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CONDITIONS FOR THE DEMOCRATIC  
VICTORY:**

*MILITANTS TO THE FRONT!!*

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TRUMPED UP  
CHARGES**



*"Break the Chains  
of  
Oppression!!!"*



**COMRADE**

**DUMSANI  
FAKUDZE**

**LONG LIVE THE UNDYING SPIRIT OF CDE DU**



# CPS 5<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL CONGRESS

## DECLARATION

9 April 2023, on the 12<sup>th</sup> Founding Anniversary of the Communist Party of Swaziland



**THEME: MOBILISING THE NECESSARY CONDITIONS FOR THE DEMOCRATIC VICTORY – MILITANTS TO THE FRONT**

**W**E the delegates of the CPS 5<sup>th</sup> National Congress, compelled by history to pledge our commitment to lead our people in the struggle for democracy and socialism in Swaziland, convened under the theme *'Mobilising the Necessary Conditions for the Democratic Victory – Militants to the Front'*, in Mpumalanga Province, South Africa, from 6-9 April 2023.

The mission is envisaged through an inexorable struggle to end the Mswati autocracy, a capitalist system with feudal characteristics that has imposed its ruthless authority over our people for 50 years of absolute rule and miseries to the people.

The CPS 5<sup>th</sup> National Congress was attended by delegates from Swaziland and in exile with the task of mapping out a programme that will shift the struggles of the people towards democratic victory.

The Congress received messages of support from fraternal organisations inside the country and internationally.

Congress received reports of work done and analyses of the changing situation in the country and internationally. The perspectives showed that the political situation has changed in favour of the democratic goal. In addition, the CPS has grown and its influence on the people has increased.

The Mswati regime is in a permanent defensive position, fighting desperately to cling to power using perilous tactics against the people and political activists.

CPS members are amongst those targeted in the orchestrated state brutality whose objective is to defeat the struggle of the people. The regime has reinforced outside strength from its international allies. Economic allies of the regime from imperialist origin continue to cover the regime by expanding their production in the country whilst sustaining the revenue base of the regime to fund the war against the people.

The crisis of the regime has deepened on all fronts worsening the situation of the majority of our people. It is daily becoming harder for the people to live in their own country due to insecurity, political repression, economic suffocation and social abandonment. The few working people who have shouldered the socio-economic burden of the entire nation are no longer coping, families and dependents are abandoned due to the pressures imposed by the increases in the cost of necessities. The survival of the poor people can no longer be guaranteed without drastic changes in attitude towards livelihood and economic activity to meet our daily needs.

Our struggle has gained international recognition, progressive and democratic people of the world are continuously associating with the struggling people of our country and the regime is getting more and more isolated.

Congress identified as a priority the need to build a strong movement of the people in all sections of our society; in the workplace, schools, institutions of higher education, in urban and rural communities, and other sectors. The movement must have capacity to resist the pugnaciously infused oppression of the regime, repel the regime and denounce its institutions and programmes. It must also have capacity to survive the people by meeting the basic needs as the regime deliberately withdraws services to the resisting communities. Communities and the working-class vulnerable people must defend themselves from all forms of onslaught by the desperate regime whilst con-



tinuing with the struggle for the democratic goal. The people must keep the belief of total victory.

## Congress identified the following conditions that need to be created:

Mobilisation of a loyal people within our society ready to support the effort of the struggle under the present risks

Build a CPS capable of adapting to all conditions

Establish adequate, reliable and necessary sources of finance and resources to strengthen the resistance capacity of the movement.

To organise the efficient communication capacity to cement the working relationship between the CPS, resistance movement and the people.

To win over reliable support from the international community for immediate and long-term requirements.

Congress confirmed the need for proper coordination of militant struggles waged by the working-class people, students, workers and communities to address the growing hostilities created by the regime and address the insecurity challenges. The cry for freedom must be taken to the streets: Mass uprising of the entire people all over the country to bring down the crisis.

Militants must play a vital role in organising these protests until they reach the status of a national mass uprising. The *Elections Boycott Campaign* must intensify to achieve its objectives of weakening the political capacity of the regime from the international front. April 12 every year must be a pointer to mark the end of the autocratic rule by beginning the intensified protests for democracy and rendering the country ungovernable by the regime.

The CPS continues to improve the ways of waging these struggles until victory and for the establishment of the Socialist Democratic Republic.

With a better organised CPS, ideologically capable cadres, disciplined, as well as motivated and people-oriented activists, the struggle of the people will win and our country will survive.

## CPS 5<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS CENTRAL COMMITTEE

As elected at the CPS 5<sup>th</sup> National Congress, in Mpumalanga Province, South Africa

## National Office Bearers

**General Secretary:** Thokozane Kenneth Kunene

**National Chairperson:** Khethiwe Mabaso

**Treasurer General:** Thulani Gamedze

**Deputy General Secretary:** Mxolisi Ngcamphalala

**Deputy National Chairperson:** Lucky Mamba

**National Organising Secretary:** Bafanabakhe Sacolo

**Woman Organiser:** Elihle Magagula

**International Secretary:** Simphiwe Dlamini

## Central Committee Members

1. Kwanele Fakudze
2. Lot Vilakati
3. Mbongeni Ngcamphalala
4. Mhlonishwa Mtsetfwa
5. Mlimi Makhubela
6. Mvuselelo Mkhabela
7. Pius Vilakati
8. Sandile Xaba
9. Tandezile Mamba
10. Titus Vilakati

**DOWN WITH MSWATI AUTOCRACY!**

**DOWN WITH MONARCHIC DICTATORSHIP!**

**DOWN WITH TINKHUNDLA REGIME!**

**DOWN WITH IMPERIALISM!**

**DOWN WITH CAPITALISM!**

**VIVA CPS!**

**VIVA DEMOCRACY!**

**VIVA INTERNATIONALISM!**

**FORWARD TO SOCIALISM!**

# CPS DIPS ITS RED FLAG IN MOURNING SHOCKING DEATH OF ITS FOUNDING NATIONAL CHAIRPERSON COMRADE DUMSANI “DU” FAKUDZE



**T**he Communist Party of Swaziland (CPS) sadly learned of the passing away of its founding National Chairperson, Comrade Dumsani Fakudze in the early hours of 2 June 2023.

