

I am writing this to express my grave concern for head of the Maesaiah Thabane Trust Fund (MTTF), Makarabo Mojakhomo, whose whereabouts are unknown after police claim that she escaped from custody on 31 May in Maseru, Lesotho's capital. She was brought in for questioning following allegations that she had defrauded Maesaiah Thabane Trust Fund. Her family fear that she has been subjected to enforced disappearance given the history of such cases in the country involving security forces.

Her husband, Thabang Mojakhomo, was also arrested in connection with the same allegations as his wife on 31 May. He appeared before court on Monday 1 June. He has been released on bail of L5000 and surety of L40000 (approx. \$378 and 3018 respectively).

So I urge you to conduct a thorough and impartial investigation into the disappearance of Makarabo Mojakhomo and share the findings publicly, including with her family, and to reveal her whereabouts.

I also urge you to ensure that those suspected of criminal responsibility are brought to justice in a trial that meets international standards without recourse to the death penalty.

Last but not the least, I urge you to end the practice of enforced disappearances by security forces in the country.

Thank you for your prompt attention to the above.

Sincerely yours,