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Exclusive Documentary: Flat 13 TX: Sunday 23 August at 3pm

Free-to-air television channel e.tv is airing an exclusive documentary, Flat 13, on Sunday 23rd August at 3pm. Flat 13 is about an apartment that became a sanctuary during Apartheid where the dream of a free and democratic country was first realised.

Former President, Nelson Mandela and fellow comrade, Ismail Meer created a cosy corner in the world where fellow activists, irrespective of race, could air their viewpoints.

These young stalwarts of the struggle were 24-year-old first year law students at Wits University. When not partying up a storm, the apartment was often a place for heated debates about the injustices of the ruling party. It also served as a meeting point where various anti-apartheid organisations met which led to the formation of the United Congress Alliance of South Africa's oppressed peoples.

The legacy that housed this Promised Land lived on long after Mandela was encased inside the stone walls of Robben Island, by Ahmed "Kathy" Kathrada. Kathrada, who celebrates his 80th birthday on the August 21st 2009, carried the torch of equality and freedom in flat 13 for years afterwards.

Using the major political events of the mid 40s and 60s, Flat 13 tells the story of individuals who were willing to sacrifice their lives to be treated as equal citizens in South Africa.

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