

Reflections On African Liberation Movements Part 1

The term 'liberation movement' has been part of the political lexicon in Africa since the emergence of organised groups, usually armed, to free African countries or societies from the yoke of colonial rule. Interestingly, those that sought to achieve independence through peaceful means never qualified for the label. Instead, they became 'independence movements'. Liberation movements usually sprang up in countries where the colonial powers were so determined to frustrate calls for independence that they could kill to preserve the status quo.

In this episode, Dr. Golooba explains how the first-generation independence warriors or liberators made such extravagant promises that in the end, they were generally eventually unable to deliver.