

TRIBUTE TO THE FALLEN GALLANT SON OF THE SOIL, AN
INDOMITABLE PAN- AFRICANIST, A REVOLUTIONARY OF NOTE AND A
GREAT FRIEND: FEZILE LAWRENCE MVULA: 1959 /06/09 -2020/05/23



The late Fezile Mvula was beyond complexities and sophistication, a simple and a humble human being, a formidable force for good and a revolutionary who always had his feet firmly on the ground. In this regard, he was moulded to fit the purpose of a true revolutionary.

Furthermore, he was one of the courageous and bravest few who in the darkened days of apartheid and colonialism when it was not fashionable to be a revolutionary rekindled the flames of pan-Africanism in the country in the late 70s. That subsequently led to the creation of the Azanian National Youth Unity (AZANYU), the youth wing of the Pan Africanist Congress of Azania (PAC), of which he became its founding Vice President whilst one became the founding President.

He had an immense sense of sincerity to the cause of the liberation struggle for the repossession of the land and the restoration of the dignity of the dispossessed people, and a transparent courage, steely determination and a terrifying arsenal of knowledge. Crucially, all his traits and attributes that he used with great effect have evidently manifested themselves in the following words of Prophet Kahil Gibran from his Spiritual Sayings,

“I prefer to be a dreamer among the humblest, with visions to be realized, than lord among those without dreams and desires.”

It is these visions , dreams and desires that strengthened his determination and commitment which turned him into a revolutionary steely spear fashioned out of the furnace of fire , that made it possible for him not to be deterred by his incarceration in Robben Island from 1978-1983 for propagating and championing the aims and objectives of the PAC. His incarceration in Robben Island enabled him to be much stronger and resolute in his fierce belief in pan-Africanism so much so that immediately after his release, he did not even hesitate when summoned by the PAC leadership in exile to swell the ranks of its military wing (Azanian People's Liberation Army (APLA)).

He came back from exile in 1994 after the unbanning of the PAC, ANC, SACP and the BCM, and was integrated into the State Security. Owing to the wealth of knowledge he possessed and his insatiable passion for education and training, he was appointed as a trainer of cadets at the State apparatus in question, an assignment he carried with class and distinction.

The funeral service of this noble Son of the Soil will take place at Gugulethu in the Western Cape on Monday, 01/06/2020.

His memory will live with us for his noblest services, and may his gracious soul rest in eternal peace.

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