



The African Federation of Miners and Mineral Wealth

La Fédération Africaine des Mineurs et de la Richesse Minérale

الاتحاد الأفريقي للمعادن والثروة المعدنية

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The Federation firmly declares that African workers, especially the miners, are not enemies of the South African people. They are an essential part of the African workforce that has contributed to the development of the continent and supported African liberation movements throughout history. The blood of Africans is one, their destiny is shared, and their struggle against poverty, exploitation, and injustice must never be transformed into conflict among Africans themselves.

The Federation reminds all parties that the peoples of Africa stood side by side with the people of South Africa during the historic struggle against apartheid. African nations provided political, trade union, and popular support until freedom prevailed. It is therefore unacceptable today for African citizens to face humiliation, persecution, and violence on African soil.

Accordingly, the African Federation of Miners and Mineral Wealth calls upon the Government of South Africa to:

- 1. Take immediate and decisive measures to end all attacks against African workers, especially the miners.***
- 2. Investigate, prosecute, and hold accountable all individuals and groups involved in violence, incitement, campaigns.***
- 3. Guarantee the protection, dignity, legal rights, and safety of all African nationals residing and working in South Africa.***
- 4. Launch comprehensive national campaigns against xenophobia.***
- 5. Protect African workers in the mining, industrial, and informal sectors from discrimination, targeting, and violence.***

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The African Federation of miners and Mineral Wealth further calls upon the African Union to:

- **Take urgent action and adopt a clear and principled position regarding these serious violations.**
- **Convene emergency African consultations to address the escalating attacks against African workers.**
- **Defend the principles of African unity, freedom of movement, and the dignity of African workers.**

The Federation warns that silence in the face of these crimes amounts to indirect encouragement for their continuation and threatens the future of African unity and solidarity.

Africa belongs to all Africans.

The unity of African peoples is a red line.

African workers will never be divided.

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The Executive Leadership of the African Federation of Miners and Mineral Wealth

Long live African unity.

Long live African workers' solidarity.

No to xenophobia.

No to violence against Africans.

In Solidarity

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