

## KWAZULU CAUCUS ADDRESS

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Mr Chairman Sir, Honourable Members, much has transpired since our last meeting. The ongoing theme in my addresses to you has been the Transitional Executive Council, and its implications for the KwaZulu Government.

As you all know the Transitional Executive Council Bill was passed in Parliament on the 26th November this year with its first inaugural meeting being held on the 7th December, making this national decision-making body fully operational. The official, intended and expressed aim of the Transitional Executive Council and its sub-councils, is to level the political playing field and ensure that no party, organisation or government has an unfair advantage in the April 27, 1994 elections.

Yet, in the exact manner in which I predicted, by the second sitting of the Transitional Executive Council on the 9th December, the true intentions of this illegitimate body were brought to light. On this day the members of the Transitional Executive Council passed two resolutions which pose a direct challenge to my authority as the Chief Minister of the KwaZulu Government, and to your authority as members of the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly.

The first resolution called on the South African Police to act immediately in certain areas of Natal and KwaZulu, where the KwaZulu Police are already stationed to provide security and protect property and lives.

A second, and even more contentious resolution, called for the KwaZulu Police Commissioner, Lieutenant-General Roy During, to report directly to the Transitional Executive Council within three days regarding the Goldstone Commission's report that 'hard evidence' indicated a hit squad of KwaZulu Police members had killed nine members, including ANC members. As I also serve as the KwaZulu Government's Minister of Police, this directive amounts to a direct call to circumvent my authority.

Honourable Members, these motions by the Transitional Executive Council are a test of our authority in KwaZulu, as well as a test of the enforceability of the decisions of the Transitional Executive Council in KwaZulu. So there is no need for me to stress the seriousness of the implications of these resolutions to each and every one of you here today.

Responding to questions concerning the enormity of these Transitional Executive Council resolutions, Minister Roelf Meyer stated that they were 'perfectly in line with the Transitional Executive Council objectives'. Of course they are! But not the expressed objective of levelling the political playing field, but the premeditated intention of destroying the KwaZulu Government and the Inkatha Freedom Party.



I have stated repeatedly that the only purpose of the Transitional Executive Council is the first step in a process devised by the ANC and the South African Government to annihilate the KwaZulu Government and the IFP, as the only viable opposition to the ANC in the elections. This is to be followed by a two stage transitional process, whereby the ANC is hoping to be elected as the majority party in the Constitutional Assembly, where it will be vested with the powers to draft another and final constitution for South Africa.

To ensure that it is the majority party in the Constitutional Assembly, the ANC has to do everything in its power between now and the elections to eliminate all opposition. The ANC wants to go into the April 27, 1994 elections knowing that it will not be challenged as the 'liberator of the black people of South Africa'. The mere existence of the IFP and the Zulu nation, under the government of KwaZulu, shatters this myth.

Last month the ANC President, Mr Nelson Mandela, travelled from one side of Natal and KwaZulu to the other to spread the macabre message of the ANC that they were going to dismantle the KwaZulu Government and take over the reins of power in this region. This is part of the ANC's desperate fight for political preservation and legitimacy. As a true revolutionary movement, they have shown that they will not tolerate opposition of any sort.

The power-base of the Inkatha Freedom Party in KwaZulu, and its massive following in the Zulu community, has always been a thorn in the side of the ANC and its political allies. Because of this, they have embarked on a systematic campaign to marginalise the IFP, KwaZulu and the Zulu nation in the future governance of this country. Despite the uncontested leadership of King Zwelithini and myself, as the Chief Minister of KwaZulu, and the significance of the KwaZulu government to the Zulu community, the ANC is now pitting its strength against Ulundi itself.

But the ANC is well aware of its true weaknesses. It soon came to the realisation that it could not thrash the IFP alone - not even with the help of its radical allies in the Communist Party. It had to team up with Mr de Klerk, Mr Roelf Meyer and members of the National Party Caucus to produce a united front against the IFP. This is what the Transitional Executive Council is all about. It is a mechanism that has been legislated into place to destroy the IFP and the KwaZulu Government. It is to perform the job that the ANC can not perform alone.

My brothers and sisters, there would have been no need for a Transitional Executive Council with the powers that it has if the ANC did not desire the destruction of KwaZulu. If the IFP and KwaZulu Government had capitulated to the ANC and South African Government at the multi-party talks at Kempton Park - if we had towed the line like all the other ANC and government surrogates -we would not be facing the threat from the Transitional Executive Council that we are facing today. There would be no need for the instruments of attack against governments of self-governing territories if the KwaZulu Government had agreed to the ANC's manipulation of the constitutional process.

This domination of the Transitional Executive Council will enable the ANC to reach out into the very heart of Ulundi and effectively circumscribe the autonomy of the KwaZulu Cabinet. The very legislation on which the KwaZulu Cabinet relies for its executive authority has already been listed as discriminatory legislation at Kempton Park, which will now be repealed. The Negotiation Council has already recommended the repeal of over 20 KwaZulu laws passed by the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly.



