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WE REMEMBER JUNE 16.

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"WE REFUSE TO BEG FOR OUR FREEDOM, BECAUSE IT IS OUR RIGHT TO BE FREE."

June 16.....The day dawned fine and clear, as one and a half million people prepared themselves for work. Within hours, the blue sky was filled with smoke from raging fires, the air was filled with echoes of pistols, rifles, RI's, sub-machine guns, tear-gases and the roar of helicopters at the same time the crying echo of a teenager....HECTOR PETERSON from Mfelo Park.

IT WAS TO BE A DAY THAT WOULD CHANGE SOUTH AFRICAN HISTORY. THE DAY ON WHICH 15 000 STUDENTS STOOD UP AND SAID "TO HELL WITH BANTU EDUCATION". THE DAY ON WHICH STUDENTS HIGHLIGHTED THEIR GRIEVANCES THROUGH THE MEDIA AND DEFIED THE RACIST FIRING SQUAD. FROM NOW ON WE SHOULD KNOW THAT EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT OF EDUCATION? AND THAT OUR PARENTS HAVE A PRIOR RIGHT TO CHOOSE THE KIND OF EDUCATION THAT SHALL BE GIVEN TO US. EDUCATION HAS TO BE DIRECTED TO THE FULL DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTEOUS AND FREEDOM? NOW CAN THIS BE ACHIEVED IF THE EDUCATION IS NOT FREE, DYNAMIC, COMPULSORY AND EQUAL.

THE STATE SHALL HAVE TO RESPECT THE RIGHT OF PARENTS TO ENSURE SUCH EDUCATION AND PHILOSOPHICAL CONVICTION. BUT HOW CAN THIS BE ACHIEVED IN THIS 'CHRISTIAN COUNTRY OF SOUTH AFRICA' WHERE THE MINORITY DECIDES FOR THE MAJORITY AND DENIES THEM THE RIGHT OF HUMANITY.

SO, WATCH IT AND RECOGNISE JUNE 16 AS STUDENTS' DAY!!!  
THE DOORS OF LEARNING AND OF CULTURE SHALL BE OPEN TO ALL'.

VICTORY IS CERTAIN

AMANDLA.....NGAWETHU

POWER AND SOLIDARITY TO THE PEOPLE!! MATIMBA.....ATENA

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