

## SWAZILAND UNITED DEMOCRATIC FRONT END OF YEAR STATEMENT

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The Swaziland United Democratic front (SUDF) takes this opportunity to share its reflections on the ending year 2021, to share its prospects of the coming year and to invite all those who share the vision of a democratic and liberated Swaziland to render the coming year a decisive moment and a landmark of full transition.

## 2021: A Year of Swazi History

The outgoing year has been an eventful one filled with revolutionary activities and challenges. Above all, this has been a historic year and should be recorded in the history books of the Swazi Nation. A year where the Swazi people has witnessed the Massacre of unarmed civilians by King Mswati's security forces where more than Ninety civilians were killed in cold blood with a countless figure left disabled and orphaned. A year where a large number of school going children were arrested and further charged with the Terrorism Act.

The Swaziland United Democratic front deeps her flag of mourning and grief for the hundreds of unarmed Swazi citizen who were brutally killed by Mswati's security forces. May their souls rest in eternal peace, their memory will forever live in our hearts and we promise that their untimely death will not be in vain.

This marks exactly nine years since the adoption of the people's charter at the People's summit on the 6<sup>th</sup> September 2012. This charter was drawn from, but not limited to, community based organizations, woman's movement, youth and students, workers, political parties, faith based organizations, people with disabilities and other minority groups as an expression of people's aspirations and desire to be free from hunger, poverty, illiteracy and all other forms of social, political and economic deprivation. This charter articulates seven genuine and representative demands of our people created to deepen our mobilizing and campaigning actions. The demands are meant as concrete and practical expressions of what needs to be done to transform our country into the multiparty people centered democracy we envisage.

The Swaziland United Democratic Front therefore applauds the role played by all her affiliates and all Pro-democracy bodies in all the regions of Swaziland and international since this actions are facilitated by the Peoples Charter. We also take pride on having exposed the Leadership failure, ills and maladministration of King Mswati's government to the international community through all the media spaces available.

## Making 2022 The Year of Our Liberation from The Royal Minority Government.

Our task is to re-organize, remobilize and campaign to disorganize Tinkhundla system and as we engage in discussions and debates about the current political and economic crises of our country. As SUDF we have an immediate call for 2022 which is intense mobilization of people at grassroots level and conclusively planned popular mass actions. This must be led and organized by all communities in the whole country Swaziland.

To this end, SUDF wishes to pay her tributes to all the revolutionaries in the mass democratic movement whom we have lost in the year 2021, we know the struggle will never be the same because no comrade is replaceable but we will ensure that the good fight you dedicated your lives into will surely never be in vain. We shall make sure that your revolutionary souls nourish the tree that will bear the fruits of freedom.

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