

24th June, 1982.

PRESS STATEMENT. - FROM THE BLACK SASH

The Black Sash will be demonstrating against the violation being perpetrated by the Government on South Africa and her people through the ceding to Swaziland of KaNgwane and Ingwavuma.

We shall be standing at street lights along Jan Smuts Avenue between Bompas Road and the University Fountain from 7.30 a.m to 8. 45 a.m on Tuesday 29th June.

Our posters will read :

- ✕ INGWAVUMA KANGWANE
- ✕ GOVERNMENT THROWS OUT 3/4 MILLION SOUTH AFRICANS
- ✕ GOVERNMENT DESTROYS PEOPLE'S BIRTHRIGHT
- ✕ CABINET CONTINUES TO CUT UP OUR COUNTRY.
- ✕ WHO'S NEXT?

It is unheard of for a government voluntarily to hand over portions of its land and large numbers of the people for whom it is responsible to another sovereign state, and such an action must inevitably invite suspicion. The deed is compounded by doing so without holding any referenda to ascertain the wishes of all the people involved. This is the height of cynicism, arrogance, and a tangible expression of contempt for public opinion or the democratic process.

We are appalled at this barefaced abuse of power and wish to express our solidarity with all those who are directly affected and who are presently voicing their dissent. We hope that the government will come to its senses, if it still possesses any, and will think again before it takes this drastic and unprecedented step to dismember our country and discard its people.


JOYCE HARRIS
NATIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT.

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