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SABC board denies suspending executives

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THE interim board of the SABC yesterday denied rumours that four executives had been suspended in connection with fraud and mismanagement highlighted in an auditor-general's report.

The board was reacting to reports emanating from within the SABC that Robin Nicholson (chief financial officer), Mvuzo Mbebe (group executive: content enterprises), Mabela Satekge (head: procurement) and Anton Heunis (head: audience services) had been suspended.

In a statement yesterday, the board said the rumours were incorrect and could "undermine the processes which have been set up to deal with the contents of the auditor-general report". It said no one at the public broadcaster had been suspended yet.

Leslie Sedibe, tasked by the board to oversee the probe following the auditor-general report, told *Business Day* yesterday that board members were still reviewing the report and preparing charges against staff.

He said they would begin interviewing the relevant staff next week.

Sedibe would not reveal how many people were likely to be called, but Ismail Vadi, chairman of Parliament's communications committee, has been quoted as saying at least 30 staff from senior level downwards will be charged or face disciplinary action.

Sedibe said it was important that speculation was kept to a minimum until people had been charged.

"It's important that we respect people's rights," he said. "We also do not want to lose a case because we have compromised the integrity of an investigation."

The document highlighted supply chain management irregularities, wasteful expenditure, contract irregularities, and a lack of procedure when it came to procurement processes.

At least seven contracts worth R174m were found to have been concluded without proper authorisation, and R112m was spent irregularly on the acquisition of international content, with waste occurring through double payments, overpayments, and material paid for but not received.

The report also revealed that at least 20 staff members were involved in entities that had received payments from the SABC of about R3,4m.

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Distrust fuels opposition to a starring role for Manuel

TWO distinct impulses dominated the recent Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu) congress. There was a strong sense of triumphalism at the congress, a celebratory mood generated by a sense that the labour movement made some significant political gains at Polokwane and afterwards. Yet there was a palpable sense of fear that these gains were ephemeral and could be lost if the federation's leadership did not remain vigilant.

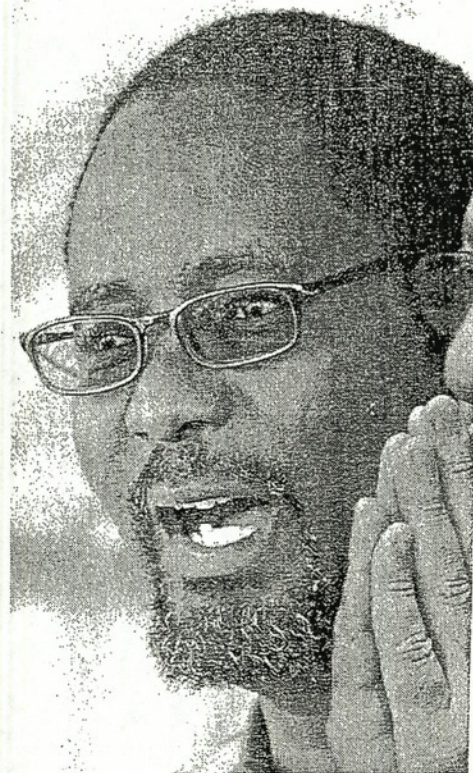
This latter impulse manifested itself most directly in Cosatu general secretary Zwelinzima Vavi's attacks on Minister in the Presidency Trevor Manuel and his accusation that Manuel is making a power play to become de facto prime minister through the establishment of the National Planning Commission (NPC). How fair is this charge? What does it say about the ideological contest within the African National Congress (ANC)? Moreover, given the political tensions and distrust, is a national strategic plan even feasible?

Perhaps the best place to begin addressing these questions is by recapping and reflecting on Manuel's proposals for national strategic planning. Detailed in the National Strategic Planning green paper, he insists that national strategic planning is necessary if SA is to take the next step in its development phase and transform the extractive structure of its economy, revitalise manufacturing, increase its savings rate and reduce inequality. To pull this off, Manuel maintains, SA needs "solid institutions, a highly capable state, a strong relationship between major social forces, a clear focus on the strategic objective" and a recognition that context is important.

How is this to be done? Two distinct institutions are proposed. The first, the NPC, is to be a panel of wise people, part-time "independent experts and strategic thinkers" appointed by President Jacob Zuma as commissioners. Reflecting expertise in a diverse set of thematic areas from business and human resource development, to energy, water and climate change, through to politics and international security, they collectively would be responsible for infusing intellectual substance and civil society's thinking into the national strategic plan.

The second institution, the ministerial committee on planning, also appointed by the president, on which he and Deputy President Kgalema Motlanthe would sit ex-officio, would be responsible for articulating the government's thinking on what needs to be done. It is expected that in the complex intellectual interplay between these institutions, a national strategic plan is to be born.

The interplay is to be managed by Manuel, who is to lead both bodies. He is to be sup-



ported by a secretariat. In addition, Manuel is to accompany the public enterprises and finance ministers in their engagements with parastatals and development finance institutions. Through this complex of planning institutions, Manuel is meant to produce three distinct outputs: a national strategic vision with a 15-year horizon; a five-year medium-term strategic framework; and an annual programme of action. The former is meant to be a strategic guidepost, informing the latter two documents and the operations of the government and state departments. The latter two documents are meant to focus on measurable outputs. The planning complex may also focus on areas such as energy consumption and production, water availability or social and demographic trends.

The green paper insists the national planning complex will not be involved in micro planning or be a gatekeeper for departmental initiatives. Budgeting, it maintains, will remain the Treasury's responsibility. Whatever strategic plan emerges will have to be approved by the Cabinet.

Why have these suggestions provoked such outrage from Cosatu leaders? After all, the green paper is a major concession to Cosatu on a number of fronts. First, it accedes to the federation's continuous call for economic and social planning, and through it the fulfilment of its collective goal of establishing

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a development state. Second, the green paper makes clear that a strong partnership between social actors, a social pact, is necessary for the process to be successful. This concedes another key demand of Cosatu, that civil society play a central role in long-term government thinking and prioritisation.

So why the criticism? The answer lies in the issue of trust. The only explanation for Cosatu leaders' criticism is that they do not trust Manuel as the central player in the initiative. Concerned that the politics and economics of the Thabo Mbeki camp would return to dominate government thinking through Manuel and the NPC, Vavi essentially launched a pre-emptive critique, signalling that the left was on guard to ensure that its policy victories in Polokwane would not be thwarted. But to personalise it as was done is not entirely fair. It ignores that the Growth, Employment and Redistribution strategy and conservative economics were not Manuel products, but rather decisions of the Mandela-Mbeki cabinets — a fair percentage of whose members sit in the Cabinet today.

This decision was prompted by a context and a set of institutional constraints, which conditioned the choices of the first post-apartheid cabinet. Given the new balance of power in the national and international environment, it could very well be that Manuel is conditioned to adopt a very dif-

ferent set of policies this time. The attacks provide evidence of the ANC's continued ideological divisions, a fact that becomes even more ominous when one considers that a new succession battle may be opening up.

If this explanation is accurate, then it implies that two obstacles lie in the path of producing a national strategic plan that has widespread legitimacy. First, the green paper anticipates that Manuel will play a central role in engaging society around the strategic plan, in particular through institutions such as the National Economic Development and Labour Council. But Manuel is perhaps the most politically polarising figure in the government and in the tripartite alliance.

While he commands enormous respect in business circles, Cosatu, the South African Communist Party and most of civil society display antipathy towards him. Given this polarising trait, is he the most appropriate person to engage civil society and try to win support for the strategic plan?

Second, the quality and legitimacy of the national strategic plan is in part dependent on the kind of individuals chosen for the NPC. Here, Manuel's and the government's track record are not great. Manuel has a penchant for foreign academics and economists, mainly of the Harvard variety. He and the government have chosen academics, intellectuals experts, strategic thinkers and the like, who tend to agree with them, or who would only mildly disagree with their strategic orientation. They have very rarely had the courage to appoint individuals who will openly question and challenge their perspective.

This must not be interpreted to imply independent thinkers are always right or fully aware of the pressures that constrain the choices of public officials. This is not the case. Yet having people who question, who do not always agree, and who are not always paid consultants, is valuable, for it identifies gaps and loopholes and forces architects of a plan to think through their ideas. The result is often a more nuanced product, a strategic plan that balances competing priorities and looks to generate shared positive outcomes.

It is the government's prerogative to decide. So why does it not have the courage to choose truly independent critical thinkers and create the enabling institutional environment for them to call it as they see fit? These obstacles, if not addressed, would compromise the strategic plan's quality and legitimacy. Will Cosatu give him the opportunity and is Manuel capable of transcending his recent past to rise to the challenge?

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Radebe lauds JSC selection of judges on short list

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JUSTICE Minister Jeff Radebe said yesterday that the recent short-listing of seven candidates for the Constitutional Court by the Judicial Service Commission (JSC) was "contrary to some reports — smooth, flawless, democratic and representative of the majority view of the membership of the JSC".

Radebe was speaking at a function at the Constitutional Court to bid farewell to Chief Justice Pius Langa, justices Yvonne Mokgoro, Kate O'Regan and Albie Sachs, due to retire on October 11, and Thole Madala who retired last year.

While Radebe paid tribute to the outgoing judges, he also took the opportunity to respond to both the criticism and the accolades following the JSC's choice of candidates. Of the seven candidates short-listed by the JSC, President Jacob Zuma must choose four to replace Langa, Mokgoro, O'Regan and Sachs.

While the short list was

generally praised, the exclusion of some candidates — such as Competition Appeal Court judge Dennis Davis and Supreme Court of Appeal judges Dunstan Mlambo and Azhar Cachalia — was questioned. There was also the exclusion of controversial Western Cape judge president John Hlophe from the short list, which was a relief to some and a bitter disappointment to others.

Radebe said: "We were painfully aware that as the JSC we were going to be damned if we did, and damned if we did not." He said "more heat than light" was generated when new judges are nominated. He said such heat arose out of the "interests that various groups have in upholding the rule of law", but that it could also "easily be used to consolidate historical positions and resist the imperative to transform the judicial system".

But he said the true test of the JSC's character was that it was "fair, honest, and focused on providing the president with a cadre of justices from which he will make his decision".

The test was "not the accolades that arise as a consequence of whom they did not short-list as much as who they did".

Radebe said what was consoling when new judges were appointed, was the "treasure trove of case study material and copious recordings which will serve the judicial sector well into posterity".

The event was a dignified and emotional one, with representatives of the Bar, the attorneys' profession, the legislature and the executive all paying tribute to Langa, Madala, Mokgoro, O'Regan and Sachs.

The outgoing judges were the last of the Constitutional Court bench appointed in 1994 by former president Nelson Mandela.

The speaker of the National Assembly, Max Sisulu, said the striking down of executive action and sending legislation back to Parliament in the past 15 years was "proof" that the judges "played no small part in our democratic system, which required effective checks and balances".

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IFP pardon seekers sued wrong party, Constitutional Court rules

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THE 384 prisoners who claim membership of the Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) and who applied for a presidential pardon more than six years ago, had sued the wrong party and should have sued the president directly, the Constitutional Court ruled yesterday.

Chief Justice Pius Langa upheld Justice Minister Jeff Radebe's appeal against a Supreme Court of Appeal judgment in March that former minister Brigitte Mabandla had a constitutional obligation to process applications for a presidential pardon and to take steps to enable the president to pardon prisoners. Langa, in his last judgment before he retires, on October 14, said he was expressing no view on the prospects of a future challenge against the president. In 2003 Mqabukeni Chonco and other prisoners applied to be pardoned for their crimes, which they believed had been politically motivated. They had not applied for amnesty before the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, as

the IFP chose not to take part.

"The final decision on a pardon application, and the constitutional responsibility for it, rests with the president as head of state. On that there is no contest," Langa said.

Langa said because the preliminary process involved the minister as well, the court had to determine where responsibility for it lay. "The answer lies in the

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scope of the president's power to request assistance."

Langa said as with his unrestricted power to initiate the preliminary process, the president had the power to make a final decision that need not bear any reference to recommendations from the preliminary process.

"The preparatory steps to be taken by the minister and her

department fall within the auxiliary powers of the president in the decision-making process. They are neither separate from, nor external to, that process.

"The president retains full powers and functions — and is therefore the bearer of all obligations — in the greater pardons process. In short, Mr Chonco has pursued the incorrect party for

the legal relief that he seeks."

The IFP expressed its disappointment but said it had instructed its senior counsel to immediately start legal action against President Jacob Zuma.

Langa ordered that Radebe pay the costs of the application as six years had passed since Chonco had posted his application.

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Patel urges Setas to help in overcoming recession

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THE 23 sectoral education and training authorities (Setas) would have to muck in and help each other and the country overcome the recession, Economic Development Minister Ebrahim Patel said yesterday.

"We face an unprecedented economic crisis (unprecedented in the history of SA's democracy)," he said on the first day of the two-day Inter-Seta Conference in Midrand.

The Setas and the Commission for Conciliation, Mediation and Arbitration (CCMA) are the implementing agents for the R54bn National Jobs Fund, set up with money from the National Skills Fund and the Unemployment Insurance Fund, to avert mass retrenchment in favour of using the recession "period of industrial slack" to improve workers' training.

