



EFF STATEMENT ON THE ANC'S REJECTION OF A MOTION IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY TO COMMEMORATE THE DEATH OF STEVE BIKO

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The Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) observed, with dismay, the decision of the ANC Parliamentary Caucus in the National Assembly to reject a motion tabled by the EFF to commemorate the death of Steve Biko.

The ANC's primary objection is to the EFF's assertion, which is factual, that the principles Biko championed were and remain the most significant portrayal of the black condition in this country.

The ANC further dismisses the idea that black people have largely been used as tools to advance colonial and neo-colonial agendas, alluding to a baseless British colonial practice of sham decorum.

The EFF is unsurprised by the contempt shown towards Biko by certain misguided and careerist politicians who lack an understanding of the pivotal role Biko played in the conceptualisation of black consciousness. Tragically, these are the same individuals who persistently bow to white dominance, clearly suffering from an inferiority complex.

To deny the glaring truth that the majority of black individuals are still grappling with under-development, and then to further reject a democratically elected Parliament's efforts to mark 46 years since Steve Bantubonke Biko's passing, displays ideological bankruptcy of the gravest magnitude.

This is the unfortunate outcome when dishonest individuals — crooks, swindlers, and plunderers — usurp what was once a majestic movement championing liberation.

The EFF will persist in uplifting the name of Steve Biko in all public spheres, including influential platforms like Parliament. To negate Biko's legacy is to silence his potent voice of freedom, and to suppress our inherent right to fully embrace and assert the identity of black people today.



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