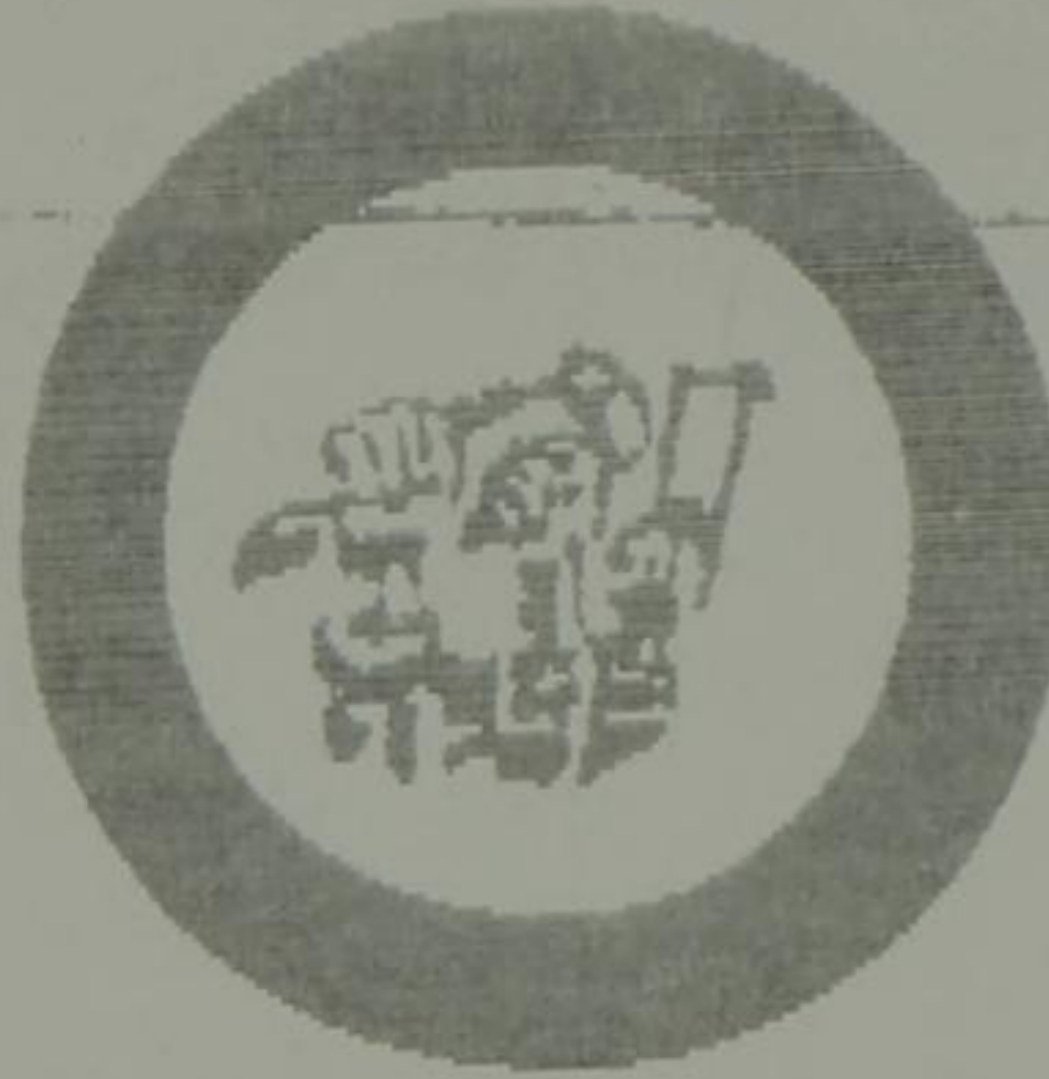


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STATEMENT OF THE ANC YOUTH LEAGUE ON THE ASSASSINATION OF THE GENERAL
SECRETARY OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN COMMUNIST PARTY - CHRIS HANI

The ANC Youth League sends its heartfelt condolences to the wife and family of Comrade Chris Hani, General Secretary of the South African Communist Party.

The assassination of the General Secretary of the South African Communist Party, Comrade Martin Thembeisile (Chris) Hani is a culmination of a long standing campaign of villification of communists and fighters for freedom by the Nationalist Party government and other institutions of the ruling bloc.

