



## NOTE FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

1) We, the members of the Political Bureau of MAPAR (Together with President Andry Rajoalina) would like to thank the Honorable members of the International community for their interest in the evolution of the political situation in Madagascar and for their continued support in a process between all parties as the only means to resolve and overcome the crisis currently happen in the country.

2) We reiterate our commitment to the inalienable universal principles of democracy and human rights, as well as the Constitution of the Republic of Madagascar.

3) However, we wish to alert members of the international community on the quasi-explosive situation that Madagascar now endures today, mainly due to the refusal of the President Rajaonarimampianina's regime to respect the Constitution and the values of a pluralist democracy.

4) This reluctance to respect the Constitution and laws of the Republic by the President of the Republic and his team has already been demonstrated against and denounced several times, as well as several protestations that have gathered a large majority of all components of the nation (political parties, unions, associations, community leaders, clergy, students, members of civil society, ordinary citizens ...), have emerged.

5) These movements have acted firstly to denounce the abuses of the regime. Multiple political parties including MAPAR, have gathered as a 'united voice', [MITSANGANA RY MALAGASY](#) (Stand up Malagasy citizens) to act as an immutable force against the attempt by the Head of State to establish a dictatorship in Madagascar.

6) We would like to be precise that the creation of MITSANGANA RY MALAGASY is not intended to overthrow the government by unconstitutional means, contrary to what those in power may think. It was formed to bring into the public arena the discussion of respect for the rule of law and democracy in Madagascar, and to overcome the failures of institutions that no longer exercise their role of counter-power and appear to be totally under the President of the Republic's control, at the expense of the Nation's best interests.

7) MITSANGANA RY MALAGASY uses only the means that are guaranteed by the Constitution and the universally recognised rights and freedoms that recognise every citizen the freedom to gather, to speak, to manifest in accordance with the laws and regulations provisions in force.

8) It is for this reason that the movement [MITSANGANA RY MALAGASY](#) asked the Urban Commune of Antananarivo to grant an authorisation [to use the Mahamasina stadium for a peaceful political meeting to be held on 24th September](#) . We were greatly surprised when the elements of Emmoreg security force locked down the site early in the morning and prohibited access to the movement's leaders and citizens who came to show support. Elements of the security forces dismantled the equipment set up by the organisers (the platform, seats, sound system, banners ...) and we would like to be precise that this meeting to be held in a confined space, received full authorisation in due form by the Urban Commune of Antananarivo according to the current regulations.



Soamahamania, 22 septembre 2016. Perline, paysanne, blessée par les éclats d'une bombe lacrymogène. Elle ne demandait qu'à protéger la terre de ses ancêtres; où elle vit, travaille et mourra, face à des envahisseurs étrangers pilliers et pollués. Cela, avec l'aval d'un régime utilisant les forces de l'ordre comme des milices armées

9) Furthermore, [citizens who are demonstrating to defend the rights to their lands are severely repressed in Soamahamania, part of Itasy region](#) ( [VIDEO HERE](#) ). Their main leaders have been arrested and jailed on spurious grounds. In addition, one of the leaders of MAPAR, Mr. Augustin Andriamananoro, a native of this area, expressed the matter during an interview at a TV station in the Capital, and as soon as he exited the newscast studio, he was pursued by the elements of the political police of the President of the Republic, so he had to return to the TV studio to alert the public of this attempted illegal arrest, and that the

representatives of the public authority didn't have any warrant for his arrest.

10) These situations have once again proven the abuses from the regime of Rajaonarimampianina and its refusal to respect the Constitution and the democratic plurality of the Republic of Madagascar..

11) It is clear that President Rajaonarimampianina is acting undemocratically. His actions are an abuse of power and is creating a climate of terror against those who dare to oppose his plans, and for those who try to defend their rights they have been thrown in jail or sued. We present to you these significant examples of harassment, arrest and imprisonment of Union leaders such as Air Madagascar, JIRAMA, Clerks, FRAM teachers, [Malagasy students](#) ; [the arrest warrant of Senator Lylison](#)

(MAPAR) without the notice of the Senate office;

[a ban for leaving the territory for the Lanto Rakotomanga](#)

MP (MAPAR);

[arrest and imprisonment of family members of NINA](#)

- MP (MAPAR); kidnapping of the former Head of Haute Matsiatra region in Fianarantsoa,

[vandalising of the radio and television station VIVA owned by SEM, Andry Rajoelina in Fianarantsoa](#)

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12) All in all, history has always shown that all leaders who have tried to establish a dictatorial regime in Madagascar have always ended up being removed by the anger of the citizens in one way or another.

13) To avoid history repeat itself, we wish to draw the attention of the honorable members of the international community to notice of the fragility of the democratic process in the Republic of Madagascar, because all indicators are now showing an impending crisis and we further urge President Rajaonarimampianina listen to reason so he does not end up like all elected Presidents since the return of independence.

14) Otherwise, Madagascar will inevitably run towards another crisis.