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To
The Office of the Presidency, Mr. Cyril Ramaphosa
Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development Mr Ronald Lamula
Minister of International Cooperation, Ms Naledi Ponder,
Premier of KwaZulu-Natal, Mr Sihle Zikalala
By e-mail

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Embassy of South Africa in Switzerland
South African Human Rights Commission

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Re Killing of activist Nokuthula Mabaso, leader of the shack-dwellers' movement Abahlali baseMjondolo on 5th of May 2022

With shock we have received the news of the murder of activist Nokuthula Mabaso, leader of the shack-dwellers' movement Abahlali baseMjondolo in eKhenana, in Durban, KwaZulu-Natal. The killing happened just two months after the murders of activist Ayanda Ngila in the same community and activist Siyabonga Manqele, who was killed by the police during a raid in the neighbouring eNkanini Occupation in Cato Crest .

Nokuthula Mabaso, who leaves behind her husband and four children, played a key role in fighting against the eviction in the eKhenana Commune. She was a main respondent to the ongoing eviction case. Further, she was one of several persons who witnessed the murder of Ayanda Ngila and an active member in the building of the community, specifically after the floods.

The Swiss Apartheid Debt and Reparations Campaign (ADR/KEESA) and Swiss solidarity organisation SOLIFONDS have been in regular contact with Abahlali for many years and appreciate Abahlali and its members as a movement committed to social justice and access to dignified housing in South Africa. With concern we follow the developments in the violence-ridden eKhenana commune and the failure of the authorities to protect community members, especially when threat is imminent.



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Your Excellency, President Cyril Ramaphosa, Hon. Minister Roland Lamula, Hon. Minister Naledi Ponder, and Mr Sihle Zikala, Premier of KwaZulu-Natal, we urge you to ensure the complete investigation of the murders to bring justice to the community and to the families of the deceased.

We ask you to take this matter up to put an end to the deadly violence against members of Abahlali baseMjondolo and against people engaged in the movement for dignified housing.

We thank you for your commitment.

Yours sincerely,

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