The economy had already lost about 500 000 jobs between December and June, with only about 13,3-million people now employed, said Patel.

"Even if only three people are linked to each breadwinner (among the 500 000 that lost their jobs), the effect of that is massive," he said.

Pivotal to the government's response to the recession is the training layoffs scheme negotiated at the National Economic Development and Labour Council. The scheme was established this year to encourage companies to retain employees for whom there was no longer work, sending them for state-sponsored training instead of retrenching them.

The CCMA, which had trained 250 staff to implement the scheme, had received its first applications for participation. All Setas covering private sector industries would be responsible for preparing the logistics of the

scheme so that there was "rapid response", for its administration and for monitoring and evaluating the spending, said Patel.

Contrary to common belief, the Setas were not responsible for training, but for the funding of training, he said. The R54bn would go to giving each person on the scheme (available to workers earning up to R180 000 a year) a monthly allowance of R6 239 (or 50% of their wage), but decisions on training were left to business and industry, although with three stipulations, Patel said.

These were that the training be appropriate to the needs of the company and the industrial sector within which it operated, that it included "generic" skills, such as communication, numeracy and literacy, and that, wherever possible, trainees also acquired information and communication technology skills.

Some Setas had already come to the party and set aside a collective R260m to the scheme, but more needed to lay funds on the line, Patel said.

The challenge was big. If SA did not make the scheme work there would be "de-industrialisation" and the concomitant lack of access to manufacturing machines and "skills dispersal", which would leave SA unable to take quick action when the world economy warmed up again, he said.

The Setas were regularly, and sometimes with reason, criticised, and this was an opportunity for them to show that they did "add value". They should negotiate more modest training charges from service providers, and financially stronger Setas should help out their weaker peers.

Further details on the scheme would soon be announced by Labour Minister Membathisi Mdladlana.
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Four brides and a funeral ...

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THE municipal manager of the Indaka municipality, in northern KwaZulu-Natal, Milton Mbhele, rejoiced at the weekend when he married four women at once and slaughtered eight cattle as part of the festivities.

However, he reported for duty on Wednesday to find that he had been suspended from his job on Monday – a day after he got married – for spending R600 000 on the funeral of the municipality's former mayor.

Mbhele has been fingered as being solely responsible for the expenditure on the funeral of mayor Phumlani Mpungose, who died in June.

The acting mayor, Busisiwe Buthelezi, confirmed that Mbhele had been suspended at Monday's council sitting, which she had not attended.

She said that Mbhele had done nothing wrong in spending the money on the funeral.

"He asked us (the council) at a specially convened council meeting on June 17, after the mayor's death, how much money should be spent and the unanimous decision was that the mayor should have a decent burial.

"If anyone should take the fall, it is all of us who were part of the meeting," said Buthelezi.

Mbhele was allegedly refused



Shlangu Milton Mbhele with his brides (from left) Happiness Mdlolo, Thobile Vilakazi, Smangele Cele and Zanele Langa.

entry to his office by security guards when he reported for duty yesterday.

"There is no reference to the R600 000 in the letter (of suspension) which I received, and for me there is no reason to panic," he said yesterday.

He was adamant that he would return to work soon, adding there was no substance to the charges against him.

"My contract with the council runs until 2013, and I am here to stay. As for charges of wrongdoing on my part, evidence must be provided to back up the claims, because I do everything by the rule-book," said Mbhele, who added that he had already consulted his lawyer.

IFP Women's Brigade chairwoman Thembi Nzuzi, who was the main speaker at Mpungose's funeral, said it was possible that the event could have cost R600 000.

"For starters, some work on the road to the mayor's home needed to be done for vehicles to go through and the home was in a far-flung area," she said.

Transport costs and the hiring of marquees for "the massively attended" funeral could also have contributed to the figure, she said.

Mbhele said his wedding might have cost him R150 000, which included the payment for 32 cows for lobola and the eight cattle which were slaughtered during the wedding festivities, which lasted three days.

Shooting to Kill

PRESIDENT Jacob Zuma knows that the mere mention of the words "violent crime" in this country is akin to a matador waving his red cape in front of a raging bull.

Crime is a topic that can sometimes transform even the most sedate, reasonable citizens into a crazed pack demanding vengeance and an eye for an eye against criminals.

Zuma's stern warning – before hundreds of senior police officers in Pretoria on Tuesday – that violent criminals must brace themselves for tough action was bound to strike a chord.

Surrounded by his "war cabinet", Zuma admitted that the country's violent crime rate, which sees 50 people murdered daily, was abnormal and he threatened criminals with a shoot-to-kill policy.

Reforms in the criminal justice cluster that he announced include changing the police service into a police force; militarising the ranks; amending Section 49 of the Criminal Procedure Act; possibly reforming a person's right to remain silent; and the definition of a suspect.

Crime is the buzz word in South Africa. Whether you want to pretend you don't hear, read or get told about it, crime has unfortunately become part and parcel of our daily lives because it is a traumatic and painful experience.

What is worse is that we all know of someone who has been a victim of crime if we ourselves have not fallen prey to criminals.

Over the years, households have mobilised themselves into street committees or reservists to try to ward off criminal attacks in their neighbourhood.

Sometimes, even with the best plan, criminals win because they are armed and dangerous and are willing to kill and maim.

However, a word of caution is needed here – we must consider the consequences of our country being turned into a police state.

Those of us who have lived in a police state know what the results can be. In the end, it won't be just the robbers and the bad guys who end being shot and killed.

Only time will tell, but we need to hold the government to account for its actions. We should not stand by and allow it to push in quick but dangerous solutions to try to solve our crime problems, now that we are feeling under siege.

Durban's Market

THERE is encouraging progress over the eThekweni Municipality's proposed new market complex in Durban's Warwick Junction area.

Following the recommendations of the provincial task team, the municipality seems to have wasted no time in going back to the drawing board and coming up with a fairer development proposal.

In terms of this, the new market complex would accommodate more than 500 informal traders. More than 250 traders would be housed in an African bazaar.

It remains to be seen whether this will be acceptable to most of the parties and if it will properly compensate for the loss of the historic Early Morning Market.

At the very least we are moving towards a more inclusive solution.

'Charge these lying politicians'

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POLITICIANS and government officials who lie to parliamentary accounts committees should face criminal charges, and ministers, not their directors-general, must be made to appear before the legislative spending watchdog bodies.

This was the message that emerged out of a three-day conference of public accounts committees in Cape Town this week.

Fish Mahlalela, chairman of the Association of Public Accounts Committees, which brought together committees from around the country and on the African continent, said a general feeling was that it should be a criminal offence for officials and even politicians to lie to such a parliamentary oversight body.

He said the Gauteng legisla-

ture had passed legislation that made it a criminal offence to appear before legislature committees and lie.

"It becomes a criminal offence," Mahlalela said.

"It's a matter the national Parliament is looking at so that we are in a position to deal with some of these things... the work and activities of committees need to be strengthened so that legislatures are given the necessary teeth."

Members of Parliament's standing committee on public accounts (Scopa) were angered recently when officials of the Department of Human Settlements told them that defects in homes in the N2 Gateway development in Cape Town had been repaired.

When Scopa members visited the housing development, they found the officials had lied.

Godi said delegates at the

conference were excited by the model used in Uganda, where the public accounts committee had a police component attached to it.

"When in the course of a hearing or analysing a report it becomes clear that an act of corruption has been conducted, do you leave it to the internal processes of departments or do we say this is a clear case of corruption that needs to be referred to law enforcement agencies?" Godi said.

This question had been raised this with senior parliamentary officials.

Godi said they also wanted to compel ministers, instead of directors-general, as was now the case, to appear before Scopa to account for departments.

The directors-general are the accounting officers for their departments, while the ministers are executive heads.

Police welcome tough Zuma stance

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POLICE on the country's streets have overwhelmingly supported President Jacob Zuma and his deadly serious stance on crime.

Zuma this week told nearly 2 000 police commissioners in Pretoria that police should never hesitate when it came to shooting armed criminals.

"If a criminal pulls out a gun he has one intention ... police have no time to fire warning shots ... if they do we will be burying a lot of police officers," he said.

His fighting talk has spurred police on the ground, with many saying they hoped Zuma would put his money where his mouth is.

"It's about time government starts backing those of us who are fighting these thugs. It is about time they realise that it is war on our streets.

"The fight is getting tougher and more policemen and

women are dying in this war. If we do not get the right laws in place we will continue dying," said a Sinoville policeman.

He said criminals were not worried about police deaths.

"They laugh at us. They know we are virtually powerless in trying to stop them.

"We literally have to wait to get shot at before we can fire back.

"We are tired of having our hands tied and want to go out and take on these bastards who are killing and maiming with impunity," he said.

A Garsfontein policewoman said: "Finally we are being given the power we need. We can now go out and do the job we love to do - protect and serve."

A Wierdabrug policeman said he was happy about the reforms: "In the past we did not know what to do. Sometimes we are in the right, but some-

times we risked ending up in court on charges of murder.

"These thugs have got away with their crimes for too long and need to know that their days are numbered," he said.

A Flying Squad inspector said: "Now we don't have to worry that we have to wait for people to be killed before we can shoot.

"Now we can go out and shoot a criminal if he is threatening a person's life," he said.

Institute of Security Studies policing specialist Johan Burger said the reforms were a move to remove the freedoms which criminals enjoyed.

"After 1994 the police service and their powers were softened while suspects were afforded more rights, which gave criminals the opening they needed to operate with freedom.

"These new moves will counter that and make the police an

aggressive force able to effectively deal with crime."

South African Police Union spokesman Bernard Machakela said the changes were long overdue.

"These changes will give the police clarity on how they can act to stop criminals not only threatening the public, but also themselves. The new legislation will help create a dedicated police force willing and able to deal with crime."

A senior advocate, who is an expert in constitutional law, lauded Zuma for his stance.

"This is the first time since 1994 that a president has received the statistics and immediately taken action.

"These changes should have been done a long time ago. From a constitutional point of view, I cannot see how these amendments will interfere with the constitutional rights of the individual, especially as the amendments are tailored to protect innocent citizens," he said.

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Defence may have wasted R3bn to buy planes

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POLITICAL BUREAU

THE Department of Defence and Military Veterans may have blown nearly R3 billion in "possible irregular expenditure" when it tendered for the acquisition of eight Airbus A400M military airlift planes for the South African Air Force (SAAF).

The possible irregularities are among a range of shortcomings reflected in the 10th consecutive qualified audit of the department and contained in its annual report for the 2008/2009 financial year, tabled in Parliament yesterday.

Among other irregularities, the auditor-general found there had been irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure of more than

R120 million, including spending on a house for the defence secretary.

The DA yesterday blasted the Department of Defence and said it wanted Parliament's spending watchdog, the standing committee on public accounts, to probe the state of financial management within the department and the procurement of the aircraft.

"The financial meltdown in the department cannot be allowed to continue", said DA shadow minister of defence David Maynier.

The report also reflects R118m in irregular spending. The auditor-general found that no supporting documentation could be provided for more than R77m of the amount.

Maynier also expressed concern at the auditor-general's finding that no proper asset register was main-

tained by the department, while R193m spent on consultants was not verifiable because "there was no proper internal control systems or supporting documentation provided by the defence department".

In addition to the Airbus irregularities, R15m in irregular expenditure on the special defence account is also being investigated.

The auditor-general said the "possible irregular expenditure" on the Airbus tendering process "occurred in the acquisition process" in 2005/2006 "as per a cabinet decision and ministerial instruction".

The SAAF announced in 2004 that it would buy the eight transport planes from Airbus, which at the time would have cost R7.4bn.

A "serious delay" in the delivery of the aircraft was reported in Arms-

cor's annual report tabled this month. In the report, the department acknowledged a skills shortage to operate the Hawk fighter-trainer aircraft bought as part of the government's multibillion-rand arms deal. It said that, as a result, some critical skills would have to be acquired from industry "at exorbitant cost".

"The air force was not funded to operate the strategic defiance package aircraft at the intended rates", it states about the trainers and the Grippen fighter planes it acquired.

"The contract, project and warranty cover afforded the Hawk and Grippen Systems to date is rapidly coming to an end and available funds are insufficient to contract effective in-service logistics support."

Cope leader Mosiuoa Lekota was defence minister at the time.

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Call for solidarity among shack dwellers

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NOMPUMELELO MAGWAZA

THE LEADERS of Abahlali baseMjondolo (shack dwellers' movement) at the Kennedy Road Informal Settlement in Sydenham, Durban, are calling for solidarity and support from academics, churches and human rights groups worldwide in what they say is their struggle to survive in the face of attacks against the movement.

Abahlali president S'bu Zikode, who is in hiding after his home was demolished and looted in mob attacks at the weekend, said: "In this time, when we are scattered among the Sydenham jail, hospitals, the homes of relatives and comrades, or sleeping in the bushes in the rain, we

are asking for solidarity."

The movement believes it is the target of attacks instigated by ANC leaders and the police. This has been disputed by the ANC and police.

A video apparently showing the Saturday night attack, which claimed the lives of two men, was posted on YouTube yesterday. The police said the men had been accused of being criminals and were attacked by vigilantes.

