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MPs send SABC board packing for appai\202mg strategy -

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Political Correspondent ' o~

CAPE TOWN â\200\224 The SABC board was sent packing by Parliamentâ\200\231s communications committee yesterday, with a stinging rebuke that it had failed to provide coherent leadership and to ensure proper corporate governance for the entity. â\200\234There is not much room for optimism about the affairs of the corporation,â\200\235 the committee said at the end of a day-long interaction.

The criticism was reminiscent of that made by the comunittee before the dissolution of the previous board under Khanyi Mkonzâ, and suggested it was losing patience with the malfunctioning board, which has failed to hold quarterly meetings as legally required.

President Jacob Zuma accepted the resignations of four board members with immediate effect from Tuesday â\200\224 though some were prepared to work the full three-month notice period. This meant

they would have been precluded from voicing their opinions at the meeting had they attended it. Only David Niddrie was present.

Mr Zumaâ\200\231s decision means the committee will have to start the

selection process for replacement

candidates. The boardâ\200\231s three executive directors will enable it to meet its quorum of nine members.

The committee said it found it completely -unsatisfactory that the board could not submit a document on performance review for the first

half of this financial year and on the functionality of the board as it was asked to do.

Some MPs interpreted this failure as the inability of the conflict-ridden board to agree on the contents of the reports and on the incapacity of top management.

The few paltry pages submitted as the SABCâ\200\231s turnaround strategy were also rejected as â\200\234appallingâ\200\235,

and the board was ordered to report fully on November 10.

It would have to explain why no

action had been taken against irregularities. In a unanimously adopted resolution, the committee said the board had developed an unusual preference for running the affairs of the corporation through a series of ad hoc and special meetings. This was decidedly unacceptable.

In the six months to September

the SABC produced a loss of R25m.

on total income of R2,7bn and had cash resources of R70m.
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Sexwale in drive against ugly little pondokkies

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A TOTAL of 8700 human settlements projects are under way across the country in a bid to eradicate ugly little pondokkies (shacks), Human Settlements Minister Tokyo Sexwale said yesterday.

We are talking about new, good-looking houses .. no ugly little pondokkies. We are changing the cause for our people. They need dignified houses, he told a conference called the SA Conference 2030 Rethinking the Spatial Develop-

ment Trajectory, hosted by the Development Bank of Southern Africa in Midrand.

Mr Sexwale said houses in Umhlanga in Durban, Soweto in Johannesburg, Gugulethu in Cape Town and Mamelodi in Pretoria have small windows. All of them are carbon copies of concentration camps in Germany post-World War L.

What I've realised is that big windows change the equation ... 40 or more square metres. What do black people do if they want to groom their lives around such a

house? They change the windows. It's a small change, but it works.

He said throughout discussions, delegates should not ignore talking about shoddy construction companies that have so far stolen R1,3bn

from the ministry by building houses that are falling apart.

The ministry is looking at upgrading thousands of informal settlements each year, as the housing backlog is â\200\234huge and frighteningâ\200\235, currently at 2,2-million units.

He said this cannot be blamed on the influx of foreign nationals, but

rather on the failure to grow the countryâ\200\231s gross domestic product (GDP) at 6% a year.

â\200\234The greatest challenge relates to our economy and in particular the fact that we need higher GDP to reduce mass poverty,â\200\235 said Mr

Sexwale, adding that 15 years after

SAâ\200\231s transition to democracy the 6% target had not been realised.

â\200\234This number is not a thumb suck, but rather a scientific figure based on the need to grow the economy faster than the population growth rate.â\200\235 Sapa

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Union threatens strike over road demerits

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THE South African Transport and Allied Workers Union (Satawu) said yesterday it would urge its members in the commercial and public transport industries to strike during the festive season, unless the government scrapped the Administrative Adjudication of Road Traffic Offences system (Aarto).

If they go ahead, hundreds of thousands of commuters and migrants could be unable to return home for Christmas.

Aarto is a drivers' demerit system which Satawu says will result in a high proportion of commercial and professional drivers losing their

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licences. A pilot programme has been rolled out in Tshwane and Johannesburg and implementation in the rest of the country is planned for next year. :

Drivers already fined under the system will not be penalised. Demerits will begin only once the programme is rolled out countrywide. Satawu president Esrom Manyana said Aarto would cause a critical shortage of experienced, licensed drivers, as the points system will penalise professional drivers for

vehicle violations over which the

driver has no control.

'We are concerned because of the potential loss of livelihoods of our members.'

Mr Manyana said the union had

tried to set up a meeting with Transport Minister Sibusiso Ndebele on four occasions. 'All these meetings have been cancelled,' he told a press briefing.

But Collins Letsoalo, the acting CEO of the Road Traffic Management Corporation, said yesterday that Satawu met Mr Ndebele in January. 'At this meeting Aarto issues were discussed at length and it was agreed that the system has to be implemented,' he said. 'We all

agreed the law could not be applied selectively. The union's stance must be due to the fact that it does not fully understand how Aarto works.

If it did, it would know that the system does not just penalise drivers, but also the operators of unroad-

worthy vehicles. The driver is only deemed responsible for issues relating to driving. We welcome input from Satawu and recognise their right to protest. But I would say that the public will support a programme such as Aarto if it contributes to people not being killed. We need to make our roads safe.

A campaign to educate the public.

about Aarto was launched earlier this month. Next month, the full regulations of Aarto will be published in the media.

Satawu vice-president June Dube described Aarto, which was first mooted in 1992, as an apartheid-era plan borrowed from New Zealand and unsuitable for SA.
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Police grilled over lax security at Parliament

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CAPE TOWN Senior police officials came under fire yesterday from MPs claiming that security in Parliament was so lax that guns and bombs could easily make it into the buildings in the complex.

A South African Police Service delegation, led by national deputy commissioner Andre Pruis, was forcefully reminded that in a recent shooting in the streets near Parliament, a fugitive was able to enter the precinct and hide from police.

The delegation also received a

grilling over the fact that counterfeit goods were flooding into SA but the number of arrests made at ports of entry had dropped 62%.

MPs wanted to know if this was a result of police corruption.

African Chrisdan Democratic
Party leader Kenneth Meshoe asked
about the reported security breaches
at presidential residences and the
poor state of security in Parliament,
where it would be easy to plant a
bomb in this building.

He and others said that if they
arrived early or worked late, they
could do so without being checked
meaning others could do the same.

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The African National Congress
chairwoman of the police commit-
tee, Sindi Chikunga, agreed with Mr
Meshoe, saying that even if bags
were scanned on the way in, police
officers more often than not failed to
monitor the screen to see if there was
anything untoward in the bag.

She said that probably the safest
place to keep an illegal gun was in a

parliamentary office. Congress of the
People MP Mluleki George suggest-
ed that the police in Parliament did
nothing but guard duty and were
overlooked for promotion, resulting
in general apathy and poor perfor-
mance.

Gen Fani Masemola replied that
he had noted the MPS's complaints
and the situation would be rectified.
Police were allocated to parliamen-
tary duty for three years at a time and
the option of reducing this to two-
year rotations between Parliament
and general policing was under
consideration, he said.
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With his collection of powerful enemies growing, what does the future hold for African National Congress Youth League leader Julius Malema? Are his days as a political force numbered?

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Dear Khehla

It is important to realise that Julius Malema has been brought up in the African National Congress (ANC) from a very young age. By the age of 10 he was running around people at ANC meetings, drinking it all in. He was in the Congress of South African Students and now the ANC Youth League. Like many Africans, he has very few institutional supports in his life: some have their family, their school; their church, but in practice Malema has only the ANC. This is a very important fact, as I know from the many years I spent studying French politics and moving among Communist Party (PCF) members there.

When the PCF did something crazy and Stalinist, many members would feel insecure, for they didn't agree. But then they would realise that the price of dissidence would be exclusion from the PCF family - an unbearable fate, for the party had been their life. Malema is the same. Were he to be expelled from the ANC he would immediately lose his platform, his prominence, his pay and, in effect, his family. He has been playing with fire by continually taunting the leadership. He maintains himself because other factional leaders, such as Tokyo Sexwale, find it useful to push money his way and hope this will buy them league support in future positional battles. But if ANC president Jacob Zuma and deputy

Kela Shubane vs
RW Johnson

president Kgalema Motlanthe
decided to bring down the chop-

per, Malema would not only be finished but would probably suffer some sort of nervous breakdown at the loss of his ANC family. Regards, Bill

Dear Bill

All fair-minded people, including members of the ANC, should hope Malema's future in the ANC is bleak. He is haughty, petulant and pronounces on critical policy questions on the hoof. What evidence is there that he has reflected on the nationalising of mines? He should consider joining

" those individuals who grew up in the ANC but have elected to retire from politics as the ANC stumbles from one embarrassing episode to the next.

He has the temerity to compare himself and the league today to the league under Anton

Lembede, who must be turning in his grave at the insult. There are only contrasts between Lembe-

de's league and that of Malema. -

It is wrong that many Africans have little institutional support. Many have good hard-working families to turn to. Check how packed churches in African areas are, especially with young people. Despite the South African Democratic Teachers Union's (SADTU's) unrelenting efforts at bludgeoning what remains of black education, schools limp on and children teach themselves with the support of their parents. Just visit any township on any weekend and observe rituals at the too-common funerals, many of them from HIV/AIDS deaths.

This is a community fighting, with a high degree of success, against horrendous odds to preserve its institutions. If Malema grew up in the ANC, why is he different from Tshediso Matuna, the director-general of the Department of Trade and Industry, who spent his childhood in ANC structures? :
Regards, Khehla

Dear Khehla

You ask why Malema is different,

ie more thuggish, An interesting

question. In many townships,
squatter camps and black rural
areas there is deep apathy and
depoliticisation caused by the
failure of the ANC to deliver on its

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YOUNG LION: ANC Youth League president Julius Malema should not make the mistake of thinking he is indispensable just because he has spent his life in the ANC. Picture: SIMON MATHEBULA

central promise in 1994: jobs, jobs, jobs. Left to themselves, most of these communities will not stir themselves to vote.

This is evident in local elections and by-elections, with their tiny turnouts. To all intents and purposes, the local ANC branches are dead. But once every five years these communities have to be turned out to vote and this is done largely by the league. ;

. Fired up by handouts and promises of preferment from Luthuli House, the league is able to mobilise the large pool of unemployed youth. They will then go house to house telling people that it is the ANC who gave them their pensions and welfare benefits and that if anyone fails to turn out and vote ANC, it will be known and they will lose those benefits and pensions. Necessarily, there is a strong element of thuggery and intimidation to all this and the

elections under their guidance are far from free. The ANC is thus rather in the position of the Nazi party, which depended on its Sturmabteilung street thugs to beat up the communists and socialists but then faced the inevitable problem that these bully boys loomed all too large within the Nazi party itself and began to throw their weight round. Hence the Night of the Long Knives in 1934, when all the Stormtrooper leaders were murdered, It's a piece of history that Malema should reflect on.

Regards, Bill

Dear Bill

People are far more perceptive than they get credit for. What is the point of voting for the ANC and then having the mob in the league and trade unions play far

more pronounced a role in governance? The bus rapid transit system in Soweto, for example, operates when the trade union in

that company thinks it should. A strike, for which there are no risks, is called any moment it pleases any member of that trade union. And poor commuters have to scramble looking for alternative transport to work. Everyone can see that a different set of rules applies to Congress of South African Trade Union members. The only time the ANC ever chastises its alliance partners and the league is at conferences.

Apropos Malema, some of the important people he has rubbed up the wrong way are themselves less than kosher.

