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At the moment in which the struggle for liberation of the people of Angola reaches its highest point since 1961, thanks to the determination of the MPLA, Holden's group, trying to attribute to its activities a "patriotic" image, is intensifying the kidnappings and assassinations of MPLA militants and other Angolan patriots.

In carrying out its manoeuvres, whose beneficiaries are only the Portuguese colonialists, Holden and his group is taking advantage of the freedom of action granted to him by the government of Congo (Kinshasa). By refraining from responding to the fratricide acts of provocation of the Holden groups the MPLA is actually avoiding to pervert the struggle of our people as well as avoid creating serious difficulties to the brother people of Congo (Kinshasa) who has fraternally given asylum to a good number of Angolan refugees.

However this state of affairs can no longer go on unchecked. The blood of many Angolan patriots who have already fallen, in the exercise of their patriotic duty, require the immediate and definite cessation of this deliberate sabotage of our struggle by Holden and his group.

The facts we present in the following paragraphs have the objective to clarify and make known to the African leaders that the MPLA finds it impossible to continue tolerating these crimes of the so-called "g.r.a.e."

1. On October, 1961 an armed detachment of the MPLA, whose mission was to rescue the population of the region of DEMBOS which had been massacred by holdenist bands, fell in the hands of Holden's men near FUESSE. Twenty-one patriots were assassinated: THOMAS FERREIRA, (Commander), Daniel CASTRO, Manuel GUIMARAES, Joao GOMES, Rui MELO, Domingos FRANCISCO, Sebastiao GOMES, Joao DOMINGOS, Joaquim FRANCISCO, Jacinto MAHUMBA, Almeida MIGUEL, Augusto MARINGI, Antonio BASTOS, Jose GOMES, Mendes VALADAS, Domingos MIGUEL, Lueia DUNGO, Joao SIMAO, MIGUEL, and Joao MATEUS.
2. In 1962 Marcos KASSANGA then head of the General's Staff of the UPA denounced in a press conference, the assassination of more than 8,000 Angolans by militants of his own group. Generally among the victims were members of the MPLA, people who didn't speak Kikongo, primary school teachers, protestant pastors, catholic priests, students, mulattoes, all Angolans, eager to fight against Portuguese colonial domination.
3. Also in 1962, armed groups of the UPA assassinated their own commander Joao Batista TRAVES PEREIRA, who was suspected by Holden of having sympathies vis-a-vis the MPLA.
4. On the 26th of March, 1963 three MPLA militants—Antonio AMBROSIO, Antonio NOBEMBA, and Jacinto MANUEL—were arbitrarily detained in the LOUZOUMU JAIL under instigation of UPA.
5. On April of 1963 a guerrilla detachment of the MPLA on its way to NAMBUANGONGO fell into an ambush prepared by the UPA bands, on the border of LOGE River. Thirteen patriots—Goncalo LUIS, Luis PEREIRA, Kabandu KATOKO, Domingos de SILVA, Pascoal MUBAU, Joao GONCALVES, Joao MAHINGA, Miranda ASSUREIRA, Pedro FRANNCISCO, Jose SEBASTIAO, Antonio JOAO, Sebastiao CORREIA, and BERNADO—met their death here.
6. Miranda MARCELINO, member of the Director Committee of the MPLA and Manuel MORAIS were kidnapped at KIFUTA (Angola) on April, 1963. Thanks to their courage they managed to escape from an ignoble assassination by Holden's men.
7. Almost on the same occasion four members of the MPLA—Manuel GONCALVES, Jose GRISTIANO, CORREIA, and Bastos VICENTE—were also kidnapped when a group of students, MPLA members, was escaping from Angola to the DRC. They also were assassinated by Holden's men, in the banks of LOGE RIVER, as they were about to cross it.
8. Daniel CHIPENDA and Jose CONDESSE members of the Director Committee of the MPLA were arbitrarily arrested by the Congolese authorities in Kinshasa, following orders of Holden, on the 22nd of November, 1963.

