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Mthwakazi Republic Party Leadership Commends International Legal Advocacy Highlighting Self-Determination and Gukurahundi Accountability

The leadership of the Mthwakazi Republic Party (MRP) has formally welcomed and commended the recent international legal commentary by human rights advocate Grant Arthur Gochin, whose featured article, “Palestine’s Precedent and Africa’s Future,” was published in The Times of Israel.

The article places the Mthwakazi restoration movement within a comparative international law framework, drawing parallels between the Palestinian question and the unresolved legal and moral issues arising from the historical treatment of the people of Matabeleland. By doing so, it challenges the selective application of the right to self-determination and calls for consistency in international practice.

MRP leadership noted that the right of peoples to self-determination is firmly grounded in Article 1 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and Article 20 of the African Charter on Human and Peoples’ Rights (ACHPR). These instruments affirm that all peoples are entitled to freely determine their political status and pursue their economic, social, and cultural development.

The article further underscores the enduring consequences of the Gukurahundi atrocities, which the MRP and affected communities continue to characterise as genocide. Under the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (1948), genocide constitutes an international crime that carries obligations of prevention, accountability, and remedy. These obligations apply irrespective of time elapsed and require states and the international community to confront historical violations rather than suppress them.

Importantly, the analysis aligns with principles set out in United Nations General Assembly Resolution 2625 (XXV) on Friendly Relations, which clarifies that territorial integrity cannot be invoked to justify the systematic denial of a people’s fundamental rights. Where a state fails to represent the whole population without distinction and persistently violates human rights, the question of remedial self-determination arises as a matter of international law.

“The publication of the Mthwakazi case in an international forum of this stature represents a critical step in restoring legal visibility to a long-suppressed issue,” the MRP leadership stated. “It affirms that self-determination is not a selective privilege, but a universal legal right grounded in international law.”

The MRP expressed full support and appreciation for Mr. Gochin’s principled engagement and confirmed its readiness to provide further legal, historical, and policy documentation to support continued international advocacy. The party views this collaboration as an important contribution toward accountability, justice, and a lawful resolution of the Mthwakazi question.

The Mthwakazi Republic Party reiterated its commitment to pursuing its objectives through peaceful, lawful, and internationally recognised mechanisms, anchored in respect for human dignity, historical truth, and the rule of law.



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Matabeleland demands justice, fairness, and recognition. Enough is enough.

Sisonke Sibambene SinguMthwakazi Sesikulungisa!

