

The vigil went well as the weather was on our side, supporters were stopping by reading and signing our petitions. We joined the Zimbabwean vigil activists as it was their independence day in lighting candles outside the South African Embassy. More upsetting news from undemocratic Swaziland, as more protesters for democracy were arrested during the weekend for demonstrating.

Despite a court order obtained by the Swaziland chapter of the SDC granting them permission to continue with the public launch of the Campaign inside Swaziland, the royal police clamped down; arresting and detaining two of the coordinators of the Campaign, raiding the home of a third member of the Campaign coordinating team preventing him from attending the launch, [preventing the attendance](#) of the PUDEMO President, Cde Mario Masuku, and frightening off supporters of the Campaign. This action follows the royal police clampdown of the 12th April commemorations which marked the 37th anniversary of the banning of political parties in Swaziland.

The king is continuing with his ridiculous spending. On [Wednesday](#) (14 April 2010) reports were circulating in Swaziland that King Mswati, sub-Saharan Africa's last absolute monarch, had spent E5 million (about 500,000 US dollars) on a new Roller, even though Swaziland was broke and cuts in health, education and every other government department were being made. These speculations were confirmed by The *Financial Mail* [reports](#)

'The free-spending ways of Africa's last absolute monarch, King Mswati III, continue to amaze his subjects, two-thirds of whom live on food rations donated by UN agencies. Swazi people will continue to die from poverty Aids and suffer because of unemployment as the King is less concerned with their well being.