

Panmen: Time to get rid of cheap politicians

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RID the steelband movement of "all the cheap politicians," urged the eastern region of Pan Trinbago yesterday in a special "Save the Steelbandmen" bulletin issued at the special Convention at Queen's Hall.

"Once and for all we must rid the movement of self-seekers. Today we must make the movement clean," it said.

The bulletin admitted, however, that the eastern region's executive "is full of power-seekers with political motives. Particular political groups such as Tapia, have infiltrated through the university steelband into the eastern executive to serve their own ends within our national body."

The bulletin later noted that "not one single member of our executive belongs to any of these so-called radical or revolutionary groups."

"And even if they did," it surprisingly asks, does this mean that they are in steelbands for political motives?

"Does the fact that certain members of the last national executive and the executives of other regions belong to the People's National Movement (PNM), make them Government stooges or interested in the steelbands for political motives?"

"Tapia to us, in the east is just like the PNM or the Democratic Action Congress (DAC) or any other one of those."