

## Reclaiming

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Romans who came from all over Europe and the Mediterranean including the Berbers, Greeks, Britons, Germans, Thracians, Gauls, Jews, Arabs, the Mamlukes warriors in Egypt, the Irish in England, the Caucasian and Georgian women slaves from the North Caucasus in Turkish homes, the Nepalese workers by the old Khmer Empire. *Therefore to talk about racism as if it is the particular preserve of the relationship between Westerners and the people of African descent is at best ill-informed and at worst disingenuous*, said Professor Prah who then went on to suggest that what we should focus on at this stage to get off the ground and going is a cultural movement which will provide in effect confidence and affirmation for our people with regard to our historical heritage and cultural patrimony. Concluded the author; In other words, the reclamation of values, tenets and institutions of our African heritage. Under-scoring this, The Organization of Afro-America Unity issued a Statement of its Basic Aim's and Objectives and contends that "A race of people is like an individual man; until it uses its own talent, takes pride in its own history, expresses its own culture, affirms its own selfhood it can never fulfill itself". The Organization of Afro-America Unity further said "We must re-

*capture our heritage and our... We must launch a cultural revolution to un-brainwash an entire people."*

All the naysayers and non-believers, who believe that we cannot come together, we should prove them wrong. At the same time let all the believers come together and we will prove that as African people that we can come together and show the world that we can bring a new humanity to the world. And we will no longer depend on others for what we need to be doing for ourselves. Pan Africanism is the only way that we have; we can no longer be separated as a people.

This was the dream of Henry Sylvester Williams, George Padmore, W.E.B. Du Bois the first black Harvard's PhD, C.L.R. James, Dr Kwame Nkrumah of Ghana, Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt, Ahmed Ben Bella of Algeria, Ahmed Sekou Touré of Guinea, Modibo Keita of Mali, General Murtala Mohamed of Nigeria, Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere of Tanzania, Jomo Kenyatta of Kenya, Patrice Lumumba of Congo, Chief Nnamdi Azikiwe, Dr. Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia, Dr Antonio Augustinho Neto of Angola, and the icons of our liberation struggle in Southern Africa such as Presidents Robert Mugabe of Zimbabwe, Dr. Sam Nujoma of Namibia, Nelson Mandela of South Africa, and others such as Cheikh Anta Diop, Dr. John Henrik Clarke, and many others who

worked and devoted their lives for the people of Africa.

So if you have a problem of being something that you are, then let us have the opportunity to show you and to explain to you, why you are brainwashed into thinking you're not African, that our only salvation is through Pan Africanism created by Africans for Africans far from the western and eastern ideologies. Let no religion, ideology, age, color, class, or hate towards each other keep us apart. George Padmore wrote long ago that "Pan-Africanism looks above the narrow confines of class, race, tribe and religion" and it is out of these concerns that

I too find this conceptual definition of only continental Africa or the Africa divided into two halves of Arabs and Sub-Sahara Africa and the Africa divided into religions, exclusivist, since our first Fighters were trained in Egypt and our Founding Father had to travel all the way from Algeria carrying two sub-machine guns and a pistol, with which we launched our armed liberation struggle on the 26 of August, 1996. Nevertheless, we should not forget our brothers and sisters losing their identity and many innocent lives considered as collateral damage in the Sudan.

The establishment of the United States of Africa will demand that people give allegiance to a much larger community than we have ever realized. We are at the historic crossroads where this has to become

the African reality. A promotion of African culture from the simplest institutions to the most complex must be our objective every day of our lives. For that reason, we propose the following

### Emerging minimum bases for Pan-Africanism:

There must be an active and genuine promotion of African culture as determined by symbols, motifs, rituals, education, scripts, proverbs, and ceremonies. (2) There must be an emotional attachment to the subject-place of Africans in any social, political, economic, architectural, literary, or religious phenomenon with implications for gender and class consideration. This is something clearly meant to produce a citizenry ready to defend its homeland. No one should be permitted to marginalize any African in any situation.

Our collective response to being placed on the periphery

of world history must be total rejection of that position. (3) There must be an active defense of African cultural elements as historically valid in the context of art, music, education, science, and literature. If you study art, education, science, literature, philosophy, or mathematics, first interrogate it from the standpoint of African culture. (4) There must be a celebration of "centeredness" and agency and an uncompromising commitment to lexical refinement that eliminates pejoratives about Africans.

