning. The dagga commission is a platform that if channelled ideally would pool a wide reach in the acquisition of functional information to the subsequent formulation of a working policy. Gogo Zanele from the traditional healers found her moment on the mic as she stated that "we have been on the forefront but we are left behind"; this she said as she resounded the name of the late gogo Khebisile who was on the frontline of cannabis lobbying amongst the traditional healing communities. Gogo Zanele continued her address stating that "we need help, we need your support as traditional healers, we have a problem, we have been made victims as the Department of Health, SAHPRA and all policy makers each time when they make these laws they disregard traditional healers and indigenous people of South Africa. We as traditional healers we need help we need support we need protection from the government, because cannabis is our medicine".

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ALTAU CANNABIS DISCUSSION IN ZIMBABWE

In a trajectory of cannabis discussion platforms and gatherings positioned to push the Cannabis conversations from the echelons of exclusion to the masses a gathering in Victoria Falls Zimbabwe is positioning as a research and development platform to looking to tap into the potential of Cannabis in Zimbabwe. The Zimbabwe Cannabis Roundtable Discussion platform recently held an event in the Zimbabwe Capital of Harare where the Vice President remarked that "Cannabis is God given crop", the nation of Zimbabwe is rolling out frameworks of inclusion to accommodate the Mbanje plant this as the Medicines Control Authority of Zimbabwe (MCAZ) has invited for the submission of dossiers to rope in cannabis based medication on the CBD front. The Victoria falls gathering organised by Altai Institute running over the weekend of the 24th of September is positioned to address matters about cannabis from cannabis farming in today's era, to the medicinal reach of the plant on both the traditional healing front whilst also talking to the recovery of African plant ethics with a visit

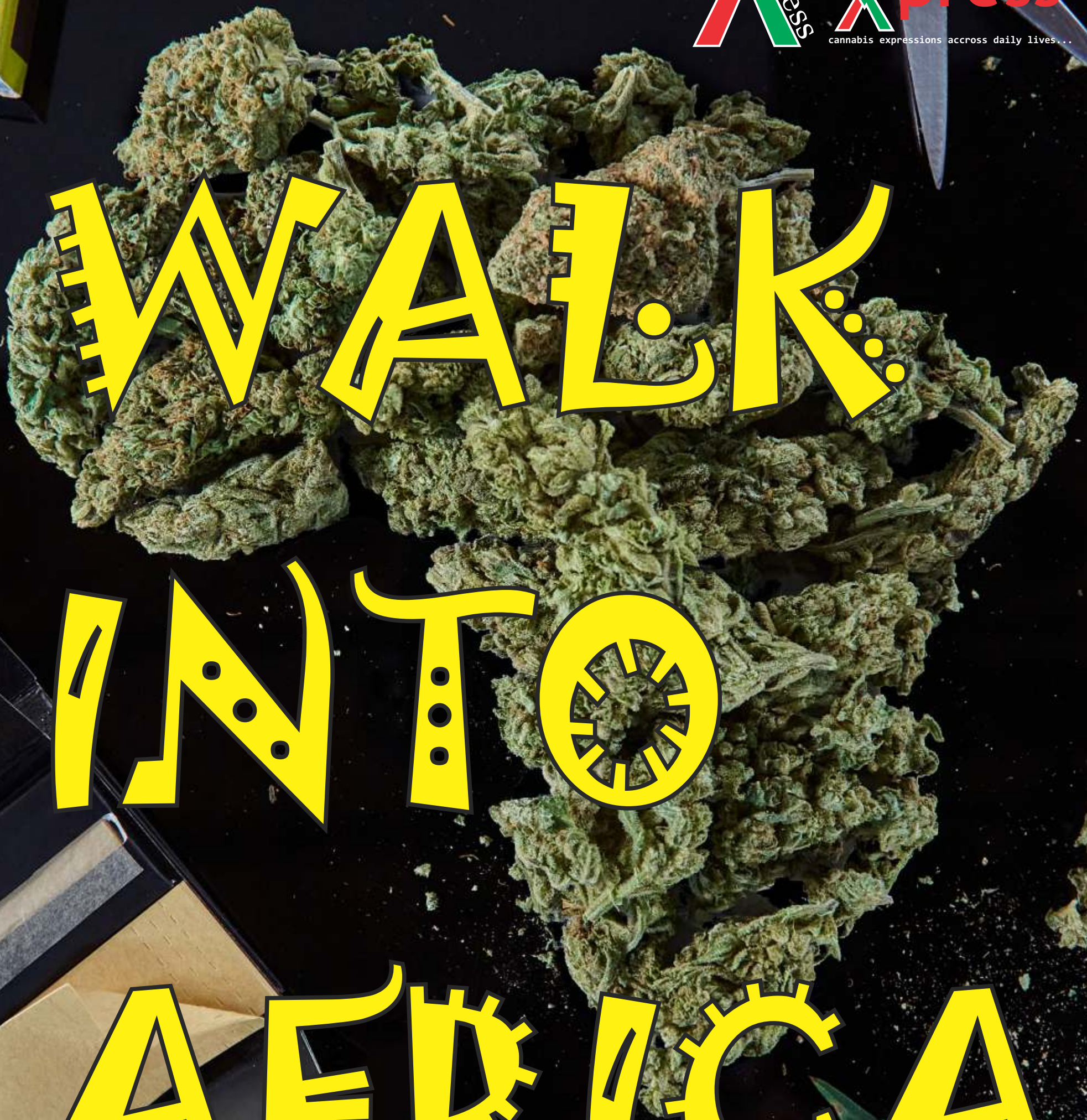
to some of the sacred plants of Africa and some cannabis & plant biotechnology. A dive for sustainability looks at permaculture & cannabis in grow systems that seek as far back as African astrology and agronomy and how it shapes the emerging fronts for cannabis. Speaking at the events are a plethora of movers on the cannabis who are lining up as authors of a new front pioneering thought precedents in the cannabis front. Professor Fortune Sibanda brings the spiritual diversity that point to cannabis across the different religious fronts whilst Dr. Jamalooden lands on the banks of the Zambezi with a heave of Hemp grow expertise and diversified farming skills across the plains of agreeing with the culture (Agriculture). The Biotechnological Authority moving plant innovation in Zimbabwe presents Dr. Nyoni who steps up to speak on Cannabis a seasoned plant expert and pioneers, Dr, Makomborero Nyoni last year pioneered Marula products (12 prototypes, including Marula spirit, spirit cooler, cider, opaque beer, mahewu, instant beer, instant porridge) which are manufactured at the Marula

