



CPS against separatist Taiwan President's visit to Swaziland in April to celebrate Mswati's 40 years of absolute reign

Friday, 20 March 2026:- The Communist Party of Swaziland (CPS) unequivocally rejects the planned visit of Taiwanese separatist leader Lai Ching-te to Swaziland during the celebration of tyranny Mswati III's 40 years of absolute rule this coming April. This visit is not an innocent diplomatic engagement, but a calculated political act designed to reinforce imperialist influence, legitimize dictatorship, and deepen the exploitation of the Swazi people.

The CPS reaffirms its principled position that there is only one China. Taiwan is not an independent country, but a province of China that became separated following the victory of the Chinese Revolution in 1949, which decisively defeated the reactionary regime of Chiang Kai-shek, a regime that had long collaborated with Western imperialism to suppress and exploit the Chinese masses. The current Taiwanese separatist leadership continues in this legacy of collaboration, acting as an instrument of imperialist interests in the global arena.

In Swaziland, the role of Taiwanese separatist forces has been deeply harmful and reactionary. Their presence has not contributed to genuine development or the upliftment of the people. Instead, it has entrenched institutions of economic domination. Through financial arrangements and so-called "aid," they have subjected the Swazi people to unsustainable debt burdens, while facilitating land dispossession and evictions that strip communities of their livelihoods and dignity.

The CPS further condemns the role of Taiwanese-linked capital in the textile sector, where Swazi workers, particularly women, are subjected to ruthless exploitation. These workers endure poverty wages that cannot sustain a decent standard of living, while facing degrading and abusive working conditions. Reports of sexual harassment and gender-based violence within these workplaces expose the brutal reality of capitalist exploitation under foreign ownership. This is not development, rather it is modern-day economic oppression.

Politically, the Taiwanese separatist regime plays a dangerous role in sustaining the

absolute monarchy in Swaziland. By maintaining diplomatic and economic ties with the Tinkhundla system, they provide material and symbolic support to a regime that denies the people basic democratic rights, suppresses dissent, and blocks meaningful socio-economic transformation. Their support strengthens a parasitic system that thrives on inequality, repression, and the silencing of the masses.

On the global stage, the CPS recognizes Taiwanese separatism as part of a broader imperialist strategy to undermine the emergence of a multipolar world. By aligning with Western powers, the separatist regime seeks to weaken progressive forces and delay the restructuring of global power relations in favor of the oppressed nations and peoples of the world. This makes their presence in Swaziland not only a national issue, but an international one that is tied to the broader struggle against imperialism.

In light of these realities, the CPS calls upon the workers, youth, women, and all oppressed people of Swaziland to reject this visit in the strongest possible terms. The planned presence of Lai Ching-te must be met with organized resistance and mass mobilization. The people must demonstrate, protest, and expose the reactionary nature of this alliance. This visit must not proceed as a celebration, it must be confronted as a symbol of oppression and exploitation.

The CPS emphasizes that the struggle against Taiwanese separatist influence is inseparable from the struggle against absolute monarchy and imperialism in all its forms. The liberation of Swaziland will not come through alliances with foreign exploiters, but through the united power of the working class and oppressed masses. Only through organized struggle can we dismantle the Tinkhundla system, end exploitation, and build a democratic and socialist future.

Forward to people's power!

Down with imperialism and dictatorship!

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