Fondly known by members of the mass democratic movement simply as Comrade "DU", he lived his life in complete devotion to the democracy cause, the freedom of the people of Swaziland. The people of his community in Madonsa, a township on the outskirts of Manzini City, knew very well of his complete devotion to continuously raising their plight, fighting on their side in the anti-eviction struggles they have had to wage for their whole lives, struggles which the Communist Party of Swaziland dedicated itself to since its birth on 9 April 2011.

From 9 to 10 June 2023, members of the Communist Party of Swaziland, the mass democratic movement and the people of Madonsa community in Manzini paid their last respects to DU, first in a memorial service, then in a night vigil, followed by a funeral service in Madonsa township. Activists chanted and danced to revolutionary songs from the memorial service till the funeral service the next morning.

Comrade DU fully dedicated his life to the struggle for freedom in Swaziland, making huge sacrifices in service to the people. On 20 December 2019, as he was leaving his home in Manzini to attend the Zimbabwean Communist Party's Founding National Congress, Mswati's police invaded his home and detained him along with a number of leaders of the progressive movement. Despite continuous victimisation by the autocracy, he continued marching along the revolution-

ary line.

With his life lived in dedication to the people of Swaziland, Comrade DU never at any point abandoned the people. When community members faced eviction in various communities such as his own in Madonsa, as well as Gege, Sigombeni, Malkerns and Nokwane, among others, he marched in solidarity with them.

The CPS went on to hold various campaigns across the country to sharply highlight the political situation in Swaziland, including the land question and how it affects the masses of our country on a daily basis. Among those campaigns were the sunset rallies. The CPS held one of the radical rallies on the night of 7 August 2022 at Madonsa Township, sharply raising the land question which was supported by the masses of that community.

Reflecting on his life and the impact he had, particularly on the youth and students, it is clear that Comrade DU has indeed multiplied, along with Cde Njabulo “Njefire” Dlamini and all the communists and revolutionaries we have lost. One of his last political acts included his contribution to a political lecture hosted by the Swaziland National Union of Students on 11 April 2023 where he made key reflections on the revolutionary life of the late founding president of SWAYOCO, Comrade Benedict Didiza Tsabedze.

Celebrating Comrade DU's revolutionary life through the memorial and funeral services, the CPS once again conveyed its message of heartfelt condolences to Comrade DU's family and his partner Comrade Sindi Dlamini, to the working class as well as the mass democratic movement which he served diligently till he breathed his

last.

In paying tribute to Comrade DU, the CPS reiterated its call for maximum unity of the working class to boycott, disrupt and stop Mswati's sham elections, unite the people for a nationwide insurrection towards freedom for all. The campaign against tinkhundla elections has been largely successful, despite the regime's repression of the people. The people's consciousness, along with their resolve for true freedom and democracy, continues to increase sharply.

Delivering the CPS's message to the throngs who came out to bid farewell to Comrade DU, CPS Deputy General Secretary (DGS) Comrade Mxolisi Ngcamphalala called upon the mass democratic movement to take the responsibility of fighting for the people's freedom, in memory of Comrade DU.

## **We must take responsibility and fight for our own freedom – CPS Deputy General Secretary Mxolisi Ngcamphalala**

"Comrades", said the CPS DGS, "there will be no 'Moses' to liberate us from oppression, but as Swazis we need to take the responsibility and fight for our own freedom, our future, and building democracy in Swaziland".

The DGS described Comrade DU as a humble person and a well-respected leader. His humility, however, did not mean that he was not conversant with the demands on his shoulders and the struggle of the people, added the DGS. The DGS went on to describe DU as someone who, due to his hard work and sacrifices, had become the "[face of the revolution](#)" in Swaziland.

Comrade DU began his activism at a young age and continued until his last breath on 2 June 2023.

In honour of the fallen soldier, the CPS DGS emphasised that the mass democratic movement had an urgent mandate to unite the people and stand against the oppressive tinkhundla system and all its tactics. He went on to make it clear that the kind of unity necessary was that of one purpose; to overthrow the tinkhundla system of government once and for all.

Comrade Mxolisi also exposed the tinkhundla election for the fraud that it is in all its facets, showing how participating in them as the mass democratic movement would not benefit the struggle as the election only endorses the current system which we are fighting against.

He explained further, making an example of a baking pan and how regardless of the dough one may use to bake, always takes the shape of the baking pan. As such, regardless of whoever serves in tinkhundla parliament, such will always bring the same results hence the need to totally remove the system in order to get differ-

ent, qualitative results to serve the people as a whole.

The CPS DGS also stated that the 28-29 June 2021 uprising was concrete proof that the tinkhundla system cannot be defeated within its walls as some former MPs were sent to prison while another was forced to exile while the people burned down some of the structures of the tinkhundla government, signifying that they had had enough of the system. He thus emphasised on the need to crush and destroy the tinkhundla system, and that only from tinkhundla system's ashes shall a new system of government for the people be established.

The CPS continues to make the call for unity among the fighting people of Swaziland, if the Mswati autocracy is to be defeated. Such unity, however, must be principled, as the CPS DGS clarified during his address.

"True, unity is necessary, however, let us remember, comrades, that there will be no 'Moses' to liberate us, but as Swazis we must take the responsibility and fight for our own freedom, our future, and building democracy in Swaziland."

Comrades closed the funeral service with the singing of [The Internationale](#), a song that Comrade DU led for many years during Communist Party activities and rallies.

**Long live the undying spirit of Comrade DU!**

**Forward to Socialism!**

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*Additional reporting by Elihle Magagula*

*CPS Media*



# UMSEBENTI WEKULWELA TIMPHILO TETFU UKITSI

## Asisukumeni sonkhe silwele likusasa letfu, sakhe hulumende wentsandvo yelinyenti

Mxolisi Ngcamphalala, CPS Deputy General Secretary

*Speech delivered at Comrade DU's night vigil on behalf of the CPS in Madonsa township, Manzini*

**S**iyi Communist Party of Swaziland sitsandza kulilela bakaFakudze, sitsandza kwendlulisa kulila khabo Make wa Dumsani Fakudze, sililele wakakhe lebekahlala naye, Comrade Sindi.

