SOCIALIST MOVEMENT OF GHANA (SMG)

23rd August, 2022.

STATEMENT OF CONDEMNATION

The Socialist Movement of Ghana strongly condemns the assassination of Comrade Lindokuhle Mnguni, the Chairperson of the eKhenana Commune and Youth League of the Shack Dwellers Movement Abahlali baseMjondolo (ABM). We send our deepest sympathies to his family, close friends, and all of our ABM comrades.

Our Comrade, Lindokuhle Mnguni was an exceptional intellectual with a real vision and commitment to the struggles of the oppressed. A young man with a bright future in leadership, he was always modest and gave the people his time.

Not Lindokuhle or the past 23 leaders of the ABM, nobody deserves these gruesome attacks meted out to the people's activists.

We condemn the violent repression of the eKhenana commune and the assassination of members of the ABM. From the murder of Ayanda Ngilla, Nokuthula Mabasa, Lindokuhle Mnguni, and all our many fallen comrades of the ABM whose vision and commitment to struggle for the occupation of the commune, oppose imperialism, banish patriarchy, ensure urban farming projects and the collective living of the people must never be in vain.

We urgently demand justice for the brutal murder of Lindokuhle Mnguni.

How can we say “Free South Africa” when our comrades, when the working class, when activists are gunned down by assailants? How can we say we resisted and defeated apartheid when violent repressions leave movements, families, comrades, and friends bereaved, when it has left heavy burdens on the people of the eKhenana commune and largely most South Africans?

For how long can we continue like this?

The political killings, and death, have cut short the lives of many irreplaceable comrades. We know their lives and what they stood for will serve as an opening for many men and women to emerge, form, and train as cadres - pick up from where they left off in the struggle. Our fight for socioeconomic justice and equality, for land, for dignified employment, and afterward for social justice continues and will only intensify.

"The artist may die, especially when he is an artist of such dangerous art as the revolutionary struggle, but what will not die in any way is the art to which he dedicated his life and to which he devoted his intelligence." (Fidel Castro)

The SMG calls for the ANC and the ruling government to investigate Cde Lindokule Mnguni's assassination, including the 23 leaders of the ABM whose lives have been cut short. These investigations should lead to prosecution, conviction, and punishment of the perpetrators and their sponsors, the cowards who hide under cover to commit such atrocities.

We also urge all revolutionary and progressive organizations to support and solidarize with Abahlali baseMjondolo in its fights and uphold the fundamental human and democratic rights of all South Africans by standing with them in their struggles.

Comrade Lindo, our hearts are in pieces!

Comrade Lindo, rest in power!

Comrade Lindo, the struggle definitely continues!

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