9. During the first days of 1964, three other militants of the MPLA—Joao MEKONGO, Manuel MORAIS, and Adriano CARLO—were kidnapped in Kinshasa and transferred to the concentration camp in KINKUZU. The first two are still in Kinkuzu while the last one was ASSASSINATED in the month of November, 1966 after almost three years of detention.
10. In March of 1964 at KICHANGASSALA, eight MPLA militants, among them SEBASTIAO (President of the Regional Committee of Quibaxe), Jose CASTRO, Andrade de KADIMUKA and Gomes ANDRE were kidnapped, tortured, until they finally escaped.
11. On July, 1964 twenty-three militants led by Domingos ANTONIO, Conceicao BERNARDO (a protestant pastor) and Pascoal VANDUNEM (also a protestant pastor) fell also in the hands of the UPA bands.
12. In an ambush prepared by the same hordes, on the 28th September, 1964, a caravan of the MPLA composed of 25 was assassinated. The victims of this fratricide act were: Antonio PASCOAL (19), Goncalves PANZO (20), Joao ZANGO (43), Jambo JAZALA (38), Paulo BUNGA (32), MALUNGO (15), Joao LANDO (25), Paulo KIMANGA (35), Sebastiao MAMPA (?), Miss Mzumba KIMBUNGO (16), Joao NETO (23), Antonio TONGA (24), Fernando LULENDA (27), Antonio LOENGO (39), Eduardo ANTONIO (16), Sebastiao MALUNGO (27), Afonso NGOLO (43), Lombo CAMUBEKE (48), Moniz TUNGUULO (39), Andre MONIS (12), and two old men.
13. The criminal acts of Holden spread to the region of Katanga. Practicing corruption under the cover of the Katangese authorities, Holden agents carry out their habitual kidnappings and raids. Between 1965 and 1966 fifty-five Angolan patriots were victims of Holden's acts of fratricide, banditism; most of those who succeeded and escaped are presently in ZAMBIA. The following Angolan patriots are in this category: Gama GIL, Job JOSE, Amisi GONDA, Frederico SOTO, Marcos STEPHEN, Chiquete ANTONIO, Campos ALVES, Elias HOSSI, Antonio PEDRO, Cangui EDUARDO, Agostinho SAMALANGUE, Augusto TITO, Manuel ANTONIO, Vasco AZEVEDO, Joao BAPTISTA, Antonio TOMAZ, Victor KUFA, Martinho CHIVANDA, Augusto KALALA, Cesar GOI, Jonatao SAMBAZA, Domingos CHICO, Gabriel SIMON, Adolfo AUGUSTO, Alice FANDILIA, Mauricio CHICOME, Costa MUENAKONGO, Antunes KAVIMBI, Fransisco SUATE, Jose DOMINGOS, Paulo KASSOMO, Cesar NOGUEIRA, Simao KAPAPELO, Jeronimo SANTOS, Pedro GIMBI, Antonio SUKUAKECHE, Estevo ISAAC, Agostinho KATAGO, Emilio GIMBI, Mafike SIMEME, Chikala AUGUSTO, Zamba SOZINHO, Albino BERNARDO, Eudardo SALUHI, Jaime SAZIMBI, Joao ANTONIO, MUNIZ, Rosario ELAMBA, Elumba ADELINO, Manuel ANTONIO, Mbombo XICO, SICATO Americo, Campos ALVES, and Antonio CHICANGO.
14. Thanks to the intervention of the MPLA forces 11 militants were saved from the fratricide bands of Holden! Jose KITETENGUE, Almeida PIREIRA (President of the MPLA local Action Committee), Pascoal MUSSUNDA, Domingos EGAS, Paulino KANGA, Joao MBAXI, Kizembe KONGO, Ngana HANGE, Sebastiao PEREIRA, Sala MGINDA, and Miss CLEMENTINA had been seized by Holden's men in KINGUENGO on November, 1966; finally they were liberated by the forces of the MPLA.
15. On February, 1966 also in KINGUENGO, five MPLA militants were kidnapped and tortured by Holden's bands until they finally disappeared. Among them was Joaquim PAULO (a leader of the MPLA)
16. On this same month, in the region of ZALA, eleven MPLA militants were also kidnapped and tortured; the victims this time were Jose CARVALHO, Teixeira DEMBO, Armando PAULO, Alberto MUGINGA, Almeida PAULO, Ervedosa BERNARDO, Joaquim PEREIRA, Lopes CAS-SULE, Gongga SIRI, and Antonio CASSULE.
17. On May 1st, 1966 the odious massacre of several NAMBUANGONGO patriots was carried out by the same fratricide hands in KAMUNA (Kinshasa). Of the 32 patriots who made up the group only one survived. This tragic incident vehemently enquired the authorities of Congo (Central) who were forced to intervene. A legal process appropriately documented with photos and mutilations of the victims, remaining Buchenwald, was filed. This process was mysteriously closed.
18. In August, 1966 in Central Congo another kidnapping of a group, later transferred to KINKUZU, was performed by Holden's men. Among the victims were two MPLA activists: Jose PASCOAL and Fernando MIRANDA.
20. On November, 1966 among ten other militants of the MPLA kidnapped in Kinshasa were Commander Joao Goncalves BENDITO (member of the Political Bureau of the MPLA) and Jose Miguel BUTA both confined to KINKUZU and threatened with assassination by Holden's men.
21. Around the 1st of November, 1966 one of the leaders of the MPLA Jailed in KINKUZU—Adriano CARLOS—was assassinated together with three other patriots.
22. During the month of January, 1967 the same criminal gangs left the territory of Congo (Kinshasa) in presecution of a detachment of the MPLA in its way to the MPLA base in the district of CUANZA-NORTHE (Angola). The ambush prepared by Holden's forces failed due to the action of the MPLA militants.
23. On 16th of February, 1967, 40 militants of the MPLA in their way back from a combat mission in Angola were intercepted by Holden's bands stationed in KAMUNA (in Congolese territory). After being harassed they managed to escape and continue their march.
24. On the 28th of February, 1967, this time three leaders of the MPLA, Jose PASCOAL, Aleixo PASCOAL and Salvador FRANCISCO who were in charge of the MPLA dispensary in SONG-OLOLO, providing medical treatment to Angola refugees and to the local Congolese people fell victims of Holden's men. The first of these three disappeared and the other two remained under detention in the KINKUZU camp.