

EMANCIPATION DAY!

AUGUST 1, 2026!

Canadian African People and their descendants, and Canada's First Nations, Peoples and tribes, have for many years marked **August 1** as Emancipation Day – the official date ending their “legal” enslavement in Canada as part of the European colonial enslavement of racialized peoples.

In 2021, the Federal Government designated August 1 as Emancipation Day.

They did so in remembering the date the British parliament passed the law, effective in 1834, abolishing the enslavement of Native Peoples and African Slaves.

This law signalled the “end” of the Trans Atlantic Slave Trade but continued the brutality. Millions of Africans were brought to North America, Central and South America and the Caribbean through this brutal middle passage. Millions died making the trip.

The enslavers were forced to declare Emancipation Day in 1834 - almost 400 years after reintroducing Slavery to the New World, as a method of exploitation of Labour and belittling of the people they enslaved. In no small part, this end came as a result of the heroic, bold, brave and valiant fight of the first nations and peoples and the enslaved Africans to win their freedom – wherever they were enslaved.

However, the Canadian government **in 2026** is now taking backward steps against the efforts of the formerly enslaved people to hold the colonial heartlands to account for this **Gravest Crime Against Humanity**.

On March 26, 2026, at the United Nations, the Canadian Liberal Government **abstained - refusing to vote in favour of the landmark resolution Declaration of the Trafficking of Enslaved Africans and Racialized Chattel Enslavement of Africans as the Gravest Crime Against Humanity**.

The struggle of Canada's enslaved First Nations and Tribes and African peoples must continue to make the Canadian State take its responsibility and make reparations for the crimes which they participated in for King and Country.

The Caribbean peoples who live here in Canada are part of this important and continuing struggle to correct the injustices of history. We have to step up the demands for the government of the day to realise the historic crime which it was a part of and to take measures to pay reparations to those peoples, nations and tribes who suffered during the Gravest Crimes Against Humanity.

Canada must pay for elimination of the scourge which enslavement has left their former "subjects" nations and peoples bearing the heavy burden suffered against their very humanity by ongoing colonial and imperialist exploitation.

The Canadian State has a responsibility to compensate through reparations all populations who continue to suffer the effects of the enslavement of their old and new countries and nations. The underdevelopment of these nations and peoples continue while the Canadian State and imperialists continue to plunder African peoples, the Caribbean peoples, as well as the nations and tribes of Canada.

Today this brutal form of enslavement – signified by the chaining, beating and treating people like cattle without humanity – to produce wealth - has ended.

But nothing has been done to eliminate the deep-seated scourge of the beating which these peoples faced throughout their enslavement. There has been no real attempt by the enslavers to Pay Reparations to the enslaved people in real tangible forms.

Still as a people, First Nations and Black people have continued to play a historic role in many areas of this society and have to continue their fight for their

rights and dignity and to be treated with respect as an integral part of the country called Canada.

On Emancipation Day 2026, we are moving on with the fight to break the lifelong shackles which have been placed on our minds – to alienate us from achieving and fighting for true freedom and emancipation. Today this must be manifested in the struggle against anti- “Indian First Nations” and anti-black racism which still dominates from the highest levels of this society over these emancipated peoples.

Our struggle continues to achieve our goals – of freedom from racism in all its forms, for reparations, for the nations and peoples who continue to face the scourge of slavery and for full and true emancipation including living in a Canada which is free from racism, free of discrimination and the ongoing efforts to exclude us - the children of the former enslaved and those who suffered from the Gravest Crime Ever Committed Against Humanity.

We encourage our allies, our fellow workers to join us in this ongoing struggle. Our victories in this struggle are your victories and strengthen our solidarity!

***EMANCIPATE YOURSELF FROM MENTAL SLAVERY! ONLY YOU CAN FREE
YOUR MIND AND STAND UP AND WIN YOUR FREEDOM AND RESPECT.***

In Solidarity,

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