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## JUKE 26th 1972 - MESSAGE BY THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS OF SOUTH AFRICA TO THE BLACK PEOPLE OF SOUTH AFRICA.

June 26 is the National Day of rededication in the struggle of the oppressed and struggling masses of South Africa. It is a day to remember the heroic sons and daughters of our country who have shared blood in the struggle against naked white fascist oppression in our motherland. On this day the African National Congress of South Africa calls upon the oppressed Black people to rededicate themselves to the struggle for human rights and intensify the noble task of liberating our motherland from the clutches of racism and apartheid policies pursued by the white minority regime.

The oppressed and exploited masses of the people all over the world are up in arms fighting against the forces of colonialism and imperialism that have usurped their land and deprive them of human dignity. They are making great sacrifices to redeem their human dignity and fundamental liberties from the shackles of bondage. They are revolting against oppression, foreign domination and human degradation. They stand firm for National freedom and are prepared to pay the supreme price of death, if needs be, for it.

The oppressed struggling masses of our people are no exception to this quest for freedom and liberty. For centuries the Black people of our country have resisted and fought white tyranny and have refused to bow down to exploitation and oppression. Even after the banning of our organisation by the fascist regime in 1960 the people chose to work underground under harsh conditions of illegality.

The African National Congress of South Africa today calls on all our people to fight the fascist monster which rules roughshod over our beloved motherland. Resist all kinds of fascist intimidation and fight for the transfer of power to the indigenous people - the Africans.

White supremacy and fascist rule must be crushed violently. As we are observing this day, thousands of Youth and Students are up in arms against injustice and inequality in education, they demand self-determination in all spheres of life. The progressive mankind has seen the reaction of the South African Police to students' demonstrations. The students wanted a hearing from the authorities, instead they were baton-charged and the police set their dogs on them others were arrested and charged under the notorious Riotous Assemblies Act.

The resistance by the students against apartheid in education is a clarion call to our people. It is a sign that the Black giant is re-awakening.

The Black oppressed and struggling masses refuse to be subdued though the fascists have resorted to imprisoning our leaders, torturing all those they have arrested under their abominable racist laws. The fascists have even undertaken a delectable way of silencing us by assassi-

nating and murdering the best sons and daughters of our people, banishing and sending others to exile. We are determined to fight until we win our freedom even if the fascists try to curb us from our goal by all these horrible measures they use against us.

We call upon all the oppressed and exploited masses of the people of South Africa to unite and fight to destroy the apartheid monster.

We call upon the miners deep down in the bowels of the earth, we call upon the labourers in the Boer farms and farm jails; we call upon the workers in the factories, in the shops; we call upon domestic servants; we call upon the men who keep the railways going and those who bear heavy loads at the ports and harbours; we call upon the men who keep the towns and cities clean; we call upon teachers, nurses, doctors, sportsmen; we call upon all working people and peasants throughout the length and breadth of our country to rise and demand freedom for the Black majority.

Let us arm ourselves with the will-power and fearlessness of SHAKA; the endurance and vision of Moshoeshoe; the courage and resourcefulness of Sekhukhune; the tenacity and valour of Hintsa; the military sagacity of Magoma.

Yes June 26 is in memory and remembrance of those gallant sons of our motherland who laid down their lives in the struggle for freedom, justice and human dignity. Our forefathers fought the white invaders with spears and assegais. The oppressors were armed with modern weapons as they are to this day. They receive enormous supplies of arms and other military equipment from the imperialist countries who do not wish to see us free and ruling ourselves in our own land. All these armaments will not deter us from our noble goal - freedom in our lifetime.

We are at war with white fascist South Africa and all its supporters. Prepare for a bitter and protracted struggle. You have the right and duty to use every weapon. No force from outside will liberate the Black people. Rely on your own strength.

Lastly let us think of all the patriots languishing in Vorster's dungeons - Mandela, Sisulu, Mbeki, Goldberg, Mlangeni, Bram Fischer, Motsoaledi, Ahmed Kathrada and many others.

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