Siyafuna futsi maqabane kulilela sive sakuMadonsa, sendlule maqabane sililele bonkhe labalwela intsandvo yelinyenti ngekulahlekelwa lichawe lelinjenga Dumsani Fakudze.

DU bekanemoya lophansi, abahlonipha bantfu, kodvwa awatisa emalungelo ebantfu.

Bekangumuntfu lohlale atifoba njalo kodvwa lokutitfoba kwakhe kwakungasho kulibala kungako umphatsi-luhlelo lapha akhuluma atjela bafundisi kwekutsi sibokhona kukwehlukhanisa singabi bantfu lababhumbudzela tintfo, singabi libandla lelihlahlela kubhumbudzela tintfo sityi sakha kuthula eveni.

Sikulesimo lesinjengalesi lesikusiso singemaSwati sizatfu ngulokwekutsi sihlale etukwetintfo sitibona siloku sityi kubindvwa kubonwa. Kungako sibulawa busweti, kungako tibhedlela tingasebenti, kungako etikolweni kungafundvwa kute tintfo tekusebenta solo sityi kubindvwa kubonwa.

DU be kangasilo lelo hlobo lelo, be kangumuntfu lobekakhuluma aphumisele ngalokungalungi kahle. Bekasibuko salomzabalazo, kungako emamaqabane lamanengi lamuhla atsitye ayamati DU.

DU umsebentele SAS (Swaziland Association of Students), wayisebentela neSWAYOCO (Swaziland Youth Congress). Waphindze waba nguSihlalo wekucala ku Communist Party of Swaziland.

Asebentela inhlango yemakomanisi, bekahlala afundzisa kwekutsi asingacini ngekubuka tintfo letingahambi kahle eveni nasemimangweni lapho sihlala khona. Uphindze watsi kitsi sonkhe la sinensayeya yekubambana sibe munye, sisukume silwe nako konkhe lokungalungi kahle.

Kungaleso sizatfu emamaqabane netakhamuti tala kuMadonsa bangakhona kufakaza kwekutsi kulemizabalazo yale community Dumsani Fakudze bekadlala lichaza. Ngesikhatsi umgcilati afuna kwemuka bantfu balapha kuMadonsa umhlaba wabo, DU bekangulomunye bekahamba embili alwa abambisene netakhamiti takuMadonsa.

Sityi ke, maqabane, sinensayeya singemaSwati sisonkhe kutsi sibambane sibe munye kulomzabalazo. Loku lokusihlanganisile, lokusihlanganisako kufuna kube nguloko lokutawukhona kwekutsi kusimikise enkululekweni.

Sinako ke, maqabane, losokuhambe kwavela labanye labahle bacabanga kwekutsi umzabalazo uyacala nyalo, mamaqabane ashilo kwekutsi umzabalazo mdzala. Nawucala maqabane umzabalazo ucalisa kwesiyalu, kuye ngekuya akhule emandla, ugcine sewubona kuba ngumfula. Kungako labanye lesebabona balaceleni kwalomfula bacabange kwekutsi ucala khona lapha futsi ugcina lapha.

Kungako sifundzisisa umlandvo kwekutsi kusukephi kuhlupheka kwemaSwati, kwentekani kute kufike luku-khonakhona. Akugcini futsi nalapho. Kunensayeya yekutsi sichubeke sitye kufike enkululekweni. Uma ngabe maqabane sicondza kahle sisebentisa emathulusi lafanele ekubuka tintfo sitawuvumelana ngalivi linye kwekutsi nawusakhuluma ngekutsi usatawuyilwa lemphi uyilwe ngekhati ephalamende yaMswati awukhulumi lona liciniso.

Maqabane, lekufuna kutsi sihlale sikwati kutsi uma ngabe wake wabhaka, mawutsela inhlama ekhatsi epanini, kukhukhumuka kwembhako akuguculi indlela lipani lelime ngayo. Imibhako leminyenti ikhukhumukile epanini kepha soloku lipani lihleli njengaloku linjalo.

Lekufuna sikwati kutsi lokumcoka maqabane lekufuna sicutfolisile kahle kwekutsi kute sikhone kubhaka emabhanisi lehlukile latasinika lesikufunako kufuna sicale ngalokucocodza lelipani lelifana, sakhe lipani lehlukile kunaleli lelikhona.

Labo labatsi maqabane akuyiwe elukhetfweni bayaphosisa emaSwatini, balutsa emaSwati ngoba bafuna indlela yekudla. Kadze kwasa emaSwati soloku anikwa tishumpa, anikwe tjwala ngesikhatsi selukhetfo emvakwaloko babuyele esimeni sabo senhlupheko yemihla gemihla.

Sityi phansi ngelukhetfo lwaMswati, phansi!

Lekufuna sikunake ke maqabane kutsi kusukela ku June 2021 – June 28 na 29 kuya embili – emaSwati asukuma kukhombisa kwekutsi nasitentela tintfo siyawuba nayo imphumelelo. Ngiwo emaSwati lahamba ayawushisa tinkhundla, ngiwo emaSwati lahamba ayawushisa imiphakatsi.

Loku kusifakazelo maqabane kwekutsi akuyewuphinde sisebentise leto takhiwo tetinkhundla kute kulive netinkhundla. Loku maqabane kusho kahle kwekutsi kulomlotsa lona lobese wakhiwa ngulokubhidlitwa kwaletindvonga nalokushiswa kwaletinkhundla kufuna kwakhiwe lokusha, luhlobo lwelusha lwembusave, kwakhiwe hulumende webantfu.

Sityi ke, maqabane, asibambaneni. Lubumbano lumcoka loku sisesekuwo lomzabalazo. Lolubumbano alungabi lwemthiyamphisi, alungabi lwemgogodzelo, alungabi lwekulutsana, akube lubumbano lweliciniso.

