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 The African Union African Diaspora Facilitators Working Group Europe & The Netherlands  
 The Pan African Diaspora Union (PADU)  
 The Pan African Strategic & Policy Group (PANAFSTRAG EU/NL)

hereby announce that

**Albert (Kodjo Kwaku / DJ Bally) August Balsemhof (51),**  
 well-known as: Bally, Kodjo Kwaku and as DJ Bally Sabroso  
 passed away recently, on February 13<sup>th</sup> after a heart attack.



**Albert (Kodjo Kwaku / DJ Bally) August Balsemhof during one of the many protest demonstration**

Brother Albert was one of our **Freedom Fighters** for the abolition of *the Black Pete Racist Caricature*. This tragic incident took place in the bus on their way from a protest demonstration in the place Grou (Leeuwarden) against a (early in the year organised) Sinterklaas event accompanied by 'Black Petes'.

'Black Petes' are the central & racist part of this Dutch Historical Cultural tradition Sinterklaas. For decades African people in the Netherlands are suffering under this symbolic violence and racist event. Brother Albert was in the first place a Family man. He was a fighter, a warrior, who was tirelessly in the movement against Black Pete and racism. During each demonstration he was in the front line with a fist in the air, a banner and/or demonstration Board in his hand and anti-Piet stickers on his jacket'.

Baba Buntu, initiator of the Brothers Convention: Brother Albert"..... *had a long track record as a fearless fighter for Black justice and served as inspiration to many. May Brother Kwaku's death not be in vain; let his Ancestor spirit guide us all to work tirelessly for the re-awakening, the re-empowerment and the resurrection of Afrikan Victory in our people all over the Black World! ...."*

The African Family and others of Good Will in the Netherlands has lost with the pass away of the brother a courageous member of the Global African Family who has been a 'source of inspiration to many and that will continue for many. His heart stopped beating but the fight will be in our hearts' and will continue.

For an impression: watch this below video reportage of **Kevin Roberson** regarding an interview and the protest demonstration where brother Albert was present at his last fight for the abolition of Black Pete.

[Bekijk hier de video van het interview en een videoverslag van Kevin Roberson van het heftige protest waar Albert / Kodjo Kwaku / Bally zijn laatste strijd heeft gestreden.](#)

And this

[https://youtu.be/B\\_RZUoYjv0](https://youtu.be/B_RZUoYjv0)

We condolate the Global African Family with the 'lost' of our brother Albert Kodjo Kwaku, especially and especially his lovely wife, children and others from his extended family. We thank them for the space that they have given to this brother to support the struggle for defeating Afrophobia in the Netherlands. We pray for their strength and blessings.

#### DONATION

We have been asked to support the family to overcome this difficult time to cover the cost of the funeral. We call on every one to be so kind to deliver a financial contribution.

The number where you can donate is **NL34 ABNA 0578018195**, on name **Albert Balsemhof** (He is oldest son of the deceased). Please mention as purpose: 'Tribute to Albert'.

**Thank you for your contribution!!!!**

If you wish to be at the Memorial Ceremony of  
Albert (Kodjo Kwaku / DJ Bally) August Balsemhof

Date: Saturday, February 20, 2016

Time: 10.30 – 13.30

Venue: Hugo Olijveld Huis (Vereniging Ons Suriname)

Address: Zeeburgerdijk 19 c, 1093 SK Amsterdam Oost

(To be reach from Amsterdam Central Station with bus 22, step out at the Oostenburgergracht and with Tram 14 step out at "Roomtuintjes".

This is right in front of the building.

**Meanwhile we are calling on for the**

Global African Family/the International Community to assist in making the State of the Kingdom of the Netherlands clear that they are the first responsible authority to stop this horrible part of the Sinterklaas event in the Netherlands.

We call on for the

WGPAD

THE CERD

THE HRC

THE UNESCO

THE AFRICAN GROUP

THE GRULAC

THE EU

THE AFRICAN UNION

THE CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY

And the world wide

CIVIL SOCIETY Pan AFRICAN MOVEMENT for their help.

**Please do something**

**HELP**

The spirit of the eyes of **Albert (Kodjo Kwaku / DJ Bally) August Balsemhof** is watching over our shoulders.

**If you would like to learn more about Black Pete:**

[http://www.platformslavernijmonument.nl/pdf/Official\\_STATEMENTLPS\\_regards\\_SaintNicholasTraditionOnTheNationalList.pdf](http://www.platformslavernijmonument.nl/pdf/Official_STATEMENTLPS_regards_SaintNicholasTraditionOnTheNationalList.pdf)

[http://www.platformslavernijmonument.nl/pdf/Officieel\\_Input\\_CERD%20shadowreport\\_LPS\\_june10\\_2015.pdf](http://www.platformslavernijmonument.nl/pdf/Officieel_Input_CERD%20shadowreport_LPS_june10_2015.pdf)

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