KwaZulu-Natal sociologist Mary de Haas said it was clear from the footage that the attackers had targeted the movement. Zikode's wife and daughter were seen fleeing from the area

and their home had been demolished.

De Haas said she believed the attacks were aimed at breaking up the movement because it was apolitical.



COOPER

Slum Dweller's International director Joel Bolnick said: "These attacks come as no surprise. They mirror similar acts regularly perpetrated against slum dwellers throughout the world."

A march supporting Abahlali and protesting against the attacks was held by the London Coalition Against Poverty in London yesterday.

Meanwhile, delivering the Steve Biko Memorial Lecture at

Durban University of Technology yesterday, veteran anti-apartheid activist Saths Cooper, now chairman of Medcover, said the attacks could be attributed to an inferiority complex and fear.

"If the people of Kennedy Road can be made aware of the fact that they are equally important, then they will not see the need to attack the mirror image of themselves," said Cooper.

He said the sense of humanity should be bestowed on all South Africans, poor and rich, so that people could look at themselves with pride.

"The past has still trapped us under the inferiority cloud that makes us fear each other," he said.

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Rehashing of old law

THE Recent statements by President Jacob Zuma and Police Minister Nathi Mthethwa about the need to give police more powers to deal with criminals are misleading.

On Tuesday Zuma told a group of police heads that criminals do not fire warning shots at the police - essentially suggesting that the law was endangering the lives of police officers because they were expected to fire warning shots at armed criminals in potentially dangerous situations.

Mthethwa has on several occasions argued that he wanted Section 49 of the Criminal Procedure Act to give police more powers to deal with armed criminals.

Yet, as it stands, Section 49 does not require police to fire warning shots when confronted with armed criminals. The section also allows the police to shoot not only to defend themselves but also when effecting arrest of a resisting criminal. Specifically the law allows police to shoot if "any arrestor attempts to arrest a suspect and the suspect resists the attempt, or flees, or resists the attempt and flees."

It also allows the police to use deadly force if it is necessary to protect themselves.

Legal experts have agreed that though there are some ambiguities in the law, these did not, however, militate for increasing police powers.

The question is why are the President and the Minister making such confusing statements about the existing situation?

Is it merely politicking on their part to appease public sentiment that seeks government to show its seriousness to tackle the scourge once and for all?

'TAKE ACTION ON CORRUPT CRONIES'

Mhlaba Memela

COPE in KwaZulu-Natal has called on President Jacob Zuma and premier Zweli Mkhize to "take a firm stand against fraud and corruption".

Cope spokesperson Siyanda Mhlongo said the time for paying lip service to fighting corruption was over.

"It is time for action," he said. "Zuma, his cabinet, Mkhize and the ANC have issued many warnings but it is time they acted against corruption, cronyism, lazy councillors and crime."

He said corruption was rife in provincial municipalities such as eThekweni, iLembe, uMgungundlovu and Mduduzi.

"Some of the corruption has

Warnings don't work says Cope

been reported to Corporate Government and Traditional Affairs Minister Sicelo Shiceka in writing - but nothing has been done."

Mhlongo said the Ithala bank in KwaZulu-Natal was "stinking with corruption and cronyism".

"The bank, which is supposed to assist emerging entrepreneurs, has become a milking cow for politicians, including those who say the current ANC administration is ready to fight corruption, inefficiency and nepotism,"

Mhlongo said.

In response Mkhize said the provincial executive has committed itself to represent the public fairly.

"Political parties must work with communities to fight any form of crime and eradicate fraud and corruption in our society," the premier said. "We have to accelerate the delivery of services to all our people."

Mkhize said they had encouraged communities to form forums in order to fight crime.

"These forums will ensure that there is an ongoing interaction with law enforcement agencies and will provide a platform to report, investigate and monitor any fraud or criminal activities."

New dates for shop 'looters' case

THE case against 99 South African Unemployment People's Movement members, accused of going on a looting spree in July, was yesterday postponed by the Durban magistrate's court.

Forty-one were accused of shoplifting and theft and 58 accused of public violence during an alleged looting

spree at Shoprite Checkers and Pick n Pay stores in central Durban.

The two groups appeared in separate courtrooms yesterday.

Four of the accused failed to appear in court.

The movement has claimed that it was demonstrating to the government that the

unemployed people of South Africa were hungry.

The organisation has warned of more demonstrations.

Magistrate Shamina Maharaj postponed the case against those charged with shoplifting until October 14, and those charged with public violence until October 21.

- Sapa

Top airline in first flight from Dubai to Durban

Canaan Mdletshe

WITH the 2010 Fifa World Cup around the corner, KwaZulu-Natal is due to pull off its biggest coup yet in bringing overseas tourists directly to the province.

Today, one of the world's fastest-growing airlines, Emirates Airline, flies directly into Durban International Airport from Dubai - in an inaugural flight before deciding on instituting a regular service to the



province.

In the plane will be a slew of dignitaries from the Emirates Airline and United Arab Emirates government - as well as KwaZulu-Natal MEC for economic development and tourism Michael Mabuyakhulu.

Spokesperson for the department, Bheko Madlala, said that the direct flight to Durban by one of the world's major airlines is a first for KwaZulu-Natal as most of the international airlines fly directly into Gauteng's OR Tambo International Airport.

"This means tourists and business people wanting to visit KwaZulu-Natal have to dig deep into their pockets to catch a connecting flight to Durban," Madlala said.

Call on Zuma to probe attacks

Mary Papayya

ACADEMICS, clerics and other civil rights activists are calling on President Jacob Zuma to intervene in the latest attacks that have ravaged one of Durban's biggest informal settlements - the Kennedy Road Shack Settlement in Sydenham.

At the weekend a group of armed men, allegedly ANC supporters carrying an assortment of weapons, destroyed shacks and beat up locals. Two people died.

But police said the attacks "were criminally motivated", adding that eight arrests have been made.

MEC for transport, community safety and liaison Willie Mchunu has ordered a special police task team to investigate. He rejected claims of ethnicity.

Concerned groups have called on Zuma to institute an investigation into alleged complicity by police in the violence. Spokesperson Raj Patel said they were concerned by slogans such as "the amaMpondo are taking over Kennedy".

Anglican Bishop Ruben Phillip said: "The militia that has driven out hundreds of families is a disgrace to our democracy."

IFP TO SUE ZUMA

Party seeks pardons

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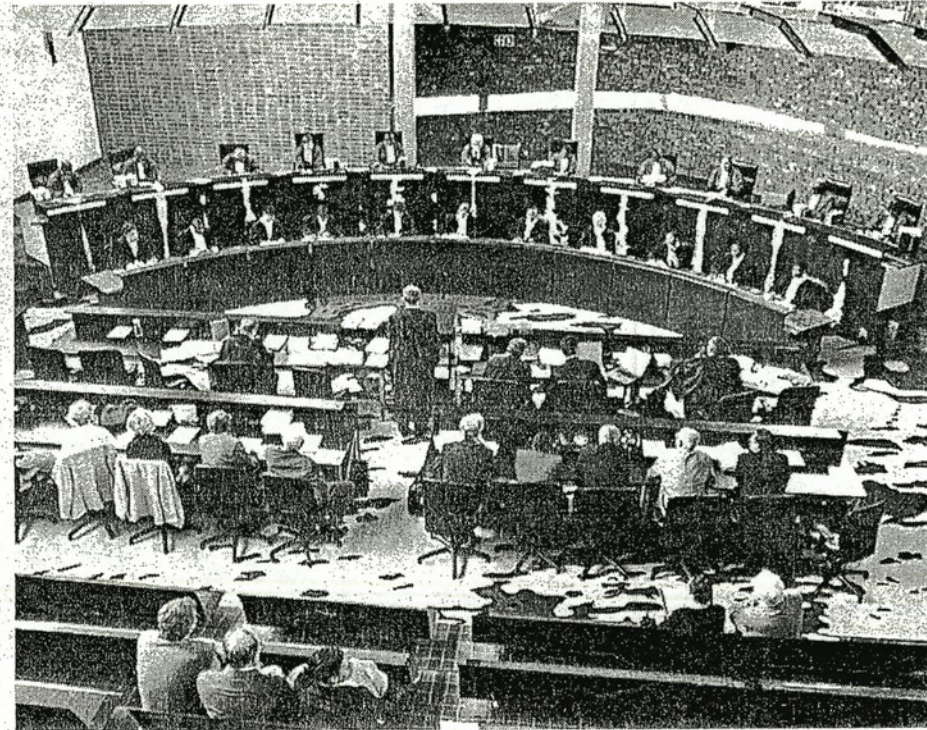
The Constitutional Court upheld an appeal by the Justice Minister against a Supreme Court of Appeal (SCA) ruling in favour of the IFP members.

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LONG WAIT: The Constitutional Court says a six-year delay in processing applications for presidential pardon is unacceptable.

PHOTO: SUNDAY TIMES

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The SCA judgment confirmed a high court ruling.

Chonco was convicted of murder, robbery, attempted murder and the unlawful possession of a firearm and ammunition in 1989.

He was sentenced to death for the murder but the sentence was commuted to life when the death penalty was abolished in 1990.

Chonco, who has argued that his crimes were committed for political reasons, applied for a presidential

pardon six years ago, and was joined by 383 other applicants in 2003.

He resorted to litigation after the processing of the applications was delayed.

Langa said the delay was "unacceptable".

"Despite public undertakings made by the president and the minister to expedite a response, the respondents have waited in vain. This is unacceptable...," he said.

He ordered the government to pay costs. – Sapa

Canaan Mdletshe

FORMER eNdumeni municipality mayor Thandeka Nukani will remain in custody until next Wednesday when her bail application will be heard.

Nukani appeared briefly in a packed Utrecht magistrate's court yesterday on a charge of attempted murder.

She was arrested on Monday on allegations that she bribed an inmate at Waterval Prison to kill

Ex-mayor in court on murder attempt rap

her nephew, Siyabonga Nukani, who is serving 20 years for his role in the murder of ANC councillor, trade unionist and SACP member Grishen Bujram in 2007.

According to the charge sheet, Nukani and her driver, Bonginkosi Khumalo, colluded and hired an inmate to kill Siyabonga, the main witness in a murder case against her.

The inmate demanded R5 000 to murder Siyabonga and, according to the investigators, was paid R2 500 upfront, which was deposited in his bank account.

It is believed that Thandeka Nukani wanted her nephew "silenced" because he was going to testify against her in the Bujram murder trial on October 22. This is

after she was formally charged two weeks ago for the 2007 murder.

She was initially arrested with her boyfriend, Bongani Shangase, and Siyabonga. Charges were later withdrawn against her after the two men were found guilty in 2008.

Shangase was jailed for life in December.



IN DOCK: Thandeka Nukani

THE RECESSION SHOULD SPUR SOCIAL GRANT ACTION

YOUR article "Recession could affect extension of social grants" (The Mercury, September 28) should create a platform for discussion and debate around the recession and its impact on South Africans who are dependent on social grants.

The negative impact of the recession is already a tangible reality felt by many people who have lost jobs and are unable to keep up with mortgage payments and the rising cost of living.

Recent indications are that more

babies are being abandoned because of financial difficulties facing parents. To compound the problem, welfare agencies are struggling to find foster parents for these children, as they are also feeling the economic crunch.

So it is of serious concern that the government's ability to extend social grants may be affected.

One would expect that a government which claims to be pro-poor would now be seeking innovative measures to extend the

social security net to cater for those who are most vulnerable.

The government needs to trim much of the fat in exorbitant government spending on, for instance, luxury cars for ministers and hiring of hotels and resorts for meetings and functions.

In order to fund social spending, the government needs to urgently address the creation of sustainable jobs, thereby increasing the tax base. That will go a long way towards addressing the revenue

shortfall that is expected to be about R60 billion.

Our government is leading us into a future where economic frustration among the majority will soon boil over, resulting in open confrontation between the haves and the have-nots.

Whilst I do not believe that South Africa should become a welfare state, where people become wholly dependant on social grants, I do believe that in the absence of the creation of decent sustainable jobs,

the implementation of the basic income grant is long overdue.

Our government cannot say it believes in equality when millions languish in poverty, do not have proper homes and sanitation and cannot find decent jobs. Our children are thrown into a society in despair, whilst the government remains passive and aloof.

LES GOVENDER
IFP Chatsworth

Durban

CONCERN OVER MORE PAY FOR COUNCILLORS

'Increased wage bill could affect service delivery'

Anna Majavu

THE call by Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs Minister Sicelo Shiceka that councillors be paid as much as members of Parliament has not gone down well in some ranks.

Idasa manager Len Verwey says increasing councillors' salaries to more than R700 000 a year could see much-needed funds being taken away from service delivery.

But with more than 280 municipalities it would be very expensive to equalise salaries, Verwey says.

Jay Kruuse of Rhodes University's public service accountability monitor believes the "remuneration of MPs, MPL's and councillors should be influenced by their performance".

Shiceka has said this week in Cape Town: "Councillors are not remunerated adequately. They work 24 hours a day. People come to their houses all the

time. There must be equity between a councillor, a member of the provincial legislature and a member of Parliament."

