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To Uphold Moral Clarity, All Parties Must Firmly Reject Authoritarianism



 **This guy is the leader of the KMT recall campaign. KMT is a pro-China political party in Taiwan.**

Taiwan stands for freedom, human rights, and democracy. Having endured authoritarianism, we know its harm. There is No Place for Nazi ideology.

This guy and KMT cannot represent Taiwan!

Statement by Legislator Huang Jie

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On April 15, Song Chien-liang, KMT Youth Cadre and lead petitioner in the recall campaign, appeared at the New Taipei District Prosecutors' Office for questioning over alleged forgery of petition documents. Shockingly, he arrived wearing a swastika armband, made a Nazi salute, and held a copy of Adolf Hitler's *Mein Kampf*. This deliberate display of Nazi symbols and gestures has immediately sparked outrage across Taiwan and drawn condemnation from the international community. Unfortunately, KMT Chairperson Eric Chu initially defended (yet subsequently retracted) the KMT Youth Cadre's abhorrent behavior as "one of the various ways to mock the DPP's dictatorship, because the DPP are Green Communists."

In response to the incident, President Lai Ching-te reaffirmed that the DPP, born during Taiwan's authoritarian era, has always stood as a major force in advancing democracy. He called on all party members to uphold high moral standards, adding, "Taiwan is a democratic society that respects freedom, human rights, and the rule of law. No political party should idolize figures like Mao Zedong or emulate Nazi Germany. All parties must stand united in opposing authoritarianism and Nazi fascism to safeguard our cherished way of life."

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) strongly condemned the incident, stating, "Taiwan firmly rejects Nazi symbols, which represent an ideology of prejudice and hatred." MOFA reminded the public that freedom of expression must be exercised with awareness of historical trauma and international norms. It called on all citizens to avoid actions that could distress others or harm Taiwan's global standing, and to demonstrate greater respect for cultural and historical sensitivities.

International partners have also voiced alarm. Israel's representative in Taipei voiced "deep concern and strong condemnation," describing the use of Nazi symbols and Hitler's writings as "historically insensitive, inappropriate, and deeply offensive" to Holocaust survivors and the global Jewish community. It added that such actions "direct conflict with the values cherished by Taiwan — democracy, tolerance, human rights, and mutual respect." German Institute Taipei also condemned Song's "shameless" actions, emphasizing that "Nazism symbolizes contempt and persecution of humanity." It stressed that millions of

lives were lost under Nazi rule and called the Holocaust “the most abhorrent crime in the history of mankind.”

Taiwan’s democracy was not a given, but achieved through decades of courageous people's struggle. The country has since emerged as a beacon of freedom and moral clarity in Asia. The DPP calls on all political parties, including the opposition, to reject extremism and authoritarianism. Defending Taiwan’s democracy and international standing must be a shared responsibility across party lines.

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