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LETTER OF CONDOLENCE ON THE PASSING OF FREEDOM FIGHTER, COMMUNITY ACTIVIST AND MINISTER IN THE PRESIDENCY COMRADE JACKSON MPHIKWA MTHEMBU

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The Mthembu Family and Members of the African National Congress
C/o Comrade Jessie Duarte
Deputy Secretary General of the ANC

Dearest Comrades,

Awqaf SA is deeply saddened to receive the news of the passing of political activist, humanitarian, freedom fighter and Minister in the Presidency, comrade Jackson Mphikwa Mthembu.

Our heartfelt condolences go to the family, friends, and members of the ANC on the passing of Comrade Mthembu. May the Almighty endow patience to his family, comrades, and compatriots during this difficult time.

Comrade Jackson Mthembu was a selfless leader of the anti-apartheid movement and stalwart of human rights and a brave freedom fighter that fought for the rights of the oppressed not only in South Africa but also globally irrespective of race, religion, tribe, or nationality.

In particular, comrade Jackson was unwavering in his support for the oppressed in Palestine and other parts of the world where the vulnerable are subjected to oppression and the violation of their human rights and dignity.

As a political activist, comrade Mthembu was subjected to regular incarceration and harassment by the Apartheid regime. Yet his unwavering determination for the liberation of South Africa saw him fearlessly joining several anti-apartheid efforts like the eMalahleni Civic Association and the United Democratic Front (UDF). Furthermore, he was instrumental in the formation of the Metal and Allied Workers Union (MAWU), the predecessor of the National Union of Metal Workers (NUMSA).

During his tenure as Minister in the Presidency, minister Mthembu through his humble, reassuring demeanour placed many South Africans at ease during the most difficult times of the COVID-19 pandemic. His deep concern for humanity, gentleness and humility is unparalleled in today's world.



South Africa will not be the same without this moral voice of reason and truth.

May God bless Comrade Jackson Mthembu and we thank his family for sharing him with South Africa.

Hamba Kahle Mkhonto

Yours sincerely



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