



EFF COMMEMORATES 29-YEARS SINCE THE BISHO MASSACRE

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The EFF commemorates 29-years since the brutal Bisho Massacre, which saw twenty-nine people murdered by the then Ciskei government in attempts to suppress political dissent against the Bantustan.

In an event that characterised the bloodshed of African people on the eve of the 1994 democratic transition, and followed the Boipatong Massacre, trigger-happy Ciskei soldiers fired automatic weapons against protestors who demanded that the Bantustan be incorporated into South Africa, and questioned the legitimacy of the rule of law of a puppet-regime created by the Apartheid system.

The occasion remains a stark reminder that the use of live ammunition against civilian protestors, as a means of stifling political dissent can have tragic effects and must never be tolerated.

Almost two-decades later, democratic South Africa has witnessed the Marikana Massacre, which saw 34-miners killed by an intolerant regime in the interests of white-monopoly capital.

The blood of those who were slain in Bisho remain etched in the collective memory of our society, and those who fought for political freedom then, are suppressing it today.

May the spirit of the gallant freedom fighters who lost their lives on that fateful day continue to inspire us to fight against injustice and never recognise illegitimate regimes which seek to use law-enforcement agencies to silence those who speak against them.

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