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**TRIBUTE TO AMILCAR CABRAL; A GREAT LEADER OF THE PAN-AFRICAN REVOLUTION**

The Socialist Movement of Ghana (SMG) and the Amilcar Cabral School commemorates the 51 years of the brutal assassination of Amilcar Lopez da Costa Cabral. Amilcar Cabral was assassinated on the 20<sup>th</sup> January, 1973 by fascist Portugal after they had sensed defeat by the guerrilla forces of the African Party for the independence of Guinea and Cape Verde (PAIGC) led by Amilcar Cabral.

Amilcar Cabral formed the PAIGC in 1956 as the Political Instrument that was to play the leading role in the historic struggle against Portuguese Colonialism that subjected the people for decades in a process of exploitation and oppression. Amilcar Cabral was deeply committed to the liberation of the people of Guinea Bissau and Cape Verde – he was committed to every just course in the world – he saw in himself as part of a vast front of struggle for the good of humanity.

Amilcar Cabral was a Marxist intellectual, a revolutionary theoretician, a political leader and a military strategist that committed most of his life to the struggle for the emancipation of the African People from the yoke of colonialism and neocolonialism. He was instrumental in the struggle against brutal Portuguese colonialism in Angola, Mozambique and the Islands of Principe and Sao Tome.

We salute his unwavering commitment to Pan-Africanism and Internationalism – driving Cabral's zeal was an uncompromising Pan-Africanist and internationalist conviction. Although much of his thinking reflects revolutionary nationalism, he nevertheless articulated clear ideas about Pan-African unity and international solidarity. Cabral regarded the armed national liberation struggle in Portuguese Guinea as part of the broader struggle to free Africa from colonialism and neocolonialism, as one aspect of the general struggle of oppressed peoples against imperialism.

Cabral was an avowed admirer of Dr Kwame Nkrumah and participated in the All-African People's Conference held in Accra from the 8 – 13 December, 1958. The Conference was instrumental charting a clear path for the liberation of the rest of Africa – Cabral would later develop an enduring relationship with Nkrumah and him as "the head of state in Africa he admired the most"

The magnitude of Cabral's internationalism was reflected in his numerous declarations of commitment to every just course in the world – the essence of which was spelt out in a 1968 interview given to Tricontinental magazine: "we have a basic principle, the defense of just cause – we are in favor of justice, human progress and the freedom of the people". Cabral expressed strong solidarity with the struggle of the Vietnamese against the most shameful and unjustifiable aggression of US imperialism.



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As an agronomist, Amilcar Cabral conducted an agricultural census to understand the full pattern of exploitation in Guinea Bissau and Cape Verde – the census was instrumental in helping him understand the level of poverty and deprivation of his people – it also helped him construct a political education program. Cabral had always maintained that the only true way to liberate his people from colonialism was through collective action and it was possible only through a proper understanding of the material reality of the people.

51 years after his assassination, Amilcar Cabral continues to inspire the African dream, his theory and practice remains relevant in our quest to liberate our people from poverty and deprivation Amilcar Cabral is and will continue to be a symbol of the reservoir from which the water of liberation will be drawn.

As the Socialist Movement tries to organize the working people of our country and the world in our bold attempt to defeat capitalism, we will never forget the bold words of Cabral “Tell no lies.... claim no easy victories; but all the time explain, discuss, debate, argue, learn and above all lead”.

We are encouraged by Cabral’s ideas and practice as a call to action in our fight for the realization of human centred production relations crucial for the progress of humanity and the further development of society.

Long live Amilcar Cabral!!

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