

STATEMENT OF THE POLITICAL  
BUREAU OF THE MPLA - WORKERS' PARTY

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(Unofficial translation)

The Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the MPLA-Workers' Party has the painful duty to announce the death of our beloved President Doctor Agostinho Neto which occurred in Moscow on September the tenth 1979, at forty five minutes past four Angolan time, as a result of the grave illness from which he suffered and not the operation to which he was submitted in an unsuccessful attempt to save his life.

A profound and sorrowful anguish and major emotion affect us at this tragic hour.

However, the unforgettable example of his life demands of each of us at this moment the sacred duty to emulate his serene, firm and perseverent image.

The life and the struggle of Comrade Doctor Agostinho Neto creates historical standards for our country, because in him were found the virtues of a revolutionary without self interest; of a total militant, intellectual and universal poet, profoundly humane doctor, friendly chief, brilliant leader, comrade of all hours, tireless servant of the people.

The evocation of his name and his memory will remain as an unceasing source of inspiration for us to continually engage in the struggle for the triumph of his ideals and teachings, to the cause of socialism, the installation of People's Power, the strengthening and the purity of the Party, for national unity of our country.

The memory of Comrade Doctor Agostinho Neto belongs today to all the People of the World, engaged in the struggle for freedom and the dignity of man.

Each worker, each peasant, each exploited man, each internationalist combatant, each Marxist-Leninist philosopher, will find in him a symbol of

of the just struggle, which goes beyond all borders, places him in the ranks of the greatest leaders of our time.

Comrade President Agostinho Neto led the Angolan Revolution in the victorious struggle for the whole of mankind.

Angolan People!

Militants of the MPLA-Workers' Party!

Comrades and Compatriots!

In the name of the glorious flag that our beloved Comrade President Agostinho Neto gave us, let us tighten ranks around the Central Committee of the MPLA-Workers' Party, fighting all who attempt to oppose his teachings and orientations and with resolute effort let us stand firm for the unbreakable decision to build the socialist country and the happiness of the Angolan People.

In the name of the Angolan People, of the Central Committee and the militants of the MPLA-Workers' Party, the Political Bureau extends to Comrade Maria da Silva Neto, beloved mother of Comrade President Agostinho Neto, to Comrade Mario Eugenia Neto, his dedicated wife and Comrade of all the hours, to his beloved children, brothers and relatives with whom he shared an entirely dedicated life to the struggle for liberation and independence of the Angolan People, expression of the most deeply felt condolences sharing the painful moment with all the Angolan Nation.

HONOUR AND GLORY TO COMRADE PRESIDENT  
AGOSTINHO NETO!

THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES!  
VICTORY IS CERTAIN!