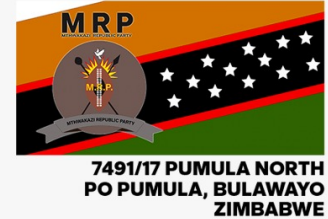




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Spain Calls It Human Rights in Gaza and Sovereignty in Africa: Mthwakazi Condemns the Hypocrisy of Ceuta

President Moyo: Human rights cannot stop at Ceuta's fence

BULAWAYO, MTHWAKAZI — 31 July 2026 — The Mthwakazi Republic Party expresses grave concern over the humanitarian crisis unfolding in Ceuta, Spain's fortified enclave on the African continent. [Reports from Reuters](#), [Associated Press](#) and [The Guardian](#) describe a mass border crossing, deaths, overwhelmed facilities, and the deployment of Spanish police and military support at one of Europe's African borders.

Ceuta is not a remote abstraction. It is a Spanish-controlled territory on African soil, claimed by Morocco, fortified as a European frontier, and defended by Madrid as sovereignty. The Mthwakazi Republic Party does not deny that states may manage borders, regulate migration, or protect public order. But the existence of a border does not erase the humanity of Africans. The word sovereignty does not become sacred only when Spain speaks it.

Spain's double standard

When Spain speaks about Israel, it invokes humanitarian law, civilian protection, occupation, international accountability, and genocide. [Spain's government has publicly announced measures framed as stopping genocide in Gaza](#), including restrictions directed at Israel and increased support for Palestinians. Spain has chosen the vocabulary of moral accusation when Israel is the target.

Yet when Africans arrive at Spain's own African wall, Spain speaks the language of order, security, repatriation, territorial integrity, and border enforcement. When Israel defends itself, Spain reaches quickly for the language of occupation, apartheid, forced displacement, collective punishment, and genocide. When Spain defends a European-controlled enclave on African soil with soldiers and fences, it calls the same logic sovereignty.

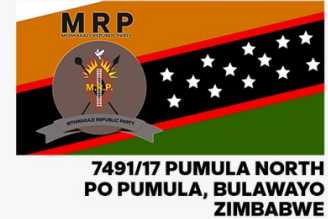
That is hypocrisy.

Spain cannot claim moral authority against Israel while treating African bodies at Ceuta as a border-management problem rather than a human-rights emergency. Spain cannot demand restraint from others while deploying force to defend a colonial-era enclave on the African continent. Spain



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cannot lecture the world on occupation while insisting that its own African possessions are beyond historical, moral, or political scrutiny.

The question is not whether Spain has laws. The question is whether Spain applies to itself the standards it demands of others. If civilian protection matters in Gaza, it matters in Ceuta. If military power must be scrutinised when Israel uses it, it must be scrutinised when Spain uses it at Europe's African frontier. If forced movement, desperation, civilian suffering, and vulnerability require international concern in the Middle East, they require international concern in Africa.

South Africa's silence

South Africa's hypocrisy is equally revealing. South Africa rushed to the International Court of Justice to accuse Israel under the Genocide Convention, and President Cyril Ramaphosa publicly welcomed the Court's provisional-measures ruling as part of South Africa's case. [South Africa has presented itself as the conscience of international law in Gaza](#), while the [International Court of Justice record](#) confirms South Africa's proceedings against Israel.

But where is South Africa now? At the time of this statement, South Africa has made no comparable public intervention on Ceuta. No urgent statement demanding Spanish restraint. No demand for an investigation into reported deaths. No appeal for African Union or SADC action. No warning against military force at Europe's African border. No invocation of colonialism, dignity, occupation, refugees, asylum, human rights, or international humanitarian obligation when the victims are Africans and Israel is not the accused.

South Africa has found endless energy to prosecute Israel. It has found far less energy to defend Africans when the crisis exposes Europe, Morocco, African migration policy, and South Africa's own failures. That is not principled foreign policy. It is selective outrage.

South Africa is deflecting attention away from African issues to distract from African failures: Afrophobia, anti-migrant violence, collapsed public services, border mismanagement, scapegoating, repression, and the refusal of African governments to confront the suffering of Africans unless Israel can be blamed. The Ceuta crisis exposes that deflection.

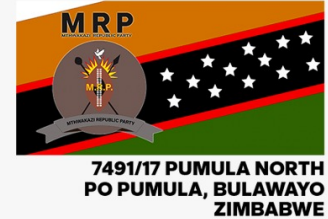
African lives cannot be selective

African lives matter when they are at the gates of Ceuta. African lives matter when they are denied medical care in South Africa. African lives matter when they are deported, scapegoated, drowned, detained, beaten, or erased by governments that speak the language of human rights only when it is convenient.



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Mthwakazi rejects the politics of selective compassion. Human rights cannot stop at Ceuta's fence. International law cannot awaken only when Israel is the defendant. African suffering cannot be made invisible because it embarrasses Spain, South Africa, SADC, the African Union, or the governments that prefer accusation abroad to accountability at home.

Mthwakazi's call

The Mthwakazi Republic Party calls upon Spain to exercise restraint, protect life, ensure access to asylum procedures, guarantee due process, prevent collective expulsions, investigate reported deaths, and ensure that military forces are not used to brutalise innocent civilians.

We call upon the African Union and SADC to address the status and treatment of Africans at Europe's African borders, including Ceuta and Melilla. Africa cannot speak of dignity while remaining silent when Africans die at the frontier of Europe on African soil.

We call upon South Africa to stop using Israel as a screen behind which African suffering is ignored. If South Africa believes it has a duty to oppose human suffering beyond its borders, it must speak when Africans are the victims and Israel is not involved.

We call upon democratic governments, parliamentarians, civil-society organisations, and human-rights institutions to apply one standard: civilian life must be protected, border enforcement must remain lawful, and African people must not be reduced to a security problem when the responsible state is European.

One standard

Ceuta exposes the double standard at the heart of international politics. European states describe their own disputed or inherited territorial arrangements as settled sovereignty. When Israel defends its security, Spain invokes the language of occupation and atrocity. When Spain defends an African enclave, it invokes territorial integrity. When South Africa wants to accuse Israel, it finds the vocabulary of genocide. When Africans suffer at Ceuta, South Africa finds silence.

The difference is not principle. The difference is power.

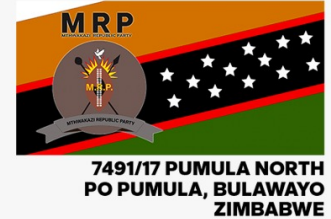
Mthwakazi knows what it means when a people's suffering is dismissed because the state controlling them is internationally recognised. That is why we speak now. Ceuta is not only a Spanish question. It is an African question. It is a question of dignity, consistency, and the equal worth of African lives.

Spain has made Israel its accused. Ceuta now makes Spain a witness against itself.



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