Is it true that Blade Nzimande sacked Mary Metcalfe because she questioned the expenditure on his routine stays at the Mount Nelson hotel and the more than R1m he

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was about to spend on a trip to Cuba? The South African Communist Party was mum on the R1m German sedan he purchased. Is it going to permit the use of state money to finance an opulent lifestyle pass.too? o
Regards, Khehla

Dear Khehla

Just as it makes sense to compare Malema's youth league with the Stormtroopers, so it has to be admitted that trade unionism in SA has now reached the ridiculous stage that it did in 1970s Britain, where strikes were' cost-free, ubiquitous and ruinous. Looking back, a reaction was inevitable and all such behaviour was heavily sanctioned, with the result that although there are still 8-million trade unionists. in Britain, strikes are very rare and are undertaken only when a union feels sure its case is watertight. The National Union.of Mineworkers, which was run in classic bully-boy style, ran straight into that public revulsion and was crushed so that it no longer really exists. Some day, I have no doubt, this will happen to Sadtu and no one will lament it.
Regards, Bill

Dear Bill

Malema and .others who might think our future depends on them remaining in politics must understand that there are enough

graves around of individuals who thought they were indispensable to the world.

He surely must know he has annoyed enough people never to command the respect he needs to play a wuseful role in the community. He is young enough to still go to university and this option is recommended.

He should know how quickly things can change in politics.

After all, he was among those who dislodged Thabo Mbeki, who spent a lifetime in the ANC,
Regards, Khehla

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Committee
condemns
SABC board

A LONG-AWAITED parliamentary meeting on the latest crisis at the SABC came to nought yesterday when chairman Ben Ngubane told MPs the embattled board had failed to produce a performance review of its first six months in charge.

â\200\234There are many documents before us that need to go for board approval... I'm very sorry that we could not provide a document approved by the board for today,â\200\235 he told Parliamentâ\200\231s portfolio committee on communications.

This prompted several MPs to call for the meeting to be postponed again, two months after an initial crisis meeting was delayed after the media successfully challenged an ANC decision to hold it in camera.

ANC MP Johnny de Lange said:
â\200\234It is clear we have reached the end of the line for today. It will be very difficult for us to continue with a

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PET PROGRAMME FOR ROAD SAFETY SOLUTIONS

A DIFFERENT approach to road safety solutions will be taken once pupils in North West share their ideas in the annual Provincial Participatory Education Technique (PET) programme competition. North West MEC for Public Safety, Howard Yawa, will deliver a keynote address at the opening of the competition. It takes place on Friday at 10am at the Ben Marais City Hall in Rustenburg. The objective of the PET competition is

to encourage pupils to identify road safety-related problems that affect their local communities and find solutions by means of research.

Department spokesman Lesiba Moses Kgwele said the roll-out of the project was piloted last year with support from the Road Traffic Management Corporation and was directed at Grade 10 and Grade 11 pupils.

Research workshops were conducted

by the provincial department of public safety in August to empower participating school teams.

They were adjudicated on models and presentations illustrating their community road safety problem and researched solutions, said Kgwele.

The winners of this year's competition will represent the province at the national competition from November 27 to November 29 in Gauteng.

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EAR-SIGHTED. President Jacob Zuma enjoys the view of Cairo from the Cit

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adel, one of Egypt's historic sites, during his state visit.

Zuma was accompanied by Minister of Sport Makhenkesi Stofile; Minister for International Relations Maite Nkoane Mashabane;

Minister of Communications Sipiwe Nyanda; Deputy Trade and Industry Thandi Tobias-Pokolo; Deputy Minister of Tourism Thok Xingwana; and Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Tina Joemat their counterparts in a bid to improve relations between South Africa and

Minister for Water Affairs Rejoice Mabhudafhasi; Deputy Minister for Ozile Xasa; Minister of Arts and Culture Lulu Pettersson. They all signed bilateral agreements with

d Egypt. Picture supplied.

THE proposed National Health Insurance scheme will require that the South African economy grows by an "improbable" 7% a year, consultancy Econometrix said yesterday.

Implemented in its current form, NHI could squeeze out other forms of spending such as education, housing and productive infrastructure.

Its analysis comes a day after Reserve Bank Governor Gill Marcus said she expected growth this year to be about 2,8%, increasing to 3,2% in 2011.

Econometrix said the proposed NHI budget released by the ANC at its recent national general council meeting meant the country would not only have to achieve a growth rate of 7%, but sustain it

for 13 consecutive years.

"It is far more likely that South Africa will experience growth of between 3,5% and 4,5% per year over the period that the NHI is implemented," said Econometrix's Tony Twine,

(This) would result in healthcare expenditure consuming between 22,8% and 28,2% of all government spending and up to 8,5% of GDP by 2025.

In the lower growth level scenarios outlined in the ANC document, health-

care spending would reach nearly 40% of

total government revenue by 2025, while at 3,5% it would increase to 28% by the same date.

Government would have to raise the additional funds for the NHI either by increasing taxes or taking on more debt.

HRES 7%

Increasing the general tax load too much would simply weigh down the economy, limiting its ability to stimulate growth and create jobs.

"There would also be little point in government borrowing more to fund the NHI, as government would then have to

hive off more money to fund the interest repayments,â\200\235 Twine said.

â\200\234Policy makers will need to sharpen their pencils and perhaps cut back on some nice-to-haves in the proposed NHI if it is to be sustainable.â\200\235

Twine said a crucial early indicator of governmentâ\200\231s intentions around the NHI proposal would be the Medium Term Budget Policy Statement to be presented by Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan on October 27. -

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TONY CARNIE

REMIER Zweli Mkhize has offered to meet angry community groups from the Richards Bay area to hear their concerns about the controversial Richards Bay Minerals (RBM) empowerment deal.

Mkhize made the offer last night after the publication of a Mercury investigation yesterday which exposed the identity of several high-profile politicians, officials or businesspeople who had been appointed as empowerment company directors in a R4.5billion deal with RBM's parent companies, Rio Tinto and BHP Billiton.

Mkhize's spokesman, Ndabe Sibiyi, said the premier was willing to ensure that communities in the Richards Bay areas were given the chance to raise their concerns with the provincial government, to meet them and to assist them in resolving the issues.

Mkhize also chairs the newly created KZN Broad-based Black Economic Empowerment Advisory Council.

Speaking at the launch of the council in Durban two months ago, Mkhize noted that President Jacob Zuma had expressed concern earlier this year that there was still room for improvement in advancing black empowerment.

Zuma had also stated that the provincial empowerment advisory councils would need to advise government on how to ensure that BEE benefits trickled down faster and benefited the broader society.

Mkhize made the point that one of the challenges facing the council was how to ensure broader benefits for people living in the rural areas of KwaZulu-Natal.

ISpeal<illg yesterday, RBM

managing director Cameron
McRae said: â\200\234It is most unfor-
tunate that (The Mercury) re-
ports suggest that the deal
benefits only a few.â\200\235 i

He said it should be noted
that: â\200\234The deal is legally bind-
ing and cannot be unwound.â\200\235

The transaction structure
was designed after a review of
all progressive Broad-based
Black Economic Empower-
ment (BBBEE) transactions, in-
cluding the Royal Bafokeng
model in Rustenburg, North
West province.

â\200\234The partner selection pro-
cess was rigorous, with 147 par-
ties expressing inteyest.â\200\235

Guarantees

While RBM operated in
South Africa, the selection
process saw over 87 percent of
the equity issued within KZN.
The four communities were
awarded 45 percent of the
BBBEE transaction and were
not required to contribute any
funding or guarantees to un-
derwrite the investment, which
was not the case for the seven
lead investors. Bach commu-
nity had also established its
own trusts to hold shares in
RBM. The transaction had
been endorsed by the fradi-
tional councils of the four com-
munities, and all communities
were shareholders.

â\200\234Benefits from the BBBEE
transaction are already flowing
to the shareholders. Payments
of R17.5 million have been paid
to three of the community PBO
Trusts â\200\224 with a payment to the
Mbonambi Trust pending.â\200\235

IFP national spokesman
Reverend Musa Zondi, who was
among several directors named
in the report, has defended his
purchase of the RBM empower-
ment shares.

Zondi said he was shocked
by allegations that â\200\234outsidersâ\200\235

and â\200\234fat catsâ\200\235 could benefit at
the expense of the people
whose land was being mined.

â\200\234T would like to state cate-

gorically that the facts as presented (in the report) are grossly inaccurate and totally baseless. The four local communities of Richards Bay, who are the main stakeholders of the RBM deal, continue to draw a dividend on a regular basis without having had to contribute financially to this project at all.â\200\235

The community had benefited substantially, he said, and would continue to benefit â\200\234considerablyâ\200\235 in future.

The Mercury did not sug-

â\200\230gest that shares had been is-

sued at no cost to the directors of seven private BEE consortiums, but Zondi claimed the report created the perception that â\200\234we are getting money without contributing a centâ\200\235.

Speaking about his involvement in the Blue Horizon Investments 39 deal, Zondi said: â\200\234None of us were given shares for free. We had to come up with money to purchase the shares ourselves.â\200\235

Local community members, however, have expressed anger about the terms of the deal and called for it to be renegotiated to ensure more substantial economic benefits for the Mbonambi, Mkhwanazi, Dube and Sokhulu communities.

But according to Zondi, it was â\200\234absurdâ\200\235 to suggest that the land of the local communities was being taken away since the RBM mining was taking place â\200\234in the sand dunes and not on landâ\200\235.

" â\200\234At the very least, it was incumbent on the newspaper to have solicited comment from the people in question... before publishing an article which attempts to tarnish our reputations,â\200\235 Zondi said.

Minister misses meeting again

VIVIAN WARBY
POLITICAL BUREAU

THE absence yet again of the minister of Women, Children, Youth and People with Disabilities from a joint committee meeting in Parliament yesterday left her department struggling to appease angry committee members.

Minister Noluthando

Mayende-Sibiva's apology and request to be excused from the joint sitting of the select and portfolio committees because

of other commitments was rejected as 'weak' by frustrated and angry members, who described the department as being 'without leadership'.

After delivering her apology, the department said the minister would have been present only for the introductions, in any case, and 'the officials would be doing the presentation. However, the joint committee was up in arms over Mayende-Sibiya's no-show.

She had attended only two portfolio committee meetings

in 11 months and had not attended a select committee meeting to date, said portfolio committee chairwoman Bertha Peace Mabe. i

'We do not accept the minister's apology. We will write to her telling her this, and we will reinvite her to come to another meeting in two weeks' time.

'We want to give her a chance to come back to the committee,' she said.

The department has more than 75 unfilled posts, most in senior positions. It also does

not have an annual report. 'The acting director-general, Ken Terry, said despite the challenges, he was confident that the department would be 'Jacked up' in the near future. 'This department, it seems,

'is without a leader. Officials

seem to work on their own with
no guidance or direction,â\200\235 said
committee member George
Mokgoro (ANC).

The committee decided not
to discuss the report delivered
yesterday, opting to wait for the
minister to attend.

ANDISIWE MAKINANA
POLITICAL BUREAU

QOLICE spent nearly R40 million in one year on payments to informants, but wouldn't give further details to MPs when they asked for them.

And MPs on the police oversight committee blasted the crime intelligence unit of the SA Police Service (SAPS) for not being central in the fight against crime.

Pressed by MPs, the police's finance head, Lieutenant-General SJP Schutte, revealed that R39.1m had been paid to sources.

Schutte initially refused, saying the information was classified and the SAPS would need to consult its legal people before it could divulge it. His hesitancy might have been due to the meeting being open, with journalists present.

Earlier, crime intelligence head Lieutenant-General Richard Mdluli, said the unit did not have any budgetary constraints when paying sources.

Mdluli said there was a national instruction that was used as a guideline and he had also appointed a committee to deal with the payment of anonymous sources. This would ensure there was no

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corruption in the process, as people could not corrupt an entire committee, he said, responding to the Freedom Front Plus's Pieter Groenewald, who wanted to know the criteria used to pay sources and amounts paid.