MPs earn R714 618 a year, before benefits, and members of the provincial legislatures earn slightly less. City councillors are paid a total package of R310 000 a year, including all benefits, while mayoral committee members get a total of R659 000 a year.

Part time councillors in small towns get as little as R9 725 a month, excluding allowances.

Human Sciences Research Council senior research specialist Mcebisi Ndletyana said it was a good idea to pay councillors more, as long as the pay increases were not taken out of the municipalities' budgets for service delivery.

"Increasing their salaries would be welcomed as long as the wage bill will not affect the operations of the municipalities," Ndletyana said.



ON PARITY: Minister Sicelo Shiceka has called for councillors to get a pay raise.

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Government to strengthen oversight role of the SABC

Allegations of top officials' suspension denied

**XOLANI MBANJWA AND
SIYABONGA MKHWANAZI**

THE GOVERNMENT is to tighten its oversight control over the SABC board by holding it accountable, Communications Minister Sphiwe Nyanda said yesterday.

And allegations that the public broadcaster was going to suspend some of its top executives were denied.

Speaking at the launch of the second landline operator, Neotel, Nyanda said his department would review the government's oversight role in light of the Auditor-General's report, which had revealed large-scale corruption at the SABC.

"We have looked at the results from the Auditor-General and we are busy looking at what steps to take. From the department's side, we are going to ... hold the board of the SABC accountable for whatever happens at the SABC, said Nyanda.

The interim board itself was looking at what needed to be done to address the issues raised in the Auditor-General's report, he added.

Nyanda said the task team he had appointed to investigate all structures at the SABC would make its report public soon.

"There is a task team that we have set up that is looking at

the permanent arrangements about funding models and so on, and about structures at the SABC, so that we address the malaise we see at the SABC," said Nyanda.

While an SABC source has revealed that five senior managers have been given precautionary suspension letters, interim board member Leslie Sedibe and Nyanda have strongly denied this.

The source, who spoke to The Star on condition of anonymity, said yesterday that the managers in question were served with the letters on Tuesday, in which they had to show within 48 hours why they should not be suspended.

'We are going to hold the board accountable'

Sedibe said he was not aware that letters had been issued to any staff members.

"Nobody has been suspended yet. As soon as we take decisions, people will know ... I am supposed to draft those letters. If there were any letters issued, then there is a problem. I am the one drafting those letters. I'm the first one who is supposed to know," he said.

Broadcast, Electronic Media and Allied Workers Union president Hannes du

Buisson said while his union was not aware of managers being suspended, they would be meeting with interim board chairwoman Irene Charnley to brief them on the Auditor-General's report.

Du Buisson said he hoped Charnley would also inform them of those likely to face disciplinary action.

He added that while the report had not mentioned anyone by name, those implicated had been identified by their areas of function. "You don't need to be a rocket scientist to make up who should be disciplined for transgression.

"We expect no less than all those implicated in the (Auditor-General's) report to be suspended," said Du Buisson.

The forensic probe into financial mismanagement at the SABC came after organised labour presented a dossier to the National Assembly's committee on communications claiming that former and present employees had looted the corporation of hundreds of millions of rands.

The committee ordered Auditor-General Terrence Nombembe to conduct the investigation, and last week he tabled it to MPs.

Nyanda also dismissed rumours that senior group executive managers had been suspended, saying he would have known.

NPA boss doesn't respect law, says Zille

DA LEADER Helen Zille has accused acting prosecutions chief Mokotedi Mpshe of a lack of respect for the law after he missed a second court deadline in the party's challenge to the withdrawal of charges against President Jacob Zuma.

"The NPA's disregard for court processes and timelines is a blatant attempt to delay this case as long as possible, and is a sad display of the lack of respect it holds for the judiciary," Zille said yesterday.

"This is particularly disturbing as the NPA is also an

important component of the criminal justice system."

Mpshe was given until tomorrow to file a submission to the Pretoria High Court setting out the National Prosecuting Authority's response to the DA's application for a review of his decision to drop corruption charges against Zuma in April, weeks before the national elections that brought the ANC leader to power.

The original deadline was weeks earlier, but the acting NPA head obtained an extension.

NPA spokesman Mthunzi Mhaga said he could not file papers because there were "outstanding matters" to be resolved.

Zille said the DA would not allow further delays to derail its court bid to force a review of Mpshe's decision.

"The DA's review application will go ahead. If the NPA and Mokotedi Mpshe will not submit their affidavits, we will proceed without them," she said.

"In this matter, justice delayed is justice denied, and

we have no doubt that this boils down to the continued delaying tactics that have characterised this case from the start."

Mpshe's decision brought an end to seven years of legal woes for Zuma.

He found that the existence of spy tapes suggesting political meddling about the timing of Zuma's indictment for fraud and corruption had made it impossible to push ahead with the case.

Zille called the decision "deeply problematic". - Sapa

THE SOUTH African Reserve Bank yesterday rejected a claim by the IFP that it has "failed to appear" before Parliament's finance portfolio committee.

"That is not correct," said Brian Hoga, the central bank's

communications head.

Three meetings were scheduled this year. However, the first – in April – was set aside because of the elections and

the other two – in June and September – were postponed at the request of the committee.

"They (the committee) have been postponing them ... June

and September particularly," Hoga said.

The SARB and the finance committee were "working towards" arranging a meeting

in October.

"We are still negotiating dates," he said.

IFP MP Mario Oriani-Ambrosini yesterday said he had called on the finance committee to summon the SARB to appear before it. – Sapa

Reserve Bank denies it is ducking meetings

Nation should hear 'sorry' from lips of Chuene, Malema

THE ANC's Youth League leader, Julius Malema, and disgraced Athletics South Africa boss, Leonard Chuene, have held a secret meeting. What did they discuss?

Perhaps Malema might have asked Chuene why he made a fool of both parties by lying when he said he did not know about the gender-testing of Caster Semenya.

Perhaps Chuene explained that he was the victim of a vast conspiracy stretching from the ANC to the DA that wants him out of office to stymie transformation.

What they really should have been talking about was the dangers of a populist approach to matters that have a direct, personal affect on someone.

For it is one thing to rail against the establishment to advance one or another political cause, but it is entirely another to attempt to make political mileage out of the tragic personal circumstances surrounding a youngster.

Chuene and Malema both erred, and erred grievously.

Chuene was at fault by acting in the worst interests of Semenya by propelling her onto the political centre stage when he knew better.

Malema was at fault for trying to turn Semenya's arrival back in South Africa after the Berlin championships into yet another garish act of political self-aggrandisement.

Malema should have asked himself if he had all the facts at his disposal before summoning the media to gorge on his intemperate attempts to place himself at the centre of the story.

Both owe the nation an apology.

Both men
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Booi leniency proves ANC hypocrisy

NYAMI Booi is chairman of the parliamentary defence portfolio committee. He took R92 000 in travel money he was not entitled to. After more than five years of denial, he finally admits guilt in a plea bargain. He receives a fine of R50 000, to be paid off

over five years. What happened to the R92 000 he stole? And he retained his job. The African National Congress hereby proves it is not serious about corruption, especially of well-placed cadres. Booi should have done the honourable thing and

resigned as an MP years ago. Failing that, the ANC should have sent him packing.

It is this kind of protection that makes politicians and public servants lower on the scale believe it is okay to take bribes and steal. Cry for me, SA.
— Ron Legg, by e-mail

Malema absolute opposite to Mandela

IT'S about time the African National Congress stopped comparing ANC Youth League President Julius Malema to Nelson Mandela. And the ruling party should stop protecting him.

Recently, when quizzed

about his traffic fines, instead of showing maturity as a public figure, Malema accused the media of racism. It has become the norm for him to accuse everyone opposed to his views of being racists, colonisers or imperialists.

It seems like his main goal is to enforce racial division, something our icon has fought against his entire life. Even though we still suffer from apartheid atrocities, we must not endorse short-sighted leaders. — N Ngubeni, by e-mail

IFP to sue Zuma over prisoners

NKULULEKO NCANA

THE IFP is to launch a legal battle against President Jacob Zuma for alleged human rights violations of 384 "political prisoners" whose requests for presidential pardons, the party claims, have been ignored for six years.

The decision to initiate legal action against Zuma was as a result of a Constitutional Court ruling yesterday that said the legal action should not have been lodged against the justice minister but the president, given that he is the one that grants the pardons.

The 384 applications by prisoners were submitted five years ago but were not considered. This led to the party embarking on legal proceedings to force the minister to attend to them.

IFP MP Koos van der Merwe said: "This has been a lengthy and painful battle to have the rights of these prisoners recognised, and we have now been instructed to start this entire process again.

"The system has once again failed these prisoners."

Malema chews on Chuene

ANCYL boss gives ASA boss a bollocking for lying about Caster Semenya

DOMINIC MAHLANGU and NKULULEKO
NCANA

ANC Youth League president Julius Malema met disgraced Athletics South Africa boss Leonard Chuene behind closed doors at

Luthuli House in Johannesburg yesterday.

Although both parties refused to divulge details of the meeting — with the youth league saying it would comment at a press conference later today — *The Times* can reveal that Malema read Chuene the riot act for misleading him.

The firebrand youth leader and his executive demanded the meeting soon after discovering that the ASA president had lied to them when he denied knowledge of gender tests performed on 800m gold medallist Caster Semenya.

Chuene admitted last week that he lied in order to protect Semenya. His confession left Malema with egg on his face; he had stood firmly behind Chuene, blaming the Semenya saga on “white racists”.

The Times understands that Malema and other youth league leaders at yesterday’s meeting slammed Chuene for lying to them, saying he should have been upfront about his own role in the debacle. They criticised him for not alerting them before calling a press conference to confess that he had misled the public.

It was not clear, however, if the youth league will distance itself from Chuene and ASA.

While the ANC has called for action to be taken against Chuene and others implicated in the “disgusting” affair, the ANCYL last week continued to back the embattled ASA boss.

Last week, Chuene had a private meeting with ANC secretary-general Gwede Mantashe on the sidelines of the Cosatu national congress. It is understood Chuene asked to meet President Jacob Zuma to explain himself.

Zuma’s spokesman, Vincent Magwenya, said yesterday there had not been a request from Chuene to meet the president.

“If he wants to meet with the president, his point of entry will be through the minister of sports [Makhakesi Stofile],” Magwenya said.

The ANC executive has said Chuene and the ASA “failed” the SA public. The ruling party said it was left with no alternative but to ask the government and the sporting fraternity to “redeem the integrity” of the country.

Questions on trips anger mayor

IFP: 'Visits were a success, all will be revealed soon'

THANDO MGAGA

ANC and IFP councillors in the Umvoti (Greytown) Municipality nearly came to blows yesterday when arguments ensued about Mayor P.M.S. Ngubane's recent trips to China and Thailand for investment purposes, allegedly without the authorisation of the executive committee (Exco) and full council.

The week-long trip to China at the end of August allegedly cost the municipality R59 000.

The amount reportedly includes R35 000 for the flight to and from China for the mayor and the council's chief financial officer, Sipho Ndabandaba. A further R24 000 was said to be for expenses such as food and travelling around China.

The mayor went to Thailand two weeks after his return from China. He was accompanied by Sydney Sikhakhane, who was acting municipal manager at the time.

They visited Thailand as part of a disaster management delegation, allegedly to investigate early warning systems for tsunamis. Tickets for the Thailand trip reportedly cost nearly R10 000 each.

The ANC alleged that Ndabandaba pocketed the R24 000 as an advance on his monthly salary and that the money was paid into his bank account. They said that it was not used for the trip to China.

The argument ensued after ANC councillor Philani Mavundla questioned why the mayor had gone to China in the first place. It heated up when Mavundla called Ndabandaba a thief and accused the IFP in the council of supporting corruption and fraud.

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Mavundla

when he tried to report to the council on other items on the agenda. ANC councillors kept shouting that he is as thief and should be fired.

"We are not interested in listening to a thief. Ndabandaba is stealing money in this council. If the IFP is happy with corruption and fraud in the municipality, that's their business, but we are against it," shouted Mavundla.

The mayor, his deputy, Vincent Zondi, and council speaker Hilter Maharaj stood up and branded the ANC councillors troublemakers.

Maharaj repeatedly rang the bell to call councillors to order, but was ignored by both ANC and IFP members.

Zondi asked the ANC councillors who they think they are, saying that the opposition councillors think they are smart.

Councillors' tempers flared anew when Maharaj claimed to be unaware of two reports by the ANC proposing that the speaker and the council's executive committee be dissolved immediately.

The reports were not discussed.

The antagonists nearly came to blows when ANC councillor Ahmed Shaik called a recently elected IFP councillor a "small boy" in politics. The IFP councillor replied that he "should not be taken for granted" because he is new.

The exchange brought laughter from the members of the public.

Ngubane later told *The Witness* that the trip to China was a success, but declined to comment further, saying that all "will be revealed soon".

IFP vows to take president to court

SIX-YEAR DELAY: 384 political prisoners wait for pardons

JOHANNESBURG—The IFP instructed its lawyers yesterday to start legal action against President Jacob Zuma for a six-year delay in the application of 384 presidential pardons.

