

Death of Malcolm X, call for increase in African unity discussed at forum

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A four-member panel reopened the case of 'Who Killed Malcolm X' at a forum last Wednesday and suggested the assassin was the "military industrial complex" of the U.S. government.

Uhuru Muza and Changa Lumumba, members of the All-African People's Revolutionary Party, Brother Donald Mohammed of the Nation of Islam and Sabir Rasheed of the Propagation of Islam led a two and a half hour discussion of who killed Malcolm X and why.

Possible 'threat'?

The panelists expressed the belief that the Central Intelligence Agency and the Federal Bureau of Investigation perceived Malcolm as a "threat" because he sought to unify and organize all African people around the world, similar to the plans of Marcus Garvey and Nat Turner.

The panel explained that the

Islamic religion brought changes to people's lives rapidly throughout the world, and some thought that America was not ready for this transformation.

Lumumba called attention to "a conscious and deliberate plan to infiltrate black organizations and destroy black leadership" implemented by the U.S. government.

According to Mohammed, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Black Panther Party and Malcolm were all targets of this destruction by the FBI and the CIA.

Muza added that Malcolm had traveled to African countries such as Ghana, Guinea and Tanzania and to Mecca, where he converted to Orthodox Islam; thus, the U.S. government was making an effort to prevent the unity between Africans in Africa and those Africans in America.

Call for unity

"Although it is important to find out who killed Malcolm X, if we loved Malcolm X we should

not look for revenge but try and continue what people like Malcolm X and the honorable Marcus Garvey were trying to do, which was to come together in way of organization and unity," Muza said.

"We are the minority in America," he continued, "but the majority in the world. We need to desperately make a contribution to the masses of the people, get organized as African people and unite under one organization. Whether Afro-American or Afro-Caribbean, we are all Africans."

"The death of Malcolm X is something that America is confused about," graduate student Hanif Khalak said. "Understanding who killed him and why can make clear what the sources of racism and injustice are. The fact that both the FBI, CIA and the Nation of Islam were involved demonstrates that this system drives racist violence, and the Nation of Islam was not a solution to this violence, but a tool used."

The forum was sponsored by the Black Student Union.