



## **EFF STATEMENT ON COURT OUTCOMES**

Saturday, 18 March 2023

The EFF calls on all its members and all who will participate in the National Shutdown protest to come out in full force on Monday, 20th March 2023 without fear. This historic protest action must be executed everywhere in defence and within the confines of our democratic Constitution.

We call on all protestors to be careful of agent provocateurs who will try and hijack or undermine this protest action by engaging in any form of violence.

No one, not even the police, have the right to undermine a peaceful demonstration or protest. Thus, we call on all protestors of the National Shutdown to defend themselves from anyone who provokes them with violence.

Police have a constitutional duty to protect protesters from any possible provocation and should always act with restraint when dealing with protesters. Any General of the police who says they will no longer be of service to the citizen instead they use combat against citizens, is desperately seeking to please the master in exchange for long awaited promotion.

The right to protest is a universal and inalienable right that no one should undermine.

Finally, like we always said all protest action on 20 March must be militant and radical yet peacefully to register legitimate demands that affect our collective existence as a people. We call on all fighters to protest, and vigorously within the confines of the law.

We applaud the Court for stopping the unlawful attempts to stop a lawful protest.

No retreat. No surrender! Victory or Death, we shall overcome.

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