Value Addition Factory, which was launched by His Excellency CDE E.D Mngangwa. Dr. Nyoni brings an active plant innovation front having pioneered the marula plant into the mainstream on multiple lines. The return to organic technology also looks into the communal and social frameworks with which the grassroot economies may find an uptake. Kobus Schoeman founder of Grow One Africa, a social and communal cannabis grow and retail model looks into the full round inclusion and mapping of different community structures with a mandate on destigmatize the negative mindset associated with cannabis culture in Africa. Gogo Lucy taps into the traditional fronts and ropes in fundamental concerns for Traditional Healers in their drive to tap into the prowess that is the cannabis plant together with other healing and sacred plants of Africa. Dr. Hurley is positioned to speak on the Cannabis Medicinal Front providing accredited knowledge and first hand encounters as a top shelf medical practitioner certified on the cannabis front in South Africa and in the USA. Daniel

Motona lives to lobby for Hemp and Nongos Joint a propriation by the former is plugging the local communities into a diverse range of Hemp opportunities talking to Hemp Health, Agro-processing, Hempcrete and livestock feed. One of the board of trustees at Altai Institute Dr. Tongayi Mwedzi stated that this gathering is very different in that "cannabis is the future cash crop and can position Zimbabwe as a bread basket for the plant given that it fits into so many aspects of the economy from the textile industry to the medicinal front, this crop talks answers to age old questions". A cannabis farmer who is on his second cannabis crop in Zimbabwe boldly states that "they say there is a plant for every place, let me tell you something; Weed is that plant for Zimbabwe". That weed plant gets to dance on the tongues of professionals over a research gathering connecting a circle of experts pointing out a direction to desire for cannabis not just in Zimbabwe but in Africa. For participation and more information please do visit altai.africa.



