

# Sri Lankan tribute to Samora Machel

SIR — Comrade Samora Moises Machel patriot, freedom fighter and liberator is no more. He was a great man among men, a leader among leaders, above all, a true and loyal friend and a great African of this century.

A man who not only fought for the freedom of his people, but helped his fellow Africans to fight for theirs. To the very last days and even hours of his life he tried to protect that freedom, and in

doing so, he sacrificed his very life for it.

It is said that there is no greater love in a man, than he who gives his life for his friends. This supreme honour belongs to Samora Machel. His life sacrificed on the altar of freedom, justice and equality for the African people.

Samora Machel is dead, but his spirit will live forever, in the hearts of the African people. His memory enshrined in the hearts of all people who believe in freedom, justice and equality among mankind, no matter what their colour, race, tribe, nationality or religion may be.

His death is not only a loss to the Zimbabweans to whom he gave his unstinting support to the very last hours of his life, but leaves a void in the whole African continent. Among all nations and peoples who have fought and are still fighting for freedom, justice and equality.

May this man, who served his people with love and dedication, supported his fellow men with everything he had, may his soul find that eternal love, peace and justice which comes from God alone.

May the Mozambican people continue to fight their oppressors and find peace in their land.

Farewell Samora Machel! Thou faithful, gallant and steadfast warrior who fought well and died for Mother Africa!

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