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Dear Honourable Prime Minister,

I am writing to bring to your attention the arbitrary detention of two Members of Parliament, Mduduzi Bacede Mabuza and Mthandeni Dube.

Their arrest came shortly after they advocated for the election of the Prime Minister of Eswatini. They were arrested on 25 July 2021 and are accused of trumped-up charges.

On 1 June 2023, MPs Mthandeni Dube and Mduduzi Bacede Mabuza were found guilty of 'Terrorism and sedition', and 'murder'. For murder they are facing over 20 years, and over 25 years for Terrorism and Sedition with an option of a fine. The MPs intend to appeal but this can only be done next year. Their lawyer feels this is the authorities' strategy to exclude the MPs from the ballot paper this year.

Moreover, on 22 September 2022, they were brutally attacked by members of a tactical unit that was responsible for transporting them.

I urge you to immediately release them and quash the convictions against them as their prosecution stems from the exercise of their human rights. Pending their release, I urge you to order an effective investigation into the attack carried out against them.

Yours sincerely,

(Naam, adres, The Netherlands)