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“Ganja ganja ganja ganja, The judge smokes ganja, The police smokes ganja, The lawyer smokes ganja, The doctor smokes ganja, It is used for injections, It is used for capsules, Birds eat it, Alhaji smokes it Pastors smoke it, Ganja is not a taboo, Whenever I see ganja, I smoke, Free the ganja, let's smoke”. These the golden words that meloding the lyrics of the 1980 breakout song from the late Nigerian highlife musician Chief Orlando Owoh titled Ganja. The government blindly resists the plant power as people glorify it, how does one silence twenty million people said to use cannabis every day, 20 million! This is the Nigerian ganja nation and as with every nation there are thought leaders; the late afro beats legend Fela Kuti whilst seemingly never directly singing about cannabis he was a popular pothead.

The repeated miseducation and the reinforced misconception on cannabis has tinted the neuropaths in thoughts patterns tainted by the swallowing of the regurgitated falsehoods as truths, a lot of users in Nigeria are not upfront on their cannabis use nevertheless there's always the brave few who are proud tokers and won't miss any slight chance to spread the ganja gospel.

Mr Jamen started using cannabis about 40 years ago when he tried to smoke the blunt stubs left by the school teacher who would send him to the herbsman, another proud user Ziggy says she came in contact with cannabis at a party in 2014 but would not start using it until she elapsed months in research and self-conviction.

Keira, an actor, influencer and entrepreneur had a more dramatic encounter with cannabis, she made new friends at an audition and soon discovered that her new friends smoked a sort of cigarette; as a regular tobacco smoker she knew what a real cigarette looked like and wondered what it could be. Her friends were reluctant to share with her but they did. The effect of cannabis was literally the most profound experience I ever had and I wanted more of that good stuff, she said.

Most people encounter cannabis as a smoke but luckily a few people know that it's more than just a whiff that washes the soul in that in the puff of the plant is the healing of the world. Keira states that “cannabis brought out my inner self, it opened my mind to realize that I was holding on to the trauma I suffered due to horrible experience from childhood and it made me prone to a cocktail of mental struggles and it's cannabis that has helped with the diagnosis and management of my health condition”.

According to a profound player in the underground cannabis hospitality front in Nigeria, The Cannachef speaks to CannaXpress Nigeria “I used cannabis to improve the life of a family member who suffered from seizures, the family was sceptical about the experiment at first because they were also misinformed about this plant. However, the breakthrough didn't come in an instant, it was gradual but we were relentless and consistent, today we celebrate 4 years seizure

free. Cannachef uses their experience and knowledge of cannabis to help people treat and manage a host of ailments from seizures to insomnia, even working with medical conditions like fibromyalgia and stroke through the healthy consumption of cannabis at the right doses.

Mr Jamen boasted that in his 40 years of cannabis use, he has not been hospitalized for any form of sickness and at his day job as a welder, he hasn't suffered any accident at work or on the road. He smokes ganja every day to amplify his good mood and vibes and gives no room for negativity.

At thirteen thousand followers on social media built on pro cannabis engagement, Ziggy is an organic cannabis influencer in Nigeria and the mission of her brand is to align with the culture of cannabis and support laws that provide safe access & use of cannabis. She hosts a podcast on all things cannabis.

Despite the harsh laws and indiscriminate crackdown on cannabis users, proud tokers find their way to organize and enjoy various cannabis events. Ziggy and

her team organizes 420 Celebrations and special events all year round at discreet locations across the country. The Cannachef is the host of The Cannachef Experience; an exclusive event where guests are treated to a unique cannabis dining experience but due to the legal status, these events are highly reserved and protected with a shroud of secrecy.

On the issue of legalization, while the older Jamen believes in as much that cannabis seeds sprouts to life once it's in contact with the earth, he remarks that “all efforts to eradicate the plant will remain futile simply because no one can stop nature. Free the herb”, he remarks as he seals his chat with CannaXpress. The elegant Ziggy indicates that “certain framework and regulations must be put in place before the plant can be legalized and thus a hasty legislation in favour of cannabis may create an avenue for misuse and abuse; decriminalization and sensitization. The formulation of such a framework will create a basis for inclusive and successful legislation.

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Crowd Outside Parliament awaiting memorandum handover Picture: Cape Cannabis CLTV

Gogo Zanele continues to narrate the ordeals faced by the traditional healers community with an indication that despite the numerous meetings, several departments and years in the sleeves of cannabis lobbying there remains no change in the fight for access for the traditional healers. "We are tired of talks it's been years but nothing is happening there is no progress instead there is an increase in the arrest of traditional healers".

