



A media statement from the  
National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation

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NACCHO, the nation's peak Aboriginal health body, is appalled by the recent incidents of violence, detainment and intimidation of Zimbabwe citizens, perpetrated by the ruling Mugabe regime and its agents.

NACCHO joins the growing call from Aboriginal Australia for the federal government to make a formal protest to the Zimbabwe regime and to pressure it to allow its injured citizens to seek medical treatment in South Africa.

Furthermore, NACCHO implores the federal government to pressure the Mugabe regime to *release all political prisoners* as an urgent priority.

One of the many victims of Mugabe's brutal violence, Sakai Holland, is a long-time Australian resident and friend to Aboriginal people, and has suffered terrible injuries at the hands of Mugabe's secret police. Like many other peaceful victims of Mugabe's violence, she has been refused permission to seek appropriate treatment for her injuries.

NACCHO calls on the government of the Republic of Zimbabwe to guarantee the safety and security of Sekai Holland and her fellow protestors.

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