Kungalutfwa emaSwati kwekutsi kukhona "Moses" loyawubakhulula "eGibhithe". Moses wahamba yedvwana maqabane ajika ema Israelites emvakwekutsi ahlangane netinkinga embili.

Kungaleso sizatfu sekwekutsi bekangatimbandzakanyanga ekutikhululeni wona, bekunemuntfu lobekawakhulula lokungazange kugcina kuyimphumelelo.

Ngako ke, sitsi ke maqabane ngitsi kanye lekufuna sitsatse lomsebenti wekulwela timphilo tetfu, silwele likusasa letfu, sakhe hulumende wentsandvo yelinyenti.

**AMANDLA!**

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*Transcribed by Elihle Magagula – CPS Media*

# No messiah will come and free us

## Let us speak communism

**M**any other mourners and activists made their inputs to celebrate Comrade DU's life. Among those were CPS Head of Workers' Commission, Comrade Mbongeni Ngcamphalala, who made a brief address in reflecting on Comrade DU's life. He was introduced to the podium by CPS International Secretary Comrade Simphiwe Dlamini.

Comrade Simphiwe made it clear that there was no messiah that would come and claim to liberate the masses of Swaziland, but that, rather, it would be the Swazis themselves, united and each knowing exactly their role in the struggle for liberation of the people of Swaziland.

"That is why", said Comrade Simphiwe, "we are always calling for the organs of people's power. It is because there is a role each one has to play. In the government we envisage, there is a role that the church should play."

He also called upon all the people of Swaziland, organised in their various sectors to rise up against tyranny and build a new Swaziland, saying, "the church should have a say, the community people, political parties, trade unions and women should have a say in the government we demand."

**Addressing the mourners, Comrade Mbongeni Ngcamphalala addressed the need for communism. His brief input is presented below in full.**

**Tonight**, I want to speak about communism. We have been in the struggle together with Comrade DU and his partner Comrade Sindi. Back in the years, there was a time when we sat down and talked about communism, a classless society where we will work our land and work for our own benefit, no longer producing to sell for other people's benefit and producing to live.

So, how does all this come into fruition? It comes through socialism where we are able to control the means of production. Together with Comrade DU and his partner, we talked a great deal about farming. Comrade DU said he wanted to do farming together with his partner, but also with the community.

Comrades, since this is a moment of condolences to the family and friends of Comrade DU, some of the mourners have made their reflections based on the bible. We will remember in the book of Exodus and Deuteronomy where it talks about the journey of the Israelites from the oppression of Pharaoh, which means monarchies are oppressive. When they were set free from captivity or oppression, there was a time when God is said to have told them that they were about to reach the promised land of Canaan where they would never again come across any form of poverty.

According to the bible, God therefore promised

communism to them when he said that in the promised land they would possess land, farm for their own benefit and eat whenever they wanted and not be controlled by anyone.

In terms of the bible, therefore, when God was speaking to them about this, he was speaking communism, the same communism Comrade DU and his partner were talking about when they said they wanted to farm and make a living from farming.

When I came here, I saw the land where Comrade DU was farming. That is what we call communism, dear comrades, a classless society.

We have the land; we will own the means of production through socialism. That is why we say today, let us fight to own the land, so that we can reach socialism.

The issue of the bourgeoisie ruling and owning the means of production will not end until we fight to own the land and own the means of production. We are saying the rule of chiefs must come to an end now. How do the chiefs own the land because they have been installed by Mswati while we are present and the majority of us are without land and food?

Agriculture is important to one's life, because you can farm and eat at a time convenient to you. You are rich when you benefit from the land. Therefore, comrades, when we leave here let us go and demand that the land be given back to us, to the people! Socialism should begin and then we move to communism where we will then arrive at full freedom and democracy, where we will have our own government and dictate what we want as a people.

Therefore, Comrade Sindi, continue with the struggle. It is the struggle that will lead you to success and all of us here, comrades.

**Amandla!**

**Viva Communism!**

**Viva Socialism!**

**Down with Tinkhundla!**

**Forward with People's Struggle!**

**Amandla!**

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*Transcribed by Vuyiswa Maseko – CPS Media*



# SNUS MOURNS DEATH OF CPS LEADER COMRADE DUMSANI FAKUDZE

The Swaziland National Union of Students (SNUS) joins the democracy loving people of Swaziland and the world in mourning the tragic demise of comrade Dumsane "DU" Fakudze. A revolutionary who dedicated all his life to the struggle of the working class and poor.

The union conveys its sincere and deepest condolences to his family, community and the mass democratic movement, very close to his heart. Further, the SNUS conveys its condolences to the Communist Party of Swaziland (CPS), where he was a member and former National Chairperson of the Party Central Committee.

Comrade DU, as affectionately known to his fellow comrades, dies almost two months after facilitating in a *Didiza Memorial Lecture* organised by the union, held at SNAT centre. The memorial lecture was one of many sessions organised by students that he facilitated.

He actually contributed immensely in the development of class consciousness to students, the youth and workers. Student activists, some SNUS leaders and SRC members in the different tertiary institutions of the country have derived inspiration and lessons from his revolutionary character. His contribution to the struggles of the people from the different strata of society will never be forgotten.

In paying tribute to comrade DU, as students, the youth and the entire pro-democracy forces need to intensify the struggle for freedom and democracy in Swaziland, the African continent and internationally. The youth and students must wage militant struggles for the total overthrow of the oppressive and exploitative Tinkhundla system.

We call upon the Swazi people to boycott and disrupt the Tinkhundla undemocratic elections in honour of comrade DU and other martyrs of the Swazi revolution.

**Long live the undying spirit of comrade DU!!**

**Down with Tinkhundla autocracy!!**

**Down with Imperialism!!**

**Forward to Socialism!!**

**Issued by SNUS Secretary General**

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## Honour Comrade DU's life by ensuring the struggle for democracy wins – SNUS President Gabi Ndukuya

*Report by By Elihle Magagula*

On 9 June 2023, friends, family, and community members gathered together with members of the CPS and the mass democratic movement (MDM) in Madonsa, Manzini, in a night vigil to pay their last respects to the late former National Chairperson of the Communist Party of Swaziland, Comrade Dumsani "DU" Fakudze.