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"I express no view as to the prospects of a future challenge that may be brought directly against the president," said Langa.

He granted the Justice minister's application for leave to appeal, upheld it and set the SCA order aside.

"The minister ... cannot be held accountable for any unjust administra-

tive action that may have occurred," said Langa.

"Whether or not the preliminary process may be deemed administrative action for which the president could be held directly accountable, was not argued and need not be decided upon in these proceedings."

The Justice minister was appealing against an SCA ruling that the minister had failed to handle the applications properly.

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He applied for a presidential pardon six years ago, and was joined by 383 other applicants in 2003.

Chonco resorted to litigation after the processing of the applications was delayed.

Langa said the delay was "unacceptable".

He ordered the government to pay the costs.

"In my view, justice requires that Mr Chonco, the 383 other applicants for pardon and their legal advisors, should not be out of pocket because of their recourse to legal proceedings.

"The successful applicant for leave to appeal, the minister, should pay the costs of Mr Chonco and the 383 other applicants for pardon." — Sapa.

Premier says NHI is the way to go

NALINI NAIDOO

A DEGREE of social conscience is involved in the whole idea of the National Health Insurance (NHI) scheme. Its planned introduction is about the desperate need to improve the quality of health care and to address the widening gap of inequality in South African society.

These, in a nutshell, are some of the pointers that emerged at a discussion of the proposed scheme during a seminar organised by the ANC in KwaZulu-Natal and held at the UKZN Westville Campus on Tuesday night.

KZN Premier Zweli Mkhize said the seminar is the start of a process of engaging with the public. He added that the discussion first started as an internal ANC process and has been going on for a long time. At the ANC's Polokwane conference, he added, a firm decision was taken for a task team to be set up to come up with a plan to implement the NHI scheme.

Mkhize said the approach is straightforward and the NHI scheme, like that of many other countries, is based on the principle that those who can afford it should contribute what they can.

"It is a system of cross-subsidisation of the poor by the rich."

He said South Africa does not have a choice but to go the NHI route because of a number of factors, notably rising health care costs, growing numbers of people not being able to afford medical aid and floundering medical aid schemes.

KZN Health MEC Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo said there are as many models for an NHI as there are countries. He said the ANC is not dictating what kind of system there should be; there will be a widespread consultative process.

Dhlomo said the funding model that will be chosen is not one that will put a strain on people's pockets.

It will also not do away with medical aid schemes, but the hope is that there will be fewer of them.

Dhlomo added that the system will be phased in and will come about in an incremental manner.

THE DEBATE NOW IS NOT WHETHER THERE SHOULD BE NHI OR NOT, BUT WHAT TYPE OF MODEL SOUTH AFRICA SHOULD ADOPT TO ADDRESS THE CHALLENGES THAT WE HAVE. Dr Olive Shisana

The former director-general for health, Dr Olive Shisana, who is now with the Human Sciences Research Council, is heading the committee working on the technical issues.

She told the seminar that the committee includes representatives from Treasury, the national Health Department, the private health sector, research organisations, the pharmaceutical industry and private medical aid schemes.

"The debate now is not whether there should be NHI or not, but what type of model South Africa should adopt to address the challenges that we have," Shisana said.

She said the South African Revenue Service is seen to be an integral part of the plan in terms of collection of money.

Besides getting the funding system right, there is a recognition that the quality of health service has to be drastically improved, she added.

Areas under focus include getting rid of incompetent managers, or re-training and re-skilling them, and ending outsourcing food services, laundry and cleaning contracts.

Shisana added that the plan will include better working conditions and better pay for health workers.

A white paper on the NHI will be published for discussion after being adopted by cabinet and an advisory committee will be established to prepare legislation.

**MHLATHUZE:
MUNICIPAL OFFICIAL
PUT ON LEAVE**

DURBAN — uMhlathuze municipal manager Tonie Heyneke was suspended on Tuesday night after the municipality, which comprises Richards Bay and Empangeni, experienced cash flow problems, said uMhlathuze Mayor Zakhele Mnqayi yesterday.

"The municipal manager has been put on an indefinite leave pending the outcome of the investigation into the cash flow problems that the municipality is experiencing," said Mnqayi.

He said Heyneke had not been charged for any misconduct.

"The investigation could take two months or more," said Mnqayi.

Heyneke was appointed municipal manager when the municipality was still under the control of the IFP.

"The council is not trying to get rid of him. The council just wants him as the chief accounting officer to be away while the investigation is being conducted." — Sapa.

Coup to oust Exco averted

THANDO MGAGA AND
SANELISIWE SHAMASE

A THREATENED "palace coup" to unseat the Msunduzi Municipality executive committee (Exco) failed to materialise yesterday following a last-minute intervention by the provincial executive committee (PEC) of the African National Congress.

Sources in the municipality, who spoke to *The Witness* on condition of anonymity, said the coup was planned by an ANC faction which is thought to be headed by the council speaker, Alpha Shelembe.

The Witness understands that Shelembe's faction had planned to push for a vote of no confidence in the Msunduzi Mayor, Zanele Hlatshwayo, and the Exco during a full council sitting yesterday.

However, alleged the sources, a senior ANC councillor sought the in-

tervention of the PEC, which subsequently reprimanded the councillors who had plotted to remove the current Exco.

According to the sources, the plan to oust the Exco has been in existence for some time and came to a head during a meeting of the party's regional general council at the weekend.

Hlatshwayo and Exco members, alleged the sources, were insulted and called names.

The plot to oust them was allegedly scheduled for yesterday's full council.

The sources disclosed that the senior councillor contacted the PEC about the planned ousting, and its delegation and ANC councillors were called to a caucus meeting.

Shelembe's faction was allegedly given a harsh talking-to and the coup was averted.

THERE ARE TWO FACTIONS IN THE ANC AND IT'S REALLY TIME TO SORT THIS OUT BECAUSE IT'S HAVING A NEGATIVE EFFECT ON SERVICE DELIVERY ... INSTEAD OF GETTING BETTER, IT'S ACTUALLY GETTING WORSE. Bill Lambert

Opposition parties in the council told *The Witness* that they were aware of the plot to kick out the Exco.

DA caucus leader and Exco member Bill Lambert said his party was aware of the planned move to dissolve Exco because rumours had been doing the rounds.

He said any attempt to overthrow Exco would have been illegal as the no-confidence vote was not on the agenda and was therefore in contravention of council rules.

Lambert spoke out about the continuous infighting within the ANC.

"There are two factions in the ANC and it's really time to sort this out because it's having a negative effect on service delivery in the city.

"Instead of getting better, it's actually getting worse."

Lambert said that if the ANC is unhappy with its Exco members, it should recall them through the proper channels, as was done in the uMgungundlovu District Municipality. The district's Exco was recalled in May last year.

IFP caucus leader and Exco member Dolo Zondi said his party had al-

so heard about the attempted coup through the rumour mill and when they went to the full council meeting they expected something to happen.

"We were ready for them and were prepared to counter the action because it would have been illegal," said Zondi.

Zondi said infighting of ANC members in the local council is dangerous for the city because a dissolution of Exco would hamper progress.

Zondi said he had been deployed to serve as an Exco member by his party, not the ANC, so any attempt to remove him, or any other opposition Exco member, would have been unlawful.

This is not the first attempt to oust Hlatshwayo and the Exco.

In March this year, the IFP passed a vote of no confidence in the mayor, but she retained her position after the voting went in her favour.

Kwathuleka nje inkohlakalo ibe idla lubi kumasipala wangakithi

MHLELI: Ngivumele ngikhuze umhlola owenzeka kumasipala wethu ngenkohlakalo eyenziwa ngabaphathi bawo ezingeni eliphezulu.

Laba baholi abawenzeli lutho umphakathi, bazinithisa bona sisale sihlupheka siyizakhamuzi. Inkohlakalo engikhuluma ngayo yile: wake wezwaphi ukuthi uyimeya uthole

ithenda yokupheka ube uphethe umasipala?

Imeya ithathe umndeni wayo nezihlobo zayoqeqeshelwa ukuhlola izindlu ezakhiwayo. Imeya inezindlu ezimbili kwayo eziyimixhaso evela kuhulumeni thina sibe singazitholanga izindlu.

Kwebiwa uwoyela kamasipala kwathuleka. Kwakhiwa amathoyilethi

ithenda yatholwa yikhansela. Imeya isebenzisa imoto kamasipala ukuqhuba ibhizinisi layo lokupheka.

Kusetshenziswa indawo yesikhulu seqembu ukuqeqesha umndeni nezihlobo zemeya, imeya ithenga amatekisi ngoba ithi vele sebezophuma.

Uma ungazi ukuthi yini inkohlakalo woza ngakithi

yenziwa emini kwabha.

Ngeke uye ndawo lo masipala uma kusenjena. Uthule uthini umenenja ngoba uyakwazi konke lokhu esengikubalile? Sicela ungqongqoshe angenelele nakhu sihlupheka. Kodwa lokhu abakwenzeyo bayozisola ngelinye ilanga.

**Okhathazekile
KWAMAPHUMULO**

Ayibekwe ezithebeni eyokushaya enyameni

INKINGA yokuvikelwa ngumthetho kwezaphulamthetho nobuthaka kwawo ukuvikela abahlukumezekile, kumele ibekwe ezithebeni zomphakathi.

Ezikhathini eziningi kukhalwa ngokuthi umthetho uvikela ababulali nabenzi bokubi futhi noMengameli Jacob Zuma sekukaningi ekhala ngalokho.

Uma ukukhala kukaMengameli kungokomphakathi wonke waseNingizimu Afrika kumele kudingidwe futhi umphakathi unikwe ithuba lokwenza iziphakamiso nokuthatha izinqumo ngokuhlelwa komthetho wezwe.

Lapho umphakathi uhlangana khona neziphathimandla zamaphoyisa uhlale njalo ukhononda ngokudedelwa kwabasolwa ngebheyili.

Kwesinye isikhathi umenzi wokubi noma umbulali kuyenzeka ukuthi uyaziwa noma umphakathi umbonile kodwa ngemuva kwezinsuku uzombona esecanasa emphakathini. Lokhu kwenza kube nokuwungabaza umthetho futhi kwenze umphakathi ugcine usukhethe ukuzithathela umthetho ngezandla.

Inkinga enkulu ukuthi umthetho uyavuma ukuthi umuntu anikwe ibheyili futhi athathwe njengongenacala kuze kube inkantolo imlahla ngecala. Kwezinye izikhathi abanengi baze baphakamise ukubuyiswa kwesigwebo sentambo kodwa izazi zomthetho ziyakugxeka lokhu njengokuphuca umuntu ilungelo lokuphila.

Namanje kwenzeka esifanayo njengoba uZuma ephakamisa ukuthi kumele amaphoyisa ashaye enyameni uma ebhekene nezigebengu eziyingozi nezihlomile.

UZuma ukucacisile ukuthi ngalokhu abahlosile ukuthi amaphoyisa adubule noma yikanjani futhi bazoqinisa i-Independent Complaints Directorate (ICD) ukuqondisa lawo maphoyisa ayobona lokhu njengemvume yokubulala noma yikanjani.

Sekukaningi sisizwa lesi siphakamiso sokubulawa kwezigebengu futhi sibonile ezikhathini eziningi kwenzeka zithelwa othulini.

Lokhu abanengi bakushayela ihlombe futhi bakuthatha njengendlela yokuthumela umyalezo ocacile ezigebengwini ukuthi uhulumeni uzimisele ngokulwa nobugebengu.

Nokho isiphakamiso sikaZuma nezigameko zokuphendula ngenhlamvu kwamaphoyisa uma ebhekene nezigebengu, sekugxekiwe. Amaqembu aphikisayo nezazi zomthetho zithi ukukhuluma kukaZuma kuzokwenza amaphoyisa adubule noma yikanjani bese ezithola esesenkingeni.

Lokhu kushiyela abashaya imithetho yezwe inselelo yokuthi basukumele lolu daba futhi umphakathi unikwe ithuba.

Umphakathi kumele kube yiwo othatha izinqumo ngezwe lawo futhi kube yiwo oshaya imithetho. Uma uvumelana nokuthi amaphoyisa anamathisele inhlamvu enyameni, kumele unikwe ithuba lokuziphefumulela.

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Abe-IFP bafuna ubulungiswa kuMsholozi

INTATHALI YESOLEZWE

LUYASHUBA udaba lukashwele weziboshwa kuleli njengoba izolo i-IFP liyalele abameli bayo ukuthi bathathele izinyathelo zomthetho uMengameli wezwe, uMnuz Jacob Zuma, ngokuhudula izinyawo ngezicelo ezafakwa yileli qembu zikashwele.

I-IFP isola uZuma ngokuthalalisa iminyaka engu-6 ngezicelo zeziboshwa ezingu-384 abathi kumele zidedelwe ngoshwele kaMengameli.

"Umzabalazo we-IFP wokulwela ubulungiswa namalungelo abantu uyaqhubeka, yingakho nje kuthe izolo sayalela abameli bethi ukuthi bathathele izinyathelo zomthetho uMengameli, angeke siphele amandla kulolu daba kuze kube kwenziwa ubulungiswa," kusho isitatimende sikaSotswebhu waleli qembu, uMnuz Koos van der Merwe. Isinyathelo se-IFP silandela isinqumo seNkantolo yoMthethosisekelo sayizolo ethe uMengameli kumele agxekwe ngokuhamba kancane kwalolu daba.

