

SOUTH AFRICA

NONHLE MBUTHUMA

Death threats for protecting her community

For over a decade Nonhle Mbuthuma has led a peaceful struggle against a company that wants to mine on her community's ancestral land. As a result, she has faced intimidation, harassment and death threats. A fellow campaigner has been killed.

Nonhle is a member of the Amadiba traditional community, which has communal land rights in the Eastern Cape. Around 5,000 Amadiba people face forced eviction and the loss of their homes, livelihoods and way of life if Mineral Resource Commodities is granted a licence to mine titanium on their land.

Nonhle co-founded the Amadiba Crisis Committee (ACC), an organisation that defends the community's land rights. In March 2016, ACC chair Sikhosiphi 'Bazooka' Radebe was shot dead outside his house. Shortly before his murder, Sikhosiphi was told that his and Nonhle's names were on a 'hit list'.



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SEND A MESSAGE OF SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY

Nonhle Mbuthuma
c/o Amnesty International South Africa
97 Oxford Road
Saxonwold, 2196
Johannesburg
South Africa

Language Xhosa, Zulu, Isimpondo or English

Suggested message Dear Nonhle, Thank you for your strength and courage in the fight for the rights of your community.

We stand in solidarity with you and the Xolobeni people.

A Xhosa translation of this message is available at [amnesty.org.uk/write](https://www.amnesty.org.uk/write).

CAN I

- Send a religious card or message? **No**
- Send an Amnesty card or mention Amnesty? **Yes**
- Include my name and address? **Yes**

SEND AN APPEAL LETTER

Urge President Cyril Ramaphosa to protect Nonhle Mbuthuma and investigate the harassment and intimidation against her.

Write to Cyril Ramaphosa
President of the Republic of South Africa
Union Buildings
Private Bag X1000
Pretoria, South Africa
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Salutation Your Excellency

In your letter urge him to

- Protect Nonhle Mbuthuma and other human rights defenders, and ensure they are not harassed or intimidated
- Immediately investigate the threats and intimidation against her, make the results public, and bring those responsible to justice in fair trials.

'This land was my grandmother's, who inherited it from her grandparents... what am I going to leave for my children?... mining is not an option.'
Nonhle Mbuthuma

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EVERY MESSAGE COUNTS Together we can demand protection for Nonhle

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