Comrade Gabi Ndukuya, the President of the Swaziland National Union of Students (SNUS), was among those who shared messages of condolences during the night vigil.

The SNUS President highlighted Comrade DU's service to the struggle for democracy in Swaziland. She pointed out the various roles that Comrade DU held, from his school days in the Swaziland Association of Students (SAS), to SWAYOCO and as the founding National Chairperson of the CPS from April 2011.

In her speech, the SNUS president emphasised that Swazis need to honour Comrade DU's life by making sure that the struggle that he dedicated his life to wins.

She further pointed out that the community of Madonsa could begin doing that by forming security and welfare councils in order to raise awareness about the enslaving nature of the tinkhundla system and then take necessary actions as a community to fight against the system. This, said the President, would be practical steps to ensure that

the struggle for democracy wins.

Comrade Gabi went on to conscientise mourners on how the system was so crippled that even the education and health systems were virtually collapsed – and that the situation was actually worsening.

Currently, students in Swaziland receive backward education. Over the decades, the ruling regime has been trampling on the right to education, with more cuts to scholarships. This has resulted in shocking hike of suicide cases in the past few years amid deepening insecurity among the masses of the people, particularly the youth and students.

The regime has collapsed the health system through wanton neglect and unbridled looting. Extreme shortage of drugs and equipment has been characterised by mushrooming of privately owned pharmacies around the towns and cities, most of which are owned by members of the oppressive royal family and those linked with the regime.

SNUS President Gabi Ndukuya thus reiterated the student union's unapologetic alignment with the mass democratic movement, in line with its motto, "We are members of the community before we are students".

Guided by Marxism-Leninism, the student union always fights on the side of the working class to intensify the struggle for Democracy Now.

# YINYE INDLELA YEKUCEDZA KUHLUPHEKA ESWATINI

## Awucitfwe umbuso wetinkhundla!

SPEECH: Gabi Ndukuya, SNUS President

**S**iyinyonyane yebafundzi baseSwatini, sibonga lelitfuba lekutfula umlayeto wekuvalelisa Comrade Dumsani.

Comrades, umuntfu akacale ngekutsi sililele umndeni wakaFakudze, sililele umndeni wakaDlamini.

Siyamlilela naye Comrade Sindi, sililela nesive sakuMadonsa, phindze sililela nabo bonkhe labalwela inkhululeko kulelakitsi laseSwatini.

Comrade Dumsani bekangumuntfu webantfu, emacabane onkhe sekashilo, natsi siyinyonyane siyamati. Abangumuntfu wabo bonkhe bantfu aphindze abe ngumuntfu wensha abe ngumuntfu webafundzi.

Kubuhlungu lamuhla kutsi sihlangele kutovalelisa lisotja lelifana na Comrade DU, kodvwa maqabane sishito futsi sisasho kutsi yinye indlela lesitawuhlonipha ngayo Comrade DU, yinye indlela lesitawuhlonipha ngayo imphilo yakhe, yinye futsi indlela lesitawukhumbula ngayo imisebenti yakhe asaphila: Kufanele sente siciniseko sekutsi lomzabalazo labekawuzabalaza kusukela aseku SAS, aye kuSWAYOCO, waze wefika ku Communist Party of Swaziland lapho wafike waba ngu Sihlalo khona.

Maqabane, yinye indlela lesitamhlonipha ngayo kukhumbula imphilo yakhe. Asenteni siciniseko kwekutsi lomzabalazo lebekayilwa leminyaka lengaka uyancoba.

Maqabane, Kufanele sente siciniseko sekutsi umbuso wetinkhundla uyawa.

Lesitokusho ke lamuhla kutsi Comrade DU uyihole kahle inhlangano yakhe iCPS asenguSihlalo wayo. Uyisebentele ngekutikhandla.

Siyivile iCPS ikhuluma ngetinhlangano tebantfu emimangweni – *community councils*. Sive sakuMadonsa, asitakheni letinhlangano tebantfu emmangweni wetfu: *Security Councils* latosivikela tsine sisodvwa, asiwakheni futsi nema *Welfare Councils* lapho khona sitawubukisana inhlalakahe yetfu sisive.

Ngalama *welfare councils* ngulapho khona sitawuchushisana khona kutsi indlela yinye maqabane; kususa hulumende wetinkhundla sifake hulumende webantfu, hulumende locabangela bantfu, hulumende lonenzaba nenhlalakahle yebantfu.

Sesikhatsi selukhetfo, sikhatsi sabosomatfuba, maqabane. Batawufika bosomatfuba batsi batawusentela loku nalokwa.

Bantfu bakuMadonsa banemizabalazo yabo endzaweni yabo. Siyati kutsi Comrade DU ushone solo anabo, abambisane nabo kulemizabalazo yabo bantfu balapha kuMadonsa.

Ngako-ke, maqabane, indlela lesitawukwenta ngayo

kuhlonipha Comrade DU kutsi sakhe letinhlangano tetfu letitatimelela khona lapha emimangweni, khona lapha kuMadonsa kanye nakuletinye tigozi. Kuletinhlango tetfu, asichushisane, sibonisane kwekutsi inhlalakahle yetfu kubantfu bakuMadonsa ingabuyaphi, futsi singativikela kanjani.

Konkhe kusemahlombe etfu kutsi sive silati liciniso lelitsi lombuso lokhona ngumbuso wetinkhundla, futsi ngumbuso longenanzaba netimphilo tebantfu.

Ngako-ke, siyinhlangano yebafundzi, SNUS, siyanililela boFakudze nebakaDlamini, siyanililela sive sakuMadonsa kanye nembutsano wabo bonkhe labalwela inkhululeko eSwatini.