I-IFP ikholelwa ukuthi iziboshwa efuna ukuthi zidedelwe zenza amacala aye hambisana nesimo sezepolitiki

ngaleso sikhathi.

UVan der Merwe uthi lena kube yimpi enzima futhi ebuhlungu kulezi ziboshwa ezingu-384 belwela ukuthi amalungelo azo abhekelelwe.

INhloko yamaJaji, uMnuz Pius Langa, iqale ngokugxeka uhulumeni ngokuhamba ngonyawo lonwabu kwalolu daba, ithe nguMengameli wezwe, hhayi uNgqongqoshe wezoBulungiswa okumele aphenidule ngesicelo sikaMqabukeni Chonco nabanye abangu-383.

"UMengameli nguye onawo wonke amandla, futhi nguye owazi nohlelo lokuxolelwa kwabantu," kusho uLanga.

ULanga ubuye wanikeza uNgqongqoshe wezoBulungiswa ithuba lokudlulisela phambili isinqumo senkantolo. UChonco, okunguye oseqhulwini leziboshwa ezifake izicelo zikashwele, waboshwa ngo-1989 ngamacala okubulala, ukuzama ukubulala, ukutholakala nesibhamu nezinhlamvu okungekho emthethweni.

Wafaka isicelo sikashwele kuMengameli ngo-1990 walandelwa ngabanye abangu-383.

Ufuna kubhekwe kabusha imithetho yomasipala

KWANELE NCALANE

IMEYA kamasipala weTheku, uMnuz Obed Mlaba, iveze ukuthi kumele izinhloka zonke zikahulumeni zibhekisise ukuthi imithetho ekhona elawula ukusebenza komasipala iyahambisana yini nesikhathi samanje.

Uthi imithetho eminingi yashaywa esikhathini lapho isakhiwo sikahulumeni wasekhaya sabe sisungulwa khona. Uthe njengoba sekukhona isipiliyoni izinto eziningi sezibonakele, kumele kwenziwe izinguquko.

"Kunemithetho eminingi la komasipala. Kumele siyibheke yonke ukuthi isewusizo yini kuthi leyo esebenzayo siyiqinise bese kuthi leyo engasebenzi siyiqede. Eminingi sayishaya ngoba sabe singekho isipiliyoni manje sesinaso

futhi sesibonile ukuthi yini esebenzayo futhi yikuphi okungasebenzi," kusho uMlaba.

UMlaba, obuye abe yiPhini likaSihlalo weSalga aphinde abe nguSihlalo weKwanaloga, ukhulume engqungqutheleni yeSalga, eThekwini izolo. Uveze ukuthi ikusasa lomasipala abacela ku-15 esifundazweni limfiliba.

Labo masipala uthe abakwazi ukuletha izidingo kubantu futhi isimo sabo asigculisi neze.

Uthe le nkinga akuyona eyaKwaZulu-Natal kuphela kodwa nakwezinye izifundazwe ihlasele.

Ngenyanga edule uthe kuqaliswe uhlelo lukahulumeni oluhlanganisa zonke izigaba zawo neSalga olubheka ukusebenza komasipala kanti kulindelwe

umbiko maduze ohambisana nezincomo.

Inkinga enkulu ebhekene nomasipala ngokocwaningo oseluke lwenziwa wukuthi bayahluleka wukuheha abantu abanamakhono kanti enye inkinga enkulu ikomasipala abasezindaweni zasemakhaya abangenazo izindlela zokuqoqa intela.

UMlaba uthe i-KZN yiyona enesibalo esiphezulu kakhulu somasipala kuleli, nowe-metro owodwa, izifunda eziyishumi kanye nomasipala bezindawo abangu-50.

Enye inkinga okukhalwa ngayo ngeyemiNyango kahulumeni ekweleta omasipala izimali ezishisiwe.

UMasipala weTheku uwodwa ukweletwa u-R1.6 billion yimiNyango kahulumeni.

'Uzuma angenzi iphutha likaMbeki'

SIMPHIWE NDWANDWE

ISISHOSHOVU samalungelo abantu, uDkt Saths Cooper, sexwayise uMengameli Jacob Zuma ngokuthi angalokothi anikeze izikhundla abantu abangovuma zonke ngoba angase azithole esesogibeni okwangena kulo owayenguMengameli phambilini, uMnuz Thabo Mbeki.

UDkt Cooper uke waba sezindabeni esaphethe i-University of Durban Westville ingakahlanganiswa ne-University of Natal kube yi-University of KwaZulu-Natal.

Lokhu uCooper ukusho izolo ngesikhathi ethula isifundo sokuhlonipha ingqalabutho ye-Black Consciousness Movement, u-Steve Biko, esenziwa minyaka yonke esikhungweni semfundo ephakeme iDurban University of Technology (DUT).

Uthe leli zwe laci she lalahlekelwa yintando yabantu ngaphansi kobuholi bukaMbeki njengoba ayesekhombisa izimpawu zokuba ngundlovukayiphikiswa, esefuna ukuphatha ihlandla lesithathu ekubeni abanye omengameli bamazwe angomakhelwane neNingizimu Afrika - i-Mozambique nase-Namibia - behla ngokuzithandela ezikhundleni.

Uthe isizathu esenza leli zwe likhungathwe yinkohlakalo wukuthi abantu banikezwa izikhundla ngoba bevumelana nabaholi. Ukhale ngokungabi bikho kwenkululeko yokukhuluma ngokukhululeka.

Uthe abantu ababephikisana noZuma ngesikhathi kuyiwa engqungqutheleni ye-ANC ePolokwane ngo-2007 sebehambisana noZuma ngenxa yokuphathwa yingebhe. Uncome ukuzimisela kukaZuma ukulalela izimfuno zabantu abehlukene wathi lokhu kuyayiqinisa intando yabantu kuleli.

Uthe abantu bakuleli kufanele balandele isibonelo sika-Steve Biko sokumela lokhu abakholelwa kukho kungakhathalekile ukuthi bangaphansi kwesimo esinjani ngeleso



sikhathi. Uphinde watusa umengameli we-ANCYL, uMnuz Julius Malema, ngokukhuluma ngo-kukhululeka wathi lokhu kuyisibonelo sokuthi bakhona abantu abazimisele ukulingisa u-Biko.

Ukhale ngesimo sokungalingani kwabantu ngokwamazinga empilo wathi lokhu kuyimbangela yobugebengu obudlangile kuleli. Uthe uhulumeni kufanele azibophezele

kulokho akwethembisa abantu ngo-1994 ukuze kuncishiswe ububha futhi

kuvalwe igebe elikhona phakathi kwabakhomba ngophakathi nabampofu.

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Usola inzondo yepolitiki ngokushaywa kwengane

BAWINILE NGCOBO

ILUNGU le-ANC oLundi lisola ukuthi abantu abashaye indodana yalo eneminyaka engu-15 ngoba bethi yabadelela ngesikhathi sokhetho bebeqonde ukuhlukumeza lona.

UMnuz Makhosonke Msibi, owayeyikhansela le-IFP ku-Ward 22 ngaphambi kokuthi ajoyine i-ANC, uthe indodana yakhe ishaywe yaze yaklejulwa izingubo ebizigqokile.

Uthe indodana yakhe ubeyithume ukuyokhokha imali yesikole nezinye izinto edolobheni ngesikhathi ishaywa ngenduku nangezimpama ngumshayeli wetekisi ebiligibele nomsizi wakhe.

UMsibi uthe ingane yakhe isizwe ukuthola intuba yokubaleka ngesikhathi leli tekisi lima kwesinye isitobhi

ngoba akwaziwa ukuthi bebezoyenzani uma befika erenki sebefica abanye osomatekisi.

"Ingane yami ithi umsizi kamshayeli ubeseyikhiphele ngisho ummese yavele yabona ukuthi uma ingazami intuba yokubaleka izokufa," kuchaza uMsibi.

"Osomatekisi kumele bangachemi naqembu leze-politiki uma besemsebenzini ngoba basebenza ngomphakathi owehlukene. Uma kuwukuthi kunamatekisi e-IFP abalethe amanye azolayisha abantu abayi-ANC," kusho uMsibi.

Uthe imali yokukhokha esikoleni engu-R500 namaphepha ebiwaphethe okubalwa kuwo nesitifiketi sokuzalwa kulahlekile.

UCaptain Vusi Mbatha, wamaphoyisa, uthe kuvulwe icala lokushaya kodwa akukaboshwa muntu.

Owesithembu uvinjwe esangweni eze emsebenzini

NONHLANHLA SHANGASE

IXOSHISWE okwenja ifika emsebenzini izolo iMenenja kaMasipala iNdaka, uMnuz Milton Mbhele (osesithombeni), osanda kushada namakho-sikazi amane kulandela ukumiswa kwayo.

UMbhele, namanje udaba lakhe lokushada namakhosikazi amane ngesikhathi esisodwa olusengundabuzekwayo, uvinjwe ngonogada

esangweni
bamtshele
ukuthi
bayalelwe
ukuthi
angawubeki
umcondo
wakhe kulesiya
sakhiwo
sikamasipala.

Uthe yena ubebuyela emsebenzini njengoba ebekade esahlabe ikhefu ngemuva komshado futhi ubengakaze



athole ncwadi emimisa emsebenzini.

"Banginike incwadi abathe ngiyinikwa uScelo Maphanga osengene esikhundleni sami. Bekuyileyo ncwadi-ke ebingitshela ukuthi sengimisiwe emsebenzini," kusho uMbhele.

Mayelana nomsindo osusukile ngale ndaba, uMbhele uthe akasafuni ukuphawula kakhulu ngalolu daba ngoba useludlulisele kubameli bakhe okuyibona asebezophawula.

"Sengikhathele ukukhuluma, naleyo ncwadi ethi ngimisiwe isisezandleni zommeli wami. Nguyena osengaphawula," kuzihlangula uMbhele othe

ukhathazeke kakhulu ngalolu daba.

IMeya ebambile kulowa Masipala, uNksz Busisiwe Buthelezi, ithe ukumiswa kukaMbhele kulandela umhlango ophuthumayo obubizwe ngamakhansela athile, athe ngenxa yemali eningi eyasebenza kungcwatshwa owayeyiMeya kulo Masipala, kule uMbhele aphenywe ngayo.

UMnuz Phumlani Mpungose washona ngoJuni 16 kanti umkhandlu wavumelana ngokuthi izindleko zomngcwabo wakhe zithwalwe yiwo.

Emhlanganweni amakhansela kuthiwa athe akukho mngcwabo onganezindleko zika-R600 000, ngakho asola ukuthi kukhona okungalungile okwenzeka kwazise uMbhele wayebambile esikhundleni sobuMeya ngaleso sikhathi.

Nguye owagunyaza ukusebenza kwezimali zomngcwabo.

Ngokwemithombo engaphakathi kulo Masipala, umngcwabo kaMpungose wawusezingeni eliphezulu.

Kwaqashwa namabhasi amaningi ayethutha umphakathi owakhele lo Masipala owawuhambe lo mngcwabo.

UMnuz Vernon Mchunu, okhulumela uMnyango wezoHulumeni baseKhaya nezoMdabu KwaZulu-Natal, uthe sebenike lo masipala izinsuku ezingu-7 ukuthi ubanike umbiko ophelile ngalesi sinqumo sokumiswa kukaMbhele.

"Sinethemba nokho lokuthi konke okwenziwe yilo masipala kuyahambisana nemithetho elawula omasipala," kusho uMchunu.

Uthe umbiko abawu-tholile izolo ngowokuthi uMbhele ubengafuni ukwamukela incwadi emmisa emsebenzini.

ISilo sizohlangana nabaseNhlanguwini

SIMPHIWE NDWANDWE

UKUSHUBA kwesimo ngodaba lwamakhosi afuna ukuthola ukuhlonishwa njenge-Ngonyama sekuphoqe ukuthi uhulumeni wesifundazwe abize umhlangano ophuthu-mayo phakathi kweSilo samaBandla, uMntwana uMangosuthu Buthelezi, amakhosi aseNhlanguwini kanye noNdunankulu wesifundazwe uDkt Zweli Mkhize. Lo mhlango uzoba

namuhla kwelinye lama-hhotela eThekwini. Izolo ntambama iSilo bese sivele sesithelekile eThekwini. Udaba okubhekeke ukuba lube seqhulwini kulo mhlango ngolwesizwe saseNhlanguwini esiholwa uMntwana uMelizwe Dlamini ofuna ukuthola ukuhlonishwa okusezingeni leNgonyama ngoba ethi ngeminyaka edlule ubukhosi bakubo bashatshaliswa nguhulumeni wamaBhuni. Lo mhlango ufika nje kunokuphakama kwemimoya

nokushuba kwesimo ngodaba lwamakhosi afuna ukuba yiziNgonyama. NgoLwesibili isizwe saseNhlanguwini besise-Nkantolo eNkulu yasePitoli lapho besifake isicelo sokuthi iKhomishini esingethe izindaba zobukhosi eholwa uSolwazi uMohlomi Moleleki iphothule udaba lwabo ngaphambi kokuphelelwa yisikhathi. Inkantolo iyalele uMengameli wezwe, uMnuz Jacob Zuma, ukuthi ayinikeze izizathu eziphathekayo uma ikhomishini ihluleka

ukuphothula isicelo sokuba neNgonyama ezimele yesizwe saseNhlanguwini.

