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SOCIALIST MOVEMENT OF GHANA (SMG) STANDS IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF BURKINA FASO AND DEMANDS AFRICAN UNITY AGAINST COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY INSURGENCY

The Socialist Movement of Ghana (SMG) stands in solidarity with the People and Government of Burkina Faso facing renewed attempts at destabilisation and regime change by enemies of the African Unity project and ordinary Africans' struggle for self-determination, dignity, and development. We condemn the recent acts of destabilization and assassination that reactionary forces have perpetuated on our people. These acts are doubtlessly a desperate attempt to reverse the gains that our Burkinabe brothers and sisters have made under the revolutionary pan-Africanist leadership of Captain Ibrahim Traore doubtlessly the most highly respected national leader on the continent, and to return Burkina and the AES states to the humiliating control of France, the US and their NATO allies.

The West has for generations toppled and killed African leaders who dared to offer an independent path to prosperity and dignity — **Patrice Lumumba, Kwame Nkrumah, Amílcar Cabral, Ahmed Sekou Toure, Thomas Sankara and even Muammar Gaddafi**—to name just a few. Their only crime was to insist that their countries' natural resource wealth and the sweat of African labour be used first to lift their peoples out of poverty imposed by centuries of the Slave Trade and Colonialism.

We reject the claims that by defeating a moribund neocolonial system of government imposed on them by French colonialism, and which failed for decades to provide the most basic of protection of the Burkina state and citizens and that allowed their shameful exploitation for the benefit of a handful of global capitalist, Burkina Faso has abandoned "democracy". Democracy is a system of governance that structurally and thus consistently prioritises the economic and social collective needs and aspirations of the many over the pretensions of elites. We have no doubt that the revolutionary regime in Burkina is substantitively democratic.

The struggle to deepen that democracy and return power to the grassroots, is the right and duty of Burkina citizens and no one else; certainly not those who have so cruelly exploited and ground them down over many decades.

Under Captain Traore's leadership, Burkina Faso has made historic strides in reclaiming its sovereignty and reversing the widespread poverty and shame that afflicts her people. Under Captain Toure Burkina has:

- Expelled French military forces operating a "protection racket" throughout their African necolonies;
- terminated channeled agreements that drained the nation's wealth in favour of French billionaires;
- taken concrete steps toward the African dream of continental unity by offering a plan for the countries of AES;
- massively channelled resource to grassroots development, including education, healthcare, and food security, despite illegal sanctions and destabilization efforts; and

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- rejected the CFA Franc, a colonial currency designed to keep Africa in perpetual subjugation.

These are concrete victories for the People of the Sahel. But they are unacceptable to Imperialism and its war machine as recent provocative and reckless statements by US AFRICOM Commander General Michael Langley make obvious. Langley demonizing Captain Traore, is a clear case of "give the dog a bad name and hang it". The West has used these same slanderous attacks as a tactic to justify regime change in Ghana, Iraq, Libya and many other sister countries. If the US is concerned about corruption it need look no further than the massive financial and political crisis in the United States itself. Africa, left alone can find the resources to defend itself.

SMG calls on all Pan-Africanists, and other progressives to join forces to:

- a. **protect the young Burkina process and steer it toward a truly Pan-Africanist programme:**
- b. publicly condemn this imperialist plot to overthrow the Traore government of Burkina;
- c. organise anti-US and anti-French demo's across Africa and the world to demand that they back-off Captain Traore and Africa's resources.
- d. compel the President of Cote D'Ivoire, Alassane Outtara to investigate and bring to book people domiciled in his country who allegedly planned and attempted the coup.
- e. demand that the African Union (AU) and ECOWAS break their silence and unequivocally denounce foreign interference in Burkina Faso and the Sahel.

The only path to true liberation is **continental unity under socialism**, where Africa's resources serve Africa's people and not Western corporations. The AES has shown the way; it is time to follow.

We must all join hands to **protect the sovereignty of Africa and her people**. We reaffirm our solidarity with the Burkinabe people and all anti-imperialist struggles around the world.

Down with Imperialism!

Long Live the African Revolution!

Forward Ever, Backward Never!

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