Positive interpretation of the Kenyan liberation struggle

This is a new positive interpretation of the liberation struggle waged by the Kenya Land and Freedom Army (KLFA), otherwise popularly known as Mau Mau. The KLFA was a powerful guerilla movement formed in the early 1950s by Kenyan workers and peasants to fight for their land and freedom.

The book gives an analytical critique of the role played by the Mau Mau movement in the struggle for the independence of Kenya from colonialism and neocolonialism.

It looks at KLFA publications and examines the role of its leader, Kimaathi wa Wacluri, who played a leading role in the organisational efforts of the army in the setting up and consolidation of its political authority amongst the people and the fighters.

Shiraz Durrani, who is a progressive Kenyan libertarian living in exile in England, has given us a new perspective of the Mau Mau movement which symbolises the anti-imperialist struggle not only in Africa but throughout the world where people are fighting imperialism.


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