MPs were outraged to hear that the unit's senior management, from the rank of lieutenant-general up, received car allowances while a state vehicle was purchased for them.

At times they'll be required to do operations that require

the use of state vehicles,â\200\235 explained chief operations officer Lieutenant-General Christina Mgwenya.

The explanation became more complicated as Schutte said there were certain conditions under which an official vehicle could be used, such as when there was a need to travel on bad roads with potholes.

Officials could also use their vehicles when the need arose, he said, adding that the policy was being reviewed.

Schutte said the cars purchased for senior managers were â\200\234low-end luxury carsâ\200\235.

The unit spent R33.6m on vehicles, R57.3m on fuel, R25m on maintenance and repair of vehicles and R28.5m on telecoms.

MPs asked that the unit present its car allowance policy

before mid-November, and also information on the controls to monitor the use of the vehicles and a list of the vehicles purchased for senior managers.

â\200\234I'd love a state car to drive on bad roads. This is suspect,â\200\235 said Annelize van Wyk, an MP for the ANC.

â\200\234Are we not giving the police more than they need?â\200\235 asked Copeâ\200\231s Mluleki George.

The crime intelligence unitâ\200\231s budget for 2009/10 was

R1.85 billion, up from R1.44bn-

in 2008/09. Just more than R642m of the budget was set aside for crime intelligence operations in-2009/10, down from R651m in 2008/09. The rest was

used for intelligence and information management.

The unitâ\200\231s mandate is to manage crime intelligence and analyse crime information and provide technical support for investigations and crime prevention operations.

Van Wyk said crime prevention should be at the centre of crime intelligence.

Committee chairwoman
Sindi Chikunga (ANC) said
that even the SAPS annual
report didn't mention crime
intelligence's role in crime
reduction.

Idon't know how seriously
you are being taken by the po-
lice at station level," she said.

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One week to
matric exams

SINEGUGU NDLOVU

IT IS CRUNCH time for 130000

~ RwaZulu-Natal Grade 12 pupils

who begin their final exams next
week.

While there is concern about
pupilsâ\200\231 performance, given the long
mid-year holiday during the World
Cup tournament and the recent
public service strike that cheated
many Grade 12s out of three weeks
of schooling, education expertsare
warning against panic.

They have urged schools and
parents to be supportive of pupils.

â\200\234We've had a terrible year
which has been destabilising at a
lot of levels... but we shouldnâ\200\231tuse
it â\200\230as an excuse,â\200\235 said education
specialist Graeme Bloch.

He said pupils should not panic.

â\200\234They must work hard and do
their best. Letâ\200\231s wait and see what

. comes out of this. Some pupils may

actually surprise us.â\200\235

Education analyst Professor
Kobus Maree urged pupils to work
hard.

â\200\234There is no excuse. Study
seven days a weelk... a lot remains
in your hands. You can still
achieve.â\200\235 :

Basic Education Department
spokesman Granville Whittle said
all provinces had assured the na-
tional deâ\200\230partnlellt that the neces-
sary.systems were in place to en-
sure the smooth running of this
yearâ\200\231's exams, which begin on Mon-
day and end on December 3. Â» P&

THE MERCURY_

Son employed in mom's department fired

NTOKOZO MFUSI

THE eThekweni official who was appointed as a clerk in a city department headed by his mother has been fired.

The booting out occurred a week after The Mercury reported that Nomakhosi Gxagxisa, the head of the city's health department, had been accused by unionists of nepotism.

This was after her son, Nceba, was employed in a post allegedly created out of thin air in her department.

Bongi Mshengu, the human resources deputy manager in the health unit, said Nceba's post was

terminated on October 1, after he failed to produce the necessary qualifications.

The minimum qualification certificate required was not produced, therefore the appointment was rescinded, he said.

Mshengu said that the city had

investigated the allegations of

report last month and found that the proper recruitment process had been followed.

The Mercury had sight of documents last month which indicated that interviews for three principal clerks' posts were conducted on August 30 by a panel of three interviewers, two of whom reported to Gxagxisa.

Nceba, TVC Mabaso and NE Makhoba were recommended for appointment on the same day.

Two days later, the appointments were approved by municipal manager Michael Sutcliffe.

Repeated attempts to reach Nceba for comment were unsuccessful this week.

Independent Municipal and Allied Trade Union (Imatu) regional manager Dempsey Perumal said

although the union was happy

~about. the termination, it still
nepotism before The Mercuryâ\200\231s = -

wanted disciplinary steps to be
taken against those responsible for
approvmg the posts. '

â\200\234Perumal said the local labour
forum, comprising union and city
representatives, had to first ap-
prove posts, but this had not been
done. Gxagxisa had sent the
motivation for the creation of
these posts only a month earlier.

He said Imatu had received
information that the appointment
was terminated a week after The
Mercuryâ\200\231s report was published.

Reached for comment this
week, Gxagxisa said she could not
comment about the matter.

Last month, she told The Mer-
cury that her sonâ\200\231's appointment
was completely above-board.

In his reaction, the DAâ\200\231s caucus
leader Tex Collins, said that
Neceba's dismissal was an admis-

sion of guilt and a clear case of a
jobs-for-pals scenario. His sudden
termination is because he was em-
ployed under dubious circum-
stances,â\200\235 said Collins. &

The Minority Frontâ\200\231s Pamck

: Pillay said he welcomed the actlon

and added that the creating of
posts for friends and family was
wrong.

â\200\234There should be an investiga-
tion of the people who approve or
process posts where the process
does not go through the labour
forum and the proper channels.â\200\235

Gxagxisaâ\200\231s own appointment
has been criticised by Imatu,
which says she did nct meet all the
requirements for the post.

Imatu said the advertisement
dictated that candidates be regis-
tered with the Health Profession-
als Council of SA, but Gxagxisa
was deregistered in March 2001,
backdated to September 1998.

N AN article this week marking Black Wednesday, commentator Issa Sikiti da Silva recalled the words of John Patten, head of the SA Society of Journalists at that time. Black Wednesday, October 19, 1977, was the infamous occasion on which the apartheid government banned several newspapers and magazines critical of the National Party's policies, as well as banning organisations and detaining individual activists. Patten, according to Da Silva, said: "In a free country, the government does not tell the press what it may or may not publish." It was an appropriate remark for the day the gloves came off in Pretoria's fight with the press.

* Almost exactly a year later, on November 2, 1978, Judge Anton Mostert made an equivalent observation after uncovering, almost by accident, evidence of massive government corruption.

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History has shown that suppression of the media and silencing of judges is a reactionary way of covering up corruption

He made it known that he was considering holding a press conference to release the information that had been given to him.

Immediately, the new head of the government, PW Botha, in office for less than a month, intervened.

The two men met in Botha's office at the Union Buildings. None of the parties involved ever gave a detailed public or official account of what transpired, but in interviews for my recently published book on Judge Mostert, members of the judge's family and close friends recalled what he had told them after the meeting.

According to Judge Mostert's older son, Frederick, his father told him that Botha had said this was not the time to disclose his findings and that Mostert should act as a patriot (by keeping quiet).

Emphasising his demand
for judicial complicity, Botha
wagged his infamous finger at

Judge Mostert and lost his
temper.

My father said he had told
Botha that it was the first
time in the history of South
Africa that a prime minister
had attempted to dictate to an
independent judge where his
duty lay. And then he walked
out of Botha's office.

When he left the Union
Buildings, Judge Mostert
immediately called a press
conference and released the
evidence that had been placed
before him – thus ensuring
that the information scan-
dal, the government's dirty
secret involving massive
corruption and misuse of tax-
payers' money, was finally
opened up for public scrutiny.
* Further action was taken

against Judge Mostert after
he refused to be silenced.
The government removed
him from the commission of
inquiry he was heading. Less
than a week after his dis-
closures, an extraordinary at-
tempt was made to obtain an
urgent court interdict against
him and, in a subsequent de-
bate in Parliament, Judge
Mostert was the target of an
unprecedented verbal attack
by senior government figures.
The timing of those gov-
ernment attempts at silencing
critics is instructive. On Black
Wednesday in 1977, the coun-
try's then-leaders imposed
draconian forms of censor-
ship on the media despite the
view, widely held in the dem-
ocratic world, that in a free

country the government
does not tell the press what it
may or may not publish.

Just a year later, the coun-
try's leaders attempted to do
the same thing to a member of
the judiciary, despite the fact
that in a free country the
government does not dictate
to judges where their duty
lies.

Both actions underscored just how far from free South Africa really was at the time, but that was little comfort to its victims. Because it had successfully silenced troublesome voices in the media, the National Party government felt unabashed about leaning on a troublesome judge. In a year, its appetite for power had grown.

If the ANC. government goes ahead with its silencing plan, expect similar consequences. The judiciary is already being targeted by the government and its representatives in Parliament, and any victory over the media can

only lead to increased pressure on it to become more compliant.

There are other parallels between the two stories - government anti-media tirades, for example. Botha called the Rand Daily Mail traitorous and guilty of betraying the country and its people, and his government constantly complained about sections of the media being disloyal.

But perhaps the most ironic similarity was the way Botha handled evidence of government corruption when he called a special session of Parliament to deal with the information scandal.

He turned the occasion into a further attack on the

media and threatened new

laws - not to prevent a recurrence of state corruption, but to prevent future leaks of state secrets by the media.

@ Thank You, Judge Mostert! by Carmel Rickard is published by Penguin

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.ABOUT 50 percent of the
crime in the country is com-

mitted in Gauteng and most of it

is fuelled by liquor:

Gauteng police commis-
sioner Lieutenant General
Izwandile Petros yes-
terday told dele-

gates at the

National Consumer

Goods Council of

South Africa's annual conference in Sand-
ton, Johannesburg that crime was rife in

the province because of corrupt police.

- Corruption is the source of evil in :
Johannesburg. It is the most of it
it is committed by men in uniform,

Petros said.

He said he would do everything in his

power to uproot corrupt officials. He said
other areas identified as sources of
crime were drug outlets; firearms, bank
interceptions, spaza shops, illegal

mines, illegal buildings, hostels and

shopping malls Petros said the police

should be seen patrol the streets as

opposed to seeing them parked under

- the trees listening to the radio: > .-
Police Minister Nathi Mthethwa said |

crime must be tackled with viciousness *

and smartness because it had the poten-

tial to derail economic prosperity.
Crime has a negative impact on the

economy, but the biggest challenge is not

. just to be seen to be doing something,

but to actually do something * he said
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reduce crime. .
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\utive Graham Wright said: â\200\234The retail |
industry will need to look at the quality.

â\200\230of CCTV cameras, cash management:

systems and level of â\200\234security to safe-
guard our businesses.â\200\235
â\200\234.Institute for - Security Studies

â\200\230researcher Johan Burger said there was
a -decrease in violent property crime
over the past year. â\200\231

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son Zanele Magwaza-Msibi, pictured,
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Canaan Mdletshe

IFP leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi yesterday warned that the coming local government elections could spell an end of his party.

He was addressing mayors, councillors and office bearers during the signing ceremony and handover of the IFP local government service delivery agreement in Durban.

â\200\234About 80 percent of senior leaders at local level took a pledge yesterday in a moment Buthelezi described as a â\200\234watershedâ\200\235.

â\200\234There is a possibility that the H*P_ could lose support in the 2011 local government elections,â\200\235 he said.

â\200\234The outcome can still be influenced. But what is cer-

tain and set in stone is the fact that this province has been in decline since the IFP handed over the reins of leadership to the ANC.

â\200\234And that is a problem the IFP must take on for the sake of our people.

