



EFF WELCOMES THE SENTENCING OF COLONIAL COLLABORATOR AND MURDERER BLAISE COMPAORÉ

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The Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) welcomes the long over-due sentencing of the colonial collaborator, sell-out, and murderer, Blaise Compaoré, who set back the development of Burkina Faso and the entire continent, by murdering Captain and President Thomas Sankara.

Over 30-years ago, the man who liberated Burkina Faso, the militant Marxist and anti-colonialist Thomas Sankara, was betrayed by his closest ally and confidant Compaoré in a greedy quest for power and to service the interest of the erstwhile colonial masters France.

This heinous act and betrayal of the Pan-Africanist revolution, undid the great work President Sankara achieved in reversing dependency on colonial masters and building an agriculturally sound and self-sustaining nation.

It was under President Thomas Sankara in Burkina Faso, where land and mineral wealth was nationalised. Subsequently, wheat production rose in three years from 1,700 kg per hectare to 3,800 kg per hectare, making the country food self-sufficient and its banks independent from loan schemes from the West.

It was Sankara who stood when it was unfashionable, and declared at a gathering of the Organisation of African Unity in 1987, the very year he was assassinated, that, ***“Debt is a cleverly managed reconquest of Africa. It is a reconquest that turns each one of us into a financial slave.”***

Today, as his low-life murderer is sentenced to life after fleeing from the firm hand of African justice, Africa is on its knees, and voluntarily submits itself to the feet of global loan sharks of the West such as the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

Compaoré must not be punished alone, but France which continues to force its former colonies to pay colonial tax, must account for the murder of President Thomas Sankara. France must pay reparations to the people of Burkina Faso and contribute to its infrastructural and agricultural development, as an apology to that great nation of the Burkinabe.

The soul of the last Upright Man from the generation of the Independence Movement, Thomas Sankara can finally find closure, as the man who betrayed him, spends the rest of his life rotting in a dark cell.

The EFF commits to continue with the socialist agenda which Sankara led for a only four-years before he was killed, but was able to produce meaningful change in the lives of the ordinary people of Burkina Faso.

The EFF draws inspiration from Sankara's commitment to the people, his commitment to breaking colonial dependency, and his goal for a United Africa.

May we march forward with the same tenacity and stand boldly for a United and independent Africa.

Long live the revolutionary Spirit of Thomas Sankara!

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