



CPS Calls for Workers to be Vigilant amidst destructive effort by tinkhundla as unions mobilise for Conferences in 2026

Thursday, 19 March 2026:- The Communist Party of Swaziland (CPS) affirms the critical importance of trade union independence and worker solidarity during the ongoing democratic processes within the trade union movement in Swaziland.

During the current period, numerous unions affiliated with the Trade Union Congress of Swaziland (TUCOSWA) and TUCOSWA itself are undertaking independent democratic processes in preparation for their respective conferences. The CPS recognizes that trade union independence has demonstrated considerable effectiveness in stabilizing union organizations and enabling them to serve worker interests under the challenging conditions imposed by the semi-legal restrictions of the Mswati autocracy and its tinkhundla system.

The regime has consistently demonstrated its unwillingness to permit independent trade union operations without interference and disruption. The CPS has identified some of tactics employed by state authorities including systematic attempts to subordinate unions to regime directives through covert police operations and irregular security forces. False allegations characterizing independent unions as Communist Party of Swaziland (CPS) structures to undermine their credibility, deliberate interference in democratic union processes to weaken institutional capacity. Threatening with death candidates who are seen to be aligned to workers principles than ulterior motives. Malice propaganda from institutions aligned to anti workers power.

The CPS affirms the principles of trade union independence where trade unions must remain autonomous organizations accountable solely to their membership and working-class interests. Workers require theoretical capacity to strengthen class awareness and preserve unions as authentic working-class institutions and working-class solidarity where cross industry worker unity constitutes the foundation for effective resistance to oppression and exploitation.

The current wealth distribution in Swaziland reflects fundamental class contradictions where the royal family and political elites, in collaboration with foreign capital, appropriate the nation's wealth and resources whilst workers, as the primary generators of this wealth, experience systematic oppression and exploitation. This disparity necessitates structural transformation to create conditions conducive to worker welfare and equitable resource distribution.

The CPS calls upon all workers to maintain vigilance, exercise heightened awareness regarding regime interference in union democratic processes, ensure unions remain accountable to membership and working-class interests and strengthen solidarity, further recognize TUCOSWA as the central organ for mobilizing worker solidarity and coordinating resistance to oppression.

The CPS commits to providing theoretical support and capacity-building to strengthen working class consciousness and preserve the integrity of trade union organizations. The CPS further expresses its solidarity with workers engaged in these critical democratic

processes and wishes them success amid persistent counter-forces seeking to undermine worker organization.

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