



EFF STATEMENT COMMEMORATING THE 63RD ANNIVERSARY OF MADAGASCAR'S LIBERATION FROM FRENCH COLONIAL RULE

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The Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) joins the people of Africa in commemorating the 63rd anniversary of Madagascar's liberation from French colonial rule. The legacy of colonialism in Madagascar traces its roots to the 17th century, a pivotal era that witnessed the French brutally invade the island.

In 1883, France unleashed a thunderous military campaign, the Franco-Hova War, against the illustrious Kingdom of Madagascar, shattering the once-mighty Merina monarchy, the very bedrock of power on the island. By 1896, Madagascar was under the rule of the murderous French.

With an iron fist, the French authorities imposed a draconian, unforgiving slave system known as the "corvée," while local communities were displaced, severing their ancestral ties to their land.

The rallying cry "Mavoloha" which translates to "the red earth" was a symbol of resistance and solidarity among the Malagasy people during their war for independence from French colonial rule.

Led by the Movement for the Renovation of Madagascar (MDRM) and the Association for the Rebirth of Madagascar (AKFM), after 64 years of warfare with the French, Madagascar was finally restored to its people.

Madagascar set an example in African innovation when they implemented a unique approach to combat COVID-19, known as the "COVID-Organics" initiative. While it

was undermined by racist, and profit driven Western pharmaceutical companies, the government promoted indigenous medicine to treat and prevent COVID-19.

We acknowledge the commendable actions of Madagascar in sharing their treatment with other African countries, exemplifying the spirit of pan-African solidarity that we hold in high regard.

The EFF extends its revolutionary wishes to the resilient people of Madagascar as we march forward on our collective journey towards a united Africa.



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