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## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

**AN INITIATIVE OF THE PAN-AFRICAN PROGRESSIVE FRONT (PPF)**

**FEBRUARY, 2026.**

### **THEME OF THE MONTH:**

This Month's Newsletter Brings Together a Carefully Selected Compilation of Some of The Most Important Activities, Engagements and Key Developments from late 2025 to the present.

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### **🌍 EDITORIAL NOTE**

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Insights From This Newsletter Reflect the struggle for reparative justice for the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade and major developments in the political, social and economic fields in Africa and its Diaspora.

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## NEWS

**Progressive Forces Adopted Two (2) Resolutions at the November Conference marking the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 5<sup>th</sup> Pan-African Congress (Manchester 1945) in Ghana, at the Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Park.**

They reaffirmed their commitment to African unity, reparative justice and continental transformation.

The resolutions outline shared political priorities and coordinated actions for advancing people-centred development across Africa and the diaspora.



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The full declarations are available on the PPF website and can be accessed in five languages: English, French, Arabic, Portuguese and Spanish.

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## **Progressive Forces Condemn U.S. Abduction of Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro, Demand His Immediate Release.**

Progressive organisations and movements from across the Africa have issued a joint statement condemning the abduction of Nicolás Maduro, the constitutionally elected President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. The statement denounced the action as an act of imperial violence carried out by United States forces and describes it as a grave violation of Venezuela's sovereignty and principles of international law enshrined in the United Nations Charter.

The Joint statement by Progressive Forces is available in four(4) languages; [English](#), [French](#), [Spanish](#), [Portuguese](#).

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## US-IRAN: GUNBOAT DIPLOMACY AS PRETEXT FOR IMPERIAL WAR OF AGGRESSION.



**The US -Iran negotiations** is at its last edge as a final round of negotiations is set between the US and Iran in Geneva with the Sultanate of Oman as intermediary. President Trump had earlier threatened a limited strike if Iran did not reach a deal within a limited time frame. Iran insists that any deal must take into account its national interests (viz; energy, economic, security)

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## KEY POINTERS/ CORE ISSUES AT STATE

- o Nuclear energy for peaceful purposes
- o Ballistic missile capabilities
- o Iranian Sovereignty and Sanctions Relief
- o Israeli lobby and war mongering

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## • 14 July 2015, The JCPOA

The Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) was concluded between Iran and the P5+1 (United States, United Kingdom, France, Russia, China, and Germany), placing limits on Iran's enrichment activities in exchange for sanctions relief.

## • 8 May 2018, U.S. Withdrawal (Trump Administration I)

President Donald Trump announced the unilateral withdrawal of the United States from the JCPOA and reinstated sweeping sanctions under the “maximum pressure”

campaign. Iran gradually reduced its compliance thereafter.

## • 2021–2024, Attempts at Restoration

Multiple indirect negotiations in Vienna sought to revive the agreement but no agreement reached.

## • 2025–2026, Renewed Tensions Under Trump Administration II

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Trump resumed pressure diplomacy. Washington has signaled readiness for a narrower, time-bound arrangement focused primarily on enrichment caps and intrusive inspections.

- **12-day war Regional Escalation and Proxy Confrontations**

Periodic escalations between Iran and Israel, including air strikes and cyber operations, have intensified regional anxieties and raised concerns over miscalculation.

- **NPT Status (Iran still within but curtailed monitoring)**

Iran continues to assert its rights under the International Atomic Energy Agency safeguards framework and the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of nuclear weapons (NPT), to which it remains a signatory, to pursue nuclear energy for peaceful purposes.

- **Geneva I (17 February, 2026)**

Initial exploratory indirect contacts through Omani mediation (early 2026).

- **Geneva II (23 February 2026)**

Scheduled continuation round aimed at narrowing gaps on enrichment thresholds, sanctions sequencing, and verification modalities. [Read Recent Updates here...](#)

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## **Pan-African Progressive Front (PPF) Leads International Push to Dismantle U.S. Economic Siege on Cuba**

On 19 February 2026, the Pan-African Progressive Front (PPF), together with its allied progressive forces, issued a joint declaration demanding the immediate end to the United States economic blockade against the Republic of Cuba, describing it as a prolonged act of economic coercion that violates international law and undermines the sovereignty of an island nation.

The statement, endorsed by progressive organisations committed to fighting against imperialism, for social justice, anti-colonial struggle and South–South solidarity...is available in four(4) languages [English](#), [French](#), [Portuguese](#) and [Spanish](#)...

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## Ghana's Day of Shame.

On Tuesday, February 24, the Socialist Movement of Ghana, in collaboration with the Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Park and Museum, commemorated Ghana's Day of Shame. Exactly 60 years after Nkrumah's overthrow, the programme reflected on the overthrow of Ghana's first republic and its long-term political and economic consequences.

