

Newly Built Adwa Memorial Museum Depicts Sacrifices Paid by Ethiopians to Defeat Colonialism



Addis Ababa February 7/2024 (ENA) The newly built Adwa Memorial Museum depicts the sacrifices Ethiopians paid to defeat fascism and their contribution to the fight against colonialism, House of People's Representatives Standing Committee Chairperson Dima Negewo told ENA.

According to him, the museum is very important for the new generation of Ethiopians, Africans, and beyond, to understand the sacrifices Ethiopians paid to repulse colonialists.

Located in the Piasa area of the Ethiopian capital Addis Ababa, the Adwa Memorial Museum built 128 years after the Victory of Adwa, memorializes the sacrifices Ethiopians paid for their sovereignty and set examples for Africans to fight against colonialism.

As the African Union Assembly gathers in Addis Ababa this month, Ethiopia will unveil the powerful symbol of its rich history and enduring spirit --- the Adwa Memorial Museum, which serves as a poignant testament to the resilience, courage, and unity of a nation that defied fascism.

The chairperson of Foreign Relations and Peace Affairs Standing Committee described Ethiopia's victory at Adwa as a triumph for all colonized nations, particularly for Africa and people of African descent.

"Building this museum is vital for the new generation to understand the sacrifices of our forefathers for freedom. And when our African brothers visit it, they will see how deeply that sacrifice resonated across Africa."



Nicaragua's Ambassador Ali Waters Garth on his part underscored the museum's significance for Ethiopians, Africans, and Caribbean nations, highlighting its role in understanding "a turning point for the black struggle against colonialism."

The ambassador drew parallels between Nicaragua's fight against colonialism and the shared Afro-descendant heritage that binds the Caribbean and Africa and stressed the importance of the museum to preserve black peoples history.

"We visited the museum and we saw the history of Ethiopia, around this the victory also inspired other countries in Africa, other countries in America. So it's an important turning point in history against colonialism."

As Nicaraguan we are amazed and share the African battle, the African fight against colonialism where we also share history around that, Ambassador Garth noted.

Nicaragua was colonized by the Spanish after that British, it was learned.

"It's good to know where we're coming from, and the new generation to know about our history and our victory. So it (the victory) is important because this type of battle inspired big men in Latin America."

That decisive triumph not only protected Ethiopia's sovereignty but also reverberated across Africa and beyond to Latin America, strengthening Pan-Africanism and inspiring movements for freedom from colonialism.

The ambassador further pointed out that “this triumph moment will unite the South-South countries,” noting that BRICS will solidify this South-South cooperation.

Recall that in 1896 Ethiopian fighters, armed with traditional weaponry, secured a resounding victory against the modern Italian colonial force.

The Adwa Memorial Museum is a powerful reminder that Ethiopia's 1896 victory did not only stand to its sovereignty but also elevated its diplomatic standing, emboldened the fight against colonialism, and strengthened the Pan-African movement.

This beacon of unity and freedom serves as a potent symbol of the nation's unwavering spirit and its enduring commitment to freedom and collaboration.

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