



SOUTH AFRICAN SOLIDARITY MOVEMENT FOR WESTERN SAHARA

SASOMWESA STATEMENT REGARDING THE ADDRESS BY FORMER PRESIDENT J G ZUMA ON THE 15th JULY 2025 IN RABAT, MORROCCO

The South African Solidarity Movement for the Western Sahara has taken note of the visit and statement of Former President JG Zuma on the 15th July 2025.

In that regard we state the following:

1. This position of MKP is a violation of all legal frameworks, domestically, continentally and internationally including the Constitutive Act of the African Union, United Nations Charter and Commission of Human Rights all of whom condemn the illegal occupation of Morocco of the SADR;
2. All these instruments support the self determination of the SADR and there is no legal basis of the occupation by Morocco;
3. The position of MKP is both illegal and immoral as it against the support for the Saharawi people as brothers and sisters of Africa, who for more than 50 years have suffered oppression under Morocco;
4. Supporting the Moroccan autonomy proposal is as good as supporting the Bantustans of apartheid which is aimed at confiscating the right of the people and their future
5. We condemn the support of MKP of the Moroccan illegal occupation of Western which violates the principle of Pan African Solidarity and the people of the continent;
6. We call upon the members of MKP to stand against this position and defend of the integrity of their party as this position is legally and morally flawed.
7. This colonisation and oppression is the very same experienced in South Africa under apartheid, including human rights violations, illegal political killings and political prisoners without representation, detention and excessive violence and especially against women and children and the separation of the people of South Africa, as is the case of the occupied and unoccupied territories of the people of the Western Sahara.



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8. The call for the international community to support Morocco is misplaced politics and seems to be driven by a biased and untested article by Carien du Plessis on the 11th June 2025, in the Africa Report, titled *Zuma's MK Party sparks rift with backing for Morocco*.
9. An article dated the 16th July 2025, Adala UK, dismisses the assertions made by MKP and acknowledges that the relations with South Africa and the SADR span decades with special resolutions and support between SA and the SADR;
10. The intentions and benefits of such an unholy alliance cannot be assumed but derived as ill intent. This can be drawn from the fact that the *European Court of Justice in the case of Front Polisario v Council of the EU (2016 and reaffirmed in 2021) ruled that Western Sahara is a separate and distinct territory from the Kingdom of Morocco*.
11. This action flies in the face of justice, the rule of law and a betrayal of the last colony in Africa notwithstanding its people's call for a free and fair referendum.

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