



## **SOCIALIST MOVEMENT OF GHANA (SMG)**

### **Statement by the Socialist Movement of Ghana on the Fifty Third Anniversary of the Death Osagyefo Dr. Kwame Nkrumah**

Today 27th April 2025 marks the 53 years since Osagyefo Dr. Kwame Nkrumah passed into eternity in Bucharest, Romania. The Socialist Movement of Ghana (SMG) commemorate this day in reflection and hope as we mark the life and works of Osagyefo Dr. Kwame Nkrumah.

Nkrumah dedicated his life to the struggle for a new Africa. He declared at Ghana's independence that the target was the liberation of the entire continent. Nkrumah's poured his life in the struggle to liberate Africans from colonialism and to build a united developed, prosperous and dignified Africa. So while Ghana made hitherto unbelievable strides in industrial development under Nkrumah always saw this new national wealth as an instrument to support the larger African cause.

Nkrumah was a pioneer of the African Liberation and Unity project. By May 25, 1963, when the Organisation of African Unity was formed over 30 African countries had liberated themselves from colonial rule in largely in collaboration with the Ghanaian state. Many of the new national leaderships were under pressure from their youth to press for unity and planned economic development. This Africa-wide attention of course drew the enmity not only the imperialist powers but also the Right-wing neo-colonialists in Ghana. These anti-African forces worked together to topple the CPP government. And after six failed attempts to assassinate him between 1950 and 1966 the eventually succeeded while he was away on a peace mission to Hanoi.

Nkrumah understood too well that a disunited Africa was fatally weak economically, and therefore socially and geopolitically. Its leaders and its triumphs would be easily undermined and reversed. Continental Unity was not a fanciful toy but a vital strategy for Africans everywhere. As Nkrumah famously said "... it is only the ending of capitalism, colonialism, imperialism, and neo-colonialism ... that can provide the conditions under which underdevelopment can finally be abolished".

Current events have borne out Nkrumah's predictions. Africa today is fragmented. It cannot feed itself. Others determine the use of its natural resources. Others decide how we participate in global affairs. Our lands are under threat from climate buccaneers. And of course we are beset with serious instability everywhere especially in the blood-soaked Sahel belt that runs east to west across our continent.

Despite our difficulties, it is an exciting time to be alive because of the renaissance of Nkrumaist ideas. From Cape to Cairo, from Laayoune to Djibouti, the ideas of African liberation, unity and development sown by Nkrumah are finding new life not only in new academic work but also on contemporary social media channels where young people are receiving ideological and historical education on a scale not seen since the 1966 coup and the end of the first Republic.

It is the triumph of his legacy and vision for Africa that today we have hope of a new Africa free, united, and respected. The Pan-African struggle for its 1.2 billion people is alive and once again on track.

Osagyefo, may you continue to rest in power and in peace, knowing that whatever diversions our enemies subjected us to we are returning to the path.

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Long Live African Unity!

Aluta Continua!

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