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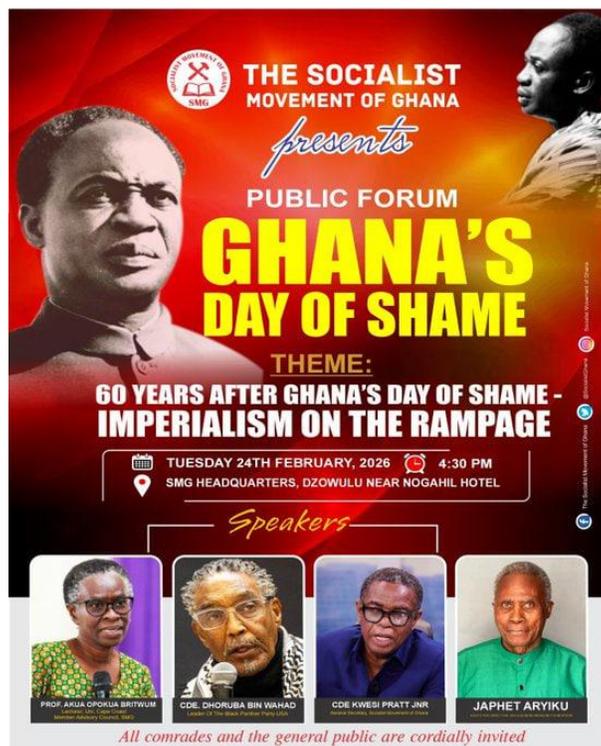
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The event featured reflections on the legacy of Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, and renewed calls for national sovereignty, Pan-African unity and resistance to neo-colonial domination. Speakers emphasised the need for historical truth, collective memory and organised struggle as essential foundations for Ghana's and Africa's genuine liberation.



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## **The Socialist Movement of Ghana Holds Red Books Day, 2026.**

Over the weekend, the Socialist Movement of Ghana (SMG) observed the Red Books Day with a public discussion of the book, “Reparations: History, Struggle, Politics and Law”

The Red Books Day emphasised that political clarity and collective study are key to building mass movements that can challenge imperialism, neocolonialism and economic injustice. The SMG celebrated the day with readings, discussions and community engagement affirming that knowledge is a weapon in the struggle for people-centred power and liberation.

The Day marks the first publication of the Communist Manifesto which encapsulated the ideas and ideals of the working-class movement.

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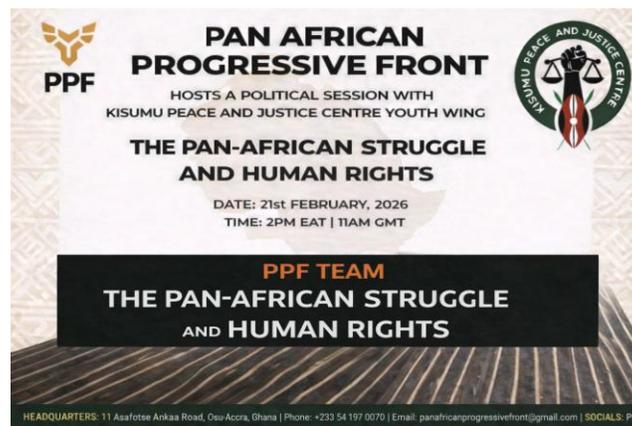
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## PPF Activities & Engagements

### **PPF Meets Kisumu Peace and Justice Centre Youth Wing.**

The Pan African Progressive Front (PPF) held an online political education session with the Kisumu Peace and Justice Centre Youth Wing of Kenya, under the theme “The Pan-African Struggle and Human Rights.”

The session offered a critical re-examination of Africa’s history, rejecting colonial narratives that portrayed the continent as uncivilised, and highlighting Africa’s rich pre-colonial systems of governance, trade, culture and knowledge. Participants also reflected on the lasting damage caused by European colonial expansion, including slavery, land dispossession, forced labor and economic exploitation.



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## **Open letter addressed to African Heads of State by Samuel Esson Jonah**

An open letter addressed to African Heads of State by Sir Samuel Esson Jonah, a mining magnate urges urgent continental unity in response to renewed imperial rhetoric, global instability and deepening economic and security pressures facing Africa.

The letter calls on African leaders to accelerate implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Area, ratify the Free Movement of Persons Protocol, strengthen internal economic resilience, and adopt a unified foreign policy to confront neo-colonial pressures and external interference

Signed in Accra on 18 February 2026, the appeal frames this moment as a decisive turning point for Africa's sovereignty, integration and long-term development.

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