



GLOBAL GREENS STATEMENT OF SOLIDARITY FOR THE PEOPLE OF ESWATINI

Global Greens Coordination
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For the attention of the global community who believe in democracy, freedom and justice.

We write as members of the international community to express our deep concern regarding the repressive and violent actions perpetrated by King Mswati III against the people of Eswatini (formally known as Swaziland).

We believe it is critical we speak out and help draw the attention of the global community to the courageous protests that spontaneously began following the death of law student Thabani Nkomonye at the hands of Swazi authorities.

We support the following five demands of the Swazi protest movement and urge organisations around the world to also commit their solidarity:

1. an all-inclusive mediated national dialogue;
2. the unrestricted unbanning of political parties;
3. the creation of a transitional authority;
4. a new democratic Constitution with a full set of political rights and civil liberties; and
5. a democratic dispensation grounded in constitutional multiparty elections for the executive and legislature.

We note with concern:

1. unarmed protesters have been facing off against an armed and repressive regime;
2. the death of law student Thabani Nkomonye at the hands of Swazi authorities; and
3. the land grabs & obscene wealth of royal family while so many in eSwatini live below the poverty line.

We believe that the people of eSwatini will have success moving their country to a democracy and look forward to welcoming a Green Party from eSwatini into our Global community.

Finally, we urge those who are interested in this situation to read [this excellent article](#) by Maxwell Diamini, Jeffrey Smith and Nic Cheeseman.

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