

## SOCIALIST MOVEMENT OF GHANA (SMG)

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The decision of the Akufo-Addo government to remove Founder's Day from the birthday of Osagyefo Dr Kwame Nkrumah to August 4<sup>th</sup> is a shameful attempt to rewrite the history of Ghana and to elevate the reactionary forces in Ghanaian politics to the level of national heroes.

This attempt has failed as millions of people in Ghana and the diaspora still recognise Nkrumah as the Founder of the modern Republic of Ghana and the main inspiration for accelerated national liberation in Africa.

We demand the immediate re-instatement of September 21 as Founder's Day to reflect the true history of Ghana and the aspirations of the working people.

Osagyefo, Dr Kwame Nkrumah deserves to be celebrated and appreciated on September 21st for his commitment to the nationalist struggle and his able leadership that ultimately led to the independence of the Gold Coast from over a century of British colonial rule.

However, Islamic University Collective of Socialist Movement of Ghana do appreciate the fact that Dr Kwame Nkrumah, was the one who fought for freedom and independence leading to the independence of Ghana on March 6, 1957.

We therefore call on socialists and comrades all over the world to observe September 21<sup>st</sup> as the only Founder's Day

Viva socialism viva!

Abash capitalism Abash!

Baba Ukasha

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