

IKHWEZI LOMSO - THE RISING STAR.

[Addressed especially to the peasants.]

Ikhwezi Lomso, the star that heralds the morrow, proudly announces itself to the people. All those who are struggling for liberty will rejoice with us. For they know that as surely as day follows night, the star foretells the coming of the sun. No matter what difficulties, dangers and setbacks assail them, they are strong in the certainty of that knowledge.

Already in the countries of the East daybreak has come and the people resolutely shoulder the task of building the future, because the way lies clear before them. In Africa, too, the first light of dawn is breaking through. The people of Algeria are labouring in that temporary darkness that precedes the daylight. At the tip of the African continent the shadows still lie heavy over the land and in the midst of the darkness the people search for light.

Ikhwezi Lomso answers a long-felt need of the people. Ikhwezi Lomso must penetrate the darkness and help to clear the early morning mists that obscure the vision. For in that grey, dim world of tears and uncertainties, a well-armed warrior stands trembling before a shadow. A bush becomes a bear and an ant-heap looms up like a mountain.

But with the coming of the light the people perceive the true shape of things, both those that are near and those that are far. They will see the real contours of the land. They will cast their eyes on the far horizon and be able to see the colours of the cattle grazing in the rich valleys and the mountain slopes.

Ikhwezi will help the people see the path that leads to the broad

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~~shortest~~ road of liberty. There are many roads apparently leading in the same direction, roads that lure the unwary because they seem to be short-cuts. But they are dangerous paths leading to the bogs and swamps of despair, frustration and death. It will be the primary task of Ikhwezi to expose these dangerous paths and teach the people to shun them. There is only one true path - the hard one, and the people must follow it if they are to achieve liberation. It leads to the broad road that has been blazed by the ~~Non-European~~ Unity Movement, with its Ten-Point Programme for liberty.

But there is another task that Ikhwezi sets itself and that is to bring the people together and unite them. All over the Union in their various villages and in the towns, each one feels weighed down by the burden of hardship, penury and constant anxiety. In his isolation he may be unaware that he has brothers everywhere, brothers who suffer the same privations. It will be the duty of Ikhwezi to let the people know that they share a common oppression. The people must know one another. They must speak to one another. Ikhwezi offers them such a forum to give common expression to their sufferings and their aspirations. Ikhwezi wants to hear what happens to YOU, wherever you are and whoever you are. Write in your own language because the country wants to know. What happens to you happens to all of us. Ikhwezi Lomso is YOUR PAPER.

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known, fearlessly, without consideration of persons. While we support unreservedly all the organisations of the liberatory movement, we reserve the right to criticise. Those who seek liberation must learn to value the truth, stand by it and fight for it to the end.

The continued existence of Ikhwezi Lomso will depend on the support that YOU, THE PEOPLE, give it. It is for you to see that it reaches every corner of the Union. The Rising Star, Ikhwezi Lomso, must be seen by all who would awake.