

Condolences from SARDC Mozambique

I and all the colleagues at SARDC Mozambique office were deeply saddened to hear the news that David's life ended this Saturday. We know how much and how long of suffering and pain he and you had gone through, during his long illness period, but our souls are just unable to surrender to this tragic reality. The least we can say is Africa in general and Southern Africa in particular has lost one of its most respected and knowledgeable political analysts and writers, who has always taken the side of the continent's liberation ideals and struggle. I am sorry, Phyllis, but right now only in Portuguese I can try to express my feelings and those of my colleagues in Maputo:

"Ocorrem por vezes na vida acontecimentos que nos provocam sentimentos não descritíveis em nenhuma língua humana. É para superar essa enorme lacuna verbal que o Homem estabeleceu prestar um minuto de silêncio em homenagem a perdas humanas irreparáveis : para podermos comunicar com a alma daquele que nos deixou. Não conheci David pessoalmente, mas tenho conhecimento da sua vasta obra, dedida à libertação dos povos de África, incluindo de Moçambique, onde ele recebeu o galardão de héroi.

À Phyllis e a toda a "família SARDC", endereço as nossas mais sentidas condolências, em nome da SARDC Moçambique.

*Tomás Vieira Mário e colegas da SARDC Moçambique.
Maputo, 19 de Agosto de 2007".*

Translation of above:

Events may some time occur in our lives that bring about feelings which one can not describe in any human language. It was to fill in that verbal emptiness that man has established to dedicate a minute of silence to pay tribute to irreparable human losses: so that we can communicate with the soul of the one who has left. I did not know David personally very much, but I know about his vast legacy, dedicated to the liberation of the African peoples, including Mozambique, where he was respected as a hero.

To Phyllis and all "SARDC family", I want to present my deepest condolences on behalf of SARD Mozambique.

Tomás Vieira Mário and colleagues of SARDC Moçambique
Maputo, 19 August 2007.