The Transitional Executive Council will have authority over the KwaZulu budget. The ANC has served notice that it will directly intervene in the KwaZulu Public Service Commission and re-write conditions of employment which, *inter alia*, would scrap the requirement that KwaZulu civil servants should have allegiance to the KwaZulu Government. The ANC has declared its intention, through the Transitional Executive Council, to reach into the very heart of our Amakhosi institutions. They will repeal laws and regulations which give the Amakhosi authority to say who can hold what meetings in their area, and which safeguard the dignity of the Amakhosi.

What the ANC fails to comprehend is that we will not lamely stand aside while it attempts to destroy the IFP, the KwaZulu government and the Zulu nation. We will not allow the ANC and the South African Government to silence the voice of our people. Their strategy to crush the KwaZulu Government has no hope of succeeding. It is inconceivable that the Zulu people will stand by and watch their leaders ousted and the ANC/SACP alliance dictate the structure and administration of government in this region.

The ANC's one and only agenda has been to secure unilateral control over the transitional process and the future South African government. And there is no doubt in the minds of most South Africans that the ANC will use any means at its disposal to achieve these ends. The ANC never has, and never will be, interested in any form of democratic power-sharing.

But let me state categorically, as the Chief Minister of the KwaZulu Government, that we have rejected the Transitional Executive Council from the outset, we have played no part in the formation of this body, and we do not recognise this body as a legitimate interim government structure. So to all those political opportunists who sit on this body, we have only one message from the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly - any directives emanating from the Transitional Executive Council which affect the KwaZulu Government will be defied. These directives have no legitimacy in the eyes of the KwaZulu Government and they will be treated with the contempt they deserve.

On the issue of the alleged KwaZulu Police hit squads, my position has been consistent. There has been a systematic vilification campaign launched against the KwaZulu Police. Over the past year erroneous reports have been circulated by the ANC and the media to create the grossly unfair impression that people are suffering at the hands of the members of the KwaZulu Police, as if fingers can be pointed at each and every member who has joined this force.

The conduct of individual KwaZulu policemen is under the close enquiry of the Goldstone Commission, and according to a recent report there is said to be evidence of the involvement of certain individuals in hit squads. I am in total agreement with Lieutenant-General During, that those who have been found guilty of transgressing the law in the conduct of their duty must be held accountable for their actions. The KwaZulu Government has tried its best to produce good policemen. However no police force in the world remains untainted by the actions of certain wayward members. But if it is found that certain individual KwaZulu policemen have transgressed, it is hardly fair to tar every member of the KwaZulu Police with the same brush.

Do not be fooled. All this slanderous propaganda of KwaZulu Police hit squads is just a smoke-screen. I am of the conviction that the focus on the KwaZulu Police is a concerted attempt to discredit the structures of the KwaZulu Government. It is a strategy designed to



... take the spotlight off the actions of the ANC and its allies who are bent on taking control, whatever the cost in innocent lives.

Since the unbanning of the ANC in February 1990 South Africa has witnessed unprecedented levels of violence directed at the IFP and its supporters - in train carriages, in the hostels, in our communities. Innocent lives are lost daily as the ANC sets the scene for a revolutionary take-over of the South African Government. In this region we have witnessed the serial killing of hundreds of IFP leaders, members of the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly and numerous KwaZulu Police Officers, who are victims of attacks by members of the ANC's private army, uMkhonto weSizwe, whose leaders now sit in the Transitional Executive Council.

As a united force the Zulu nation has resisted all attacks by the ANC. Despite the terrible carnage and killing that is taking place in our communities, instigated for political reasons by unscrupulous, radical politicians who want to control this region, it has all but strengthened the unity of the Zulu people. It is thus, through the Transitional Executive Council, that the ANC will attempt to achieve what it failed to achieve through brute force. The first and foremost item on the agenda of the Transitional Executive Council is to dismantle KwaZulu. The South African Government has allowed the ANC to use this transitional government body to press ahead with its agenda to establish a Constituent Assembly, and entrench its unilateral control over the future government of this country.

But these adverse political forces are very naive if they for one moment believe that the KwaZulu Government will stand aside and watch its people die under vicious onslaughts. As a unified and dignified force we will face our enemy. Under threat we will continue to look to the support of the KwaZulu Police for the protection of our government. It is our policemen who will be in the front lines of the battle. They will remain in position to protect the citizens of KwaZulu against the ANC.

For as long as our policemen remain in force, the ANC will be prevented from plundering this region. So it is for their courage that the KwaZulu Police must brace themselves for many more attacks and allegations by the Transitional Executive Council and the like, because this is the body that will be used by the ANC to dismantle the KwaZulu Government and its police structures.

The leadership of KwaZulu, and the bearers of law enforcement, must not crumble under this new threat from the Transitional Executive Council. If we were to capitulate to the demands of this interim body, the security and well-being of the people in this region would be sacrificed as a result. The lives of our children and our families are at stake. No matter how dire the future threat to our sovereignty becomes, we must stand together in unity and in courage and defend our region against harm and destruction. We will consolidate our forces in this region, and fight for a fair and just South Africa. We will claim our rightful role in shaping the future South Africa. We will never allow the ANC to take that function away from us.

