



EFF CELEBRATES THE 217th ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF HAITI

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The EFF celebrates the 217th anniversary of the brave slave revolution of Haiti, which saw the triumph of a nation of slaves against the inhumane system of human subjugation. On this day in 1804, the slaves of Haiti overcame brutality of French, British and Spanish enslavement, through a bloody revolution that lasted over a period of thirteen-years.

The victory of the slaves of the once San Domingo island was one of the most sophisticated quests of self-determination in the pre-modern world, and was a revolution that preceded even the most notable efforts for freedom which are celebrated across the world. Before the Russian Revolution and the attainment of Independence across various African states, it was the slaves of Haiti that had an instinctive understanding that there is no superior race of people that is entitled to exploit, abuse and torment another.

The quest for liberty by the slaves of Haiti represents an advanced understanding of the concept of liberty, Pan-Africanism and Black Consciousness. This is evident in the constitution adopted by the free Haitians, who declared their country a home to all slaves, one where there would be no forced labour or exploitation and no human being would own another. It was former slaves who did away with the notion of the divine right of rule, and built a society based on collective will and not inherited leadership through blood lines.

Haiti continues to bear the consequences of defying an anti-black world, through deliberate economic collapse and decades of repaying colonial debt incurred by France. It is for this reason that the EFF revives the call for the admittance of Haiti as a member state of the African Union (AU), in order to build strong economic, cultural and trading ties with the Caribbean nation whose history is that of anti-colonialism and Pan-Africanism.

The EFF is inspired by that defiant generation of black people, who were subjected to unspeakable torment and displaced from their native land during the Atlantic Slave Trade, losing their lives across land and seas.

The disruption caused by colonial conquest in Africa continues to haunt us, and it is only through unity of purpose that African will be able to reclaim their rightful place in the world as human beings.

The Haitian Revolution must be a reminder to all those who seek to keep African people in servitude, that the tolerance of our people for exploitation will wear thin, and our determination to achieve freedom exceeds any desire to keep us as slaves.

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