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Two Years Without Thulani Maseko: Remembering a Champion of Justice and His Love for Mozambique

- Today, we pause to honor and remember the life and legacy of Thulani Maseko, a courageous human rights defender, an unwavering advocate for justice, and a visionary for democracy in Eswatini and beyond. Two years have passed since his tragic assassination, yet his spirit continues to inspire those who stand against oppression and fight for the dignity of all people.



Thulani was not only a beacon of hope for his homeland but also a true friend to Mozambique, a country he visited and loved deeply. His time in Mozambique left an indelible impression—not just because of the solidarity he shared with its people but also because he saw in Mozambique the potential for progress, resilience, and justice. Yet, today, the country he cherished burns, engulfed in turmoil following fraudulent elections that have plunged it into its most severe post-election crisis. Over 500 lives have already been lost, a grim toll that underscores the urgency of the fight for freedom and accountability.

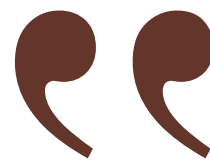
In his visit to Mozambique, Thulani spoke passionately about the power of community and the necessity of holding leaders accountable. He walked alongside activists and defenders, offering not only his wisdom but also his unwavering solidarity. He believed in Mozambique’s potential to rise above its challenges and become a model of democracy in the region. That hope now feels both distant and urgent as the nation grapples with a fractured political landscape and widespread violence.

The brutal loss of lives in the aftermath of the elections reminds us of Thulani’s relentless warnings about the dangers of state-sponsored violence and the erosion of democratic principles. He was a staunch believer in peaceful resistance, in the rule of law, and in the collective power of people to demand justice—even in the face of overwhelming adversity.

As we reflect on his life, let us remember that Thulani’s journey was never about him—it was about the people. It was about building societies where no life is lost to the whims of power, where leaders are held accountable, and where justice is not a privilege but a right. His dream was not just for Eswatini, but for the entire region, including Mozambique, where the need for his vision feels especially pressing today.

To honor Thulani’s memory, we must continue the work he started. We must demand accountability for the lives lost in Mozambique’s crisis, amplify the voices of those still fighting for justice, and stand united against the forces that seek to divide and oppress. Thulani’s legacy compels us to turn pain into action and tragedy into transformation.

Rest in power, Thulani Maseko. Your unwavering courage, your boundless love for justice, and your belief in the power of people will forever guide us. Mozambique remembers you, Eswatini mourns you, and Africa will never forget you.



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