

Resistance Day in Sikasso

The celebration of the Resistance Day in Sikasso is now a tradition. Without wanting to dissociate themselves from the world that celebrates the labor day, by initiating this activity, the Sikasso population has at heart to render a deserved homage to the thousands of its sons and daughters who died defending the independence and the honor of the glorious kingdom of Kenedugu whose capital was Sikasso. In fact, to paraphrase the Sikasso town president of RENEDEP (National Network for Patriotic and Democratic Revival), these legendary figures remain an example of courage, bravery, self-sacrifice and a source of inspiration for particularly the Sikasso population and for all Malians in general.

In addition to the presence Senufo Cultural Center, this event was honored by several authorities and notables of Sikasso city. Many of the speakers of the day did not cease to echo the legendary sentences of King Babemba Traore : "*Rather death than shame*" and "*Both, a brave man and a cowardly man must die one day; (but) it is better to die bravely defending one's country.*"

The mayor of Sikasso town, Mr. Kalfa Sanogo took the opportunity to call upon the Sikasso population to be more vigilant. It's alright with our illustrious value of hospitality, said the mayor; but this must be accompanied by the obligation to watch over one's host. Because, we have already been victims of our blind kindness, our naivety.

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