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UCL's Centre for the Legacies of British Slavery hosted the UK launch of their Valuable Lives project in Brixton 31 July. Directed by Professor Matthew Smith, the project seeks to build the first comprehensive public database of Jamaican enslaved lives under British slavery, connecting archival records with descendants, family histories, and communities in Jamaica and the UK to confront the roots of racial inequality.

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JAMAICA AT 64: CELEBRATING RESILIENCE IN GRAND STYLE

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Jamaica's 64th Independence celebrations spotlighted music, faith, culture, and community, culminating in six nights of events at Independence Village and the Grand Gala on 6 August, all under the theme "United in Celebrating Resilience."

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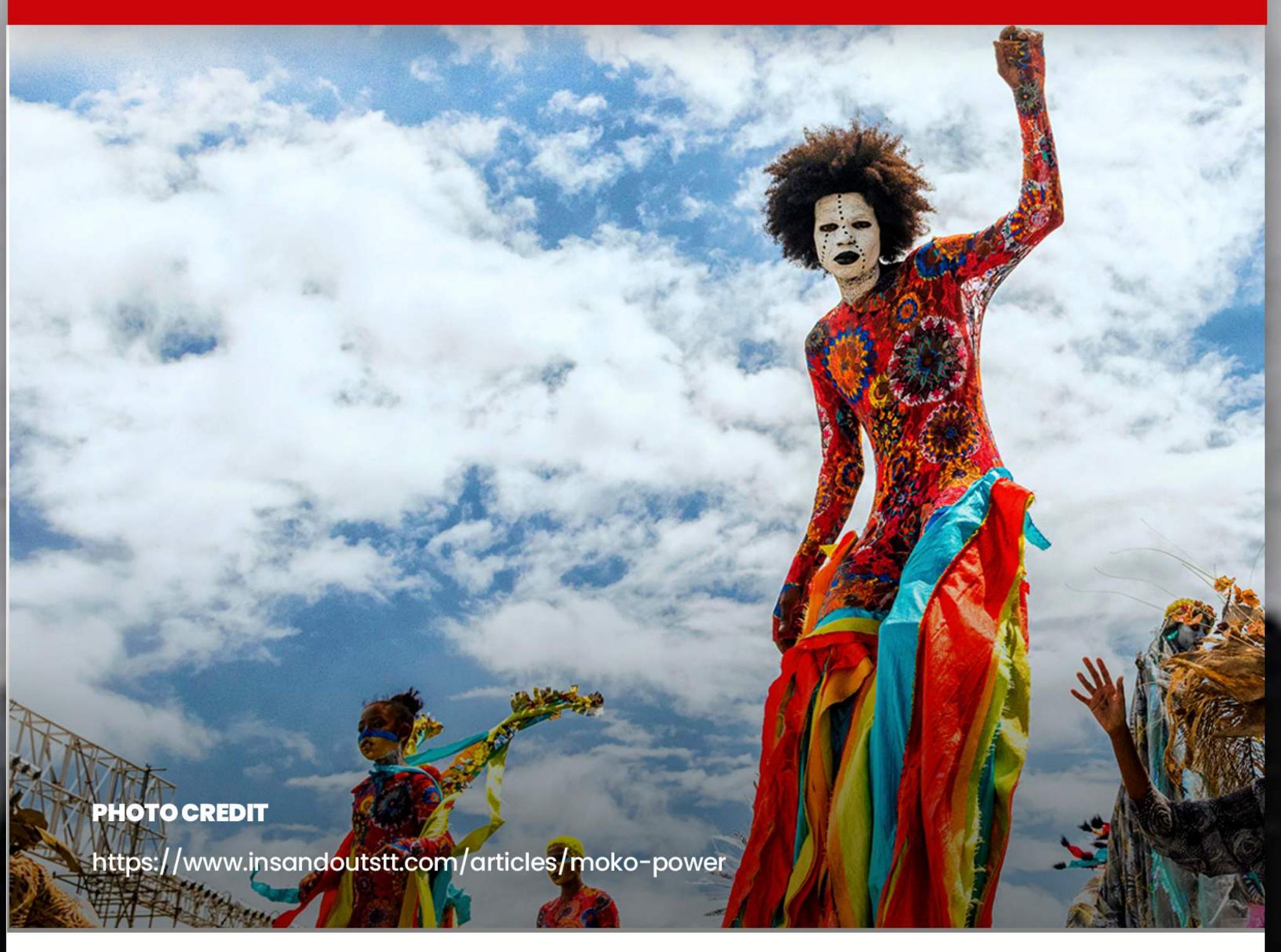

