

## MEDIA ADVISORY

### Struggle hero Solomon Mahlangu to receive Unisa honorary doctorate.

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**DATE: Tuesday, 03 October 2023**

The University of South Africa (Unisa) is set to confer an honorary doctorate to Solomon Mahlangu today at its Muckleneuk campus in Pretoria.

**Solomon “Kalushi” Mahlangu** was a South African freedom fighter, struggle activist and operative of African National Congress (ANC) Military wing Umkhonto we Sizwe and received military training in Zambia, Tanzania and Angola. His bravery led to his appointment as the commander of the detachment which was deployed back to South Africa to lead the commemoration of the first anniversary of the 1976 uprising. He was arrested by the security police in 1977 and tried under the Terrorism Act. He was executed on 6 April 1979 at the then Pretoria Central Prison (now Kgoshi Mampuru Prison). His defiant battle cry as he walked to the gallows: **“Tell my people that I love them and that they must continue the fight. My blood will nourish the tree that will bear the fruits of freedom. A luta continua!”** became one of the motivational and rallying calls of the struggle for liberation. For his bravery and unrelenting determination to fight for the liberation of the oppressed masses in South Africa, he is deserving of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science (*Honoris Causa*), posthumously.

The graduation ceremony is to take place as follows:

**Date : Tuesday, 03 October 2023**

**Time : 18:00**

**Venue : ZK Matthews Great Hall, Winnie Madikizela-Mandela Building, Unisa Muckleneuck Campus, Pretoria**

Members of the media are invited to attend and cover the graduation ceremony.

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