



## Why Che Guevara Road is in Durban

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It was after one of the very many raids by the then Special Branch of the South African Police (SB's) on my flat at 208 Scala Mansions, that my little sons Sahdhan and Sha ignoring me, rushed into the porch, which served as their bedroom, and returned screaming “They missed Che, Ma”

Unlike some eThekweni residents who complain that change of street names to persons they did not know (Che Guevara being one); Sahdhan (S1 -5 years) and Sha (S2 -4 years) knew this international revolutionary.

Behind the door to the porch a six foot poster of Che hung underneath our raincoats and umbrellas. Only in 1977 before leaving for exile they handed the poster to Sam Moodley for safe-keeping until they returned home. Sam in her several home-moves could not find the poster.

Despite the raids, Che had a safe home in our Scala flat for almost 11 years. Memory of where my sons acquired this Che poster has dimmed now, but I have a strong feeling that their uncle Docrat (AKM) had a hand in it.

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Aleida Guevara at the official renaming of Moore Road in Durban after her father, the Cuban revolutionary Che Guevara, yesterday.

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