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Trinidad and Tobago celebrated Emancipation Day on 1 August with vibrant displays of the heritage that shaped freedom in our twin-island republic, where bands paraded under themes of liberation. Highlighting the continuing struggle for freedom everywhere; Vulgar Fraction's Moko Jumbie presentation expressed solidarity with respective Palestinian, Congolese resistance to ongoing genocidal violences.

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GHANA AND THE CARIBBEAN COLLABORATE FOR FURTHER REPARATIONS CONVERSATION

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3 August , Ghanaian President John Dramani Mahama joins Sir Hilary Beckles in Jamaica for a high-level UWI dialogue exploring historical responsibility, government action, and the global pursuit of reparatory justice.

> "The international community is moving beyond simple acknowledgement of historical wrongs toward structured engagement on how their enduring consequences can be addressed".

JOHN DRAMANI MAHAMA
GHANIAN PRESIDENT

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CARICOM REPARATIONS CHAIR CALLS FOR RETURN OF BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

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https://indianexpress.com/article/world/caribbean-leaders-call-for-return-of-british-virgin-islands-demand-reparations-from-uk-10787076/

During a London briefing, CARICOM Reparations Commission Chair Prof. Sir Hilary Beckles called on the UK to begin returning the British Virgin Islands. He urged King Charles III to support decolonisation across remaining overseas territories, arguing that reparatory justice and political self-determination are inseparable.

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PUSHING AGAINST THE 'DOORS OF NO RETURN': GHANA'S EFFORTS TOWARDS DIASPORA RETURN

President of the Republic of Ghana, His Excellency John Dramani Mahama (front, centre), addresses a Special Joint Sitting of the Houses of Parliament on Tuesday (August 4) at Gordon House. Listening are Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Most Hon. Juliet Holness, and President of the Senate, Hon. Thomas Tavares-Finson.

Ghana's President John Dramani Mahama told Jamaica's parliament that repatriation is "a right of all persons of African descent," as Caribbean officials prepare to petition King Charles in September for legal guidance on a slavery reparations claim. Mahama highlighted Ghana's Right of Abode Act and a planned homeland return bill offering citizenship pathways.

Repatriation is one of ten points in the CARICOM Ten-Point-Plan for Reparatory Justice. Activists and advocates frame this as both a spiritual homecoming and a right rooted in historical precedent - from the founding of Sierra Leone and Liberia to Marcus Garvey's pan-Africanist philosophy - and stress it also means rebuilding the cultural and psychological ties severed by slavery.

