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New public protector calls for additional resources

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THE public protector did not need more powers but more resources, the newly appointed public protector, Adv Tuli Madonsela, said yesterday.

Madonsela was speaking in Pretoria at the second-last stop of her countrywide consultation with stakeholders in an effort to make her office more accessible and effective.

Madonsela said a public comment that her office had no legal teeth was baffling in light of the constitutional provision which enabled the public protector to take "appropriate remedial action".

The Public Protector Act gives her office a number of powers including to subpoena, to require evidence on oath and to enter someone's premises. She joked that they enjoyed all the powers "short of calling in the army".

Madonsela said "appropriate remedial action" meant restoring to people what they had lost, or something comparable, as a result of the action of a public official.

In general, this could be achieved through negotiation or other alternative dispute resolution mechanisms, she said.

But her office was prepared to use its other powers if necessary, including supporting a court action to enforce a remedy as a friend of the court, she said.

Deputy Justice Minister Andries Nel, who participated in yesterday's consultation, agreed with Madonsela. He said the constitutional vision for the public protector was for an institution that had "every necessary power".

But Nel warned against the procedures of the public protector becoming overly judicial, as this could affect its accessibility.

The result of the consultative process was an ambitious 2010-13 strategic plan whose "war cry" was prompt remedial action. Other key objectives were accessibility, the promotion of good governance and an efficient and effective organisation.

But many aspects of the plan were contingent on more money being made available.

Madonsela said the public protector needed more investigators — the entire national staff was 153 people at present. They also needed more investigators of a certain level. While the team had some highly experienced investigators, they could not be "split into pieces" when the workload rose.

Opening more regional offices was also costly. At the moment many provinces had only one office, which could mean travelling more than 400kms to get to an office, Madonsela said.

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SACP warns on 'tenderisation' of the state

No closing of ranks, says Nzimande

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THE South African Communist Party (SACP) yesterday called for a reconsideration of how government tenders were awarded in order to stem the tide against corruption.

Addressing the SACP's national anticorruption seminar in Johannesburg, party general secretary Blade Nzimande warned against what he called the "tenderisation" of the state — where the administration's focus became the awarding of tenders.

He also told delegates that there would be "no closing of ranks" in instances where senior public servants or public representatives were found guilty of malfeasance, and that "no thief must run to our organisations to get cover".

"There must be no place for such people (in the tripartite alliance); where we need to make examples we should," he said.

Nzimande's statement comes against a backlash in the ruling party and its allies against "tenderpreneurs" — those who corruptly seek to capture tenders, especially government tenders, in cahoots with public servants and private companies linked to lucrative business deals.

African National Congress Youth League president Julius Malema recently made headlines when news reports linked companies of which he was a director to alleged irregularities involving tenders worth millions from several cash-strapped municipalities in Limpopo.

The SACP's call is the latest in a series of interventions including an interministerial task team on corruption appointed by the Cabinet,

as well as a three-agency probe involving the Treasury, the Special Investigating Unit and the South African Revenue Service into state procurement processes across all provinces. President Jacob Zuma has flagged corruption as a major threat to achieving the government's developmental objectives.

Yesterday's gathering included delegates from a diverse group of organisations such as Business Unity SA, the Special Investigating Unit, community-based organisations, trade unions and watchdog bodies. The meeting was a prelude to the formation of a broad anticorruption coalition aimed at mobilising South Africans against graft and assisting state institutions beat corruption, which Nzimande said was tantamount to "theft against the poor".

He told delegates corruption in SA had not yet reached "a point of no return", but that the problem was "very serious".

"If we allow it to go beyond what it is now, we are on a slippery slope," he warned.

While the system of procurement through tenders "can't be completely avoided", change was critical, Nzimande said.

"Not every government service must be converted into a tender. For instance, there are government services that can be given to communities directly, nonprofit organisations and co-operatives to run without involvement of middlemen through tenders," Nzimande said.

Greater transparency in the awarding of tenders, including whether companies that were awarded contracts did have the capacity to deliver the services, should be introduced, he said.

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Shiceka threatens to fire municipal staff

STAFF REPORTER

MANY officials in municipalities who lacked the relevant skills would be fired, Co-operative Governance Minister Sicelo Shiceka said yesterday.

"A lot of those officials are going to go... there is no doubt in my mind," he said after a meeting with the mayor of Madibeng municipality, Sophie Machika, and the Concerned Rate Payers Association (Corpa).

Shiceka said the North West, where Madibeng was situated, was one "one of the best" provinces just before the change of administration in 2006.

But now things had taken a turn for the worse, he said.

Madibeng was recently hit by numerous protests, with residents demanding better service delivery and removal of the mayor for failing to deliver.

Some of the problems in the municipality were lack of water and sanitation and poor waste management. This had led to Corpa's formation.

"Those officials who are incorrigible ... there is no reason for them to stay. This will be applicable to all other municipalities across the country."

With this, the local government turnaround strategy was beginning to "bite", Shiceka said. Although some municipal officials in the North

West would be axed, others would be retrained if possible.

Corpa has for months been withholding rates payments because they believe the municipality is not doing its job in providing basic services, mainly waste removal. Instead, the money goes into a trust account.