â\200\234We must challenge the coming elections, not with the intention to survive, but with the conviction that the IFP is desperately needed.â\200\235

He told the officials that they had not been granted senior positions to bestow status on them, nor to ensure a paycheck each month.

â\200\234You have been chosen to personify the TFFPâ\200\235s belief that leadership means service,â\200\235 he said.

He took a swipe at the â\200\234Friends of VZâ\200\235, a faction

within the IFP who are against the continued leadership of Buthelezi. They are believed to be supporters of

IFP national chair Zanele
Magwaza-Msibi and were
said to be plotting to depose
the president.

Magwaza-Msibi has dis-
tanced herself from the group.
â\200\234We have acknowledged

that our internal difficulties
have distracted us from grow-
ing the party, mobilising sup-
port and even fulfilling our
duties of service delivery.â\200\235
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mayor Mqapheli Sithole said:
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Malema was i

bodyguards, police say

ANDISIWE MAKINANA -

CONTRARY to claims that ANC Youth League leader Julius Malema was not informed of the withdrawal of his bodyguards, police say he was given five days's notice.

But the youth league is disputing this claim, saying there was 'completely no communication that security will be withdrawn'.

The police's Lieutenant-General Fanie Masemola told Parliament's police oversight

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committee yesterday that Malema had been given 'what I think is sufficient notice of five days'.

'We expected a meeting with him, or at least a response, but we never heard from him,' said Masemola.

He said that normally, when security was being withdrawn from cabinet ministers, they would be given three months'

notice. The Freedom Front Plus's Pieter Groenewald quipped: 'Maybe (he felt) the five days was too long.' Masemola was responding to the ANC's George Lekgetho, who first congratulated the police's VIP unit on its work. 'But the way you remove this VIP protection is so abrupt and dehumanises the person. I'm talking about a com-

mon citizen here... yes, Mr

Malema,' he added after much

muttering by opposition MPs. 'How and why do you

remove protection without.

informing the person?' asked

Lekgetho. ' Asked to confirm that Malema had been given five daysâ\200\231 notice and why he had not responded, ANC Youth League spokesman Flovd Shiv-

that they had been told to return to head office.

It is understood Malema was told his life was no longer in danger, but he apparently angrily told his protectors that they were going nowhere until he had been given proper reasons for the withdrawal.

The youth league leaderâ\200\231s gripe was that he had not been notified of the withdrawal â\200\224

despite the police having initially told him of his need for security.

Malema was being protected by bodyguards at a cost believed to be anything up to R3.6 million a year.

Last week, National Police Commissioner General Bheki Celeâ\200\231s spokeswoman, Nonkululeko Mbatha, confirmed the withdrawal, saying the deci-

sion was based on the latest threat assessment, which showed that Malemaâ\200\231s life was no longer in danger.

Mbatha denied that politics had to do with the decision.

â\200\234If anyone is questioning that, then they are even questioning our intelligence (agencies) who (would have) given us a briefing,â\200\235 she said.

It was also reported that the youth league would write to Police Minister Nathi Mthethwa to protest against the move.

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ambu said: â\200\234Thatâ\200\231s not true. There was never any notice sent to him. There was completely no communication that security will be withdrawn.â\200\235

Last week, The Star broke the story that the police had withdrawn Malemaâ\200\231s taxpayer-funded bodyguards.

Sources close to Malema
claimed that he learnt through
his bodyguards last Monday

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loyalty to the political party in government.

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NIVASHNI NAIR

THE National Prosecuting Authority yesterday brought out its biggest gun, Menzi Simelane, to prosecute former Ithala Bank CEO Siphoshe Shabalala on fraud and corruption charges.

Shabalala, who also headed the KwaZulu-Natal Treasury, his wife, Beatrice Ntombenhle Shabalala, his attorney, Sandile Kuboni, and Uruguayan businessman Gaston Savoi handed themselves over to the police in Pletermaritzburg early yesterday.

Two former senior Department of Health officials, Busisiwe Nyembezi and Yoliswa Mbele, and businessman Lindelihle Mkhwanazi, also surrendered to the police.

Shabalala, as the head of the KwaZulu-Natal Treasury between 2004 and 2007; is accused R44-million from the provincial Poverty Alleviation Fund to pay Savoi's

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Chief of NPA returns to court for KZN tenders trial

company, Intaka Investment, for water-purification plants at an inflated price and allegedly received a kick-back of R1.05-million.

Shabalala allegedly told the provincial administration that the funds were needed urgently and claimed that Intaka Investment was the only supplier of the plants.

At a certain stage, Shabalala became aware of the quality of - drinking water in KwaZulu-Natal. He decided, without testing the market, or a determination of the existence of manufacturers and suppliers of water-purification plants, that Intaka Investment was the only manufacturer and supplier of water-purification plants, the charge sheet states.

He further decided that the ordinary procurement procedures be circumvented.

Shabalala's wife has been charged with money laundering for allegedly keeping R300 000 of the alleged R1-million kickback in a

bank account of her company, Blue

Serenity.

Shabalala's lawyer was also

charged with money laundering. He

allegedly deposited money said to

Shabalala and his wife's bail was set at R50 000

be-a kickback into his trust account.

Kuboni subsequently used part of the portion of the money to pay Shabalala's creditors and distributed the remainder amongst Shabalala and his wife's company, the state alleges.

Nyembezi and Mbele, who worked in the provincial Department of Health, are accused of manipulating tender processes and ignoring the defects of the oxygen units in the purification equipment in their awarding of the contract to Savoi's Intaka Holdings.

Mkhwanazi, who at the time was the boyfriend of former health MEC Peggy Nkonyeni, is accused of money laundering in that he allegedly received R1-million from the Department of Health for services that he did not render.

Representing the state in the Pietermaritzburg Regional Court yesterday, Simelane put on a prosecutor's robe for the first time since his appointment as head of the NPA last year.

NPA spokesman Mthunzi Mhaga told The Times that Simelane was

not afraid to get his hands dirty and had to lead by example.

He refused to say whether Simelane would remain as the prosecutor in this trial, or why he had chosen this particular case to return to the front line.

Simelane said the state did not oppose the granting of bail.

The bail of Shabalala and his wife

was set at R50 000 each. The other accused, excluding Savoi, paid R30 000.

Savoi was released on a warning because he is out on bail for a similar case involving alleged tender fraud. The seven accused appeared to be in high spirits during their first court appearance and battled to hide their smiles.

Savoi pulled his cellphone from his pocket and began taking photographs in the courtroom.

The accused will appear in court again on December 2.

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THE SABC board was read the riot act by MPs before being sent packing yesterday for failing to submit a coherent turnaround strategy for the corporation and for not presenting a review of its performance over the past six months as demanded.

MPs slammed the board for neglecting its duties while engaging in petty power plays, and for failing to act on financial irregularities uncovered by the auditor-general..

Parliament's communications portfolio committee gave the board two weeks in which to get its house in order and present the documents to parliament.

The committee is of the view

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Neglected its duties, too busy with petty power squabbles

that the board has failed to provide coherent leadership and to ensure proper corporate governance over the SABC, the committee said.

The board has also failed to meet its statutory requirement of meeting on a quarterly basis. It has developed an unusual preference for running the affairs of the corporation through a series of ad-hoc and special meetings.

The board has been limping from one crisis to the next, with board members fighting chairman Ben Ngubane over issues such as the appointment of head of news Phil Molefe, whom board members say was imposed on

them by Ngubane.

The board was also engaged in running battles with group CEO Solly Mokoetle, whom it suspended after accusing him of defying the

Parliament gives board two weeks to get its house in order

board's instructions.

Yesterdayâ\200\231s issuing to the SABC of a deadline for compliance followed a day of drama during which irate MPs refused to hear a submission on the SABC turnaround strategy that was to have been presented by

acting group CEO Robin Nicholson. The presentation was called badly drafted and lacking crucial detail.

Matters came to a head when MPs were told that the presentation on the turnaround strategy to be presented by Nicholson had not been sanctioned by the SABC board, and that the committeeâ\200\231s request for a review of the boardâ\200\231s first six months had not been prepared.

DA communications spokesman Natasha Michael told committee chairman Ismail Vadi: â\200\234I think this is appalling. I think it shows a great deal of disrespect towards yourself as chairperson and towards this committee as a whole, and towards the job that we do.â\200\235

ANC committee member Johnny de Lange called on board members to take their work seriously and to stop squabbling. :

â\200\234Some of the things you are fighting [about] at the board ... I'm flabbergasted by it. Itâ\200\231s like little kids fighting about toys that have to be thrown out of the cot,â\200\235 he said.

Committee members called on the board to be sent away and ordered to return only when it could present all the required documents.

Vadi warned, however, that such a stance could result in state entities deliberately making incomplete presentations to avoid being held to account.

Ngubane pleaded with the committee to give the board more time, saying that it had been through â\200\234a difficult timeâ\200\235. @ See Page 16

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Yes, it is doomed â\200\224

HE New Age newspaper
remains doomed, even if
senior replacement staff
are found.

But this is because of reasons
the rest of the media have not
highlighted â\200\224 not because of the
reasons that have been highlight-
ed. Let me explain,

The most important reason why
this project is failing so soon has
to do with the mundane, yet very
important, question of operational
and organisational design.

It is not good enough to want to
maximise shareholder value
when you start a new business.
You also need to make sure that
the business set-up, on a Vvery
practical level, speaks to the â\200\234fun-
damentalsâ\200\235 of the industry into
which you are venturing.

Translation? The owners of The
New Age do not understand the
South African media enyironment
in general or, in particular, how to
set up a print-media newsroom.

It takes time. Dummy fopies of a
new newspaper need to be tested
for many months ahead of pub-
lication â\200\224, ideally. (The Times,
born into ani existing operational
get-up, ran many more dummies
than The New Age did.)

A full staff complement is nec-

essary. And, relatedly, the senior staff have to be listened to rather than being dictated to.

My hunch is that the final straw between senior staff and management - was a disagreement about readiness to go to print. And, I suspect, in the end the owners and managers simply dictated that The New Age should hit the newsstands yesterday despite the collective industry-based wisdom of the senior (and other) staff.

Nothing stopped this newspaper from announcing, "We will hit the stands in the first week of January. No interviews will be granted in the interim. Our answer to all your questions will be a brilliant daily in your hands on January 3 2011.

"Contain your folks!"

"Why the rush? -

And that is where the crux of the problem lies: the ideological excitement of the owners and managers ran/run contrary to the expert business viewpoint informed by real media experience of senior staff.

And, instead of deferring to collective staff intuition and industry experience, business and political excitement got the better of the

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as due to launch yesterday. Resignations by senior
| media observers about whether there has been

editorial interference by the paper's owners

Big Bosses.

There were other symptoms of these operational challenges:
• Not enough had been done to put in place teams to report from the provinces (again, vindicating the senior staff's judgment that the newspaper was not yet able to deliver the promised goods);
• A poor internal conversation about the target readership that left staff confused;

@ Not enough thought about how
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ment (which is not, in my view, an
unacceptable basis for a newspa-
per) would translate into articles on
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ANC? And so on. The value propo-
sition, in business-speak, was nev-
er crystallised fully; and, most im-
portant,
I remain unconvinced that there
is a readership niche for a six-day-a-
week national daily newspaper, and
the evidence-based research for
that assumed premise in New Age's
business model I would love to see.

So, in short, it was a battle of
judgment about readiness: the

senior staff were right and the pub-
lication's owners were Wrong.

Does this mean the criticism in
the media was, with hindsight,
justified?

Not at all!

