



CPS once more denounce the so called lutsango holiday decreed by Mswati and his absolute monarchy

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The Communist Party of Swaziland continues to express its strong opposition to the recent declaration of a holiday in honor of lutsango, the royal women's regiment. This declaration represents a significant misrepresentation of the true principles of women's empowerment and societal transformation.

Lutsango is not an organization committed to the advancement of women; rather, it functions as a royal institution that perpetuates the subjugation of women under the absolute monarchy. The establishment of this holiday serves to glorify a cultural construct that reinforces patriarchal norms, rather than promoting genuine gender equality.

The so-called lutsango holiday stands in stark contrast to International Working Women's Day, internationally celebrated on March 8, which celebrates the struggles and achievements of women globally.

Instead of honoring women's contributions to society and their fight for rights, this holiday trivializes their roles, reducing them to mere symbols of royal patronage.

The monarchy's utilization of culture as a mechanism for oppression is evident in the portrayal of women during this holiday—as subservient figures, often depicted as intoxicated and objectified. This representation is a humiliation that must be denounced by all who value the dignity and rights of women.

We continue to urge the women of Swaziland to unite against this oppressive narrative and to work towards the establishment of a National Women's Movement. This movement must mobilize women as a formidable force for transformation. Place women issues in the centre within the broader struggle for democracy, social justice and equality. Women of Swaziland must join the women of the world in honouring International Working Women's Day that recognises the vital contributions of women in the pursuit of a better world.

The Communist Party of Swaziland stands in solidarity with all women in rejecting the lutsango holiday and its implications. We call for a collective effort to dismantle the

structures of tinkhundla oppression and to advocate for a future wherein women are empowered, respected, and celebrated for their invaluable contributions to society.

Down with tinkhundla regiment system
Down with the Mswati absolute monarchy
Down with women subjugation
Forward with International Working Women's Day
Forward with March 8
Forward with the National Women's Movement

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