We must be clear in our minds what the ANC has in store for us. The first post-election phase of the ANC's direct onslaught against the IFP and the KwaZulu Government will come with the incorporation of the ANC's uMkhonto weSizwe into the structures of South Africa's national defence force, to form a joint 'Peace Keeping Force'. Preparations for the incorporation of MK operatives started a couple of years ago when the ANC received the full



support from the South African Government to send thousands of its troops to training camps in Uganda, Tanzania, India, Cuba, Zimbabwe and even internally in the Transkei.

Despite hard evidence of MK operatives using regions such as Transkei as a springboard for attacks against the IFP and the assassination of IFP leaders, nothing has been done by the National Party Government to curb these activities. This gives us every reason to believe that these covert operations are designed as a show of force aimed at intimidating voters in the coming elections.

Intelligence reports say that the ANC and MK high command will retain the services of MK units in the deep underground. They will continue to be used in elections, and after elections, in attempts to finally crush the IFP and what the Transitional Executive Council leaves intact of the KwaZulu Government. According to a reputable Sunday newspaper, this is all part of a five-year ANC 'Broederbond-style' plan to infiltrate the police, public service, intelligence and security forces, as well as the media and rival political groups.

This plan, headed by SACP member Joe Nhlanhla, and confirmed by the ANC as being authentic, intends that the intelligence and security wing of the ANC, referred to as the National Action Tribunal (NAT) in the documents, wants to put its own people on at least two of the sub-councils of the Transitional Executive Council and seize control of state security agencies after the elections. This body is to be structured along the lines of the Russian KGB, and its formation was endorsed by the ANC President, Mr Mandela himself at the ANC Broederstroom Workshop in August this year.

This post-election strategy is based on the realistic assumption that the ANC will not gain a majority in the Constituent Assembly after the elections, and is aimed at countering any threats against the power-base of the ANC from large political organisations and self-governing territories like the IFP and the KwaZulu Government. All ANC military units, ranging from MK to self-defence units, marshals and regional officers, will be subject to the strategies devised by NAT, and they have been issued with a very clear directive to 'beef up the people's defence capabilities'.

Specific action of NAT is to stage an attack on the IFP and neutralise my party from within. This is reported to include the infiltration of IFP hostels, and countering any attempts by the media to promote the IFP's image by recruiting journalists to promote the ANC, as well as lawyers who are available for services like suing the police. The ANC's NAT will also work at winning over His Majesty, King Goodwill Zwelithini.

When I speak to international observers and refer to the revolutionary workings of the ANC, I am met with surprise and disbelief. Knowledge of the ANC's 'super intelligence agency' comes as no revelation to me or to you. We in KwaZulu know exactly what the ANC means when they talk of strengthening their defence capabilities or infiltrating the IFP. The strategy of any revolutionary party is to destroy and seize power, and this is the strategy of the ANC and its communist leaders.

If the KwaZulu Government were ever to allow the ANC and the Transitional Executive Council to take over our police force and interfere in the structures of our government, the fate of IFP sympathisers and supporters in this region is pre-determined. They will be eradicated to make way for MK operatives to command the structures in this region, through their normal revolutionary style of intimidation and terror.



What the ANC fails to achieve through the Transitional Executive Council, it will fight to achieve through the joint Government/ANC 'Peace Keeping Force'. The KwaZulu Government not only has to defend itself against the workings of the Transitional Executive Council, but our battle for survival and democracy will continue well after next year's proposed April elections.

Honourable Members, it is vital that you understand the nature of the threat we face today. The Transitional Executive Council is just the beginning of a vicious battle that will rage between ourselves and the ANC for a long time to come.

If we back down now, in the face of the ANC's open confrontation with the KwaZulu Government during these early stages, we may as well hand over the management and administration of our government to the ANC right now. We may as well inform His Majesty, King Zwelithini, that we are handing his government over to the ANC to control, because we, as Ministers of his government, do not have the strength or fortitude to protect his and our Zulu Kingdom.

I know that this will never be the case. I have served this Assembly long enough to know what calibre of men and women I am dealing with, and I am deeply honoured to serve as the Chief Minister of this government. Each and every one of you are loyal and trusted followers of the King. You have dedicated years of struggle and work to build the KwaZulu Government into what it is today. We are Zulus and we will fight to the death to protect our noble heritage. We are here to serve the Zulu nation, and we will never let our people down.

Our message to the ANC and the Transitional Executive Council is to leave the KwaZulu Government alone. Do not enter into a confrontation that will result in the death and destruction of the people and their livelihoods in this region. The Transitional Executive Council will be held totally responsible for any violence or senseless killings that result from their direct confrontation with the KwaZulu Government and its police force.

The KwaZulu Government and police force has been set into place to protect the security of the people in this region. We will never allow the ANC to threaten this security in any way.

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