Many in the media are cracking
jokes (fair enough, life should not
just be a serious affair!) but their
criticisms are misplaced:
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wanting to be broadly supportive of
a particular ideology, set of policies,
a political party or even a govern-
ment. If the market says, 'Nah,
that's not what we want!' then fine,
they will be crowded out through
the invisible hand of the newspaper
consumer not the taunts of their,
competitors;

@ It is weird to suggest that the

Picture: HALDEN KROG

individuals who have resigned
were silly to sign up to be part of
this venture in the first place. Of
course they took career risks, but in
the eyes of many of their print-
media colleagues they lost cred-
ibility for their decision.

These colleagues include some who continue partying the nights away with them — I am puzzled as to the basis of this harsh judgment — and some unreflective comments on the social networking sites of folks who had until recently worked with these individuals for years.

So, in the end, the early demise of The New Age was predictable, but not for the easy, ideological or political reasons that have been offered. ;

All along, the main challenges were operational and organisational — it was too much, too soon, with

the owners not trusting the judgment of senior staff about the practical challenges that putting a newsroom together entail

The New Age was not a political or ideological failure. !
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#Pfraught issue, and inevitably there will be those who are unable or unwilling to move on even when justice has been done.

But some candidates who make it onto the list for consideration baffle the mind. Phethuxolo Godolozzi, for example, is a common bank robber who was involved in the theft of R10 million from the bank that employed him. Unless one subscribes to the communist maxim that all business is crime, it would be difficult to put bank robbery in a political framework that warrants a presidential pardon.

One of the conditions to be considered [or pardon is that the crime committed must be politically motivated and that offenders must have been convicted before June 1999 and must not have applied for amnesty to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC).

During the struggle, political activists and their families were subjected to immense suffering and pain, both emotional and physical, and the temptation of retaliation is always great. '

In every war, whether it is a full-scale combat or a cold war, there are always casualties. In South Africa, conflicting political ideologies led to comrade turning against comrade during the struggle against apartheid.

Some families of victims have learnt to let go of the past and believe that those convicted of attacking and killing their loved ones deserve a second chance. That is reconciliation in action, and should be promoted without regard for skin colour or political affiliation.

Among those currently under consideration for pardon are the men responsible for the so-called Ndabezitha family massacre in 1999, an atrocity committed in retaliation for the murder of ANC warlord and at the time United Democratic Movement secretary general Sifiso Nkahinde.

The Richmond area has spent the long years since then slowly recovering and forgiving. The vigence of the time, while not forgotten, has receded into the past. Many who were on the receiving end of one aggressor or the other have made their peace with the past and with each other. They say that the killers have done their time and they must be allowed to find their place in the community again. But it is not reasonable to be indiscriminate in the granting of pardons and suspend all values to allow criminals who were motivated by greed to get out

before they've done their time. Let the president apply his mind to the applications and make the necessary decisions to allow those who have suffered to find closure and those who have killed for a cause to find a way to contribute to peace and prosperity.

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PARLIAMENT â\200\224 Along-awaited par-
lianientary meeting on the latest cri-
sisatthe SABCCametonoughtyester-
day when chairperson Ben Ngubane
told MPs the embattled hoard has
failed to produce a performance re-
view of its first six months in charge.

â\200\234There are many documents he-
fore us that need to go for hoard ap-
proval. So I'm saying there are many
balls in the air.

â\200\234I'm very sorry that we could not
providea document approved by the
bhoard for today,â\200\235 Ngubane told Par-
liament's portfolio committee on
communication.

This prompted MPs from several
parties to call [or the meeting to be
postponed again, two months after an
initial crisis meeting was delayed af-
ter media successlully challenged an
ANC decision to hold it in camera.

ANC MP Johnny de Lange said, â\200\234It
is clear we have reached the end of
the line for today.

â\200\234Ttwillbe very difficut for us to con-
tinue with a process where the docu-
ment has not yet been finalised.

â\200\234What are we going to say to them?

â\200\234How do you assess the value of re-
ports that are not finalised?

Committee chairman Ismail Vadi

agreed, but signalled his dismay at the board's failure to prepare and said it is hampering the committee's oversight work.

"I just want to register my own dissatisfaction with what has transpired," he said.

"I don't want to set a precedent that if any entity does not want to report, all it has to say is that it does not have the documents."

"This board had sufficient notice. They were aware of the outstanding issues that face this committee and there is absolutely no reason for the board whatsoever not to have been prepared."

"This is the singular most important failure of this board ..."

"Now our meeting with them is dependent on when they could possibly schedule a board meeting to process this."

The breakdown of the working relationship between Ngubane and board members was evident as the chairperson accused them of having obstructed even the appointment of Robin Nicholson as acting CEO, following the suspension from that post of Solly Mokoetle in August.

"The SABC has gone through incredible difficulty ... As I sit here next to Robin, he is legally not the acting GC [group chief] because the board has not been able to agree. We are in an illegal situation," Ngubane said.

Board members scoffed at the suggestion that they had held up the process, while Nicholson said his po-

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PHOTO: CORNEL VAN HEERDEN
SABC board chairperson Ben Ngubane at the briefing in Parliament yesterday.

sition was unclear because Ngubane has failed to sign off on his appointment. "He has not signed the delegation of authority letter," he told Sapa.

Board members said they have not

"met to compile a performance review."

â\200\234We've had one regular hoard meeting, and then we've just had one special board meeting.

â\200\234I{ has just been Molefe, Molefe,â\200\235 one told Sapa, referring to the clash between Ngubane and the board over the appointment of Phil Molefe as head of SABC news.

The appointment, which came while the board was still reviewing candidates, brought relations with Ngubane to breaking point in May, a â\200\235 mere five months after new management was appointed to pull the broadcaster back from the point of collapse.

The hoard suffered- another setback in recent days when four members quit.

Board deputy chairperson Felling Sekha, - David Niddrie, Barbara Masekela and Maghatho Mello reportedly resigned in frustration with the failure of the Communications Department and the portfolio committee to act swiftly to resolve the problems at the SABC.

The meeting yesterday began with an announcement by Vadi that President Jacob Zuma has accepted their resignation with immediate effect, which meant that they would not be allowed to address the meeting.

He said Zuma has asked Parliament to start the process of filling the vacancies.

Juli Killian, a hoard member [rom Cope.said the presidentâ\200\231s decision not to allow the four to serve a notice period is suspect and signalled a decision.. to â\200\234get in easy-going people who know the rulesâ\200\235.

The hoard warned in a submission to Parliament in August that the SABC was steering towards deep financial trouble unless it designed and implemented a comprehensive turnaround strategy. .

They said it risked failing to make repayments on loans secured against a government guarantee of R1 billion. â\200\224 Sapa.

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YINI BLAMINI?

NGISEKUWONA lo meimbi, make
* ngiyale izikhulu zikahulumeni
ukuthi zingagambi phela amanga
abonakalyo, zisenze izimbudane.
IMeya ehloniphekile yaseVry-
heid, uMnu Mbhekiseni Dlamini,
ivele yangidumaza nje emini kwa-

bha.

- Cha mhlonishwa, ngeke ngisho
ukuthi ubusenga ezimithiyo noma
kanjani ngesikhathi uthi benivele
nisezinhlelweni zokwakha i-stu-
dio, nokho kawushongo ukuthi ni-
vinjwe yini,

Kujwaye-
lekile :
ukuthi
â\200\234umuntu athi
ubecabanga
ukuyenza
into, esho -
ngoba ese-
bona omu-
nye eseye-
nzile.
Mhloni-
shwa, kungi-
dumazile ukuzwa kuthiwa umasi-
pala kawukhiphanga ngisho
- indibilishi ekwakhiweni kwalesi
studio ekubeni luceliwe usizo.
Nginombuzo owodwa nje othi;

â\200\234Uyaqala ukugamba amanga
noma kawuqali?â\200\235 .

Phendula mhlonishwa, sifunâ\200\231
ukwazi.

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MHLELL kwelakho esilifunda ngento-
koko nsuku zaphuma ngivumele
ngibeke umbono ngezindaba ezimbili
esezike zashicilelwa ziqoshwe ngu-

Menzi Jele. Ngeshwa ngibhale nginco-
ma uJele kanti uShenge (iNkosi Mango-
suthu Buthelezi) uzophikisana naye. -

Empeleni ubaba uShenge ubenga-
gali ukumelana nomlando ogqogqwe
nguJele. Into eyenza ngiwuthande
umlando wukuthi kakusiwona owomil-
ntu oyedwa kodwa ngowethu sonke,
yingakho ngibona kungifanele ukuthi
ngimphikise uShenge, nami ngisho
engikwaziyo futhi ngiyovumelana no- -
baba uma kuyikho. : .

Shenge, uMankulumane kaSoma-
phunga Ndwandwe kuyaziwa yizwe
lonke ukuthi ubewuNdunankulu
kaZulu. Kangizolanda okuningi nga-
lokho, ngizokha phezulu.

ISilo siboshwe-naye. Besihamba
naye nsuku zaphuma, nakhu namuhla
uHulumeni wakwazZulu-Natal usez-
inhlelweni zokuyovula into eyokwenza
abantu bazi naye.

Uma uMankulumane ubengelutho,
ngabe kwenziwelani lokhu?
. NeSilo (esibusayo) ugoho (uGoodwill
7welithini) ngabe sesikhuze ibhadi
neNdlunkulu. Nakhu eThekwini kwe-
nziwe isichuse seLembe okungesiso,
â\200\234iNdlunkulu yakhuza ibhadi.

Pho kuMankulumane ithuleleni umaâ\200\231

whulumeni usebenzisa igama lobukho-
si ngokungeyikho? :

Sekuke kwaba nemihlangano Kwa-
Nongoma enyakatho yeKwa_Zuluâ\200\224N atal,
ngaba yingxeny yomunye yawo. . '

Engikugaphelile wukuthi bekukho-

na izinduna zonke, kukhona nezaso-

" Suthu, Kakukho lapho

kuke kwathiwa induna yesigodi
esithile kayikho ngenxa yokuthi yiphu-
tha leli elenziwa lapha.

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Tthimba lezithunya zikamhlonishwa
uDkt Zweli Mkhize onguNdunankulu
waKwaZulu-Natal owenza lokhu yilo
elengamela le misebenzi. .

_ Pho ubaba Shenge yini emenza yena
yedwa aphikisane nalokhu?

Odabeni lwaseNgome nesilo saso-
Ndini, mangiqale ngilungise igama lo-

â\200\230muzi kaShodo. KukwaDonsa, kakukaze

kube yikwaDwasa. T,eyo mizi isuswe
lapha eNgome eminye isoPhongolo,

Dabhazi, KwaMajomela KwaNgwelu
njalo.

Empini yaseNdondakusuka elwe
mhla zimbili kuZibhandlela (December)
ngowe-1856 phakathi kweziQhoza no-
Mntwana uMbuyazwe noSuthu lo-
Mntwana uCetshwayo, uSigananda
aamaChube balekelele uSuthu. Ulwe
eSandlwana mhla zingama-22 kuMasi-
ngana (January) ngowe-1879 ekhuza
ibutho.

Ngemuva kokuba amalNgisi eshise
uNdi okokuqgala mhla zizine kuNtu-

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likazi (July) ngowe-1879 iSilo sigale
sayocasha kwaManziphambana enda-
weni yeNkosi Sigananga ngaphambi
kolkuthi sedlulele emzini kaShodo
kaSomfingwane Mbuyisa eNgome
phezu komfula iSikhwebezi eNgome.
Kulapho amaNgisi esithathe khona.

Ngike ngazinika isikhathi ngaha-
mbela imizi ebiyakhele lapha ebeku-
ngamasimi etiyе khona okumanje
sekuyisigodlo sehbandla lamaRoma.

Into eyenzekile nansi: Kahle kahle
amaNgisi afike ashaya omama bakwa-
Buthelezi basho ukuthi iSilo sikwa-
Mbuyisa kwaDonsa, ase ebabela
khona, hhayi ukuthi kukhona ogijime
wayokwazisa amasosha ukuthi iSilo
sikuphi.