Kobus Schoeman of Grow One Africa "we have been shouting for years, its everyone sitting here everyone sticking their neck out every grower growing". Kobus who landed at the Union Building in Pretoria from the Cannabis Legotkla held by the Department of Agriculture in Mafikeng in the North West province of South Africa took the moment with the crowd to relay some insight on the event happenings stating that "I have got good news, government is waking up, and they are listening. Government is finally realising that they need the experts, traditional experts, industry experts and they are partnering up, so there is hope". This he said as he also paid homage to the forerunners in the emancipation of the cannabis plant. Calling once more for a united approach and further elaborating to CannaXpress that "Afrikaners is plesierig! (Africans are Joyful), but we must not just be joyful and jump on the hard work that has been done and only open it to ourselves or specific industries. We must create a village where every person plays a role"

The marches that positioned cannabis banners on the legal landmarks of South Africa read out in cardboard texts reading "allow for a reasonable trade in cannabis as a constitutional right" as in

another part of the country some banners read "gardeners not gangsters". The ethos of marches in South Africa is rarely a representation of the rainbow that is the coagulation of the nation that Mandela dreamt of. The cannabis community in the diversity of the marches are a display that a plant is one bridge that can reunite across the divisions that civilisation has blinded mankind to. The fusion of classes and races is not a cause for the watching as the cannabis plant in its original state is found fondling on all fronts of the society. An indication found in the words of Trenton Birch as he rounded up in remarks as the program director of the day "Cannabis is for everybody, it's amazing to see such a diverse section of people it is our right to have cannabis..."

At the Union buildings the bridge in songs and puffs witnessed the masses and traditionalists continue in song under the vocal commands of the vibrant Ras Thapelo of the Marijuana Board of South Africa clad in the with the signature red, gold and green spice on his trackpant. Ras Thapelo chanted as they marched to and from the landmarks at the Union buildings awaiting the handover at the same vicinity. In taking his moment to address the masses Ras Thapelo indicated that "Its not wrong when they sanitise, then we ganjatise", this he stated as he also paid homage to the sojourners on the cannabis front. In continuing his address Ras Thapelo he points his message to the masses gathered advising that "those of us who are here, let us also make sure that we are going to protect this plant against everyone who is against it". Referencing to the One Million signatures campaign run by the Marijuana Board of South

Africa Ras Thapelo points to more numbers than those that have gathered across the country indicating that "we are many ladies and gentleman as we are her we represent the whole country"; Ras Thapelo acknowledges Judge Zondo as he references to the words "if the government is delinquent the reaper must kick in". In bringing clarity to the remarks Ras Stephen expands stating that "this means there is no lower court that can find one guilty of cannabis as long as one is ready to defend themselves". The call was for no puffing at the march but as would Ras Thapelo he grandly took the moment to apologise to Myrtle on the call to the crowd to light it up.

Speaking for Cannabis Trade Association "we want this plant to be free, take the plant out of jail, we want to show unity, all different, trade is stifled by legalisation that is crazy, all this things are the reason why we are here, people that have been growing cannabis for a very long time they cannot participate because its pay to play, who has five million to pay"

In the show of the disparity that photographs cannot often represent as the silence of exclusion, never mind the filtered inclusion Ricky Stone from Umzivubu Farmers Support Network authentically connects to CannaXpress to relay the position of the farmers stating that prior commitments hindered the presence of the rural legacy growers in physicality. In the soul of the cannabis village. "The rural farmers in Umzivubu are aware of the marches going on across the country of South Africa and are saddened that they could not take part but know full well that this is just a start. If the people of South Africa gained anything from the

actions in respect of resistance to shell which started across the Eastern Cape and then literally rippled into a tidal wave across the country and even internationally. This is probably the start of more regular protests, it's something Umzivubu Farmers and the communities will be advocating very hard now particularly on the cannabis for private purposes bill which has been referred to the house of traditional leaders, we now have the support of the Eastern Cape provincial government. We will be mobilising and expect more gatherings and protest actions and peaceful unified marches leading in now to this next chapter of cannabis regulation in the country".

