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Memo y -

To: All Southern Africa Support and Human Rights Groups

From: .Africa Fund Staff

Re: Inkatha attacks Alexandra

The Africa Fund has just been alerted that Mkhosi Jama, one of the Alexandra Civic Organization members, was murdered in the early morning of Wednesday, November 6th outside the civic office by Inkatha members. We have also been alerted that Inkatha members inside the

Alexandra hostel are planning another attack on the civic office! '

Jama is not the only victim of this recent, politically motivated violence. We have just learned that since Sunday, Nov. 3, Alexandra residents have suffered daily shooting and snatching

attacks by the Inkatha members who have taken over the township hostel.

It is no coincidence that these attacks have taken place this week. On Monday and Tuesday, November 4 and 5, COSATU and the ANC called a highly successful 2 day national strike

involving 3.5 million workers. This action was in protest of deKlerk's recent imposition of a

new regressive national tax system, Value Added Tax. VAT will increase prices of consumer goods, food, and the previously untaxed informal sector. This will hit hardest those already

impoverished by apartheid.

Alexandra township, located just outside Johannesburg, has one of the strongest civic organizations in the country. On Sunday the 3rd, they held a public community meeting to educate residents about the stay-away. The Inkatha attacks began immediately after that meeting, once again pointing to their political agenda of squelching protests against the South

African government.

We strongly urge you to call the South African Ambassador to the U.S., Harry Schwarz and DEMAND THAT THE ALEXANDRA CIVIC OFFICE BE DEFENDED AGAINST ATTACK! WE HOLD THE SOUTH AFRICAN

GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATHS OF ANY ALEXANDRA RESIDENTS AND/OR CIVIC MEMBERS. Any

attacks on the Alexandra Civic Organization, a strong anti-apartheid force in the community, are

a clear indication that the government is unwilling or unable to stop the violence. Make sure

you get the name and title of anyone you speak with so that we can hold them directly responsible if Ambassador Schwarz claims not to have received these messages.

Ambassador Harry Schwarz

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regional secretary, Joe Nkuna, was
attacked by assailants on October 3.
Publicity secretary Jackson Mthembu
said the attack came a week after the
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