Le nto ubaba uShenge athi nga-
manga abesatshalaliswa yizitha zika-
Mnyamana, bezisho ngoba phela
ithumba libhobhoke emzini wakhe
uMnyamana.

Khona ngiyezwa ngoba ubaba uthi-
nta nezibongo zeSilo asho ngazo uku-
vivela lokhu. .

Mina ngike ngahambela omunye
engethemba unguwabo kabhaba
uShenge naye ozalwe le ndaba ixoxwa
khona lapha kwaButhelezi
nakwaMbuyisa.

Okunye engithanda sikugaphele
wulkuthi umlando ubhalwe ngabantu
ngendlela eyahlukile uma usuthi uya-
landela uthole ukuthi umlando
obhalwe nguPieter Becker kawufani
nalona owuzwa ngabakhona.

Maningi amaphutha akhona ekub-

halweni komlando futhi singakushiya -
ngaphandle okokuthi kunabathize aba-
funa umlando uhlale uvuna bona. !

Sengathi le nkundla ingavuleleka.

IKhaya Ndwandwe
EMEVENI

#NIKEZA elikhulu ithernba umhlangano obunge-
mpelasonto phakathi kukahulumeni nabamele
Jiizinhlaka ezibhekele abezindaba kuleli. Kulo
mhlango uhulumeni kade umelwe yiPhini likaMengameli
wakuleli, uMnu Kgalema Matlanthe, abezindaba bemelwe
yiSouth African National Editors Forum (Sanef) kanti
uthathe izinsuku ezimbili. _ !

Udaba obelusezithebeni ngolwesiphakamiso se-African
National Congress (ANC) sokuthi kunesidingo sokusun-
gulwa kohlaka oluzokwaziwa nge-Media Appeals Tribunal
(MAT) nokushaywa komthetho ozovimbela ukusakazwa
kolwazi oluthinta ukusebenza kombuso okumanje osahlon-
gozwa, iProtection of information Bill.

Zombili lezi ziphakamiso zidale ukubhekana ngeziqu
zamehlo phakathi kwe-ANC nabezindaba kuleli njengoba
kubekukhala nhlangathi zonke ngazo. Abezindaba
bakhala ngokuthi ukushaywa kwale mithetho kuzosho uku-
fakwa! izimfonzo kwabezindaba ukuze bangakwazi ukubika
ngokukhululekile.

Ngakolunye uhlangathi iqembu elibusayo lithi abezind-
aba ikakhulukazi abamaphephandaba banomthelela onge-
muhlg emphakathini. :

Ngokuhamba lwesikhathi kubonakale kungekho ofuna
ukulalela omunye ngalolu daba njengoba nokugxekwa
kwayg FANC bese kufinyelele nasezingeni lomhlaba.
Kulandele izincwadi ebezighamuka emithonjeni eyeseka
inkambiso yentando yeningi armazweni aphesheya
nemikhankaso eqhubekayo yokuzama ukunxenxa FANC
ukuthi ingaghubeki nezinhlalelo zayo ezizophazamisa
ukusebenza kwabezindaba.

Lesi simo sigcine sesiphocia ukuthi ubuholi obuphezulu
bezwe buhlange nabezindaba ukuze: kuboniswa ngalolu daba. ;

Kulo mhlango abe-Sanef hakugcizele ukuthi kasikho
isidingo sale mithetho ngoba vele abezindaba sebecqalile
ukuzihlela kabusha futhi kuginiswa nezinhlaka ezibhekele
ukushicilelwa kwezindaba.

Emuva kwalo mhlango uMnu Moatlanthe ucashunwe
ethi njengoba sekubonakala umnyakazo ohlangathini
Jwezindaba ekulungiseni izindawo obekukhalwa ngazo kun-
gaphetha kungasaghubekwa nodaba lwe-MAT. Nokho
kubonakala sengathi kulolu daba kugcinwe ngobekufanele
kugale ngakho.

Ngokomthetho bekufanele ngabe FANC ithinte zona
izinhlaka zabezindaba izwakalise ukungenami kwayo, hhayi
lokhu kokuthi kwenziwe iziphakamiso kungakaboniswa.

, Siyethemba-ke ukuthi njengoba sekugalele ukuthi kubo-
niswa ngalezi zindaba kusazoghubeka kanjalo njengoba
kuvunyelwe ukuthi sekuzohlenganwa njalo ngonyaka
kuboniswa.

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USUFINYELELE esiphethweni umdo-
nsiswano wamaholo phakathi kukahulu-
meni nÃ©zinyunyana kulandela ukusayina

kwezintathu ngoLwesibili, okwenze
sanela isibalo ebesidingeka.

I-Public Servants Association (PSA),
yiNational Professional Teachers
Organisation of South Africa (Naptosa)

neSouth African Police Union
(Sapu) zisayinile emuva kokutho-
ia imvume emalungeni azo.

Ukusayina kwazo kwenze izi-
nto zaba lula kumagashi, wafaka
u-7,5% ngenxa yoxuthi isibalo
sezisayinile sesingaphezu kuka-
50% obudingeka.

Vizinyunyana ze-Congress of
South African Trade Unions (Co-

satu) ezisayine kugala ngeledlule
kodwa ngenxa yokwengaba kwe-
yothisha i-South African Demo-
cratic Teachers Union (Sadtu),
vhulumeni ubesashoda.

Umholi we-PSA, ulnu Manie

De Clercq, utshele ILANGA izolo
ngoLwesithathu ukuthi sesivaliwe
isahluke ngodaba lwamaholo ngoba uhu-
lumeni usezofaka imali ngaphandle
kwezihibe.

Izinyunyana bezifuna u-8,6%, wu-R1
000 woxhaso lwezindlu nokulinganiswa
kwemihlomulo yoxhaso lwe-Medical Aid
kodwa vhulumeni ugcine ezinike u-7,5%
n0-R800, wathi eye-Medical Aid isazoxo-
XWa.

Izinyunyana zikhala ngokuthi uziphega
ukuba zingene kwi-Government Emplo-
yees Medical Aid Scheme (Gems) ngoku-
yixhasa ngemali enkulu bese ufaka ubala
kwazimele.

Ukusayina kwalezi zinyunyana kaku-
banga yizindaba ezimnandi kumqashi ku-
phela, nezisebenzi zijabulile ngoba ku-
sho ukuthi zizoba noKhisimusi omnandi.

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AMAKHANSELA eNkatha Free-
dom Party (IFP), izimeya nama-
sekela azo, basayine phambi
kukaMengameli we-IFP, iNkasi
Mangosuthu Buthelezi isivume-
lwano sokuzibophezela ngoku-
sebenza ngokuzikhandla. Osayi-
nayo nguMnu Sipho Mvelase

oyiPhini leMeya aThukela.
ISITHOMBE NGU:
SIFISO NDI MANDE

NONHLANHLA JELE .

STYTHLANZISWE yinkantolo imaliâ\200\231
yokwelashwa kwaso wudokotela
waseGoli iSilo samaZulu, '
uGoodwill Zwelithini kaBhekuzulu
kulandela ukunqunyelwa kwaso
ugwayi katiki wezinsuku ezili-10
noma sibhekane nokudlelwa
impahla.

RKukhishwa lo myalelo nje bese
kuphele unyaka uDkt Laurence J
Disler owungoti wezifo ezihlobene
nesifo senhliziyo (Physician
Cardiologist), elindele inkokhelo
ngokusihlenga.

Ngokwale newadi, iSilo selashe-
Iwe ukugula okuhlobene nezifo
zenhliziyo khona eGoli.

Ngokuthola kweLANGA, selokhu
selashiwe iSilo ngowezi-2009, uDkt
Disler, ubebanjiswe udonga.

Ngokubona kuhamba isikhathi
slindiswe umnyama ongenafu, ulu-
fake kubameli udaba. JLANGA li-
nayo ikhophi yesamanisi lapho
inkantolo ibingumele iSilo izinsu-
u ezili-10 ukuthi sikhokhe noma
sibhekane nokuthathelwa izinya-
thelo ezingala, obekusho ukudle-
lwa impahla.

Le newadi yenkantolo ebhali-
swe ikheli-lasesigodlweni Kwa-
Khangalamankengane, ibiphoga
iSilo ukuba sikhokhe u-R338, 56
ngokwelashwa mhla ziyisi-9 |
uLwezi Movember) wezi-2009
nguDkt Disler. Ithi ummangalelwa,
(okuyiSilo), kuzofanele akhokhe
nenzalo ewu-15, 50% kusukela ngo-
suku elashwe ngalo.

TLANGA lithole ukuthi le ncwa-
di ithunyelwe eHhovisi loMnyango
WeziNdaba zaseNdlunkulu kaZulu
"elingaphansi kwelikaN dunankulu
waKwaZulu-Natal, uDkt Zwell
Mihize, mhla ziii-15 kuMfumfu
(October).

Icishe ingena ehlazweni ngalolu

hlobo nje iNgonyama, izisebenzi
zalo mnyango zikhomba ngenju-
mbane i-Chief Financial Officer
(CFO), ulMnu Mduduzi Mthembu,
ngokwehluleka ukugcina izidingo
zayo egameni lokonga imali.
Kwenzeka lokhu nje, kuthiwa
kubhadanywe amafomu esicelo se-
bhonasi efunwa nguMnu Mthembu
eHhovisi likaNdunankulu ngekho-

no lakhe lokwehlisa ukuxhasha-
zwa kwemali kulo mnyango, selo-
khu eqale ukusebenza ngemuva
kokuthatha kuDkt Vusi Shengwe.
Izisebenzi zalo mnyango zithi
kukhala isicathulo sikaMnu
Mthembu kulo mnyango Bj engoba
7ili-18 kwephezulu ekhiphe
isexwayiso esithi ingabe isase-
tshenziswa imali kunyaka-mali
wezi-2010/2011 ngaphandle koku-
gunyazwa nguye. - :
Le newadi ILANGA elinayo
ikhophi yayo, ithi izimenenja
eziyophula lo myalelo zizobhekana
nengwadla yokuphendula
ngaphansi kwemigomo elawula
ukusetshenziswa kwemali
eminyangweni kahulumeni, i-
Public Finance Management Act
(PFMA). i
Imali ebikweletwa yiSilo

Selashwe nyakenye sangakhokha.

kubonakala sengathi ikhokhwe
ngemuva kokuthi leli phephanda-
ba lilandela ukungakhokhelwa
kukadokotela njengoba bese
kuphele unyaka wonke efuna
inkokhelo engayinikwa.
Emasontweni amathathu edlule,
TLANGA like labika ngokukha-
thazeka kwezisebenzini
zoMnyango WeziNdaba
zaseNdlunkulu kaZulu ngesimo
sokuphepha kweSilo kulandela
ukuduva kwemoto yaso yohlobo
oluphambili, evikelwe ngokuse-
gophelweni eliphezulu, izinyanga
ezicela kweziyisi-6 kwelinye lama-
garajl eliseMpangeni ogwini
olusenyakatho yeKwaZulu-Natal.
Le Mercedes Benz S500 enga-
ngenwa nhlamvu, ethengwe
eCGermany, idle u-R1,8 million.
Kubikwe ukuthi ihanjise
egaraji ngoba ibhuthi yayo

- ingasavaleki njengoba

sekuphele izinyanga ilele
uthuli khona.

Izisebenzi zalo mnyango
zithi imbangela yalezi
zinkinga kungenxa yayo i-
CFO yengaba nemali.

Kubikwe nokuthi
abashayeli beSilo balale ezi-

motweni kunoMkhosi woMhlanga
eNgwavuma enyakatho yeKwa-
Zulu-Natal ngenyanga edlule ngo-
ba bengahlinzekwanga ngezinda-
wo zokulala.

