

**Pio Gama Pinto, the Assassinated Hero
of the Anti-Imperialist Struggle in
Kenya.**

1927 - 1965

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Published to mark Pio Gama Pinto's assassination on February 24, 1965, the book consists of an assessment of his political life by Shiraz Durrani who looks at the social and political context of Pinto's life and death. The two-line struggle in Kenya forms the backdrop to Pinto's life. Durrani examines Pinto's work in various organisations, in the struggles for land, trade unions and Mau Mau.

As material on Pinto has been lost, "disappeared" or destroyed, the book reproduces some of Pinto's surviving articles and reproduces the now out of print tribute to him, *Pio Gama Pinto, Independent Kenya's First Martyr*. It also includes views on him by Fenner Brockway, Malcolm MacDonald, Joseph Murumbi and Makhan Singh.

Pinto in his own words:

"It had become increasingly obvious that 'constitutional', 'non-violent' methods of fighting for one's rights were absolutely futile in dealing with the Settler-Colonial administration. ORGANISED VIOLENCE WAS THE ONLY ANSWER TO SUCH A SITUATION".

"The sacrifices of the hundreds of thousands of Kenya's freedom fighters must be honoured by the effective implementation of the policy - a democratic, African, socialist state in which the people have the right to be free from economic exploitation and the right to social equality. Kenya's uhuru must not be transformed into freedom to exploit, or freedom to be hungry and live in ignorance. Uhuru must be uhuru for the masses - uhuru from exploitation, from ignorance, disease and poverty."

"Pinto was assassinated by the regime on 24 February 1965 and Kenya has yet to replace him" - Donald Barnett (1972).

John K. Tettegah (All Afr. TU Fed.):

"Pio Pinto fell on the battlefield in our common war against neo-colonialism... Along with the immortal Patrice Lumumba, ... he has joined the ranks of martyrs whose blood must be avenged. ... his death will recruit new armies of Pintos to continue the fight in which he died, the effort to create a united socialist Africa".

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