

URGENT ACTION

U.S. DEPORTATIONS TO ESWATINI CONTINUE

July 16, 2026 marked one year since Roberto Mosquera Del Peral, Kassim Saleh Wasil, Dung Tien Nguyen, Phone Chomsavanh, and Orville Etoria were deported from the United States to Eswatini and detained at Matsapha Correctional Complex. One year later, the secretive third-country removal arrangement has not ended; it has expanded. At least 25 more people have reportedly been removed from the United States to Eswatini under the same arrangement, bringing the total number of people reportedly transferred to at least 30, including 11 people who reportedly arrived on July 8, 2026.

TAKE ACTION:

- Write a letter to the government official(s) listed. Use the sample letter below as a guide or use your own words.
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Minister of Justice & Constitutional Affairs

Hon. HRH Prince Simelane

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Send a copy of your letter to the address below

CC: Eswatini Permanent Mission to the United Nations

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Dear Honorable Minister Prince Simelane,

July 16, 2026 marked one year since **Roberto Mosquera Del Peral** (who originates from Cuba), **Kassim Saleh Wasil** (from Yemen), **Dung Tien Nguyen** (from Vietnam), **Phone Chomsavanh** (from Laos), and **Orville Etoria** (from Jamaica) were deported from the United States to Eswatini under a secretive third-country removal arrangement and detained at Matsapha Correctional Complex. One year on, the arrangement has continued and expanded. At least 30 people have now reportedly been transferred from the United States to Eswatini. Two people transferred under the arrangement have since left Eswatini: Orville Etoria was repatriated to Jamaica, and **Pheap Rom** to Cambodia.

In April 2026, the Eswatini Supreme Court confirmed a High Court order granting lawyers access to people removed by the United States and detained at Matsapha Correctional Complex. Despite these developments, the Eswatini authorities have not publicly clarified who remains detained, the legal basis for their detention, or what safeguards are in place to prevent onward refoulement.

I urge you to provide a full public account of all people transferred from the United States to Eswatini, the legal basis for any detention, and whether any had previously received protection under the Convention against Torture. I also urge you to ensure that every person detained is brought promptly before a competent court to determine the lawfulness of their detention or released immediately if no lawful basis exists. Pending this, I urge you to guarantee confidential access to lawyers, families, consular officials, interpreters, medical care, and independent monitors and prevent any onward transfer to a country where they face a real risk of serious human rights violations.

Yours sincerely,

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

On July 16, 2025, **Roberto Mosquera Del Peral, Kassim Saleh Wasil, Dung Tien Nguyen, Phone Chomsavanh, and Orville Etoria** were [removed from the United States to Eswatini](#) and detained at Matsapha Correctional Complex. Since then, the arrangement has continued and expanded. Amnesty International reported [that 10 more people were transferred](#) from the United States to Eswatini in October 2025 and four more men in March 2026. On July 8, 2026, [11 additional deportees had arrived](#) in Eswatini from the United States, bringing the reported total number of people transferred under the arrangement to at least 30.

Public reporting has identified some of the nationalities of people transferred under the arrangement, including nationals of Cuba, Yemen, Vietnam, Laos, Jamaica, the Philippines, Cambodia, Tanzania, Sudan, and Somalia. However, the Eswatini authorities have not provided a full public account of the names, nationalities, legal status, current whereabouts, or protection needs of all people transferred under the arrangement.

In April 2026, Amnesty International welcomed the Eswatini Supreme Court's confirmation of a High Court order [granting lawyers access](#) to people removed by the United States and detained at Matsapha Correctional Complex. Amnesty International stressed, however, that the ruling offered only limited relief. Access to lawyers does not resolve the broader concerns about the secrecy of the arrangement, the legality and necessity of detention, the need for judicial review, the risk of onward refoulement, and the need for effective remedies.

Third-country removal arrangements raise serious human rights concerns when they bypass due process, separate people from their families, expose people to arbitrary detention, or create a risk that they may be transferred onwards to countries where they could face persecution, torture, arbitrary detention, or other serious human rights violations. [Human Rights First and Refugees International's Third Country Deportation Watch](#) has documented the broader scale and secrecy of United States third-country transfer arrangements, including arrangements with more than 30 countries.

The African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights has affirmed that migration cooperation by African states must comply with non-refoulement, due process, access to legal assistance, protection from arbitrary detention and effective remedies. Its [Resolution 645 \(2025\) on the obligations of African states](#) in the context of externalization of migration control is directly relevant to third-country removal arrangements involving African states. The Commission has also urged states to respect the principle of non-refoulement and condemned expulsions that expose people to risks including detention, enforced disappearance and violations of the right to life.

PREFERRED LANGUAGE TO ADDRESS TARGET: English or your own language.

PLEASE TAKE ACTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE UNTIL: January 20, 2027

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LINK TO PREVIOUS UA: <https://www.amnestyusa.org/urgent-actions/urgent-action-five-detained-deportees-denied-legal-access/>