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ANC PRESS STATEMENT ABOUT THE SUPREME COURT DISMISSAL OF THE KWAZULU GOVERNMENT'S APPLICATION CHALLENGING SUFFICIENT CONSENSUS, AND SUBSEQUENT THREATS OF CIVIL WAR BY WALTER FELGATE

The African National Congress welcomes the decision by the Pretoria Supreme Court to dismiss the KwaZulu government's application challenging sufficient consensus. We fully agree with the Transvaal Judge President, Mr Justice Frikkie Eloff that the IFP should resolve their differences at the multiparty negotiating forum. The IFP is morally bound to return to negotiations immediately.

It is shocking that having tried and failed to misuse the courts to obstruct negotiations, a senior leader of the IFP, Mr Walter Felgate, now threatens action to prevent elections from taking place and even civil war. These threats once again demonstrate Mr Felgate's unwillingness to recognise or accept results, whether by court rulings or democratic elections. The time has come for the leadership and negotiating team of the IFP to state unequivocally whether they share Mr Felgate's views. If they don't he should be repudiated immediately.

The ANC is keen to see the IFP returning to negotiations. However any approach that is aimed at obstructing or undermining the multi-party negotiating process will be resisted most vigorously. In this we know that we have the support of all true democrats. Those who raise the spectre of civil war ought to pause and think how they will be judged by the altar of history. Now is the time for all South Africans who are committed negotiations, which hopefully includes the IFP, to work together and isolate the spoilers.

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STATEMENT OF THE NORTHERN TRANSVAAL REGION OF THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS REGARDING THE TEACHERS STRIKE IN THE SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORY OF LEBOWA.

While the strike by teachers was called off in other parts of the country, a strike is continuing in Lebowa which will cause irreparable damage to our community. The ANC note that the current strike is in the main a result of our previous mass action campaigns. The Lebowa Department of Education took harsh measures against those teachers who participated.

We also note that the department is handling the matter with vengeance against SADTU members by refusing to honour a court order which is another reason for the strike.

Our members in the community and SADTU are gravely concerned about the attitude of the department and the consequences of their actions.

The department is in contempt of court by refusing to honour the court order and shown a lack of regard for the Rule of Law and this runs against the spirit of those who uphold the banner of Democracy.

The ANC also notes that forces who are refusing to look for a speedy solution to this dispute have the following in mind:

1. That the community will finally rise against SADTU. 2. To complicate the relationship between SADTU, ANC and UPF. 3. To deny our pupils the right to an education. 4. To destroy the confidence of our people towards the future beyond bantustan politics.

The ANC is also alarmed by the confrontation between members of SADTU on the one hand and the Lebowa Police and officials of the department on the other. We have worked hard to maintain stability in our region and we will not shirk our responsibility of ensuring free political activity, peace and tolerance.

We also wish to place it on record that SADTU is not an ANC affiliate but as an independent organisation representing teachers' interests our members have every right to join SADTU and participate in its activities.

We therefore

- call on SADTU and the Lebowa Administration to resolve their dispute as a matter of urgency.
- call on the Lebowa department of Education to honour the court order with immediate effect.
- call on all our members in the community to assist in resolving the dispute.
- call on our members to act in solidarity with SADTU to ensure that their legitimate demands are met.

We reiterate our position that the disruption of education during this period is the destruction of our society's future. We also demand the speedy implementation of the Transitional Executive Council.

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ANC PRESS RELEASE ON NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS TO THE NEC

The African National Congress, at its National Executive Committee meeting from 27-29 August, elected five new members. Below is a brief profile of each.

Sankie Nkondo, poet and authoress in her early 40s, worked for many years as a broadcaster for Radio Freedom and edited the Voice of Women, the journal of the ANC Women's League. She studied literature and education at university. Sankie is presently the ANC's Chief Representative in Germany and Austria.

Nkosazana Zuma, was National Vice President of SASO in 1976, the year she went into exile. A medical doctor who graduated with a BSc from the University of Zululand and later as a doctor from Bristol University, also has a diploma in Tropical Child health. Nkosazana served a term of office as the deputy chairperson and subsequently the chairperson of the ANC's Regional Political Committee in the United Kingdom. She is a member of the Southern Natal REC and chairperson of its Women's League.

Penuel Mpapa Maduna first became engaged in politics in 1973. He was detained in 1976 and charged with terrorism, released and redetained in 1977, when he was charged with furthering the aims of the ANC. Penuell went into exile in 1980, where he was a founder member of the ANC's legal and constitutional department. He returned to South Africa in 1990 as part of the advance guard of the ANC's negotiating team. Penuel studied for a B. Proc at the University of Zululand, and obtained his LLB from the University of Zimbabwe. He is a member of the ANC's Negotiations Commission.

Charles Nqakula worked in the ANC's underground before leaving the country in 1984. An active journalist, Charles was part of the leadership of the Union of Black Journalists, the Writers Association of South Africa and Mwasas. He was a co-founder of the Border UDF and its publicity secretary. Charles as the head of the Regional Political-Military Committee for the Cape Province, and came back into the country in 1988 as the Western Cape commander of Operation Vula. After the assassination of Chris Hani he was elected General Secretary of the South African Communist Party.

Josiah Khiphusizi Jele was born in 1930 in Alexandra township, matriculating in 1950. Shortly after the Sharpsville massacre and the banning of the ANC in 1960, he left the country for military and political training.

From 1967 to 1968 Jele was a political commissar and in that capacity he worked closely with Frelimo to advance the struggle both in Mozambique and South Africa.

From 1969 to 1971 he worked as Radio Freedom Director and ANC Chief Representative in Tanzania, where he also represented the ANC at meetings of the OAU Liberation Committee.

Until 1977 Jele was the Secretary at the World Peace Council in Helsinki, Finland.

In 1978 he became Director of the ANC Department of International Affairs until 1983, when he served as Secretary in the Political Military Council.

Josiah Jele returned to South Africa after the ANC was unbanned and is now serving in its Civil Service Unit.

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