Kodvwa-ke, asenteni siciniseko sekutsi senyusa emandla ekulwela umbuso wentsandvo yelinyenti, sincobe. Sikhatsi sesiphelile, imitsi etibhedlela kute. Imfundvo kulelive lakitsi bayibulele, bantfwabetfu abafundzi, bantfwabenu abayitfoli imfundvo lengiyo.

Yinye kuphela maqabane indlela yekucedza yonkhe lentfo: **Awucitfwe umbuso wetinkhundla!**

**AMANDLA!**

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## PUDEMO STATEMENT ON THE PASSING OF COMRADE DUMSANI 'DU' FAKUDZE: FOUNDING CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF SWAZILAND

**T**he People's United Democratic Movement (PUDEMO) is shattered by the unfortunate and heart-breaking passing of Former PUDEMO member and founding Chairperson of the Communist Party of Swaziland, Comrade Dumsani "DU" Fakudze. The PUDEMO conveys its sincerest and heartfelt condolences to Comrade Dumsani's family, close Comrades, his organization, and the entire struggling people of our country on his untimely passing.

Comrade DU, affectionately known by the Comrades he grew up with within our ranks, from the student politics of SAS to later lead in our youth league (SWAYOCO) at all levels. He held the teachings of the working class ideology firmly and remained convinced of the correctness and universal validity of the fundamental principles of Marxism-Leninism, which earned him the national post within SWAYOCO of being its National Political Commissar. He furthered his ideological convictions beyond our ranks, and the movement saw him emerge as the founding chairperson of the Communist Party of Swaziland. He met his untimely death, still holding firm on the belief of the working class philosophy and ideology while still serving as a member of the Communist Party of Swaziland. We take stock of the fact that Comrade Dumsani's death comes in the same month we are mourning and commemorating precisely one year of the passing of Internationalist Comrade Amos "Messiah" Mbedzi. Our hearts are still bleeding.

Comrade Dumsani's immense contribution to the Swazi struggle is acknowledged and appreciated by many across all sectors as he has not wavered nor flipped an inch through all the troubles of our battle, both which are part and parcel of the conditions of our struggle and those orchestrated by the enemy. Comrade DU was an ideologist, an activist, and a leader who fought many battles, such as the free primary education being enjoyed today, and further led campaigns fighting for land to be returned to the people during his SWAYOCO days within the ranks of our movement. Many along this challenging journey of struggle are compromised by immediate material needs, loss of con-

sciousness, and other personal matters that prevent them from continuing to contribute to this course. However, with Comrade DU, all the demanding situations and conditions have not bent nor compromised him in his principles. It is for this reason that we boldly salute him as the movement.

To Comrade DU, we say 'the struggle continues,' and we will continue to wage it till final victory. We are convinced that the enemy has survived mainly because of support from imperialist forces and the progressives' failure to forge and uphold principled unity, among other things. The lack of moral agreement has led the mass democratic movement in general, and the progressives movement in particular, to suffer many setbacks and delays in the quest for freedom and democracy. We, however, stand confident of the future and believe that Comrade Dumsani's spirit and that of many of our fallen heroes and heroines will see us through. Comrade DU's political life offers valuable lessons to many Comrades who have recently joined the struggle, and we encourage many to walk in his path.

In honor of his passing, the People's United Democratic Movement dipped its revolutionary banner to salute his outstanding contribution to the struggle of the working class and the oppressed people of Swaziland.

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# BREAK THE CHAINS OF OPPRESSION!

**O**n Saturday 15 April 2023, Mswati's police abducted Comrade Mvuselelo Mkhabela in Kwaluseni as he and other activists were actively raising awareness regarding Mswati's sham elections scheduled to be held this year to elect a puppet parliament to serve Mswati and his family.

Comrade Mvuselelo (21) is a Central Committee member of the Communist Party of Swaziland (CPS).

Comrade Mvuselelo was abducted by the same police who shot and assaulted him on February 28<sup>th</sup> this year, 2023. One of these police officers is Peter Verrmark, whose phone number is +268 7615 0940.

The police kept him at the Sigodvweni police station in Matsapha, and thereafter transferred him to Nhlanguano police station where they claimed he faced political crimes, which involved organising his community to demand democracy, against the current ruling regime, Africa's last absolute monarchy.

In the morning of 18 April 2023, Mswati's police rushed him to the high court in Mbabane. On the specific charges against him, the police kept withholding information and failing to respect his legal rights, such as the right to speak to his lawyer.

The Communist Party of Swaziland continued to demand the release of Comrade Mvuselelo and all political prisoners.

On Friday 19 May 2023, Comrade Mvuselelo appeared at the high court in Mbabane following an urgent application for bail after the Nhlanguano magistrate's court wrongly referred his case to the high court.

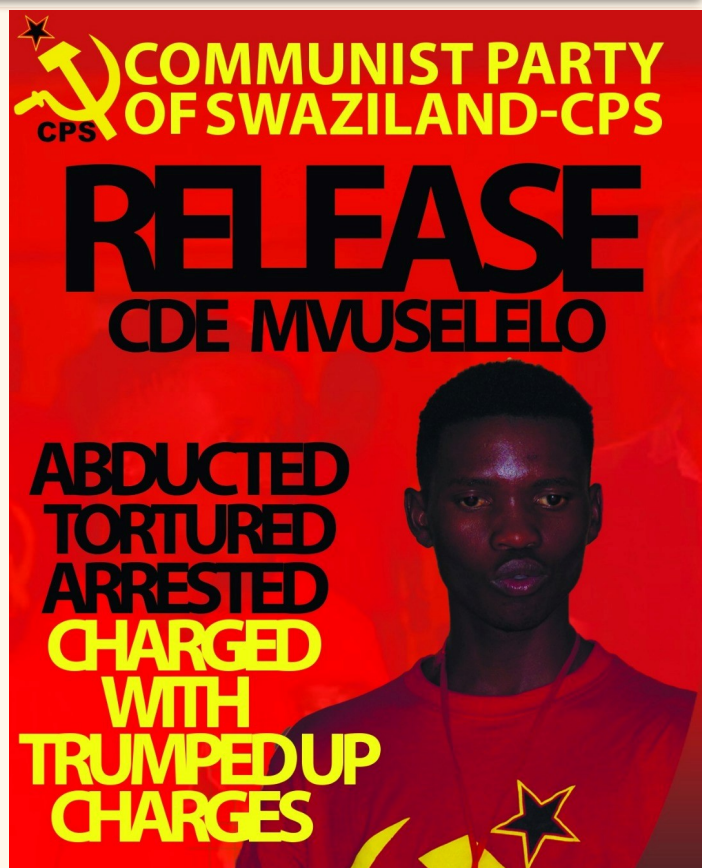
The high court, in turn, postponed the bail hearing to 22 June 2023. Such postponements amount to further incarceration without trial of the CPS Central Committee member who is continuously being persecuted by the ruling regime for calling for democracy.