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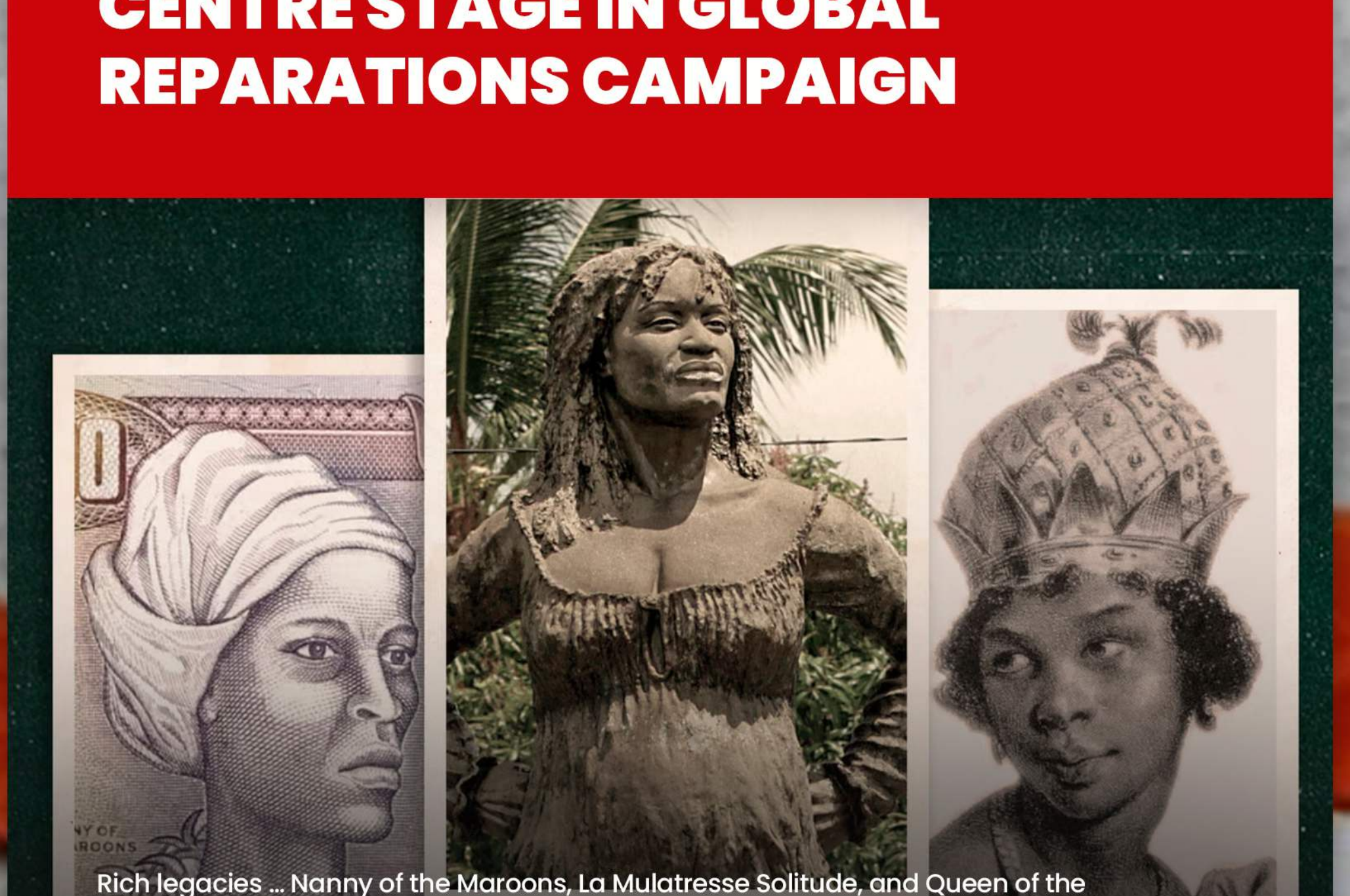
GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE TAKES CENTRE STAGE IN GLOBAL REPARATIONS CAMPAIGN



Rich legacies ... Nanny of the Maroons, La Mulatresse Solitude, and Queen of the Ndongo and Matamba Kingdoms. Composite: Alamy

The histories of Gender-Based Violence [GBV] have moved to the forefront of the movement for reparatory justice. In conversation with The Guardian UK, Prof. Olivette Otele [SOAS, London] noted the 1662 partus sequitur ventrem doctrine that made enslaved women property (twice over) and reproductive tools. Prof Otele traced the legacy to present-day misogynoir and the ignored experiences of Black girls, while highlighting resistance figures like Queen Nzinga, Solitude, and Nanny of the Maroons. Without repair for the foundations of Gender-Based Violence in the histories of enslavement and colonisation, the movement for reparatory justice could never be achieved.