Our intention must be to reshape language so that all negativity, gathered for five hundred years, against Africa and Africans, is destroyed. (5) There must be an openness to include all of the achievements and contributions of African people as the collective gift of Africa to humanity.

What this implies is that those who were born outside of the

continent and reside in thousands of places around the globe must be seen as adding to the historical flow of African life. They have been moved away but have never been detached as their poets have sang brilliantly of Africa in Jamaica, Haiti, Colombia, Costa Rica, Trinidad, Guadeloupe, Brazil, Surinam, Venezuela, Puerto Rico, Cuba, Uruguay, Ecuador, Peru, the United States, Canada, and islands too numerous to mention. In a word, let us reclaim the values and Institutions of African Heritage.

When the battle is won, let history be able to say of each one of us. He / She was a dedicated patriot, DIGNITY was his country, MANHOOD was his government, and FREEDOM was his land" (John Oliver).

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## Interpol issues arrest warrant for WikiLeaks founder

PARIS, — Interpol on Tuesday issued an arrest warrant for WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange over rape allegations.

The France-based international police organization issued a "red notice" for Assange — the equivalent of putting him on its most-wanted list — after Sweden issued an arrest warrant for him as part of a drawn-out rape investigation.



Wikileaks founder Julian Assange listens during a news conference on the internet release of secret documents about the Iraq War, in London October 23, 2010.

Assange, a 39-year-old Australian, came to Sweden in August seeking to stay because his website servers are in the country. However, his application was denied in October. During his stay, he was accused of raping and molesting two women.

Assange, a former computer hacker whose whereabouts are unknown, has denied the allegations.

He said the allegations are a smear campaign by the Pentagon against him because he released thousands of classified U.S. war reports from Afghanistan and Iraq.

Court documents filed by prosecutors allege that Assange is suspected of raping and sexu-

ally molesting a woman in the town of Enköping. He also was suspected of the sexual molestation and unlawful coercion of a second woman in Stockholm.

The two women attended a seminar held by Assange and six days later, they both launched the allegations, the court document said.

A Stockholm prosecutor immediately started a rape investigation, but the case was dropped the next day.

WikiLeaks has recently published an unprecedented 400,000 classified U.S. documents on the Iraq war and posted 77,000 secret U.S. files on the Afghan conflict in July. (Xinhua)



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### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: MINISTRY OF LANDS AND RESETTLEMENT

INVITATION FOR QUOTATIONS TO MOVE FURNITURE AND OFFICE EQUIPMENT FROM THE MINISTRY OF LAND AND RESETTLEMENT (BRENDAN SIMBWAYE SQUARE, BRB AND DEEDS OFFICES) TO THE NEW MINISTERIAL HEAD QUARTERS IN ROBERT MUGABE AVENUE, N0: 55.

The Ministry of Lands and Resettlement plan to move to the new Head Quarters during the period of December 2010 to January 2011, thus the Ministry would like to invite interested companies for a site visit to inspect the furniture and office equipment which would be moved from the old offices to the **New Head Quarters**. Sites to be visited are the current Head Quarters, at Brendan Simbwaye Square, Block A, BRB building at Dr. A.B. May Street, Deeds and Surveys building at Robert Mugabe Avenue 45 and the new Ministerial Head Quarters at Robert Mugabe Avenue 55.

After viewing of the furniture and office equipment, interested companies are expected to submit quotations for the movement of furniture and equipment to the new Ministerial Head Quarters building in Robert Mugabe Avenue 55. Quotations should indicate the capacity to carry out the job in terms of the number of employees and resources, as well as the duration to carry out this job. Interested Companies should contact **Jordan Atshipara @ Tel: 296 53 00** or **Julia Metz @ Tel: 296 5321**. Arrangement dates to view offices and obtain an Inventory list are as from **6-8 DECEMBER 2010**.

Inventories for furniture and office equipment to be moved are available at office number **001**, Ground Floor, Brendan Simbwaye Square, telephone **061 2965300/0811220110**.

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