Okhuiumela iHhovisi likaNdu-

nankuly, uMnu Ndabezinhle
Sibiya, uthi le ncwadi kadokotela
bayithole sekwedlule isikhathi,
ngabe kudala beyikhokhile imali
ukuba bavithole kusenesikhathi.

Uthi bayikhokhe
ngoMsombuluko le mali.

Umabhalane kaDkt Disler,
ozibize ngoShaun, utshele ILA-
NGA ukuthi bathole ucingo izolo
ngoLwesithathu Tughamuka
kwabeHhovisi likaNdunankulu
waKwaZulu-Natal libatshela
ukuthi imali isikhokhiwe.

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SAZI kaSIPHO MAJOLA

IGQEMEKE udume lwengozi iNdlu *
VahaHoli BoMdabu KwaZulu-Natal

iakhothama iNkosi Mthinteni Msibi ~

yaKwaSimdlangentsha oPhongolo,
ebiyisekela likaSihialo WeNdlo
YesiFunda iZululand. ;
Inkosi ebiyisekela leNkosi Mangosu-

thu Buthelezi, eZululand, ikhotha- =~

me ngoLwesine emuva kokuxinwa
yisifo sohlangothi. Ibatshazwe nge-
ghaza layo emsebenzini ewenzele
isizwe sayo nesakhiwo sobukhosi.
UDkt Sâ\200\231khumbuzo Msibi oyilunga
lomndeni uthi iNkosi Msibi ibiyilu-
nga lephalamende kuHulumeni Wa-
KwaZuly, ngaleso sikhathi kuningi
ekwenzele umphakathi.
â\200\234Kynezikole ezakhiwe yinkosl.
Ngingabala iBonginhlanhla High
School, Mfundeni Primary, Mzwe-

ntsha High, Vukanimazulu High, eSi-,

- nggeni Primary neMthinteni Pri-
mary,â\200\235 kusho uDkt Msibi.
Uthe bewumndeni bashayekile
ngokudlula kwenkosi emhlabeni.
NeNdlu YabaHoli BoMdabu Kwa-
Zulu-Natal - ngezwi lesekela likasih-

lalo wayo, iNkosi Mpiyezintombi
Mzimela - izwakalise ukukhala ngalo
muga.

â\200\234Kusikhathazile kakhulu lokhu
okwehlile. INkosi Msibi ibingenye
yamakhosi esiwafice evele ekhona

- kule ndima.

â\200\234Noma ibizithulela nje kodwa
umsebenzi wayo ibiwenza ngokuzi-
nikela,â\200\235 kusho iNkosi Mzimela.

INkosi Mzimela inxuse amakhosi
ukuba aphume ngobuningi bawo ayo-
tshala uzakwabo.

INkosi Msibi ibibambe isikhundla
sesekela likasihlalo KwaZulu-Natal
ebesiphethwe viNkosi Mzimela nge-
sikhathi yona (iNkosi Mzimela) ima-
tasatasa nomsebenzi wokuba wuSi-
hlalo Wendlu KaZwelonke ngokuga-
la kweminyaka yezi-2000.

UNggongqoshe WezokuBusa Ngo-
uRambisana NezoMdabu KwaZulu-

Natal, uNkz Nomusa Dube, uthu-

mele amazwi enduduzo ngomlomo
kaMnu Lennox Mabaso okhulumela
lo mnyango. INkosi Msibi igho-
ghobale izinta-mbo zombuso ngonya-
ka we-1978, izofihlwa ngoMggibelo.
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Imenenja isola abanyundela umasipala

SABELD MBATHA .

SEKUYELE ezinye izinsolo zokukhwabanisa
ezithinta izisebenzi zikaMasipala WaseMtubatuba
okuthiwa zisebenzise uMkhosi WoMhlanga ukuzi-
tapela emalini yabakhokhi bentela.

Kakukapholi maseko FLANGA libike ngezinsolo
zenkohlakalo ezithinta izikhulu zalo masipala
okuze kwaholelela ekutheni izakhamizi zimashele
emahhovisi awo ukuyokwethula izikhalo.

ILANGA linamaphepha awubufakazi obuganda
ikhanda, aveza ukuthi kunezisebenzi zalo masi-
pala ezikhokhelwe imali emuva kokuya eMkhosini
WoMhlanga obukwaNongoma nobuseNgwavuma
enyakatho yeKwaZulu-Natal ngenyanga edlule.

Imithombo ithi umasipala ugashe ikhumbi uku-
thwala izisebenzi eziyisi-6 ziya kule mikhosi. Le
moto igashwe ngo-R15 997 96 kwenye inkampani
ebolekisa ngezimoto. N

Nakuba kugashwe le moto, kuthiwa ezinye izise-

* benzi zifake izicelo zokukhokhelwa izindleko zo-

kuya kule mikhosi ngoba zithi zisebenzise izimoto
zazo.

Umthombo uthi: â\200\234Omunye wabakhokhelwe ima-
li ubeshayela imoto ebolekiwe ngakho kuyasidida
ukuthi kwenzeka kanjani ukuthi akhokhelwe uku-
sebenzisa imote yakhe.â\200\235 0

Imali kaphethiloli ckhokhelwe lezi zisebenzi
iwu-R2 871, 82 isiyonke.

Iziliphu ezihambisana nesicelo sokukhokhelwa
izindleko zokuhamba kwesinye sezisebenzi ziveza
ukuthi imoto ifakwe udizili kaR200 eMelmoth
mhla zili-10 kuMandulo (September), yathela mhla
7ili-11 KwaNongoma ngo-R200 yafaka futhi mbla
7ili-12 KwaNongoma oka-R200.

â\200\234Kasazi ukuthi kubaluleke ngani ukuthi izise-

benzi zikamasipala ziye eMkhosini WoMhlanga fu-
thi njengoba bezihambile nje, bezithathwa njenga-
bantu abasebenzayo ngakho zizokhokhelwa lezi
zinsuku,â\200\235 kusho omunye umthombo ocele ukuthi
igama lawo ligodlwe ngoba wesaba ukuhlukunye-

. Iwa.

Kuvela ukuthi umasipala uchithe imali eli-ngan-

iselwa ku-R4 000 kuthengwa ukudla obekuzodliwa kule mikhosi.

Khonamanjalo, leli phephandaba selithole ukuthi lo masipala ukhokhele iZimilezona Trading - okuyinkampani ezimele - u-R42 000 ngokunquma izihlahla eceleni komgwaqo ongenela edolobheni eMtubatuba ekubeni umsebenzi iwenze ngo-R32 000.

TLANGA like labika ngezinsolo zokuthi le nkampani ibisebenzisa ngandaganda nezisebenzi zikamasipala ukwenza lo msebenzi kodwa umasipala wakuphika. Yona le nkampani ikhokhelwe u-R12 500 ngokudayisela lo masipala amalitha angama-420 kawoyela.

IMenenja kaMasipala esabambile, uMnu Mfano-mneane Dhlomo, ithi kakukho okungalungile eku- khokhelweni kwezisebenzi ebeziye emhlangeni. Ithi esinye sazo sifake udizili emotweni ebigashi- we ngemali yaso, esinye sisebenzise imoto yaso.

Mayelana no-R42 000 wokunquma izihlahla, ithe bekukhokhelwa omunye umsebenzi wokuwisa izihlahla eceleni komgwaqo osuka edolobheni uya kwaBhoboza okungaba yibanga elilinganiselwa ku-2.7km.

Kwekawoyela imenenja ithi umasipala unelungelo lokuthenga lapho ubona ukuthi kakubizi khona. UMnu Dhlomo geizelele ukuthi abenza lezi zinsolo ngabantu abaghuba izinhloso zabo.

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ggemeke udume HFP kushona ehi-202ye lungu a-202- iqa-i-201%e

CELAN} SIKHAKHANE

SEYIPHINDE yambozwa yifu

elimnyama i-TFP njengoba
isilahlekelwe ngomunye
wabaholi bayo abagavile
oshone ngemuva kokugula
isikhashana.
Tnkosi uMthinteni Msibi

(60) ushone ngeledlule

- esibhedlela sasePiet Ritief
ngemuva kokuxinwa yisifo
sohlangothi okuthiwa

simhlasele ezmyangem
ezimbili ezedlule.

UMsibi uke waba yilungu

leSishayamthetho KwaZulu-
Natal lapho ebemele i-TFP
kanti ubengumgqungquzel
wayo futhi esifundeni

saseMdlangatsha oPhongolo.

UDkt Skhumbuzo Msibi

uthe inkosi ibivele ingaphilile

ngemuva kokushaywa yisifo
sohlangothi kodwa yabuye
vakhombisa ukululama. -

- a-200\234Bese sinethemba lokuthi -

usezobangeono ngoba

a-200\234ubesekwazi ukuzihambela
kodwa izinto zivele zashintsha
ngesonto eledlule ngesi-202shatm
kushona undlunkulu wakhe, a-200\235

kusho uMsibi.

Inkosi uMthinteni ibihola
isizwe sakwaMsibi oPhongolo

nokuyilapho ibinomuzi
khona kanti ibiphinde
ibeyiPhinilikaMniwana
wakwaPhindangene, uDkt

Mangosuthu Buthelezi,
kwezobuholi bendabuko.

Kwenzeka nje lokhu kuthe

ekugaleni konyaka 1-IFP
yalahlekelwa yiNKosi
uNyanga Ngubane
owayelandela uMfu Celani

Mthethwa.

Ukudiula kukaMsibi
lcubashiye bekhala abaholi
be-TFP njengoba bekhala
ngokuthi balahlekelwe
ngenye yezinsika zaledi

gembu ebezithembekile kulo.
USihlalo kazwelonke,

uNkk Zanele Magwaza-Msibi,

uthe akulahlekelwanga nje

- umndeni kuphela kodwa

isizwe sonke negembu
balahlekelwe kakhulu.

Uthe inkosi ibingomunye
wabaholi abebesebenza
ngokuzikhandla ukugcina
iNkatha ibumbene futhi
phambili kwezepolitiki.

Ubuye wadlulisa amazwi

enduduzo eNdlmJ yobuHol
beNdabuko wathinaye
ubengumuntu obesebenzi-
sana kakhulu nenkosi
ngesikhathi eseyiMeya
yaseZululand.

. InkosiuMthinteni ishiye
emhlabeni amakhosikazi
amabili, izingane ezine
nabazukuliu abane.
Kulindeleke ukuba ifihlwe
ngoMggibelo emathuneni
aseNfumbane, oPhongolo.

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MHLELL Umphakathi
wakwadJobe esigodini
saseMozi kuMasipala
waseJozini namaphethelo,
usufile yisomiso samathuba
entuthuko. Uma kungena
intuthuko endaweni
yakwadJobe kusala isigodi
saseMozi ngoba sona kuthiwa
vindawo eyadayiswa kudala
eyaziwa ngokuthi
yiSitathilandi (state land).

Kungene izindlu zomxhaso
kahulumeni kule ndawo
kodwa azifikanga eSitathila-
ndi. Abantu bakule ndawo
baghelelene nakho konke
okungconywa okunjenge-
zikole zemfundo ethe thuthu,
umtholampile, umgwago,
ugesi kanye namanzi.

Okungiphatha kabi
njengesakhamuzi sale ndawo
wukuthi uma kuyisikhathi
sokuvota kukhankaselwa
amavoti kuze kufikwe kule
ndawo. Ayatholwa futhi
amavoti amaningi.

Abafundi bamabanga athe
thuthu bahamba amakhilo-
mitha amaningi beyoncela
ulwazi lwemfundo. Akukho
noyedwa wmntu osebuholini
owaziyo ukuthi kusenabantu
abahamba ibanga elingaka
beyofuna imfundo esikha-
thini samanje senkululeko.
Ukuba ubekhona owaziyo
ngale ndawongabe kade
sakuthola okuncane
njengabanye abavota.

