Obama Kicks Off Mandela's 100th Birthday Celebration

South [_____] and freedom fighters around the world celebrated the birth and life of

Nelson Mandela this Wednesday. Mandela's [_____] has been recognized as Mandela

Day since 2010, but this year marked 100 years since the former South African

president's birth. Barack Obama kicked off the celebration in Johannesburg with a lecture

reflecting on past [_____] and honouring Mandela's legacy in promoting democracy and

human rights. In Obama's first major appearance since leaving office, he used

the [_____] to comment on today's "uncertain times," calling the current news cycle "head-

spinning and bizarre" and warning that human progress is at risk. Obama ended on a

positive note, telling young people to "Keep [_____]. Keep marching. Keep building. Keep

raising your voice."