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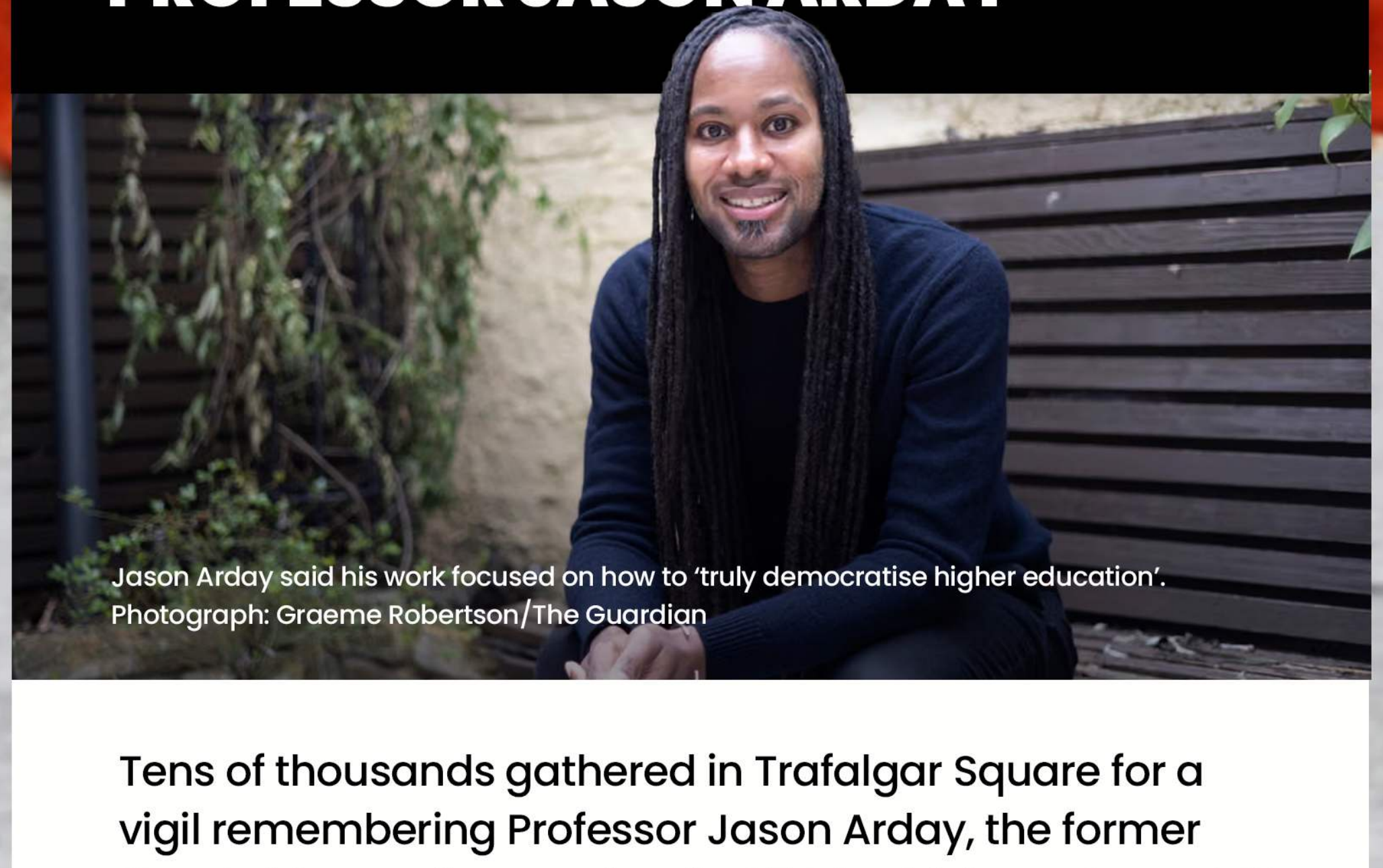
'HOUNDED TO DEATH': 30,000 GATHER IN LONDON TO HONOUR PROFESSOR JASON ARDAY



Jason Arday said his work focused on how to 'truly democratise higher education'. Photograph: Graeme Robertson/The Guardian

Tens of thousands gathered in Trafalgar Square for a vigil remembering Professor Jason Arday, the former Cambridge professor who died Friday 14 August aged 41. A week prior, the racist media campaign that made a mountain out of a molehill, led by plagiarism scrutiny from white supremacist and self-professed 'race realist' Nathan Cofnas pushed Professor Jason Arday to resignation from his position at Cambridge University.

MP Bell Ribeiro-Addy read the family's statement: "The public cruelty Jason was subjected to was too much for any man to bear." MP Diane Abbott condemned the 'vicious campaign' UK media conducted with over 250 articles about him in three weeks. Statements from colleagues advocated for urgent reckoning of the institutional racism embedded in academic environments, and the potentially lethal dangers presented to Black communities in these spaces.

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