@that_kin_Connie led a delegation in Cape Town marching from number 10 Darling to the parliamentary buildings. That proceedings approached the parliamentary doors on a Saturday to hand over the same memorandum. The opening of the parliamentary building doors to receive a memorandum of was the first for the nation under the guise and in the flagship construction of a dance of beauty and the beast in the Sabbath and the Rasta. @aaptwak Walter Pretorius a staple for Cannabis gatherings he spoke to CannaXpress remarking that "the march was ok; there was no trouble there were more people than we anticipated, old and new faces and ultimately we were successful in handing over the memorandum. To think in four years on the cannabis community is still pushing paper up the corridors and walks down the sideways of the city streets in the hope that maybe our print could reach the right eyes or invite a coordination with the asserting crowds.

THE WONDERS OF THE HERB

Ziggy M. @ziggymachala

Across all the plains of the earth and the timelines that document human history as far back as 3500 BC, the cannabis plant has been explored and employed as one of the most versatile plants on the planet. With over 500 known compounds, each part of the plant provides varieties of agricultural, medicinal, industrial and recreational benefits. Also known as marijuana, weed, herb, igbo, skunk, Indian hemp, pot, ganja and so on, cannabis has played a significant part in the evolution of humanity, sustaining mankind as a source of food, medicine, energy, environmentally friendly plastics, paper products, building materials, textiles and many more. There are an estimated 50,000 commercial uses for the plant, not to mention its spiritual and

entheogenic uses. Scientific evidence and medical journals across this existence continue to prove that the plant is one of the most significant medicinal plants in the history of man. With attributes like CBD which carry the much appreciated therapeutic and anti-anxiety effects, cannabis is known to relieve chronic body pain in patients suffering from a wide variety of diseases, eating or psychological disorders, diabetes, epilepsy, stroke and so much more. Recently, researchers revealed that CBD can also help block infection with the virus that causes coronavirus (COVID-19). The “wonder-drug” has been proven to have psychotropic effects on the nervous system such as elevating the mind, relaxing

the nerves, expanding consciousness, enhancing learning and creativity. Dated back to 1500BC, cannabis has served as an entheogen for many religious, cultural, magical or spiritual purposes in different parts of the world. Christianity, Hinduism, Buddhism, Rastafari movement, the shamanic culture and several other sects use it to supplement their diverse practices including yoga, meditation, transcendence and divination. Day by day, more corporations, communities and countries are investing into the future of the cannabis global industry, anticipating a world where nature will no longer be illegal, but rather will be generally embraced as an eminent part of our human race. In Africa, countries

states such as Nigeria, Kenya and Tanzania with possession attracting criminal lashes from legal frameworks. Yet, is it not a wonder that Nigeria has the highest rate of cannabis consumption in Africa, making it the most sizable cannabis market estimated at USD 15.3 billion in the continent? Cannabis advocates like Omoyele Sowore, Princess Miriam Onuoha and Governor Rotimi Akeredolu have recommended for the federal government to tap into the medical and commercial cannabis market, to improve the stretched Nigeria economy through the provision of jobs and initiatives that lower the plight of poverty. In one interview, Sowore remarked that “the same way that Nigeria crude oil is the best in the market is probably the same way our cannabis will be the best in the international market. That's a very super income generation...; the better we capitalise on that, provide local employment, international revenue, the better for us (Nigeria).”

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Omoyele Sowore

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Sunset Slash on Black Hulk

SamoRa M.



As I pull up the chair the last bits of the Black Hulk run through the fingers in a reminder to note down the moment before the ferment subsides. There is a side to side swing to disway one from purpose, in chasing after tomorrow we lose today only to arrive alone or maybe never, in the sought after. There have been lessons that lead like an eye positioned two steps further to guide the body trotting one foot behind the mission. Aiming for the screaming birds mandate the cries are byes please and yes I can hear

them call, please don't kill please don't eat please please!!! In case you are wandering about this first breath, it is the last breeze from the Black Hulk ignition, a strain majestically purple it dances in glides teasing the blades of the crusher to land on the hemp tagged rolling paper as crumbles, seedless and ready to rumble with the spark of a match. The unusual errand of slashing grass for the chicken bedding coincided with the fate decided smoke for the day; The Black Hulk humps sit on rolling paper issuing out the last bits of the sweet scent that lines the strains flitting purple green medley.

