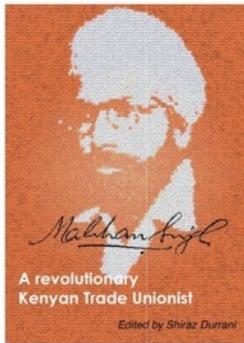


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This book examines the life and work of a remarkable trade unionist and revolutionary. Makhan Singh laid the foundation for radical trade unionism and influenced the liberation struggle in Kenya. He actively participated in the struggles of the working classes in India. For this, the colonial authorities in India and Kenya detained him for over 15 years. This collection, marking 101 years of Makhan Singh's birth, explores different aspects of his life as a father, a trade unionist, a political activist, a poet and a communist committed to social, political and economic liberation from colonialism and imperialism. His vision, his actions and his courage are as relevant today as they were in his time.

*Makhan Singh suffered honestly for our Kenya's working class and independence... I know him as a fighter, every inch a fighter, a Kenyan nationalist of the highest order and a brother in trade unionism and in our national struggle for independence - Fred Kubai (1969).*

*The legacy of Makhan Singh points to the centrality of trade unions as one of the major epicentres of democracy... Singh was conscious of the fact that colonialism and crude capitalism were the key foundations for the privation of workers - Steve Ouma and Makau Mutua (2006).*

*During his detention, Makhan Singh was constantly visited by ... colonial agents who tried to pressurise him into agreeing to leave Kenya and be rewarded for it, or to recant and start working against the Kenyan workers' movement and progressive nationalism, with reward of course. He refused. - Ngugi wa Thiong'o (1996).*

***Kenya's trade union movement has always been a part of her national struggle for resisting British imperialist colonial rule, for winning national independence, for consolidating the independence after winning it, and for bringing prosperity to the workers and people of Kenya - Makhan Singh (1969).***

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