

Dear Mr Kathrada,
We think back to your birthday
in 1999 and how we celebrated your
three-score and ten at the event
in Cape Town to launch Letters
from Robben Island. The publication
of the book and the events that
followed are among the high points
of my publishing career. I shall cherish
them and my friendship with you
as long as I live. Susan and I think
of you and Barbara often. We hope
that you have a wonderful birthday
and that the day is filled with
all good things.



*Especially today,
may you have
many reasons
to be happy.*

*With the warmest of
regards and the best
of memories
Your friends
Fred and Susan
Bohm*

The Biography of Ahmed Kathrada

Ahmed Mohamed Kathrada (or 'Kathy') was born on 21 August 1929 in Schweizer-Reneke.

He was introduced to politics as a child in Johannesburg when he joined a non-racial youth club run by the Young Communist League.

At the age of 17, Kathrada participated in the Passive Resistance Campaign of the South African Indian Congress and was subsequently arrested.

In 1951, he was selected to visit East Berlin to attend a youth festival. Back home in 1952, Kathrada was in a group of 20, including Nelson Mandela and Walter Sisulu, who were sentenced to nine months in prison with hard labour, suspended for two years for organising the Defiance Campaign.

In 1954, he was placed under restrictions by the Security Police. In 1956, he was among the 156 Congress activists charged for High Treason. The trial continued for four years after which all the accused were acquitted.

While on trial, in 1960, the ANC and PAC were banned. In 1962, Kathrada was placed under "house arrest". He broke his banning orders, and went "underground", to continue his political work. In July 1963, the police swooped on Liliesleaf Farm in Rivonia, where Kathrada and other "banned" persons had been meeting. This led to the Rivonia Trial, in which eight accused were sentenced to life imprisonment. They included Mandela, Sisulu, Kathrada, Govan Mbeki, Raymond Mhlaba, Denis Goldberg, Elias Motsoaledi and Andrew Mlangeni.

Kathrada spent 26 years in prison on Robben Island and Pollsmoor Prison. While in prison, he obtained four university degrees.

After his release on 15 October 1989, the ANC was unbanned. Kathrada was elected onto its National Executive Committee.

In 1994, he served as President Mandela's Parliamentary Counsellor. He was chairperson of the Robben Island Museum Council until his term expired in 2006.

Kathrada has received numerous awards and has published several books. He is the founder of the Ahmed Kathrada Foundation, which aims to deepen non-racialism. Aged 85, Kathrada remains an activist, participating in public engagements, protest marches and speaking about his experiences in fighting a racist, apartheid state.

Dear Ahmed Kathrada

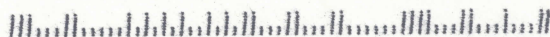
*on behalf of the Michigan
State University Museum and
Michigan State University,
it gives us great pleasure to
present this gift of the
Rivonia Trialists, made by
Phina Nkosi and Janile Zulu
of Soweto, to the Ahmed
Kathrada Foundation on the
occasion of your 85th
birthday celebration.*

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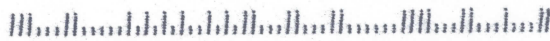
Dear Mr. Kathrada,
Thank you so much for
always spending so
generously of your
time + wisdom.

Kind
regards the
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Team

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Alex to Respond to response

From: "Zavis, Alexandra" <Alexandra.Zavis@latimes.com>
Subject: RE: Birthday
Date: August 23, 2012 3:54:52 AM GMT+02:00
To: 'Ahmed Kathrada' <amkathrada@mweb.co.za>

And a very happy belated birthday to you! Glad to hear that you and the foundation are doing well. I have been traveling quite a bit lately, including England, Lebanon, Syria, but sadly not to South Africa. Will try to remedy that soon. Coincidentally, three other journalists I know from Johannesburg moved to Los Angeles recently, so it feels a little bit like old times. But not as good as being there, of course. Any chance we'll see you again in the US? Would be lovely to catch up. In the meantime, please keep well and pass my regards to Barbara. Best, Alex

-----Original Message-----

From: Ahmed Kathrada [mailto:amkathrada@mweb.co.za]
Sent: Sunday, August 19, 2012 12:30 AM
To: Zavis, Alexandra
Subject: Birthday

Dear Alex,

Avery happy birthday to you. Hope you are well, and will have an enjoyable birthday.

Its a long time since you've been here. isnt it about time for you to make a trip?

We're looking forward to seeing you here.

I'm sure you've been following happenings in South Africa. Unfortunately there's hardly anything positive to write about.

Healthwise we are fine. Our little Foundation has been making steady progress, reaching out to more young people. This keeps me quite busy.

Sahm has been in London (I think presently in Island or Belguim) for some time.

We expect her back by the end of the month.

Claude had ben given an assignment by Skynews to cover the Olympics.

Keep well.

Best wishes,

from,
AMK