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# *Introduction*

Around the world, there have been various political struggles that created a lasting impact. Some of such movements are so significant and meaning that they are still remembered today. These political struggles are and the leaders involved in it are of such giant stature that it created ripples in the world. Though, it has been a common practice in the world that men in society always dominate such political struggles. Nevertheless, this is not the case with the Antonian Movement, where women took an active part in the freedom struggle. As it is said, every revolution produces a new breed of leaders, thus, the same thing happened in this struggle of political and social rights. In this context, the social and political activist Dona Beatriz Kimpa Vita is unforgettable if one talks about the Antonina Movement. She is known as the mother of the African Revolution. She was the lady of such great vitality and vigor which gave impetus to the struggle of African people. Besides, it will not be wrong that tense situation in the African continent gave birth to this freedom struggle and such crop of leaders. Dona Beatriz Kimpa Vita proved a new source of energy for the African movement as it is opined by John Thornton who acclaimed her meaningful struggle.

# *Discussion*

To begin with, this was the time of uncertainty and brutality. This was the time when powerful nations of the world exploited the other weak nations in every possible way. It was the time of colonialism, and the rich empires were bent up on exploiting the resources of other nations. In this way, great empires stated slavery, genocide, and plundering in the African continent. The same thing repeated in Kongo, and it was no exception. Nevertheless, a brave lady from the country rose against this injustice, and she started her freedom struggle. Dona Beatriz Kimpa Vita was trained under Christian missionaries, and it is that time when realized the noble virtues of life. As some opine, she represented the reincarnation of Saint Anthony because she was endowed with much courage and wisdom[[1]](#footnote-1). She is the lady who created awareness among people and made them realize their innate potential. Her role and courage were so astounding that she is right termed as the mother of the African revolution.

Dona Beatriz Kimpa Vita is the lady who sacrificed her life for the people and the noble ideas. She is the person who was bold and fearless in front of those mighty empires. She was a free soul with free mind even when the kingdom or the people were enslaved by all means. African people owe her that illegal slave trade ended with her continuous fight[[2]](#footnote-2). Moreover, she restored the kingdom to her original outlook as she cared for the unity of her land. Though, she met a tragic demise where she was burned alive but she was utterly successful in her objectives.

# *Conclusion*

In a nutshell, this is suggested form the above discussion that the role of Dona Beatriz Kimpa Vita is so significant that it is indelible. She was the lady of great stature which infused a new spirit in the African revolution. It is no blinking the fact that political and social activism of Dona Beatriz Kimpa Vita was a new source of energy for Africa people. In this way, men usually dominate in the freedom struggles, but it is not always the rule. Women take an active part, and this is evident from the undeniable contribution of Dona Beatriz Kimpa Vita, who infused a new spirit in the struggle of the African continent. Dona Beatriz Kimpa Vita sacrificed her life for her vision and this is what makes here memorable for the entire world even till date.

End Notes

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