UMntwana uMelizwe nesizwe saseNhlanguwini bathi baniselile yisinqumo senkantolo. Osekwenze lolu daba lushube yizinkulumo zakamuva ezenziwe emkhosini weLembe KwaDukuza lapho uNdunankulu wesifundazwe, uDkt Zweli Mkhize, athi uhulumeni wazi iNgonyama eyodwa okuyiyona esabusa. Le nkulumo yananelwa uMntwana wakwa-

Phindangene uDkt Mangosuthu Buthelezi. Izolo ihhovisi likaNdunankulu likuqinisekile ukuthi ukhona umhlangano ohlanganisa iSilo sama-Bandla, uMntwana uMangosuthu Buthelezi, namakhosi angaphezulu kweshumi esizwe sase-Nhlanguwini noNdunankulu uDkt Zweli Mkhize.

Okhulumela iNdlunkulu, uMntwana uMbonisi Zulu, naye ukuqinisekile ukuba khona kwalo mhlango. UMntwana uMbonisi

akathandanga ukwenaba mayelana nokuthi lo mhlango uzobe udingida ziphi izinto. Uthe konke okuzobe kudingidwa namuhla kuzokwenekelwa abezindaba emuva komhlangano.

Okhulumela abaseNhlanguwini, uMnuz Gladman Ngubo, uphike walala ngomhlane ukuthi kukhona abakwaziyo ngalo mhlango. Uthe ngokwazi kwabo awukho umhlangano obiziwe futhi abaziswanga lutho ngalo mhlango.

Nibositshela phela uma sekukhankaswa

MHLELI, ngizwakalisa ilaka ngenkulumo kababa uDkt Lionel Mtshali emhlanganweni obusoLundi eMakhosini. Ngingomunye wabaholi bentsha esiyingini uMsunduzi eMgungundlovu. Ngokuhlala ngiseMbali.

Ngithi baba Mtshali, sicela nitshele phela uma sekukhankaswa ukuze nathi sikwazi ukuphuma siye ebantwini siyokhankasela uNkk Zanele Magwaza-Msibi, okunguye esimaziyo, okwazi ukuza ebantwini emazingeni aphantsi futhi okwaziyo ukungazikhukhumezi ebantwini.

Isifundazwe iKwaZulu-Natal sihambe ezandleni zakho baba - ngakho njalo ukuzithwala nokuba ngundlovukayiphikiswa.

Ubuholi obuphezulu bunenzondo yabo bodwa, ngakho njalo ukuzincengela ngamagama abanye abaholi kuShenge (iNkosi uMangosuthu Buthelezi).

Uma uthi uyabuka lapho besuka khona, kabalandelwa muntu ngoba

bazithwele, baqhakambisa ukusondelana noShenge kuphela kithina.

Abaholi engibaziyo, abalisebenzelayo iqembu, ngabakwaziyo ukuya ebantwini, okuthi uma kunengqu ngquthela baqhamuke nabantu kubonakale, ngubaba u"Gandaganda" uMnu David Ntombela eMgungundlovu, ngubaba (uThomas Mandla) Shabalala eLindelani (ongasekho emhlabeni), ngubaba uMgabadelu (uMnu Stanley Dladla) oThukela noNkk Magwaza-Msibi eZululand.

Abanye balabo kabafunwa ngoba besebenzela iqembu ngokuzikhandla.

Ngakho uma nifuna sinivotele musani ukuba bahle phambi kukaShenge kuphela, yibani bahle kubalandeli bonke be-IFP, niyeke ukusitshela ukuthi nisondelene noShenge.

Kumele siqale kunina uma kukhona esikufunayo ngoba ngaphandle



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kwenu ngeke sithole lutho. Lokho senikwenzile sakubona. Sesiyaonga ubuholi benu.

Thokozani Magwaza
UMsakazi weziNdaba zeNtsha
esiYingini uMsunduzi

UMsunduzi uzogwinya abanye omasipala

S'THEMBISO GAMBUSHE
Ezomasipala

IZINHLELO zoMnyango WezoHulumeni baseKhaya nezoMdabu zokukhuphula iziqu zikaMasipala uMsunduzi omaphakathi neKwaZulu-Natal ube yiMetro, kuthiwa zidinga ugwinye omasipala ababili ukuze ube kuleli zinga.

Phakathi kwalabo masipala kubalwa uMngeni oseHowick ongundabamlonyeni ngomholo omba eqolo weMenenja, uMnu Dumisani Vilakazi kanti owesibili kuthiwa kungenzeka kube yiMpofana.

Kuthiwa lokhu kudingeka kwenziwe ngoba uMsunduzi udinga ukwandiswa ngamakhansela angama-40 namawadi angama-20 ukuze ungene kulesi sigaba ngowezi-2011.

Lokhu kuvezwe ngelinye lamakhansela kaMasipala uMngeni elithile lihletshelwe yisikhulu sebhodi eliklama imingcele yomasipala eNingizimu Afrika, iMunicipal Demarcation Board ephakamise

ukukhushulwa kweziqu zalo masipala.

UMnu Vilakazi uthi yize bengakakuzwa lokhu kodwa kuyizindaba ezithokozisayo ngoba kuzoba nomthelela omuhle kubo.

"Besibeke imibono sithi bonke omasipala abangaphansi kwesi-Funda uMgungundlovu mababe ngaphansi kwawo (uMsunduzi) nje ngoba usuwenziwa iMetro ngoba vele bancane. Lokhu kuzosisiza nokungena ezikhundleni, ngiqonde i-administration," kusho uMnu Vilakazi.

Omasipala abahlanu abangaphansi koMgungundlovu ngaphandle koMsunduzi kubalwa uMngeni onamakhansela angama-21 namawadi ali-11, iMpendle inayisi-7 namawadi amane, uMkhambathini unali-14 namawadi ayisi-7, iRichmond inali-13 namawadi ayisi-7, uMshwathi unangama-22 namawadi ali-11, iMpofana inayisi-7 namawadi amane.

UMnu Mawethu Mosery okhulu-

mela inhlangothi ezimele yokhetho kuleli i-Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) uthi ngeke baphazamiseke abavoti ngalezi zingquko ngoba banayo imininingwane yabo kuzwelonke.

Uthi izingquko ezizoba khona ngezabezindaba abazophoqelesa ukuthi bavote lapho bebbalise khona hhayi njengoba bekwenziwa bevota noma kuphi lapho bekhona.

UMnu Vernon Mchunu okhulumela uMnyango WezoHulumeni baseKhaya nezoMdabu KwaZulu-Natal, uthe ngokwazi kwakhe izikhulu zomnyango zisacubungula ukuthi yibaphi omasipala abazogwinywa wuMsunduzi.

Uthi ucabanga ukuthi kuzobhekwa komasipala abaseduze ukuthi bangakanani abantu bawo abathenga eMgungundlovu nokuthi bangaphazamiseka kangakanani ngalokhu.

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Bahlohlwe imibuzo odokotela

SAZI kaSIPHO MAJOLA

LIPHEKWE ngemibuzo ithimba lodokotela engxoxweni ye-African National Congress (ANC) mayelana nohlelo oluhlongozwayo lwezempilo, iNational Health Insurance (NHI) ngoLwesibili ebusuku, e-University of KwaZulu-Natal, Westville Campus, entshonalinga yeTheku.

Leli thimba belihlanganisa izingqwayingqwayi zodokotela okubalwa kuzo uDkt Zweli Mkhize ongu-sihlalo we-ANC futhi onguNdunankulu waKwaZulu-Natal, uDkt S'bongiseni Dhlomo, onguNgqongqoshe WezeMpilo KwaZulu-Natal, uDkt Olive Shisana weHuman Sciences Research Council, oke waba ngumQondisi-jikelele eMnyangweni WezeMpilo kuzwelonke, uDkt Ngubekhaya Gobinca we-Qualsa Healthcare noDkt Farouk Meer.

Imibuzo iqhamuke emuva kwezinikulumo zodokotela abasho okuningi nge-NHI.

UDkt Shisana uthe iningi lamazwe liyayisebenzisa i-NHI ngaphandle kwe-United States of America (USA). Uthi inezinhlobo ezimbili.

Eyokuqala imali iqoqwa yinhlangano eyodwa athe eNingizimu Afrika yi-South African Revenue Services (SARS) engenza lowo msebenzi, bese kuba ngesebenzisa izinhlangano eziningi.

Emazweni asebenzisa i-NHI yokugala ubale i-Canada, i-Australia, iTaiwan, iDenmark ne-Sweden.

Kwasebenzisa eyesibili ubale iTunisia, Germany, France namanye.

"Impikiswano okufanele ibe khona ngethi yiyiphi i-NHI engasebenza kangcono kithi hhayi ukuthi kufanele sibe nayo yini noma cha. Sesi-dlulile lapho," kusho yena.

Uveze ukuthi abantu bazozikhethelela ukuthi bafuna ukusebenzisa izibhedlela zikahulumeni noma ezingekho ngaphansi kwakhe, inqobo nje uma benamakhadi e-NHI.

"Bonke abahlala eNingizimu Afrika ngokusemthethweni bazoba yingxenywe ye-NHI. Kangazi-ke ngabayizi-6 000 bokufika abagcwele kuleli. Izibhedlela nemitholampilo kuzomele zibe sezingeni eliphezulu ukuze zibe yingxenywe ye-NHI," kusho

Bahlohlwe imibuzo odokotela

yena.

UDkt Meer uthe kakumele abantu bathathe ngehaba ukuthi i-NHI izosiza uquqaba lwabadla imbuya ngothi, ngoba lokho kungadala ukuphoxeka.

Uthe kakufanele kubulawe uhlaka lwezempilo olukhona njengamanje olunezinkampani zama-medical aid kodwa kumele i-NHI yenziwe ngezigaba.

NoDkt Gobinca uyiphawulile eyokuthi i-NHI yenziwe ngezigaba.

UDkt Mkhize uthe inhloso yalolu hlelo wukuthi abanamandla okukhokha bakhokhe, abangakwazi uhulumeni uzobakhokhela.

“Umbuzo okhona wukuthi sizobhekana kanjani nezinkinga uma zivela endleleni,” kusho yena.

Izethameli zibuze ukuthi kuzokwenzeka kanjani ukuthi odokotela bahlale kahle kulolu hlelo. Izolungiswa kanjani indaba yodokotela baseNingizimu Afrika abaqeqeshwa eCuba bese bebenekinga yokuqashwa kuleli ngoba kuthiwa kababhalisile ngaphansi kwenhlangano ethile? Izoxhaswa kanjani? Ngabe ikhona yini

indlela yokuthi abanamabhizi-nisi angatheli njengamatekisi nabo bakhokhe kulolu hlelo nokuthi lolu hlelo luzobabhekelela yini abelaphi bendabuko?

Kube nezikhalo zokuthi le NHI ingase ibe yinkinga njengezinkampani eziphethwe ngokubambisana kukahulumeni nomphakathi ngenge-Eskom.

Ephendula uDkt Shisana, uthe kuzoba nekomiti elibheka ukuthi yiziphi izifo ezizofakwa ngaphansi kwe-NHI, wathi ngeke babe nesiqiniseko sokuthi odokotela bazohola kangakanani ngaphansi kwe-NHI.

Uthe kabahlosile ukwakha inkampani ephethwe ngokuhlanganyela wuhulumeni nomphakathi.

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Ibambe ngakho ngokukhuculula komasipala

SEKUFANA nosiko ezisebenzini zikahulumeni nomasipala ukuthi uma isakhamuzi sibhalile ngesicelo esithile kuthaliswe. Noma isimo salowo muntu obhalile sidabukisa kangakanani kuvele kuthathwe ngenyenye yezincwadi ezihlale zifika, akuphuthunywa noma-ke aphenkulwe.

Esikhathini esiningi abantu baye bakhale ngokuthi kumele kube yibo abangena ezindlekweni beyobuza ukuthi sekukuphi nesikhalo sabo, kungenjalo isisebenzi kasisiboni isidingo sokwazisa ofake isicelo ukuthi sekukuphi nodaba lwakhe. Kuwusiko olubi lokhu okungenzeka ludalwa wukuthi abantu banele bangene emahhovisi bazibinye sebezibona bebaluleke ukwedlula ababasebenzelayo. Ukuziphatha okunjengalokhu kusuka ekuswelekeni kokulandelela, ukuphokophelela nentshisekelo kumuntu yokuthi uma sekufuneka umbiko wosekwenziwe uzo kwethulani kwabamphethe.

Okushiwo nguNgqongqoshe WezokuPhathwa koHulumeni nezeNdabuko, uMnu Sicelo Shiceka lapho ethe kungequmbi yezincwadi zezikhalo nezicelo ezibhadle emahhovisi omasipala nondunankulu kufakazela bona lobu budedengu bezikhulu.