The spark is the ignition that births a smooth smoke as the white cloud oozes down the throat and climbs deep into the mitochondrion to the endocannabinoid engine a break down that meets man carrying a slasher. It's time to cut grass and the gas is full in its answer to the left and right swing of the hand, the task of filling two sacks that presented itself as a daunting delegation disappears in what looks like minutes. Only the absent sun tells of time spent as still the hype remains, we are amped and have filled two sacks with grass and overloaded a third smaller

pack leaving behind grass cut on a pathway back home.

My smoke buddy loading the grass halfway through the session indicates that "he is goofed" and will be solid on the flaws, none of which I saw serve for the misplaced fear of an absent dog. We phoned the neighbours to confirm if the neighbours had a dog so we could be declined a desired kale cordial in the evening meal, I leave it at that.

I did cough as I was puffing but I never heard my buddy dancing to the same tune, at a lab certified 10% THC and lowered expectations in that the Black Hulk is thrown off as an unruly strain that did not follow the "desired" plant route. Discarded for early flowering, it found love to maturity having fallen in the hands and garden of plant lovers, the strain grew and matured and found new life and continuity in that even in this write up its story continues. The Black Hulk puffs smoothly in its majestic looks but the appeal in the eye and the applauded high are not found in the taste, the flavour profile seems to dress up as the book cover in the looks and is seldom experienced in the puff. The expectation for the strong sweet green purple bud is the

coding behind the first desire for the plant to taste sweet, that's how good it looks to the anti-sucrose plant based jotter feasting on purple potatoes for breakfast a firm foundation for the purple flowers of fortune termed in colour after its dark coloured leaves as the smoke session ends at the house with sheaves of grass and maybe my brass transmuted to gold.



Herb Proem - @KeyTu

The high volume turned low ...the sweet gaze of nature keeping our minds lost deep in thoughts with the loud noise blur and distant... Stamped to loosen character until lost though on closed doors building until mold... Stamped to darken day light till actions reveal hate , the sour tension of human kind while on closed spreading love bound by laughtersweet leaf tip toe with my spirit... Make my brain fill with self therapy...the sweet aroma engulf me of mother nature into the lost nation of wonderful love and natural character... Clean my self with ur healing character ...U deserve to stamped into the wilderness where u belong... Where vegetation stains the nation into growth... Amongst others like another crop " I mean the special one " Behold we hold the light up spread the love out... Wealth my nation , health my nation , healeth its wounds... Spliff filling my head ...stiff penalties , am made by character for Jericho to fall savage soldiers mouth drinking from the river hand to be chosen... One spliff and I pass it, share it .united ...No power used, only trumpets blown



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Wonders of the Herb

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Due to the widespread cultivation, usage and acceptance cannabis has been legalized and decriminalized in across the globe as Netherlands, Canada, USA, Jamaica, Spain, Uruguay and other counties veil off and gain recognition in the global cannabis market and increasing its economic value. According to Medical Data Forecast in 2021, the international market for legal marijuana is expected to reach USD 146 billion and for medical marijuana, USD 46.18 billion by 2026. As one of the most controversial plants, cannabis has been tainted as evil, harmful and toxic, made illegal and forbidden in most places, hence hindering its availability and application for medical or economic purposes. This has caused a global setback in the agricultural and medical industry but according to the 2030 SDGs, there are policies being put in place that will change this.

S AFRICA, NW HOSTS CANNABIS LEKGOTLA



The North West provincial government of South Africa through the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development in collaboration with the North West University an academic facility grounded on teaching learning and research. The three day Cannabis Lekgotla (meeting) held at the Mahikeng campus glided on a mandate as rolled as "breaking the barriers towards the cannabis Agenda in the North West province". The gathering a first of its kind was positioned as a platform to identify and lobby players within the cannabis sector whilst breaking ground to explore entrepreneurial opportunities within the province.

The event was graced by members of the diverse cannabis community from the living cannabis icon Ras Gareth Prince, the gracious Dr. Thandeka Kunene, the dynamic Ras Thau Thau Haramanuba with the lyrical lacer Ras Advocate Sipho Mantula with the ignition of the firebrand Ras Thapelo Khunou. The hosting province was headlined by a powered delegation, talking to the impetus of the cannabis lekgotla. It was by the NW MEC of Agriculture Desbo Mohono together with Thupi Mokhatla under the umbrella of the North West Premier Bushy Maape. Spelling clarity on the foundations of the meeting Desbo Mohono narrated on the potentials a synergy in a dance as the government and the cannabis plant skank; "cannabis is one of the niche that can improve the economy of the country and of our province. Government is struggling with tripple challenges, now this cannabis is one of the ventures that we think if we get it right from the

