

Messages of Condolences from the Government and people of New Zealand, 06 December 2013

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Rt Hon John Key

Prime Minister



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Media Statement

PM expresses sorrow at Mandela's death

Prime Minister John Key today expressed his sadness at the death of former South African President Nelson Mandela.

"Nelson Mandela was an inspirational leader, and a remarkable man," says Mr Key.

"On behalf of the New Zealand people and the Government, I would like to express my sincere condolences to both his family and all South Africans.

"For years he symbolised South Africa's hope for a future free from apartheid.

"Mr Mandela was a force for change, not only in South Africa, but around the world.

"In his time as President he helped South Africa come to terms with its past, and, through reconciliation, built the foundations for a stronger nation."

A delegation headed by the Prime Minister will represent New Zealand at the funeral.

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Dear High Commissioner (Zodwa)

We might have wished that Nelson Mandela could live forever, in good health, but it was not to be. All members of the New Zealand Institute of International Affairs join me in expressing our most sincere condolences to South Africa and South Africans at the passing of a towering figure of the 20th and early 21st century.

There have been a number of worthy individuals in history that have had a substantial, and positive, influence on the development of their own country. Nelson Mandela was certainly one of those but his impact went far beyond that. I am sure that he will remain in the memories of South Africans as the standard bearer for a level of wisdom, tolerance and reconciliation that is unique in the history of South Africa. But his great legacy – to the world – is that these qualities and characteristics have provided a beacon of what is possible to all of us, everywhere.

I saw Nelson Mandela in real life on three occasions at three international conferences and came tantalisingly close to him on two of those occasions. My great regret is that I never met him personally. But if I could attribute to him from a small distance four obvious characteristics they would be: strength, determination, eloquence and humour. Any one of these would be prized in ordinary human beings, in Nelson Mandela they added up to a great and inspirational leader who never lost the common touch.

With deepest sympathy

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To whom this may concern. My our deepest condolences with the passing of a great Leader, Father, Statesmen, Grandfather and husband. Mr Mandela was an Icon in my life and the life of some South Africans.

To the Family and friends of this great person Nelson Mandela. God has taken him to a place that I prepared for all of you and us. A place that hold no pain no jails and no machines that will keep you alive. This place is a place of rest and peace. No pain no Suffering and no fear . He is now with our heavenly Father that have given him to you on a temporary bases.

To the government of South Africa my deepest condolences to you and every member including the different political parties may you find strength during this times of mourning.

Madiba Thank you for your guidance your leadership your way of doing things and we learned from you . Dankie my groot Leier vir alles wat jy in my lewe beteken het . Mag God jou langs hom op sy troon sit en jou die rus gee wat jy verdien . Dankie vir n land wat jy verander het . Dankie vir wie jy is en wat jy was .

This is not goodbye but only till see you again in the live after you leave this earth to go to a well deserve rest .

Kind Regards

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I share with you a feeling of great sadness at the loss of a truly remarkable person and a beacon of promise and goodness and one who lead and inspired people, not only in South Africa, but across the world to work for a better, just, humane and compassionate today and tomorrow. It was my great privilege to work with the African National Congress on the road to freedom and to be witness to such momentous historic times. Despite his sad loss Mandela's vision and inspiration will live on in the hearts of millions who strive for justice and peace.

Please express my deepest condolences to the family of Nelson Mandela, to his comrades in the ANC, to High Commissioner and to all of the staff at the High Commission.

with my deepest sympathy and condolences
Helen McCue

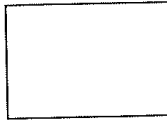
Kua hinga he totara i te wao nui a Tane –
“A mighty totara has fallen in the forest of Tane

On behalf of the NZ Police Commissioner, Peter Marshall and the Police Executive, I would like to express our sincere condolences on the passing away of Nelson Mandela, the first democratic elected President of South Africa, Father to a nation and Friend to the world and a great champion of freedom and liberty.

New Zealand shares a special connection with South Africa and her people and we join with you in mourning Madiba’s loss. Our thoughts are with you all at this time, to remember a truly great leader who restored the pride and confidence of his people. .

If you require any assistance from the NZ Police, please feel free to contact my office via Inspector Rakesh Naidoo.

Arohanui i te wa pouiri (Our Love and best wishes at this sad time)
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I am so sad today, as the world has lost one of it's greatest son's. Nelson Mandela may have been South African, however he was loved, respected and revered everywhere.

I was so honoured to meet President Mandela when he was here in NZ in 1995. He changed my life. He was such an inspiration to all.

While I am sad, I will be celebrating the Presidents life, as his legacy in context of world history, will be amongst the greatest mankind has experienced, and for all the right reason's

I wish you, and the South African people my deepest sympathy.

Regards

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