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**SUDF STATEMENT ON THE 06th SEPTEMBER 2021 WEEK OF GLOBAL ACTION.**

We the Swaziland United Democratic Front (SUDF) join the Swazi People and the world in the 11<sup>th</sup> Global Week of Action where we have been in the forefront for the last 10 years. It is inspiring that more local and international Organizations and Trade Unions have joined in calling for a democratic Swaziland.

The blatant abuse of human rights, the killing of over 70 civilians, injuring of over 200 and the continuous torture of activists calling for democracy has reached an alarming level. The arrest of the Pro-democracy MP's by the names of Bacede Mabuza from Hosea, Mthandeni Dube from Ngwemphisi affirms this. We therefore urge the Swazi nation especially the young people to stand and demonstrate their commitment in this just and noble cause of democratizing Swaziland by any means.

As Swaziland United Democratic Front, we urge parents and guardians to make the life of a girl child a priority, we cannot allow them to attend the Umhlanga ceremony during the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic. The government should focus on the health and education system as a matter of urgency than to waste it on traditional ceremonies that do not play any role in improving the lives of the ordinary citizens of our country Swaziland.

Lastly, we urge the youth of the country to defend themselves and their community members against the ongoing Police Brutal actions in all ways possible.

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