## ATTACK ON TEACHERS' UNION

In addition to the arbitrary incarceration of Comrade Mvuselelo Mkhabela, in a bid to deepen its rule and, in this year's context, take forward its undemocratic elections, the Mswati autocracy decided to resuscitate old traffic charges (jaywalking) against the Deputy General Secretary of the Communist Party of Swaziland, Comrade Mxolisi Ngcamphalala.

The regime summoned him to appear in court on Friday 12 May for those charges.

Comrade Mxolisi Ngcamphalala is also the Deputy



Secretary General of the biggest union in Swaziland, the teachers' union known as the Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT). For decades, SNAT has remained the most active union in the working-class struggle in Swaziland.

The emergence of younger leaders like Comrade Mxolisi Ngcamphalala, the late Comrade Njabulo "Njefire" Dlamini, Comrade Lot Jesus Gaddafi Vilakati, and many others who have begun analysing the struggle and organising resistance struggles from a consistently Marxist-Leninist perspective, has deeply threatened the ruling puppet of imperialism, the Mswati autocracy.

The regime first charged our Deputy General Secretary in 2019, 11 January, as they were walking towards a meeting of their union SNAT. He was charged with jaywalking together with another CPS leader, the late Njabulo "Njefire" Dlamini, who at the time was the CPS International Secretary.

In 2019, both comrades were leaders of SNAT in their branch in Big Bend, Lubombo Region in the eastern part of Swaziland.

When they were apprehended by the police, they were on their way to a SNAT meeting which was expected to

resolve the question of a nationwide uprising against the oppressive regime. The two comrades were part of the main organisers of the action and thus viewed by the regime as a major threat to its existence.

The resuscitation of the jaywalking charge this year, a whole more than four years after the alleged incident, takes place in the context of renewed attacks against the trade union movement. SNAT President, Comrade Mbongwa Dlamini, remains one of the prime targets of the regime for his trade union work.

Swaziland remains an absolute monarchy, the only such system existing in the African continent. All executive, legislative, and judicial powers still rest with the monarchy since 12 April 1973 when the monarchy unilaterally repealed the 1968 constitution and banned all political parties and assumed absolute power over the country.

Additionally, the people of Swaziland still remain under an imposed curfew since June 2021. People in Swaziland are still not allowed to be outdoors after 8PM on a daily basis. The military continues to physically abuse civilians without any accountability.

On the other hand, the 12 April 1973 state of emergency remains in place.

In the year when the Mswati autocracy is desperate to hold its undemocratic elections, it has sought to attack the CPS and the working-class movement by arresting the movement's leaders. The main targets in this instance are leaders of teachers and those of public transport workers.

The regime has attacked the SNAT leadership intending to suppress and crush the union. The CPS stands by its Deputy General Secretary, Comrade Mxolisi Ngcamphalala, as well as the SNAT President against political persecution by the regime.

The CPS calls for unity among workers – and the working class at large – for the total overthrow of the tinkhundla autocracy.

## **BREAK THE CHAINS OF OPPRESSION IN SWAZILAND**

### **CAMPAIGN FOR:**

- UNBANNING OF ALL POLITICAL PARTIES AND ORGANISATIONS
- UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS AND DETAINEES
- UNCONDITIONAL AND SAFE RETURN OF ALL POLITICAL EXILES

The Communist Party of Swaziland is building a broad-based campaign delinked from any party-political affiliation, **BREAK THE CHAINS CAMPAIGN**.

The aim of the campaign is to demand the release of all political prisoners and detainees in Swaziland. The CPS hopes more democracy activists will consider joining the campaign. The **BREAK THE CHAINS CAM-**

**PAIGN** welcomes individual supporters as well as organisations.

The **BREAK THE CHAINS CAMPAIGN** is a campaign for:

- Unconditional unbanning of political parties,
- Unconditional release of all political prisoners and detainees,
- Unconditional and safe return of all political exiles.

There are activists who are held without due process on trumped up charges. They are imprisoned because of their support for the freedom struggle in Swaziland, Africa's last absolute monarchy.

Through the campaign, the CPS appeals to all freedom-loving people around the world to support the **BREAK THE CHAINS CAMPAIGN** by making their voices heard to demand the unbanning of political parties, release of the activists currently in jail, and the return of exiles.

The CPS also links the campaign demands with the urgent call for the unbanning of political parties and organisations in Swaziland and guarantees for the safe return of exiles.

**BREAK THE CHAINS** of the imprisoned activists and **BREAK THE CHAINS** of the Swazi people.

Swaziland faces a massive struggle to achieve democracy in the face of a vile and corrupt regime, under absolute monarch Mswati III, that presides over the mass poverty of the Swazi people – all this while the regime lives in gross luxury and wastes the country's resources on vanity projects for the royal elite.

## **PRACTICAL MEASURES TO SUPPORT THE BREAK THE CHAINS CAMPAIGN**

- Send demands to the Swazi government, calling for the immediate release of all the political prisoners in Mswati's jails.
- Raise awareness on the issue of Swaziland's political prisoners by spreading news of the campaign for their release.
- Raise the issue in your community, trade union branch, church group, and among neighbours and friends.

