

Interviewee name:
Malcolm Kernahan

Interviewer name:
Avah Atherton

Date of Interview:
18th-22nd September 2024

Location of Interview:
Electronically (via Whatsapp text)

Short biography of interviewee:

Malcolm Kernahan is a community activist and one of the executive members of the National Union of Freedom Fighters (NUFF) a guerilla group that operated in Trinidad and Tobago between 1971-1974. He was a supporter of the labour movements in southern Trinidad before becoming involved in the National Joint Action Committee (NJAC) and their demonstrations leading up to the State of Emergency in April 1970.

Short summary of interview:

Malcolm Kernahan reflects on his participation in the protests of 1970, focusing on the struggles against unemployment and discrimination, and the socio-political movements of the time. His narrative includes the challenges of building a sustainable movement, NUFF's ideological divisions, and the eventual crackdown that led to the disbandment of the organisation.

Interview keywords:

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