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**W**e are devastated and numbed by the death of President Samora Machel.

He was a friend, counsellor and ally of our struggle and our people -- a beloved leader and a highly esteemed comrade.

In the course of winning genuine African independence and the development of progressive ideals, President Machel offered his country, its people and its resources for the greater benefit of the continent's struggle to rid itself of colonialism, imperialism and all forms of oppression.

He, more than anybody else, gave a new meaning to African independence.

In an age when independence on our continent merely meant the transfer of power from white elites to black elites, while the masses of our people continued to suffer untold deprivation, hunger and exploitation -- Samora Machel spearheaded the movement that saw past the pale of tribalism, race and colour.

Machel left a revolution unfinished, for he believed, and quite rightly, that no part of the sub-continent could claim to be free, until all the peoples of the region were free.

It is a task that has to be completed urgently.

Why was Samora Moises Machel so important to our country and our continent?

Because he was such a bold, forthright and courageous leader.

Because he removed the African struggle from the narrow and dangerous confines of tribalism and superstition, and made us see beyond the illusion.

He made us understand that Africa's political independence would be meaningless until she achieved a new economic and social order.

By his singular breadth of vision, the clarity of his ideological line and force of his personality -- Machel brought to his country and the region the conviction that not only was People's Power achievable, but that it is in fact unavoidable.

We mourn you deeply beloved comrade Samora Machel, we mourn with the heroic people of Mozambique. A part of us has died with you -- but as you yourself so steadfastly asserted; "Aluta continua - the struggle continues." So be it.