

We call on the President of South Africa, Cyril Ramaphosa, and the entire government to play their role in making sure that there is a stop to these inhumane attacks. And to address the institutionalized Afrophobia that restricts the ability of migrants, refugees, asylum seekers, stateless people to integrate.

We wish for a better understanding of the need for pan-African solidarity, a better understanding of the role of many African countries in the fight against apartheid. If the perpetrators of these atrocities could be made to remember the continental solidarity of that fight perhaps the violence would end. "Even if all the migrants pack up their bags and leave, poor Black South African lives won't change because their misery is rooted in centuries of injustices," said Coumba Toure, Africans Rising Co-Movement Coordinator.

While acknowledging the actions and reactions of certain African governments, we again call on the African Union, regional bodies like SADC and all African heads of state to condemn the ongoing brutality and violence in South Africa, and advise their citizens not to respond to violence with violence. We also call on all Africans, including religious leaders, artists, lawmakers, citizens, and descendants of Africa to raise their voices in condemning these unacceptable acts.

We urge African governments to use intelligence directed policing capable of anticipating and stopping looming acts of xenophobia. "As our core team sits in a circle next to the fire at Earth Rise Lodge in Rustlers Valley, we represent Ubuntu. We (Africans Rising) are here from different African countries and the diaspora. Here, we feel welcomed, safe, and at peace with South Africans...This is how it should be everywhere. For Africans Rising, Earth Rise Lodge, Naledi Village, Rustlers Valley represents a model for people to live in dignity. But this cannot happen without the joint efforts of Africa and Africans. We urge (African) leaders to address the issues arising in order to stop this plague" said Muhammed Lamin Saidykhan, Africans Rising Co-Movement Coordinator.

Lastly, Africans Rising calls on the citizens and descendants of Africa to not respond to hate with hatred but to join hands in building the [#AfricaWeWant](#).

In the spirit of Ubuntu,
Africans Rising Team

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