Even after the unbanning of organisations in 1990, the NP government continued with its portrayal of the SACP as opponents of democracy and villains. We therefore cannot conclude otherwise other than to say that the Nationalist Party policies have provided a justification for the murder of Chris Hani. The actions of the Nationalist Party government against him and his de facto banning to Transkei for the greater part of 1990 - 1991 and numerous trumped up charges by the SAP, were part of a co-ordinated plan to yield result to the dastardly act of this morning.

The response of the SA government to the murder of comrade Chris Hani and the statement of the SAP are transparent with self-satisfaction. Both statements are completely contrary to their actions towards the national liberation movement, the tri-partite alliance and the South African Communist Party in particular. We therefore offer no appreciation for the crocodile tears of F W de Klerk and his henchmen.

The ANC Youth League rejects with the contempt it deserves the so-called preliminary finding that the suspected assassin was acting alone. We do not believe that the SAP are capable of getting to the core of the assassination of Comrade Chris. We therefore reinforce the call that has been made by the SACP for an independent investigation into the killing. The murder is a well planned political act which is designed to weaken the ANC and intensify the campaign to destroy the South African Communist Party. We view this assassination as a pre-election act by opponents of democracy to weaken those forces that would like to achieve a fundamental transformation of the South African situation. We have no doubt in our minds that this brutal act will go a long way in undermining the efforts made so far to achieve peace and tolerance. And those that wish to start this game of elimination before South Africa's first democratic election, should very well know that they will not eventually triumph.

In our view, the assassination confirms once more the need to remove the Nationalist Party from power and usher in a tolerant and peaceful non-racial democracy.

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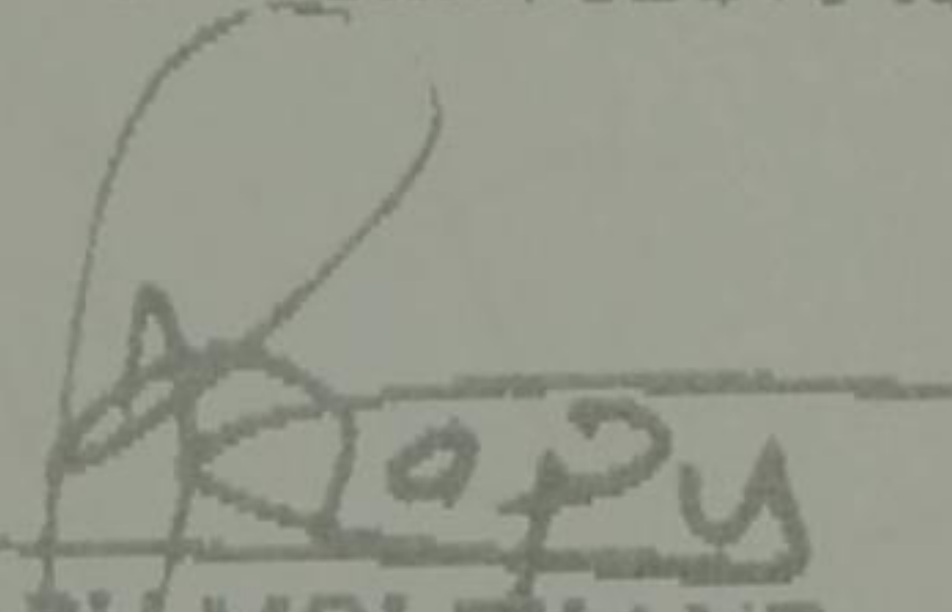
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To the young people of our country, Comrade Chris' person has always been an embodiment of heroism and dedication to our struggle for freedom. We shall always remember him for his resilience and determination to resist all forms of oppression and suppression.

The assassination of Comrade Chris was carried out at a time when he had more than any other leader of the ANC or other political organisations in the country, spoken against violence and more especially racially inspired violence. He was a firm believer in democracy and non-racialism. His ideas will leave forever

The ANC Youth League implores the youth of our country to emulate the example of comrade Chris Hani by intensifying the fight against apartheid and for democracy, non-racialism and peace. We can only pay tribute to the tireless efforts of comrade Chris by ensuring that an end to the current violence is achieved as soon as possible. On this occasion, the ANC Youth League urges all youth organisations to come together and work towards consolidating the efforts of achieving peace in the country. This is an ideal comrade Chris strove for all his life.


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