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**TRIBUTE TO JUDGE ESSA MOOSA**  
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May I offer my deepest condolences to the family and friends of Judge Essa Moosa on their loss. I am out of the country and regret that I was unable to attend the funeral and will not be back in time for the memorial service to honour the contribution of Judge Moosa.

Judge Essa Moosa's legacy reflects a lifetime of struggle. The tributes on all media platforms show the depth and breadth of his involvement in the struggle for freedom in South Africa. Judge Moosa played multiple roles, as a lawyer and participant in the struggle; his significant involvement in the negotiation process of South Africa, his tenure as a Judge and his work in international solidarity movements, in particular, his sterling work in the Kurdish struggle, reflects his single minded commitment to Human Rights.

Judge Moosa influenced a generation of lawyers. He developed close associations with many of the Comrades and leaders he represented. It is significant that all those who worked with him, loved and respected him. His work reflects his quiet humility.

I wish to pay tribute to Judge Moosa, who represents the best of South Africa, a son of the struggle, who was called to serve and was never found wanting.

May he rest in peace, knowing he has fulfilled his duties on earth with merit. We salute you Judge, Comrade and friend. Hamba Kahle. Qhawe lama Qhawe.