



EFF CONDEMNS DESPOTIC KING MSWATI FOR REJECTING DIPLOMATIC INTERVENTION BY SADC

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The EFF condemns the perverted dictator King Mswati of the eSwatini nation, who has unilaterally denied the South African Development Community (SADC) access to the country in order to conduct a fact-finding mission regarding recent uprisings for democratic reforms.

SADC has indicated their intention to conduct a second fact-finding mission in eSwatini after the nation has been plagued by civil unrest from citizens demanding equal distribution of wealth and democracy. This request by SADC came as a result of them being unable to engage all stakeholders to ascertain the conditions in the country that not only led to protests but prevail currently, as activists are tormented and killed by security forces.

True to his nature of lacking accountability and in order to hide the truth from the continent and society, Mswati has denied SADC access to the nation to conduct their fact-finding mission. This is on frivolous grounds that undefined assessments must be conducted prior to any further engagements taking place.

In an exhibition of pure opportunism, King Mswati further seeks to utilise the COVID-19 pandemic, to suppress the oversight role of SADC, while he continues to massacre the people of eSwatini. This must be condemned with the contempt it deserves.

The EFF calls for the immediate down-grading of the status of the South African embassy in eSwatini and for our ambassador to eSwatini to be recalled. We further call on all African states to recall their ambassadors to eSwatini as a means of registering the continent's displeasure at the volatile situation in the country.

King Mswati has shown his contempt for all diplomatic relations and how the situation is not only a danger to the people of eSwatini but all civilians in the country. The international community must apply the necessary pressure to ensure the demands of the people of eSwatini are met and the despotic King is isolated until he succumbs to the popular demands of the people.

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