

Fifty years of African independence

On March 6, 1957, the British colony of Gold Coast became Ghana – the first country in sub-Saharan black Africa to shake off colonial rule, acting as a beacon for liberation struggles around the continent

COLONIALISM IN AFRICA

European rulers prior to independence

Western Sahara

Occupied by Morocco

France: All colonies granted independence in 1960 except where shown

- UK
- Italy
- Portugal
- Belgium

