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The Hellenic 200 year fight for Democracy, 1821 to 2021

It's two hundred years since the "Mother" of Democracy, as president Mandela called **Greece**, earned its Freedom from the shackles of the Ottoman empire.

Two hundred years of Freedom following four hundred years of slavery and occupation.

Why should this mean anything to us in South Africa?

Only by unveiling the glaring parallels between the South African Struggle for a free and democratic South Africa and the Hellenes revolution do we recognise the suffering that gave birth to Freedom.

The courageous Female freedom fighters.

The sacrifices of ordinary individuals for a free nation.

The loss of children and parents.

But the Greek Hellenes had to rebuild their country many times since 1821, the last being after the Italian and German occupations of World War II.

They later had to overthrow a military dictatorship.

It is clear now more than ever that a Free and Democratic Country has to endure many "sacrifices" for Freedom and the democratic right of all its citizens.

Democracy is a value that needs to be constantly fought for and is evidently not a one-time affair.

May the 200th celebration of Hellenic independence and Freedom show all South Africans that Democracy works.

The Hellenic Republic is a free nation that deals with its challenges in a sensible legal and democratic manner via peaceful means in parliament by elected officials within an independent justice system.

Let us follow The Hellene's 200-year-old example and **Defend our Democracy**.

Zito I Ellas Zito
Viva Ellas Viva

Viva South Africa Viva
Zito I Notios Afriki Zito

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