UMnu Shiceka ubekhuluma eCape Town ngoLwesibili engqungqutheleni i-11th Annual Association of Public Accounts Committees. Amazwi awakhiphile angaba buhlungu oquqabeni oluhluphekayo lapho ethe khona uhulumeni obuholwa nguMnu Thabo Mbeki ubungazigqizi qakala izidingo zabantu. Uthi lokhu kubonakala ngokuthi lo hulumeni okhona manje oholwa nguMnu Jacob Zuma uthe uma uthatha izintambo ngemuva kokhetho lwanonyaka wafica indathane yezincwadi ezingakaze ziphendulwe.

Omunye angathi kakufanele kube kusathe phathatha kugxekwe abebephephe phambilini njengoba kugququzelwa abantu ukuthi bangalokhu begxeka ububi besimo ngokuthi sidalwe ngamaphutha aphambilini.

Esikhathini esiningi kusuke kuqondiswe kwabathi umonakalo ababhekene nawo namuhla uyinzalo yenqubo kahulumeni wobandlululo ngakho kabanakwenza lutho ngawo. Nakuba kungafanele kugxilwe kosekwenziwe kodwa kumele kuhlathwe igxathu eliya phambili. Uma umonakalo umkhulu kusuke kumele ongenayo aqale ngokukhuculula kuyima eqala ukusebenza.

Ngakho kunephutha kulaba abathi kuthiwe lo hulumeni kaZuma ulibele wukugxeka engabe uzibonakalisa wona ukuthi yini ozoyenza kangcono.

Uma omasipala bebegcwele ubushompe bokukhwebanisa, ubudengu, ukuqashwa kwezihlobo ezingenamakhono nezinsambatheka zabaholi njengoba kusho uMnu Shiceka, akakwazi phela ukusheshisa ukusebenza uhulumeni kusemanyundunyundu.

Sincoma umnqamulajuqu abangu-nyelwe wona omasipala umhla ka-15 December (Zibandlela) okumele ushaye sebezinhhlaka ezifanele ukugwema imibiko yezimali egwegwile.

Nasengqungqutheleni ye-South African Local Government Association (Salga) ebiseThekwini kuleli sonto, uMnu Shiceka ukucacisile ukuthi isihlava esikomasipala sokungakhokhelwa kukagesi namanzi yiminyango kahulumeni yikho okwenza kuqhume ushodi ezimalini kubambezele nokulethwa kwezidingo kubantu.

Nemidonsiswano yangaphakathi yepolitiki iyabalimaza abantu kodwa konke kulele ekutheni baholwa ngabantu abanjani bona lab'omasipala.

Kuncike ekutheni ngabe ngabaholi abafunayo yini ukubona umehluko eminyakeni ezayo noma bajabulela ukuntanta emafutheni bakhohlwe wumphakathi obheke ngabomvu izidingo zawo.

Masiqine ngempela isitilobho ngqongqoshe, kukhucululwe kuheshwe lo lu khula olukhubaza intuthuko.

Angase abizelwe esigungwini uDkt Mtshali

NKOSINATHI MSHENGU

ANGASE abizelwe pha-mbi kwesigungu esiphezulu seNkatha Freedom Party (IFP), uDkt Lionel Mtshali, oyiLungu lesi-Shayamthetho KwaZulu-Natal, kulandela inkulumo ayenze kugcotshwa amaziko aleli qembu, eMakhosini oLundi.

UDkt Mtshali uveze amagama okuthi uyokweseka uNobhala-jikelele waleli qembu, uMfu Musa Zondi, uma kungukuthi uMntwana waKwaPhindangene iNkosi uMangosuthu Buthelezi, uyashiya esikhundleni sokuba ngumengameli we-IFP.

Emhlanganweni obuphuthuma wesigungu saleli qembu, obusemahhovisi alo aseThekwini, kuvelile ukuthi inkulumo yakhe (uDkt Mtshali) nekaMnu Bhungu Mgezeni Gwala oyikhansela lika-ward 39, ziphambene nemigomo yaleli qembu.

UMnu Gwala uphoqeleke ukuthi ahoxise, aphinde axolise amagama awasho embuthanweni wentsha yeqembu enkundleni yezemidlalo ehostela kwa-T eMlazi, laphe ethe sekuyisikhathi sikame-ngameli wesifazane.

UMntwana waKwaPhindangene utshele **Ilanga** ukuthi naye uDkt Mtshali, usazovela kulesi sigungu.

"Naye uDkt Mtshali ubebiziwe ukuba abekhona kulo mhlango kodwa wa-

xolisa ngenxa yomsebenzi obekumele ayowenza eCape Town. Inkulumo kaMnu Gwala, iyinhamba kimi. Usho ukuthini uma ethi mina ngisebenza nezimpimpi?" kubuza yena.

UMnu Gwala unikezwe ithuba lokuthi aqondise inkulumo yakhe ecashunwe yi**Langa** ngaphansi kwesihloko esithi "Bafuna umholi wesifazane kwi-IFP."

"Ngibonile ukuthi ngiphaphalazile ngale nkulumo. Ngiyaxolisa kuMntwana waKwaPhindangene nobuholi bonke beqembu. Ngangingaqondile ukuthunaza isithunzi seqembu nomholi wethu uShenge," kusho uMnu Gwala obebokakala ukuthi ubhekene nenkinga.

UMfu Zondi ugqizelele ukuthi kuyiphutha ukuthi kubekhona abantu abakhuluma izinkulumo ezithinta ukhetho lobuholi beqembu kodwa udaba lwenqungquthela lungakaphothulwa.

Uthe isigungu besifuna uMnu Gwala azocacisa ukuthi ubeqonde ukuthini ngale nkulumo ngoba kunobufakazi obuvela ukuthi kunabantu ngaphakathi eqenjini, okuthiwa babe nomhlango ndawana thizeni eMnambithi bathatha nezinqumo.

"Izinqumo abazithatha zibizwa nge-Thokoza Declaration, zikhuluma ngomholi wesifazane okufanele athathe isikhundla sobuholi beqembu. Le nkulumo kaMnu Gwala iyafana nokwakhulu-nywa kulo mhlango," ku-phawula uMfu Zondi.

UNkk Zanele Magwaza-Msibi onguSihlalo kazwelonke we-IFP, obeyingxenywe yalo mhlango akazange aphawule lutho ngale nkulumo kaMnu Gwala.

UMnu Gwala uthe akazi lutho ngalo mhlango okukhulunywa ngawo.

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Bazisola enkantolo abatape ukudla

MAVI NGCOBO

SEBEYAZISOLA ukuthi bebe-kutapelani ukudla ezitolo abangaphansi kwenhlangano emele abangasebenzi iSouth African Unemployed People's Movement (Saupm), ngoNtulikazi (July) njengoba betshelwe yinkantolo ukuthi baqashelwe ummeli oyikhehla.

Amalungu ale nhlangano aboshwe ngemuva kokuzitapela kwaShoprite okuDkt Pixley kaSeme (West Street) nakwa-Pick 'n Pay eWorkshop, e-Thekwini, avele eNkantolo yeMantshi yaseThekwini izolo ngoLwesithathu.

Atshelwe yinkantolo ukuthi iSaupm iwaqashele ummeli oyikhehla osenesikhathi ethathe umhlalaphansi futhi ongeke awasize.

Ibatshelwe ukuthi lo mmeli oyikhehla uthumele intombazanyana athe izowamela, engenazo izincwadi eziyigunyaza ukumela abantu phambi kwenkantolo.

Abebewahlola ukuthi atape ezitolo ngoba efuna u-R1 500 wesibonelelo kuhulumeni, bebengabonwa nangalukhalo enkantolo.

UNkk Nozipho Mteshana okhulumela iSaupm ubengekho kwabebezokweseka abebezovela kwazise bekulindeleke abe khona njengoba ebebahola betape.

Aphume enxapha ethi aseayazisola ukuthi avumeleni ukuhlolwa.

"Ukube kasivumanga ukuhlolwa ngabe kayikho yonke le nto. Besingatshelwa ngani ukuthi siqashele ummeli osethathe umhlalaphansi? Basithumelelelani umuntu ongenazincwadi zobumeli? Sebedle o-R10 bethu, senziwa izilima la," amalungu ezikhalela.

Kula malungu abantu besilisa bayingcosana, ngabesifazane abaningi.

Aphume aqonda kwabadayisa ngaphandle kwenkantolo, athenga ama-aphula emuva kokukhala nge-ndlala.

Amanye abekhala ngokungabi nayo imali yokugibela amatekisi.

Isenzo seSaupm sigxekwe yizinhla-ka okubalwa kuzo ezikahulumeni.

UDkt Zweli Mkhize, uNdunankulu waKwaZulu-Natal, uthe ngeke uhulumeni ukwazi ukunika abangasebenzi u-R1 500 njalo ngenyanga.

I-Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu), ithe bebile. ISouth African Communist Party (SACP), iphakamise ukuthi kuboshwe uNkk Mteshana ngoba usebenzisa abantu abahluphekile ukufeza izinhloso zakhe. UNkk Mteshana uboshiwe wakhishwa ngebheyili.

Icala lamalungu eSaupm lihlehlele umhla zingama-21 kuMfumfu (October), ukuze afake isicelo sommeli wamahhala.

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**NONHLANHLA JELE
ebika eseTshwane**

“KANGIZIMISELE ukungena empikiswaneni nesakhiwo sikahulumeni ngodaba lobungonyama bami.”

Isho kanje iNkosi uMelizwe Dlamini yesizwe saNhlanguwini, eningizimu yesifundazwe saKwaZulu-Natal iphoswa imibuzo ngabezindaba eTshwane, ngesitatimende esenziwe nguNdunankulu waKwa-Zulu-Natal, uDkt Zweli Mkhize, eMkhosini weLe-mbe ngempelasonto esiphuma kuyo KwaDukuza.

UDkt Mkhize ukubeke kwacaca enkulumweni yakhe ukuthi sinye kuphela iSilo kulesi sifundazwe, yiNgonyama uGoodwill Zwelithini kaBhekuZulu.

Ukuhamba kwezimoto kume nse emgwaqweni uVermeulen noPaul Kruger eTshwane, iNkosi uDlamini nesizwe sayo bethleleka eNkantolo eNkulu yasePretoria ngoLwesibili.

Ifika enkantolo iNkosi uDlamini, ibidle isudi kanokusho emnyama ehlotshiswe ngokusagolide, iphethe induku eyigolide, iphelezelwa ngamakhosi adlelana nayo nabaNtwana baseNhlanguwini ngaphansi kweso elibukhali lonogada.

Ingeniswe ngomnyango ongemuva wasenkantolo ongena amajaji kuphela, yahlala ngokuzithoba kwelinye lamabhentshi ikhulekelwa ngoBayede.

Inkosi imelwe ngu-Adv Marumo Moerane no-Adv Anne Mathis.

Ilanga lihabule ukuthi u-Adv Moerane ubize imali ebalelwa ku-R26 000 ukuvela nje.

Kulithathe cishe imizuzu engaphansi kweyisihlanu iJaji E Jordaan ukukhipha isinqumo esithi kumele iKhomishini eholwa nguSolwazi Mohlomi Moleleki iphothule isicelo sikaMntwana uMelizwe sobungonyama ngaphambi komhla zingama-30 kwephezulu.

IJaji uJordaan libe selibizela enkantolo efanayo uMengameli wezwe, uMnu Jacob Zuma, ziyisi-9 kuMfumu (October) ukuze azochaza ukuthi kungenzeka yini ukuthi lesi sicelo siphothulwe ngaphambi

INkosi uDlamini kayizimisele ngempikiswano

kwalolu suku.

Ngale kwalokho inkantolo ithe lolu daba kumele okungenani luphothulwe esikhathini esiyizinyanga ezintathu.

Imizamo yokuthinta okhulumela uMengameli Zuma, uMnu Vincent Magwenya, iphunzile njengo-ba ucingo lwakhe belukhala lungabanjwa.

INkosi uMelizwe iphume enkantolo isihambisana noNdlunkulu uS'thabile (uMaMkhwanazi) nabaNtwana basendlunkulu yangena kwinhlabaluhide yezimoto zikanokusho ilibhekise eCity Hall lapho ibisiyohlangua nabezindaba nesizwe sayo ezo-sibikela ngokwenzeke enkantolo.

Kukhiswe izikibha ezi-navy ezinekhanda leNkosi

uMelizwe ezibhalwe ukuthi: Bayede Nkosi yama-Khosi Melizwe III.

“Sikutholile ebesikufuna Nhlanguwini. Lapho nifa khona nami ngiyofa khona. Izinyanya zihambe nathi.

“Kasilwisi muntu sifuna okungokwethu eNatal, hhayi KwaZulu. Kakusiyona into kaMelizwe lena ngeyesizwe sonke. AbaseMbo nabakwaDlamini ngabandawonye. Ongawazi lo mlendo makahambe ayo-wufunda,” kubeka inkosi.

Ngemuva kwalokhu kuhutshwe amahubo phakathi kwawo obekukhona elinezinhlamvu ezithi “Ngowani umbango. ngelethu izwe.”

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