



**In Deep Appreciation: Ahmed Khan
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From the Potch For Palestine / Solidarity Action Committee Collective

*“He caused the opening chapter.
Now the story is being written by thousands.
And we await the closing chapter – but only God knows when that will come.”*

Brother Ahmed Khan has left us on this 27th day of April 2026.
But a man like Ahmed does not simply "pass on." He multiplies.

To us, the Potch For Palestine / Solidarity Action Committee, Ahmed Khan was not a donor in the ordinary sense. Yes, his financial contribution mattered – but what moved us deeper was the gift of his facility for our Advice Office. That office is not yet operational, but soon – because of his generosity – it will open its doors. It will become a small fortress of justice in Potchefstroom: a place where the oppressed can sit down, speak their truth, and leave with direction. He gave us walls, a roof, and a table where Palestine, too, can be spoken of without apology.

But Ahmed's life was always bigger than one committee, one cause.

He started Sautul Islam – not as a cold administrator, but as a builder of the soul. He raised a mosque in Ikageng. He started madrassas in Klipdrift and Welverdiend – not as enclaves, but as nurseries of knowledge for young Black children, many orphaned, many hungry. Those children are writing their own chapters now.

He ran feeding schemes before feeding schemes were fashionable. He fed the poor because the poor were his family. No race, no class, no language barrier stopped his hand.



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And when tyranny spoke – whether the old apartheid state or the new injustices that wear different masks – Ahmed Khan did not lower his voice. He was uncompromisingly uncomfortable. He did not spare language. He did not spare emotion. He condemned injustice even when it came from his own community, his own self. That is a rare man.

He fought racism.

He fought class privilege.

He fought for justice as though justice were his own child.

We remember him, too, at the Official House Handover Ceremony in Ward 6, December 2025 – standing with the homeless, the landless, the forgotten. Not as a spectator, but as a participant. That was Ahmed: never above the struggle, always in it.

We remember a man of real quality.

A legacy of human care.

A hero of the deed.

To the orphans who filled his madrassas: you are his continuing poetry.

To the hungry he fed: you are his continuing hands.

To the future users of the Advice Office he made possible: you will inherit his commitment.

To all of us who fight for Palestine, for dignity, for a world without masters: Ahmed Khan is not gone. He is a chapter that refuses to close.

Rest in the finest company, Ahmed.

We will try to be worthy of the space you opened.

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