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KwaZulu-Natal Premier Lionel

Mishali yesterday ignored the African National Congress ultimatum to reinstate two former ANC MECs that he fired last

year. Mishali also rejected the call for a

50-50 coalition: government between ANC and Mkhutho's Mabhayakhulu as well as former MEC

his party and the ANC. :

. He said to be soveredpropeit\202y KwaZulu-Natal required a government

of a\200\234like-minded people who share a

., Vision a\200\235.

a\200\234It must be a government of the willing, not a coalition of the unwilling forced by circumstances.

a\200\234A forced coalition of the unwilling. like a marriage through the barrel of the

political gun, will raise tensions at the .

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It was not immediately clear what the ANC a\200\231s response would be to Mtshali a\200\231s intransigence, but the Minority Front has since introduced a similar motion to be debated and voted

'oa today.

The motion calls on Mishali to reinstate former Housing MEC Dumisani Makhaye and former MEC for Economic Development Mike

for education Gabriel Ndabandaba ~ who was axed after defecting from the

TPP (o the ANC lasÂ¢ month.

IFP nationsl spokesman Musa

Zondi said earlier this week that the ANC approach was â\200\234unnecessarily

- confronfarionalâ\200\235 because the issue was due- 10 be discussed between the -

national leaders of the ANC and IFP, Prosident Thabo Mbcki and Mango- suthu Buthejexi.

The ANC provincial chainnan S'bu

'ignores < ANC ultimatum

Ndebele and Zweli Mkhize are still members of Mishali's cxecutive, holding the transport and health porifolios respectively.

Meanwhile, the South African National Civics Organisation (Sanco) in KwaZulu-Natal called for Mishali â\200\234Io stop playing hide and seek with the ANC and reinstate the MECâ\204¢,

Sanco said it was not convinced by the IFPâ\200\231s response that thc matter required the intervention of the national leadership of both panics. â\200\234When Mabuyakhuly and Makhaye were expelled last year, the provincial and natiopal leaders of the ANC were

' never consulted.â\200\235 Sanco said.

â\200\234Sanco therefore calls for the reinseatement of the two MECs. If Mishali

â\200\230fails to heed the call, he must do the

honourable thing and resign as he has failed to honour the coalition agreement between the two parties.â\200\235

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Contested past lies at the heart of

\* partyrivalry in KwaZulu-Natal

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South Africans are

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leadership since the 1970s and the  
. hatchetis not yet buried. E

The discord first surfaced around  
the issue of the role each organisation  
played in the liberation struggle â\200\224  
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tional Party apartheid government.  
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within the system.

On the other hand, the ANC be-  
lieves that the IFP was a sumogate  
party which worked with the  
apartheid government to suppress  
popularrebellion against a system de-  
scribed by the United Nations as a

He could not  
have been more correct â\200\224 although it  
is inappropriate to point out that the de-  
teriorating relations between the two  
parties is mostly in KwaZulu-Natal â\200\224  
a contested terrain â\200\224 and to some ex-  
tent at national level, where Buthelezi  
is involved in running battles with the  
ANC over his home affairs portfolio.

Enter maverick KwaZulu-Natal  
premier Lionel Mishali. Last year, he  
fited bousing MEC Dumisani  
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But now the chickens have come  
home to roost, and Mishali â\200\224 whose  
political brinksmanship in recent  
months has left a lot to be desired â\200\224  
should take the blame for the sham-  
bles the coalition government finds it-

selfin.

The ANC is on the verge of taking  
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do so, from the IFP because some

people in the IFP believe it is their

God-given right to rule the psovince.  
The coalition between  
the two parties, which was signed af-  
ter the 1999 general elections, was  
never going to be smooth sailing. It  
required political mann'ity by both  
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with the full backing of the national  
council, the party's highest decision-  
making body, in between conferences.  
At the time, President Thabo Mbe-  
ki intervened and asked Bisthelezi vo  
reconsider the two, some-  
thing which said could only  
be done by the national council. The  
structure met but â\200\234unfortunatelyâ\200\235  
could not resolve the matter -  
Mbeki and Buthelezi are again

scheduled 10 meet to discuss the mat-  
ter in a broader context of sclations  
between the two parti

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According lo Zondi, in the two -

leadersâ\200\231 first meeting in December,  
Buthelezi presented Mbeki with an  
10-page memorandum, which con-  
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in a series of events that have rup-  
tured the ANC-IFP selationship since  
1979, when they fixst broke.

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problem: how history is interpreted  
and for whose benefit.

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be seen as freedom who con-  
tributed Âo the demise of apastheid ir-  
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contrary.

The ANC is said to be preparing a  
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which will be tabled at a meeting af  
the two presidents.

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of the province ate tited of violence  
and would now like to sce peace and  
development.

. Whether the ANC takes control of

the province although a vote of no-confidence in Mshali is immaterial, '["heIFPneedsuuoepnoulcume of a democratic process, irrespective of whether It agrees with the constitutional principle which gave the ANC a slight majority in the legislature.

However, the two parties should

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need to be  
brinkmanship and hardened attitudes

are not to the benefit of the people

of KwaZulu-Natal or SA.

The two parties should also consider redeploying people who may be considered hawks in the province.

Political violence should not be the focus area in the province, as it is not the key issue. The people of KwaZulu-Natal and democratic South Africans in general have matured more, it would seem, than their

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yeu 200230s general elections. These must determine who the ball is in the KwaZulu-Natal arena, because be-

. between the ANC and the [FP, they are

using the gnsslom in 2002a  
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