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A TYPOLOGY OF THE FLAGS OF AFRICAN HEADS OF STATE FROM SOUTH OF THE EQUATOR

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Summary (in English)

With the exception of the Kingdoms of eSwatini and Lesotho, all the African countries south of the equator are now independent republics. This paper provides a typology of the flags used by the Heads of State in these countries post-independence.

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