### **IF YOU ARE OUTSIDE SWAZILAND**

- Issue calls to Swazi diplomatic missions for the unbanning of political parties, release of political prisoners and return of political exiles.
- Demand the boycott of Swaziland by your government until the people's demands are met.
- Get your organisation to join the **BREAK THE CHAINS CAMPAIGN**



## CPS solidarity with mineworkers in Zimbabwe

**T**he Communist Party of Swaziland (CPS) stands in solidarity with mineworkers currently on strike in Zimbabwe for improved working conditions and against the extreme exploitation they are experiencing from the bosses at Anjin Investments.

The CPS salutes the workers as led by the Zimbabwe Diamond and Allied Minerals Workers' Union for waging this gallant fight for their right to dignity and life.

It is a well-documented fact that the lives of the workers and poor in Zimbabwe have grossly plummeted over the years as their country experienced one crisis after another, all rooted in the capitalist system. Different sections of the capitalist class in Zimbabwe have derived private profits at the expense of workers for many years. On the other hand, imperialism has worsened the situation of the workers.

The CPS calls for united solidarity with all workers in Zimbabwe in their struggles for better working conditions and a living wage. The CPS will continue to support the efforts of the workers in Zimbabwe to forge a united front against capitalist exploitation, while at the same time making its contribution to building unity among progressive forces in the African continent and the world.

The judiciary in Swaziland remains firmly under the iron grip of the absolute monarchy to carry out Mswati's commands. Through this arm of government, Mswati ensures that his dictatorship is deepened, activists never have access to justice. It is for this reason that the CPS organises the masses of our country for total democracy.

In addition to the demand for the release of Comrade Mvuselelo Mkhabela and all political prisoners, the CPS also calls for the unconditional unbanning of political parties and organisations, unconditional release of all political prisoners, and the unconditional and safe return of all political exiles to break the chains of oppression in Swaziland.

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*Released Wednesday 7 June 2023*

# CPS pays tribute to SACP leader Comrade Chris Matlhako

**T**he Communist Party of Swaziland (CPS) pays tribute to fallen hero of the working class and leader in the South African Communist Party (SACP), Comrade Chris Matlhako.

The CPS conveys heartfelt condolences to his family, the SACP as well as the working class in South Africa and across the world.

We also offer our deepest condolences to SACP General Secretary, Comrade Solly Mapaila, with whom he worked for a long time at the SACP's head office and ensured the unity and continuity of the SACP in that regard.

A celebrated internationalist, Comrade Chris Matlhako lived and worked for the fulfilment of the working-class struggle and ushering of socialism in the world. His contribution to the struggle against the apartheid regime from his youthful age remains an inspiration to the young people of Swaziland as they fight for democracy.

As the CPS, we remain inspired particularly by his untiring work to defend the working class against US imperialism, particularly the Cuban people's right to self-determination.

In tribute to Comrade Chris Matlhako, the CPS will deepen its efforts in fighting against Africa's last absolute monarchy towards democracy in Swaziland. The people of Swaziland remain resolute in this fight, under the "Democracy Now" campaign launched by the CPS in 2019.

Coming out of its 5<sup>th</sup> National Congress, held under the theme "*Mobilising the Necessary Conditions for the Democratic Victory – Militants to the Front*", the CPS reiterated its resolve to boycott, disrupt and stop the tinkhundla sham elections scheduled for this year to elect a puppet parliament to rubberstamp absolute monarch Mswati's dictatorial decisions.

***A Luta Continua!***

**Revolutionaries Never Die!**

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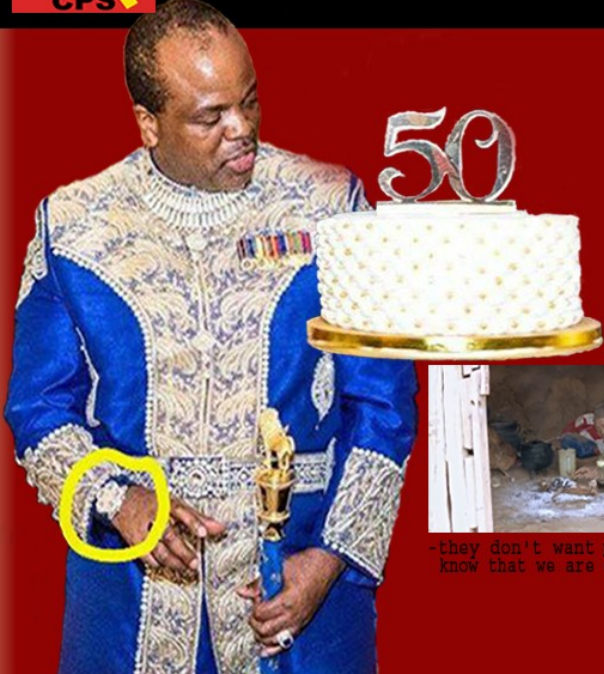

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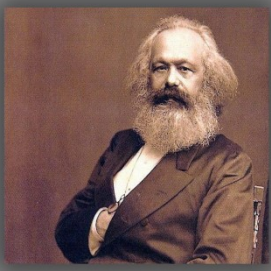


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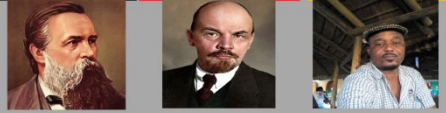


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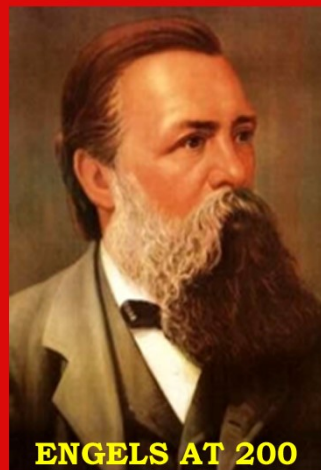


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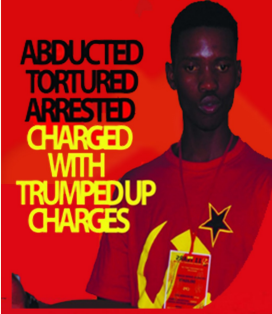



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