



EFF MARKS THE 59th ANNIVERSARY OF AFRICA DAY

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The EFF marks the 59th Anniversary of Africa Day, which observes the formation of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) by great Pan-African leaders who led the Independence Movement in Africa during the 1960's.

Armed with a fervent love for Africa, its people and a commitment to the liberation of Africans from the chains of colonialism and imperialism, President Kwame Nkrumah, Emperor Haile Selassie, President Kenneth Kaunda, President Sekou Toure, President Julius Nyerere led twenty-five other member states, in charting the blueprint for a United States of Africa.

On that fateful occasion, President Kwame Nkrumah declared in the inaugural sating of the OAU in-front of 31-member states in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, that, ***“We must unite now or perish. I am confident that by our concerted effort and determination, we shall lay here the foundations for a continental Union of African States.”***

Today, 59-years since this resounding rallying call for unity in the face of imperial domination, Africa remains on its knees, fractured and at the mercy of former colonial masters and their administrators.

The agenda of the OAU, which sought to promote the unity and solidarity of African states, defend the sovereignty, territorial integrity and independence of Africa, aimed to end all forms of colonialism and chart a path towards economic, educational, cultural and scientific cooperation in the continent, has dwindled into nothingness.

The African Union is a pale shadow of what this monumental organisation was founded upon, and now accommodates colonialists and land thieves such as Israel, as observers in its ranks.

African institutions such as the Southern African Development Community (SADC), exist for the sake of it, allowing war and imperialism to fester across the region. Africa Day has become yet another event, where we celebrate our identity under a cloud of conquest.

Despite this, the EFF maintains that the ideals of African Independence, anti-imperialism, rejection of colonial debt, a unitary African currency and promotion of intra-African trade, are the bedrock of the future of the continent.

These ideals must permanently be reiterated, celebrated and championed to ensure that colonialists who killed African heroes such as Thomas Sankara and Patrice Lumumba know that the spirit of defiance remains in the blood of Africans.

The indigenous people of Africa must unite, to avoid the circumstances that make us collectively pander to white society for affirmation, guidance and stifle the aspirations for the return of our land and mineral wealth.

There can be no Economic Emancipation of an African state, without the freedom and emancipation of Africa and its entirety. President Julius Nyerere was instructive in his message that it is the disunity of Africa that sustains the power of imperialism.

This has been evident in the sanctions that have crippled Zimbabwe, it is evident in the murderous coup which saw the killing of Brother Leader Muammar Gaddafi and has been clear in the constant dysfunction that characterises the Democratic Republic of Congo.

We must shelter African leaders and African states which suffer the consequences of embarking on a principled struggle against the forces that dominate Africans and their livelihoods.

Today, the EFF will march to the embassy of the greatest colonialist, criminals and slave-traders, France, to demand that they exit the affairs of Africa.

France continues to micro-manage African economies, dictate the monetary policy of African states and hoard stolen wealth through colonial debt and destabilisation of African governance systems and institutions, in order to ease the agenda of wealth extraction.

The Commander in Chief and President of the EFF Julius Malema, will lead the confrontation of France, to ensure the economic freedom will come from the South and filter throughout the continent.

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