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On September 12, 1977 STEVE BANTU BIKO died in the hands of the S.A. fascist police in collaboration with like-minded doctors. The legacy of BIKO shall never die.

"STEVE BIKO is our magnifying glass. Through him and his fate the whole spectrum of South African reality is exposed. Perhaps it was always visible; but now it comes sharply into focus. What was confusing is clarified. What was obscure is revealed".

In BIKO's life and death we learn that:

1. Power and wealth cannot be willingly surrendered by usurpers.
2. S.A. is built on violence - democracy and freedom are suppressed by the gun.
3. No amount of violence or racist strategies can win legitimacy for the ruling racists.
4. There is no price too high to pay for freedom of one's country.
5. The West and S. Africa feed on Black land dispossession and powerlessness.

BIKO fought against a system of apartheid and racial capitalism, a system which:

1. Supports racist education for subservience and slavery.
2. White domination based on a strategy of divide-and-rule.
3. Fragments our country and robs Blacks of their land and its wealth.
4. Strips Black people of their full citizenship.
5. Ensures privilege and advantage for the minority on the economic, social and political spheres of life.
6. Deprives Blacks of shelter, bread and all basic rights.
7. Thrives on creating a large herd of unemployed and thus create cheap labour.

A fitting tribute to BIKO, Kwame Nkurumah and all champions of our struggle is to fight for a DEMOCRATIC, ANTI-RACIST WORKER REPUBLIC IN AZANIA, and to pledge ourselves to struggle tirelessly for:

1. The abolition of all laws that discriminate against our people on the basis of colour, sex, religion and language.
2. The abolition of all influx control measures and pass laws.
3. The abolition of all resettlement and group areas removals.
4. Reintegration of the bantustan human dumping grounds into a unitary AZANIA.

Inspired by a revolutionary consciousness, we must mobilise and consolidate the solidarity of the exploited and oppressed. We must also be vigilant against treacherous and opportunistic "leaders".

WE REJECT ALL APARTHEID ELECTIONS AND STRUCTURES.

VIVA NATIONAL FORUM AND THE MANIFESTO OF THE AZANIAN PEOPLE!

OUR WATCHWORD IS:

- * Anti-racism and anti-imperialism.
- * Non-collaboration with the oppressor and its political instruments.
- * Independent working-class organisation.
- * Opposition to all alliances with ruling-class parties.



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