onset it will assist government to deal with the tripple challenges (Inequality, Poverty and Unemployment). You would remember that cannabis is one of our traditional herbs". The North West government seems to be rolling their sleeves for the full embrace of the cannabis crop if remarks do indicate the landmarks on the ground its time for the Northwest province to get set for the go. When I close this lekgotla I want to be proud to say this is the roadmap and timeframe because as government sometimes we have talk show and no implementation", this she said pointing out to local municipalities with the Northwest province that are pioneering cannabis farming prototypes" stated the MEC of Agriculture in the North West province Desbo Mohono. The Cannabis Development Council have played a pivotal part in lobbying for the cannabis plant and were clear about their role in the Lekgotla as Nongo Motona spoke to CannaXpress stating that "our role as the Cannabis Development Council has always been to urge the provincial government to fast track the implementation of the cannabis master plan and develop a provincial master plan that talks to the uniqueness of the North West Province". The cannabis conversation is now sounding louder and the time for grey areas must be dissipated through the gathering of slates of unity; divided in the role out but always for the plants. The mere dance between SAHPRA and the Department of Agriculture is testament to future fusions or confusions between various

players all dancing with the plant but all seeking to be the final granter. A call for customisation shifts the cannabis plant from a mere cog in the works to the actual worker that powers what whole. Ras Sipho Mantula spoke on the challenges of acts and bills in the hurdles they present through the false inclusions stating that "it's problematic because it talks to right of privacy, it doesn't talk to right to trade it doesn't talk to right to culture". Ganja is an all embrace plant that offers more than a full spectrum effect in the manner in which it transcends across the dimensions of the being rightly

so the gate opener. In aligning there needs to be all encapsulative framework that leaves no one behind; remembering that a frame is the sectoring of a subject. Ras Thau Thau took to the podium and spoke on the need to merge in considerations of the primary populace in the proprietion of prototypes within the cannabis industry in the North West province of South Africa stating "In framing all these laws we must always think about the local economy, we have lost the Spaza (Tuck) shops and now we don't want to lose this last green gold".

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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The Kulcha is a community oriented organisation whose strength comes from the people the heart of their support base in the rolling out of visions as unique as the Baked Shakespeare. In their philosophy Kulcha believe in bringing people together and working with likeminded organisations and individuals to achieve common and mutually beneficial objectives. The offering of this theatrical rendition promises to be fireworks with billings and showings lined up consistently in the month of October.

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Kulcha who have been rocking Johannesburg South Africa on a weekly with the Kulcha Sundaze spoke to CannaXpress as Stan indicated that "we are compiling behind the scene footage to share with the people". At its most ambitious, this Baked Shakespeare endeavour is a drive to bring all spheres of our community together, for the sake of theatre, cannabis and a great time out!

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The Kulcha a counter-intuitive, pro-cannabis lifestyle brand, specialising in curated cannabis events and experiences. Through and with cannabis, seeks to entertain, educate and empower the cannabis community with some "Twelfth Night or what you will". How will the separation of Viola from her twin brother Sebastian following the shipwreck, puff along the transformation of Viola to Cesario? Lock in to the Baked Shakespeare sessions with the Kulcha on Instagram for updates and on the go information @thekulchaza.

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Jacobus Schoeman who formulated part of the delegation spoke to CannaXpress indicating that the gathering was different given the willingness of heart and the diversity in the players giving input towards the building of an all-inclusive economy of cannabis. "It's different when you have various stakeholders all coming together towards building and contributing to the ascendance of a Cannabis plant". Our takeaway is that the provincial department of agriculture in collaboration with university (IKS centre) has done a sterling job. The inclusive participation of Traditional Health Practitioners, traditional leaders, all spheres of

government, private sector, Rasta communities, Indigenous Knowledge Systems custodians and farmers was a great sign of unity and strength".

Ground shaking collaborations with academic institutions position causes in the hearts and minds of future thought leaders facilitate multifaceted thought dynamics. The broad range of expertise and interests exchanged among the participants liberating on cannabis can open the mental and academic doors in more than special sessions. There lives hope for cannabis beyond the Mahikeng gateways of the North West University in the southern ends of Africa.

