



EFF STATEMENT ON THE 9TH ANNIVERSARY OF MARIKANA MASSACRE.

Monday, 16 August 2021

Today the 16th of August 2021 marks exactly 9 years since the ANC Government, in protection of rapacious and callous capitalist interests, killed workers in Marikana. As the EFF we deep our revolutionary banner in salutation of the true Fighters who for many months sacrificed the little that they have to demand a living wage of R12 500 from London Mine.

We salute these fighters because their courage and determination played an important role in inspiring the formation of the Economic Freedom Fighters as a political movement which is now at the forefront of struggles of the poor, the landless and all workers in different workplaces.

Whilst we salute the fallen heroes of Marikana, we are concerned that 9 years later, there is still no justice, not even a single police officer of authority has been held accountable for the murder of defenceless workers. The fact that not a single person has been held accountable for Marikana murder is evidence enough that there is no justice in South Africa and if there is justice, such justice is selective and seek to protect the interests of the rich and powerful.

We as leaders of the EFF, opened a criminal case against the police and against Mr. Cyril Ramaphosa for his complicity to murder workers in Marikana in 2012, and there is still no progress, and no update on what the South African Police Service has done about this case. The Commission of Inquiry into Marikana massacre was a farce, and this is demonstrated by the fact that 9 years later, still no one has been held accountable.

As we committed on several occasions, we as the EFF have contributed R1 million to a fund that seeks to look after the widows of Marikana, and yet this government has not done

anything to look after the widows and orphans of Marikana. We demand that there should be reparations for all the mineworkers who killed in Marikana, and their families and children should be taken care of because if the ANC government had not killed the children, husbands and fathers of different families, they would still be here today looking after their families.

The EFF uses this 9th anniversary to once again call for the curtailing of base erosion and tax avoidance practices by huge multinational corporations, particularly in the mining sector. We reiterate this call because it has now been proven that in the period where London Mine (LONMIN) was refusing to pay workers the demanded R12 500, the company shifted billions of Rands to Bermuda, which is a tax haven they use for profit shifting and tax avoidance. We have in Parliament tabled legislation to deal decisively with tax avoidance practices by all multinational corporations, yet the ruling party is folding its arms and doing everything in its power to stifle and frustrate the processing of this bill.

In commemoration and salutation of the workers that were killed in Marikana, we as the EFF will engage with the legal representatives of the widows of Marikana to persuade them to prioritise the case for reparations. We will also legally challenge the SAPS and National Prosecutions Authority (NPA) to update us on the criminal prosecutions of those who killed and were behind the killing of workers in Marikana. The NPA must issue a certificate of non-prosecution, and we as the EFF will explore the possibility of private prosecutions and are convinced that we will find justice.

We continue to deep our banners in salutation and remembrance of:

1. Michael Patrick Ngweyi
2. Akhona Jijase
3. Bonginkosi Yona
4. Andries Motlopola Ntsenyeho
5. Mzukisi Sompeta
6. Jackson Lehupa
7. Mongezeleli Netenetya
8. Mphangeli Tukuza
9. Thobisile Zibambele

10. Cebisile Yawa
11. Mgcineni Noki
12. Khanare Elias Monesa
13. Bongani Nqongophele
14. John Kulwano Lengingoane
15. Babalo Mtshazi
16. Thembinkosi Gwelani
17. Dumisane Anele Mdizeni
18. Thabiso Johannes Thelejane
19. Nkosiyabo Xalabile
20. Tokoti Mangcotywa
21. Raphael Jeneveke Liau
22. Mpumzeni Nxande
23. Stelega Meric Gadlela
24. Henry Mvuyisi Pato
25. Thabiso Mosebetsane
26. Fezile David Saphendu
27. Mafolisi Mabiya
28. Ntandazo Nokhamba
29. Thobile Mpumza
30. Makhosandile Mkhonjwa
31. Telang Vitalis Mohai
32. Motisaoitsile Van Wyk Sagalala
33. Molefi Osiel Ntsoele
34. Bongani Mdze

We commit to their spirit and souls that we have now picked up the fallen spear and will continue. The fight until total victory in the war for total economic emancipation. Their fighting and relentless spirit continues to give us courage to fight on every day. In the immediate, we will seek justice and will find it. No surrender! No retreat!

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