



EFF CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

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The EFF wishes all progressives and peace loving people of the country and the continent, a revolutionary and Merry Christmas.

As a day that commemorates the birth of Christ, Christmas has evolved to symbolise togetherness, family and goodwill across the world. It has for this reason transcended religious boundaries and has come to represent a day upon which the generosity of humanity is exhibited.

Our thoughts are with all of those who will be spending this Christmas without their loved ones; who were lost during this difficult and unforgiving pandemic. We wish you strength as you soldier on to face what is familiar as a season of family, with your table and home short of those loved ones.

We call upon all African people to share whatever they have, no matter how little it maybe; with those who are less fortunate. The inhumanity of the capitalist society, has rendered many without the comfort of warm homes, loving families and a plate of food, and requires of us to practice the spirit of Africanness.

Let us open our doors to the needy, to orphans who head households as young as they are. May all of those who are well off ensure that they do not turn their backs on those on our streets. May we treat those within our families and communities with dignity and respect, even though they may be economically unable to contribute to the festivities of this season.

May we remember that Christmas marks the day a revolutionary was born, a fighting God who stood against injustice. On this day let us not forget the need to intensify our

fight against the monopolising of the wealth of this country by a white minority. Let us remember the need for the return of the land by any Revolutionary means necessary, and confront exploitation with the same vigour as the hero of the Christian world.

We have together as a nation survived a difficult year, with rising unemployment, a betrayal of the land question, continued privatisation of our national assets and a deadly Corona virus.

It is now time to take stock and reflect on this difficult year, while preparing for the year to come and its inevitable challenges. Let us all enjoy this brief reprieve from the brutality of the virus and our declining economy, if conditions, to exhibit love and experience joy.

As the international community, we must always reiterate that the Birthplace of Christ is Palestine. Therefore had Christ been born in 2021, it is a fact that the three wise men from the east could have never reach Bethlehem today, because of the apartheid wall constructed by the murderous colonial state of Israel. Similarly, Jesus and Marry would have never reached Egypt, running away from the tyranny of Herod The Great.

Jesus' birth essentially draws attention to the conditions of millions of migrants denied peaceful existence and homes by tyranny, war and poverty. In light of this, we must therefore remember Palestinians and their call to the world for the end of brutal Israeli occupation, the return of Palestinian refugees, and equality. Until Palestine is free, Christmas is incomplete!

We wish all African people a Revolutionary Christmas, filled with love, and marked by the spirit of giving.

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