Into ebuhlungu

ngabafundi besikole babuya
bekhathele sebemelwe
nayizigubhu zokuyocinga
amanzilapho aphuma
ngakhona. Phela angithi
kufanele babuye bawashe

nemifaniswano yabo yesikole,

bepheke bekhathele njalo.
Bengicela kubaphathi
bezemfundo ukuthi uma
bedweba ibhajethi yabo
yonyaka basibonelele nathi
kule ndawo ngokusikhela
isikole semfundo ethe thuthu

ukugcina intsha yakule

ndawo inawo tmdlandla

wemfundo. Â°

Ngiphinde ngicele
abaphathi bezentuthuko
ukuba nabo basibhekelele
ukuthuthukisa leSitathilandi

esesidale ukuthi abantu
abangingi abasuka kule ndawo
badelelwe ngokuthi baphuma
esigiwini abazi lutho ngenxa
yokuntula imisebenzi, -
imfundo kanye nentuthuko.
Ngo-1994 yilapho wonke
umuntu agala khona ukuthi
aphile impilo engcono futhi
akhululeke kodwa kule ndawo
akukho konke lokhongoba
ungakhululeka kodwa uma
ungayitholi into oyidingayo
ukukhululeka kwakho
kufana neze leze. Sicela
ukukhululwa nathi kulesi
sigiwi esikusona ukuze sivote
sikhululekile eSitathilandi.

Zodwa Mavundla
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â\200\230ukungenami kwawo

SIMPHIWE NDWANDWE

ANMALUNGU e-IFP izolo

amashela emahhovisi

oMkhandlu wesiFunda

uGu ukuzwakalisa

ngokungalethwa -

kwezidingo

zomphakathi ngendlela.

Aphinde alibangisa

emahhovisi amaphoyisa

naseNkantolo

yeMantshi kuleli

dolobha lapho edlulise

khona izikhalo .

ngokudedelwa

kwabantu abasolwa

ngokubulala amalungu

aleli gembu kule ndawo.

Bebebilelwa

ngaphezu

kwenkulungwane abantu

abebebambe ighaza kule mashi

ebiholwa ngubuholi beNkatha

endaweni noMgqugquzeli

weNkatha Kuzwelonke, ulVinuz

Albert Mncwango.

Ohlwini Iwezikhalo

ebezigondiswe kwiMeya yalo

Mkhandlu, ulMnuz Sithembiso Cele,

bakhala ngokugasha ngobugembu

kumasipala nokukhetha iphela

emasini uma kulethwa amanzi

ngamaloli emphakathini.

Baphinde bakhala

ngokungabibikho kwezindlu
zemixhaso ezathenjiswa abanti
abakhahlanyezwa yizikhulkhula
ngo-2008. .

Uhlu olunamagama abantu
okufanele bathole lezi zindlu

AMALUNGU e-IFP agcwale izitaladi ePort Shepstone
ekhala ngokubambezeleka kwentuthuko eMkhandlwini
wesiFunda Ugu. Loluhlu belubhekiswe kuMeya yalo
Mkhandlu, uMnuz Sithembiso Cele-

Isithombe: ENOS MHLONGO

kuthiwe selwaguqulwa kwafakwa
abantu abadlalelana noKhongolose
ukuze Kkubeyibo abazuza izindlu.
Amalungu aleli gembu
abemasha ephetheizingwenibe
ezibhalwe wcuthi â\200\234Iphi intuthuko

. engachemiâ\200\235, â\200\234Senzeni? Kungani

sibulawa?â\200\235. . . .

Balkhale nangokuthi kugashwa
ngetiye enikhandlwini njengoba
kuyivela kancane ukuthi
kubonakale izikhangiso
zemisebenzi kunalolkho kubonakala
ngabantu sebegashiwe.

Babe sebenxusa ukuthi iMeya
yoMkhandlu uGu isheshe
izisulcumele lezi zikhalo futhi
idlulisele izimpendulo ebuholini
beNkatha Ikulesi sifunda,

Inlkosi uNgamizizwe Madlala,
ebuye ibe yilungu
lesiShayamthetho,
idlulise uhlu
Iwezilkhalo magondana
nokubulawa kwabaholi
beNkatha kule ndawo.

Kulolu hlu kubalwe
izigamelko zokubulawa
kwabaholi baleli
qembu bese kuthi labo
ababoshiwe badedelwe
ngebheyili.

Leli gembu linxuse
ukuthi ababhekele
ezobulungiswa
enkantolo yendawo
badlulisele izikhalo
zabo eMnyangweni
wezoBulungiswa
nokuThuthukiswa
koMthethosisekelo.

Uhlu lwezikhalo
Iwemukelwe yiChief
Magistrate, ulVinuz

Robert Sipho Nyawo,
noBrigadier Agnes
Nxamangele wesiteshi
samaphoyisa alkule
ndawo.

INTATHELI YESOLEZWE

SIBEKWE

agokusemthethweni icala
lokugwazelwa ngo-R1 million
yinjinga yaseKapa isikhulu
ssisamisiwe saseThala,
aMnuz Siphoshabalala
(\200\230osesithombeni).

Leli cala, elibhekene
nabamangalelwa
abayisikhombisa uma

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UShabalala ubekwe elokugwazelwa

kubalwa naye uShabalala
owayeyiNhloko yoMnyango
kaMgcinimafa wesifundazwe,
lihlehliiselwe uDisemba walo
nyaka izolo enkantolo
yaseMgungundlovu.
Lababangaphandle
ngebheyili esuka ku-R30 000
ize ifinyelele ku-R50 000
ngomkhonyovu wamathenda
obalelwa ku-R200 million
othinta izifundazwe ezimbili,

iKwaZulu-Natal neNorthern
Cape.

Kuthiwa uShabalala
wamukela lesi sigidi -
kuGaston Savoi ukuze yena
ahlomule ngemisebenzi
efinyelele ku-R44 billion
kuhulumeni wesifundazwe.

UShabalala ubekwe la
macala nonkosikazi wakhe
uNtombi, onguMgondisi
we-Skyros Medical Suppliers,

ummeli uMnuz Sandile
Khuboni, ababengabagondisi
eMnyangweni wezeMpilo,
uDkt Busi Nyembezi
noYoliswa Mbele, neNhloko
yeRowmoor Investments,
uMnuz Lindelihle
Mkhwanazi.

Umgondisi wezoku-
Shushisa, u-Advocate Menzi
Simelane, ubekhona enka-
ntolo ezoxoxisana nabameli

babamangalelwa ngebheyili
okumele ikhokhwe.

Kuthiwa akuzange
kulandelwe imigomo efanele
uma kukhishwa amathenda
ngesikhathi Intaka ithola

enye vala mathenda.

Abamangalelwa badedelwe
ngebheyili ngaphandle
kukaSavoi, othole isexwayiso,
ngoba ungaphandle
ngebheyili kwelinye icala

elifuze leli.

IMantshi, uMnuz Chris
van Vuuren, ilihlehlisele
uDisemba 2 leli cala.

CELANE SIKHAKHANE
NOSIZWE BLOSE

MENGAMELI we-IFF,

E uDkt Mangosuthu

Â¥ Buthelezi, uthe
uzowakhomba indlela
wonke amakhansela aleli
qembu ahlulekayo
ukuambisa intuthuko
emphakathini.

Ukusho lokhu izolo
emhlanganweni obushubile
obuse-Durban Manor
eThekwini laphe esayinise
khona izimeya,
amakhansela nosomlomo
isivumelwano
sokuzibophezela
ekuhambiseni intuthuko
emphakathini.

Sekungokwesibili
uButhelezi enza lokhu

njengoba nango-2006 wabiza
umhlangano laphe asayinisa
khona amakhansela
isivumelwano
sokuzibophezela ekuletheni
intuthuko.

UButhelezi uthe lokhu
kungenye yezindlela -
zokulungiselela ukhetho
lomasipala oluzoba
ngonyaka 0zayo.

â\200\234Uma ikhansela le-IFP
libandakanyeka ezenzweni
zenkohlakalo kulimala
isithunzi seqembu.
Yingakho sesithathe
isingqumo sokuyibhekisisa
indlela asebenza ngayo,â\200\235
kusho uButhelezi.

Uthe akungabazeki
ukuthi abantu basayidinga
i-IFP. Uthe selokhu yahlulwa
ukuthatha amandla ombuso

esifundazweni, ibukeka

imibiko engemihle yezimali

ishona phansi kantinezenzo kumcwaningimabhuku.

zenkohlakalo ziphezulu.

Ughube wathi
kusezandleni zamalungu
e-JFP ukuthi le nhlangano
ibuyise isifundazwe iIKZN
ezandleni zayo.

Ukhale ngegegeba
elizibiza ngabangani
bakaNkk Zanele Magwaza-
Msibi ukuthi yilo elilimaza
isithunzi seqembu futhi
lidala ughekeko egenjini.

Uthe izinkinga
ezingaphakathi egenjini

ekukhuliseni i-IFP
UButhelezi ubuye
wezwakalisa
ukukhathazeka
ngeminyango kahulumeni
KwaZulu-Natal ethola

Uthe kumanje
kunengwaba yezikhala
zemisebenzi kule minyango
ezingakhangisiwe
osekuphele unyaka

* kungagashwa muntu kuzo.

â\200\234Kuyethusa ukuthi
ngesikhathi kunabantu
abangasebenzi kodwa
kuseneminyango
kahulumeni ebukeya
ingazimisele ukugasha.
Lokhu yinto eyayingenzeki

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ngesikhathi kusabusa I-IFBâ\200\235
ziphinde zibe yisikhubekiso kusho uButhelezi.

Amakhansela, izimeya,
nosomlomo basisayine
ngaphandle kckunanaza

-isivaumelwano
sokuzibophezela
ekuhambiseni intuthuko.

- IM
" ekuletheni intuthuko izolo

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EYA yasoke!a,

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ulinuz Maapheli Sithole, izibophezela

isithombe:SANDILE MAKHOBA

Trying to split
| the IFP s just
{ mischievous

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[ETOANE Leswikanaâ\200\231s letter !)
â\200\234Magwaza-Msibi deserves bet- /
terâ\200\235-on December 15 refers.y 1 6

Leswikana is obviously a
staunch supporter of the IFPâ\200\231s
kaMagwaza-Msibi and should
join her party (the IFP or the
one she might form when the
IFP expels her in the near
future). ;

Women who act stupidly and
-claim that they are being vic-
timised when they have to face
the consequences of their
â\200\230actions are boring.

't Fortunately, on the same page

â\200\230Albert Mncwango explains the
IFPâ\200\231s position. Magwaza-Msibi has
defied her party and sold out her
mentor Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

She has to learn humility.

The ANC women that
Leswikana lists sacrificed every-
thing for the struggle. They are - |
not in politics for positions. Ttis
obvious that Magwaza-Msibi
looks down on her colleagues.

. No political party worth its
salt can tolerate such behaviour.
She acts more like an agent sent
to destroy the party so its ene- .
mies can rejoice.) 5

Why does this very ambitious
woman not-start her own party?
Because her role is to destabilise
the IFP.

Leswikana thinks because
' '} Magwaza-Msibi is a woman she

4 can play this role with immunity...
Real gender equality will happen
when women stop thinking that
they can do as they wish and
expect no punishment because
they are women.

Fortunately, South Africa has
many mature women who do not
hide behind their gender.

If Magwaza-Msibi wants to
compete with strong women like

Helen Zille, she must form her own party, not hijack the IFP. .

I'am not an IFP supporter, but the way certain people want to treat the IFP is disgusting. Who is Magwaza-Msibi's handler?

Sokesimbone Biyela, Empangeni-