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South African Journalists Bongani Siziba and Sbonelo Mkhasibe Detained and Held Incommunicado in Mozambique

- In a troubling development, two South African journalists, Bongani Siziba and Sbonelo Mkhasibe, have been detained and held incommunicado in Mozambique while on assignment to cover the intensifying protests in the country. Representing Newz Central Africa TV, a well-regarded Nigerian news channel, Bongani and Sbonelo arrived in Mozambique just yesterday with a critical mission: to report on the widespread protests demanding transparency, justice, and democratic freedoms.



Since their arrival, all efforts to reach them have failed. Their detention incommunicado not only strips them of their freedom but denies them the basic right to communicate with colleagues, family, or legal representation. The authorities have provided no information about their condition or the reasons for holding them without contact—a chilling move that appears to be an attempt to silence international coverage of the ongoing crisis in Mozambique.

Silencing the Press: A Threat to Democracy

The detention of Bongani and Sbonelo highlights Mozambique's alarming approach to controlling the narrative and keeping the world in the dark about the voices of Mozambican citizens rising against alleged electoral fraud and state repression. By targeting foreign journalists, Mozambican authorities are sending a stark warning to both local and international press: truth and accountability are unwelcome, and those seeking to report objectively will be punished.

This disturbing action not only threatens press freedom but also deepens concerns about the human rights situation in Mozambique, where heavy-handed tactics have become the norm. The government's apparent disregard for transparency and its attempts to suppress media coverage indicate an escalating authoritarian trend, raising urgent ques-

tions about the protection of democratic values.

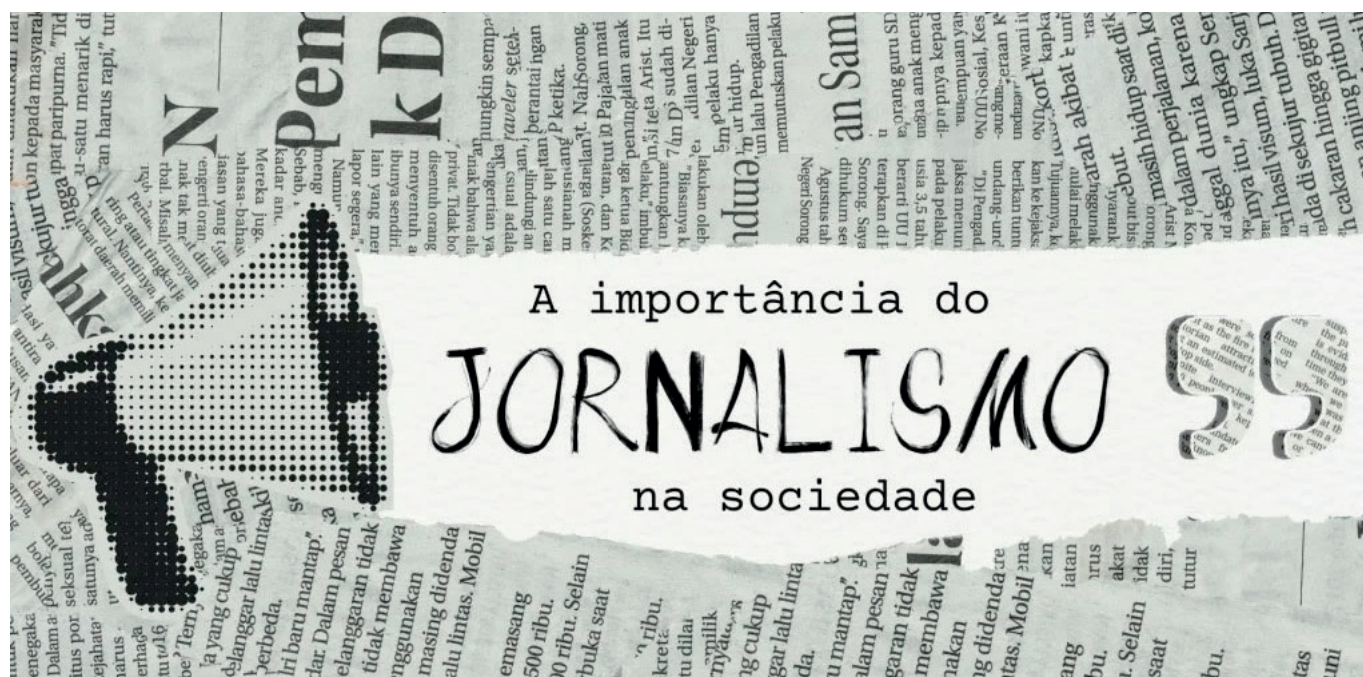
A Call to Action for Global Solidarity

The incommunicado detention of Bongani Siziba and Sbonelo Mkhasibe is a violation of press freedom, human rights, and basic justice. The international community, human rights organizations, and defenders of press freedom must come together to demand their immediate and unconditional release. Mozambican authorities must understand that the world is watching and that these journalists are not alone.

Their detention is a reminder of the essential role journalists play in safeguarding democracy and human rights. If reporters cannot work freely, if they are held incommunicado and denied basic rights, then the principles of transparency, justice, and democracy are under direct threat.

We call on global leaders, human rights advocates, and press freedom organizations to take a stand. Bongani and Sbonelo's situation is a test of our collective commitment to defending the truth. Their immediate release is not just a matter of justice for two individuals—it is a stand against a world where truth can be held in a cell, in silence.

#PressFreedom #FreeThePress #Mozambique #HumanRights #JournalismIsNotACrime #New-ZCentralAfricaTV






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