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contribution to the struggle of oppressed peoples worldwide cannot and must not be ignored. Saif Qaddafi, when asked about the position of his father and family, said this battle is not about one man and his family, it is about Libya and the direction it will take.

That direction has always been controversial. In 1982, The World Mathaba was established in Libya. Mathaba means a gathering place for people with a common purpose. The World Mathaba brought together revolutionaries and freedom fighters from every corner of the globe to share ideas and develop their revolutionary knowledge. Many liberation groups throughout the world received education, training and support from Muammar Qaddafi and the Libyan revolution including ANC, AZAPO, PAC and BCM of



Azania (South Africa), SWAPO of Namibia, MPLA of Angola, The Sandinistas of Nicaragua, The Polisario of the Sahara, the PLO, The Native American Movements throughout the Americas, The Nation of Islam led by Louis Farrakhan to name but a few. Nelson Mandela called

Muammar Qaddafi one of this century's greatest freedom fighters, and insisted that the eventual collapse of the apartheid system owed much to Qaddafi and Libyan support. Mandela said that in the darkest moments of their struggle, when their backs were to the wall, it was Muammar Qaddafi

who stood with them. The late African freedom fighter, Kwame Ture, referred to Qaddafi as 'a diamond in a cesspool of African misleaders'.

The hideous notion being perpetuated by the media and reactionary forces, inside and outside of Libya, that this is just

another story of a bloated dictatorship that has run its course is a deliberate distortion. In the words of the Islamic scholar Mahmoud Ayoub:

"For millions of the oppressed of Asia, Africa and Latin America, Qaddafi is a hero, a comrade in the revolutionary struggle against imperialism, exploitation and racism. In short, Qaddafi has been loved and hated, admired and ridiculed, and above all feared as an impulsive politician who refuses to play the usual games of international diplomacy."

No one can deny Muammar Qaddafi's invaluable contribution to human emancipation and the universal truths outlined in his Green Book.

Progressive scholars in many parts of the world, including the West, have acclaimed The Green Book as an incisive critique of capitalism and the Western Parliamentary system.

In addition, there is no denying that the system of direct democracy posited by Qaddafi offers an alternative model and solution for Africa and the Third World, where multi-party so-called democracy has been a dismal failure, resulting in poverty, ethnic and tribal conflict and chaos.

Every revolution, since the beginning of time, has de-

fended itself against those who would want to roll back its gains. Europeans should look back into their own bloody history to see that this includes the American, French and Bolshevik revolutions. Marxists speak of Trotsky and Lenin's brutal suppression of the Kronstadt rebellion by the Red Army as being a 'tragic necessity'.

Let's get it right: The battle in Libya is not about peaceful protesters versus an armed and hostile State. All sides are heavily armed and hostile. The battle being waged in Libya is essentially a battle between those who want to see a united and liberated Libya and Africa, free of neo-colonialism and neo-liberal capitalism and free to construct systems of governance compatible with the African and Arab personalities and cultures and those who find this entire notion repugnant. And both sides are willing to pay the ultimate price to defend their position.

Make no mistake, if Qaddafi and the Libyan revolution are defeated by this opportunistic conglomerate of reactionaries and racists, then progressive forces worldwide and the African Unification project will suffer a huge defeat and set back.

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"We are committed to promoting and including women in the mainstream activity of the diamond business and to this end, we are proud to announce that Mrs Hulda Kangandjela is the first ever female senior government diamond valuator in Namibia, if not in the world," said Eiseb.

"Namibia as a country can pride itself in its pioneering work to have the first ever team of Government Diamond Valuators that is young, dynamic, forward thinking and more than capable to offer professional service to the government of Namibia."

Founding President gladly accepted the donation and said it would be put to good use, especially when it came to helping science and technology students. He said such subjects were important if the country had to develop.

"Education is a key to knowledge and knowledge is the key to development," he said. "We cannot develop this country if we do not train our own people in critical areas such as science and mathematics, geology and agriculture.

"Agriculture is very important because through it we will be self-sufficient in food production. You cannot talk politics to hungry people. Therefore food security is priority number one among priorities."