

GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF ESWATINI



GOVERNMENT STATEMENT

INDEPENDENCE DAY MESSAGE

Today, as each year since 1968, the Kingdom of Eswatini celebrates its Independence Day. The Government of the Kingdom of Eswatini joins Their Majesties and the entire Eswatini Nation in celebrating this important day.

Our National Anthem, National Flag and Constitution all reflect how emaSwati have been working hard to reach the First World Status as envisioned and persued under the wise and practical guidance of our Head of State, His Majesty King Mswati III.

We are also thankful to His Majesty King Sobhuza II who led our Kingdom to Independence. Thanks to our Independence, we are no longer hostage to any power or political ideology. Today, all emaSwati are able to celebrate their identity, history, culture and language without feeling indebted to anyone.

On the development front; no doubt, the Kingdom has made great strides both in the country's roads infrastructure and other related developmental needs. We thank His Majesty's vision for the First World Status and,

indeed, the country is making positive and accelerated efforts towards that direction. Government can only urge for the maintenance of the peace and stability of the country going forward. Wherein we do not see things from the same perspective and viewpoint, let us engage robustly, peacefully and candidly until we find each other.

Government wishes to also express appreciation to the various Governments and Diplomatic partners across the globe for their accolades and congratulatory messages received throughout the day. We look forward to receiving two African Ministers in the country this week.

His Majesty's Government takes this opportunity to wish all emaSwati a happy Independence Day and 54 years of peaceful coexistence.

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