

14TH SEPTEMBER, 2019.
NATIONAL SPORTS STADIUM,
HIS EXCELLENCY, CDE R. G. MUGABE,
REPUBLIC OF ZIMBABWE,
PRESIDENT OF THE
STATE FUNERAL OF THE LATE FORMER
AT THE
HIS EXCELLENCY, DR E. D. MNANGAGWA,
REPUBLIC OF ZIMBABWE,
THE PRESIDENT OF THE
BY
EULOGY



**HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT AND
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ZIMBABWE
DEFENCE FORCES,
DOCTOR EMMERSON DAMBUZO MNANGAGWA.**



Director of ceremonies;
The Bereaved Mugaabe family;
The First Lady, Amai Auxillia Mnangagwa;
Honourable Vice President, General (Rtd)
Dr C.G. D.N. Chiwenga and Amai Chiwenga;
Honourable Vice President, Colonel (Rtd)
K.C.D. Mohadi and Amai Mohadi;
Your Excellencies, Heads of State and Government,
Prime Ministers and Deputy Prime Ministers
and Special Envoys, here present;
Your Excellencies, Former Heads of State and
Government;
Honourable Speaker of the National Assembly,
Advocate J. F. Mudenda;
President of the Senate, Honourable M.M.
Chinomona;
Chief Justice, Honourable L. Malaba;
Members of the Politburo and Central Committee;
Members of the Diplomatic Corps;
Dignitaries and Delegations from different parts of
the World;

Indeed, the bold, steadfast and resolute revolutionary, Cde Robert Gabriel Mugabe, is no more, taken away from us, we the people he fought hard to free, liberate and empower.

On Friday 6th September 2019, a dark cloud loomed over and enveloped our country, when the Founding Father of independent Zimbabwe, our Revolutionary Icon, Statesman, Leader, Wartime Commander and Former President, Cde Robert Gabriel Mugabe, passed on at a hospital in Singapore. A giant tree of Africa, has fallen.

Comrades and Friends.

Ladies and Gentlemen;

Fellow Mourners;

here present;

War Veterans, War Collaborators and Ex-Detainees

Representatives of Political Parties;

Honourable Ministers here present;

On behalf of the Government and people of Zimbabwe; the ruling Party, ZANU PF, the Party

Today, Zimbabwe is mourning the demise of her great son of the soil, a visionary and the champion of our empowerment. Today, Southern Africa mourns, the sad loss of a front-liner. Today, Africa weeps, grieving over the loss of a true Pan-African. Our motherland is in tears, our region is in grief, and our continent is in sorrow! Above all, a family is stricken, and in deep sorrow.

Taken away, from a Continent into which he was born, he loved, inspired and sought always to inculcate a sense of pride, independence and freedom. Seeking always to carry on the torch of his generation, a torch of heroic nationalism, patriotism, sacrifice, unity and freedom. Thanks to Comrade Robert Gabriel Mugabe and his rare breed of Pan-Africanists, nationalists and freedom fighters, the once shackled Africa, is forever free.

of our late Founding Father, and indeed also on behalf of all the progressive political parties; may I yet again, convey my deepest, heartfelt condolences to the Mugabe Family, ~~Amai Grace Mugabe and the children, on this sad bereavement. We empathise with you, it is our loss together.~~

Allow me to thank the Former First Lady, Her Excellency, Amai Grace Mugabe and the family, for looking after and caring for our Commander, during his illness, right through to the end. The fortitude, commitment and love you exemplified, is admirable and should forever be emulated. *Tinotenda, siyabonga.* Be rest assured that you will continue to have my support and that of my Government, in these moments of grief.

Comrades and Friends;

The late Founding Father, Cde Mugabe, was a great scholar, thinker, teacher and above all, a true African. He taught a generation, led a nation,

inspired a continent, spoke for the oppressed and defined the politics and economics of an epoch. The man who lies before us, was for years, our leader, our commander, mentor and our President, both in the Party and in Government.

Among the mourners gathered here are many fellow comrades from the region and continent and the world who worked and fought alongside our dearly departed father. There are elder Statesmen, Presidents and Prime Ministers; great men and women, young and old, as well as dignitaries from all corners of the world; pulled here by the demise of this colossus, Cde Robert Gabriel Mugabe. Today, we all grieve together, feeling the void he has left behind.

We are humbled by your presence here to mourn with us. We are equally comforted by the many more who could not be with us physically; but sent moving tributes and expressed their deepest condolences.

It is now incumbent on us who remain in the land
Africa's struggles for independence and statehood.
These gallant men will forever remain the symbol of

good Lord continue to watch over him.

Mzee Kenneth Kaunda remains alone; may the
"Mwalimu" Kambarage Nyerere of Tanzania. Now
Samora Moses Machel of Mozambique and Julius
Neto of Angola; Sir Seretse Khama of Botswana;
passed on; such as the late, Comrades Augustino
of leaders of the Frontline States; the rest having
were the only two survivors from the generation
Dr Mzee Kenneth Kaunda and Cde Mugabe,
The Founding President of the Republic of Zambia,

his life.

For years and generations to come, we shall continue
to draw inspiration from the life, leadership,
courage, valour and bravery of this great man we
here, fondly called "Gushungo". A true statesman,
who resolutely defended our country, throughout

But today the truth is laid bare and open, we honour and remember our late African icon, in our special own way, demonstrating that he had many friends, allies, and followers. As he moves on from this life, into another, his star rises; it shines high and bright. We, who remain, shall continue to hear his rich, brave, defiant and inspiring voice which we grew

A statement which exposes a lie heavily sponsored by a retrogressive narrative, falsely framing the late Cde Mugabe; giving him many false names, routinely and systematically vilifying him.

I want to thank you all who continue to console our nation, sharing our grief. Your presence in such huge numbers today and your kind words of comfort; from across nations and continents, is solace and a strong statement.

of the living, to carry on the rich heritage they bequeathed to us.

As Zimbabwe, we shall ride on the education and high literacy levels bequeathed to us by our late great teacher and educator. As a visionary, he understood the importance of a solid education, as well as science and technology in the future

Let us boldly play our part in setting the wrongs of the world right. We must continue to challenge an unfair world, opposing injustice, racism and all forms of oppression of man by man.

As Africa moves further towards integration and economic prosperity, let us all stand ready to take up the cause which the generation of our late Commander fought for:

accustomed to on various international platforms; beyond his grave, encouraging and warning us to be vigilant and astute; always guarding and protecting our freedom, our independence and indeed our God given resources.

Comrades;

The policies of our late Revolutionary Icon, with regards to peace and security, were not only defining in ensuring the territorial integrity of our great country, but had a far reaching impact on the region and the continent as a whole. His strong stance on the need to protect and preserve African independence was evident within the Frontline States, during the fight against apartheid and in the management, prevention and resolution of conflicts on the continent at large.

world. As Africa, let us find our niche within the fast unfolding 4th Industrial Revolution, leveraging on our youthful population, abundant, untapped natural resources and expansive combined market. We dare not be left behind. Our destiny is in our hands. The late Cde Mugabe and other Founding Fathers of our continent played their part. Let us now play our

