

# **GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF ESWATINI**



## **MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION PRESS STATEMENT**

### **ESWATINI WELCOMES SPECIAL ENVOY FROM THE REPUBLIC OF ALGERIA, H. E. MOHAMED MEZIANE**

The Kingdom of Eswatini was honoured to welcome His Excellency Mohamed Meziane, Special Envoy of His Excellency Abdelmadjid Tebboune, President of the Republic of Algeria, for a two-day official visit from 20 to 21 January 2025. H.E. Meziane delivered a special message from President Tebboune to His Majesty King Mswati III, reaffirming the strong and enduring bonds of friendship and cooperation between the two nations.

On behalf of His Majesty, H.E. Meziane was officially received by the Right Honourable Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Eswatini, Russell M. Dlamini, at the Royal Villas in Ezulwini. Also present were the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Hon. Pholile Shakantu, and the Ambassador of the Republic of Algeria to Eswatini, His Excellency Ridha Nebaïs, who successfully presented his credentials to the Kingdom last year.

Senior Government officials from both sides participated in the discussions, underscoring the importance of this high-level engagement.

Diplomatic relations between Algeria and Eswatini, established in 1994, have been built on shared values of peace, development, and African unity. This visit highlighted the Nations' commitment to fostering stronger bilateral ties and exploring opportunities for collaboration in the following areas:

- **Trade and Investment:** Enhancing trade flows and fostering investments in agriculture, energy, and manufacturing to benefit both economies.
- **Education and Training:** Expanding Algeria's scholarship programs and technical training opportunities for emaSwati students to include vocational and specialised fields.
- **Agriculture and Food Security:** Collaborating on sustainable agricultural practices, leveraging Algeria's expertise in desert farming to enhance food security in Eswatini.
- **Health Cooperation:** Strengthening healthcare systems through joint initiatives, training medical personnel, and sharing expertise in public health.
- **Tourism and Culture:** Promoting cultural exchange programs and joint initiatives to develop the tourism industries of both nations.

The visit reaffirmed both nations' dedication to fostering partnerships that promote African unity, peace, and prosperity.

This visit represents another milestone in the deepening relationship between Algeria and Eswatini, paving the way for enhanced cooperation in areas of mutual interest.

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