



SOCIALIST MOVEMENT OF GHANA (SMG)

ACCRA COLLECTIVE

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Statement by the Accra Collective of the Socialist Movement of Ghana (SMG) on the 53rd Anniversary of the Passing of Osagyefo Dr. Kwame Nkrumah

Today, we (members of the Accra collective) commemorate the 53 years since the passing of Osagyefo Dr. Kwame Nkrumah — the founder of modern Ghana, tireless Pan-Africanist, revolutionary, and anti-imperialist. The growth of our collective is tied to the legacy of Nkrumah in building a prosperous nation for our people. His legacy continues to blaze a trail for all those committed to justice, equality, and the liberation of oppressed peoples everywhere – the Accra collective will continue to stick to that legacy and be guided by its prospects.

Osagyefo's vision birthed Ghana's independence, not merely as a national achievement, but as a clarion call for the total liberation of the African continent. He boldly declared that “the independence of Ghana is meaningless unless it is linked up with the total liberation of the African continent,” and dedicated his life to that cause. Through policies rooted in struggle, Nkrumah sought to place Ghana's resources in the hands of its people, establishing schools, hospitals, industries, and infrastructure aimed at breaking the chains of colonial underdevelopment.

Beyond Ghana and Africa, Nkrumah stood tall on the international stage as a champion of the oppressed. His work with the Non-Aligned Movement, his support for revolutionary movements across Asia and Latin America, and his insistence on African unity and self-determination made him a central figure in the global struggle against imperialism and neo-colonialism.

Today, his ideas live on. In every worker who demands dignity, in every young African who dreams of a continent united and free, and in every voice raised against the domination of global capital, Nkrumah's vision breathes.

We are inspired by the resilience of the Ghanaian people in defending what has been an attempt to denigrate his legacy through the manipulation of historical records. As a collective we will continue to defend 21st of September as the legitimate founder's day of Modern Ghana, the country of our forebears, the Nkrumah's museum will continue to be a site dedicated to his memory, we will resist any denigration of that site and the depoliticization of the space – the working people of our country will continue to visit that space as a remembrance of our collective struggle to defend our true history.

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As we reflect on the ongoing struggle of the Palestinian people, we are reminded of Nkrumah's unwavering internationalism and solidarity. He taught us that imperialism, in all its forms, must be confronted wherever it exists, that the struggle of one oppressed people is the struggle of all. The brutality faced by Palestinians today is not new; it is the same machinery of domination that once sought to crush Ghana's independence and continues to exploit our continent's wealth.

In this moment of remembrance, we recommit ourselves to the path laid by Osagyefo — a path of socialist transformation, pan-African unity, and resistance to imperialism in all its forms. The flame he lit has not gone out. It burns in our collective struggle for a new world.

For those who met him you will continue to guide us and for those who never met him we are inspired by our unique history. We miss him but Nkrumah really never Dies.

Long live the legacy of Osagyefo Dr. Kwame Nkrumah!
Long live the struggle for African unity and socialism!
Long live international solidarity!

Regards

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