Corpa leader Jaco Dercksen, whom Shiceka described as "sensible", said should the municipality keep to its word, Corpa would start paying. He said they would avoid the legal route and help Machika as far as they could to bring things up to speed.

"We have expertise, we have people with knowledge and can train others, so we can have compatible

people in the municipality.... People who can run the municipality to be a success," Dercksen said.

Machika welcomed any form of solution that would provide unity and strengthen service delivery.

"We can't fund ourselves alone," she said.

Shiceka said he would meet other municipalities and similar associations throughout the country in the next months.

Problems would be attended to at local level and he did not want political parties involved.

"Withholding rates has a serious (effect) on services... we will break the back of this problem," the minister said. *Sapa*

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SACP says spying on media is 'corrupt'

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THE South African Communist Party (SACP) yesterday joined President Jacob Zuma in condemning the alleged investigation of journalists by politicians.

Speaking at the SACP Anti-Corruption seminar yesterday, SACP general secretary Blade Nzimande described spying on journalists as a "corrupt activity" that could spread beyond targeting journalists.

Two weeks ago, a group of political journalists lodged a complaint with the African National Congress (ANC) against the ANC Youth League and its spokesman Floyd Shivambu. The group claimed Shivambu had tried to intimidate journalists and to draw them into a smear campaign against their colleagues.

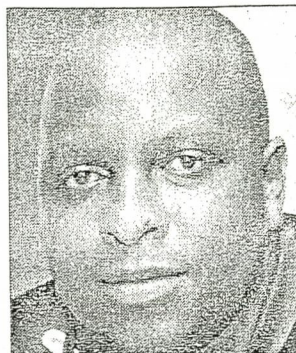
After a series of stories

detailing how a company — in which ANCYL president Julius Malema is allegedly a director — benefited from government tenders in Limpopo, the ANCYL hit back by coming up with a document claiming one of the journalists had evaded tax. The league also accused the journalist of money laundering.

However, the league's attempts to get this information published failed and political journalists filed a complaint with the ANC.

Shivambu reacted to the complaint, calling the journalists a "mob". "The ANC Youth League maintains the view that there are journalists in SA who are corrupt. They continue to take bribes and practice infantile, racist and unethical journalism," said Shivambu.

Nzimande said if it was true that such some politicians were behaving in this manner, this must be condemned.



Floyd Shivambu

"This is a dangerous activity that has the potential to take us back to a period where state institutions were being abused to pursue narrow political agendas."

"We would strongly oppose this just as we opposed it in the past," he said. Nzimande himself has been at the receiving end of the ANCYL's attacks on its opponents and media.

After the revelations of

Malema's links with companies that benefited from government tenders, Malema blamed "left-wing leaders who drink red wine" for his troubles. The youth league accused Nzimande of having ambitions to be ANC deputy president in 2012.

At yesterday's event, Nzimande also criticised the media for spreading a "myth" that corruption was mainly found in the public sector.

"There is also large-scale corruption in the private sector, except that it is often ignored or be called by a respectable and seemingly innocuous description such as 'white collar crime'," Nzimande said.

Nzimande shared the stage with Adv Willem Heath, Ivor Sarakinsky of the Wits Graduate School of Public and Development Management and Business Unity SA CEO Jerry Vilakazi.

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Employee held after girl raped in hospital

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THE swift arrest of a man who allegedly raped a 15-year-old girl at the Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Hospital in Phoenix, Durban, yesterday has drawn praise from the Health Department.

The girl, of Inanda, had accompanied her ill 10-year-old friend to the hospital at about 4am, said police spokesman Captain Thulani Zwane.

"She was sitting on a bench when a clerk asked her to come into his office," he said.

She was held in the records room where the man allegedly raped and tried to strangle her.

The visibly upset girl then told cleaning staff of her ordeal and they called the police.

A 40-year-old man was arrested and was expected to appear in the Verulam Magistrate's Court today.

KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Health, Sibongiseni Dhlomo, commended police for the swift arrest of the suspect and said he hoped the perpetrator would "rot in jail".

"Our hospitals are places of care and people come to us because they are in need of care. We need people with integrity, who always

do what is right to protect the patient," he said.

Dhlomo said there was no room for employees who harmed any patient's mental or physical health or delayed their recovery.

"People who assault and abuse children do not belong to this service and if there are still others like him, we must all do our best to get them off the service. Our government is very serious about dealing with issues of woman and child abuse."

In recent years, the hospital has also attracted widespread criticism for poor service delivery and negligence.

The incident comes as Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi is reportedly finalising the establishment of the Forum of Statutory Health Professional Councils amid a spate of various cases – including sexual misconduct – against medical practitioners.

The forum will hold health professionals accountable for both their conduct and performance.

The number of complaints against medical professionals, according to the latest available statistics, increased from 2 036 in 2007/08 to 2 310 in 2008/09, the Sunday Tribune reported yesterday.

IF I used the rude word now hovering on the tip of my tongue to emphasise that South Africa's ruling party has no courage, I'd be succumbing to vulgarity in these inelegant times.

So let's politely consider the ANC's international humiliation in tolerating for far too long a form of foolishness that has apparently grabbed our politicians by the short and curlies, namely Julius Malema.

Although Jacob Zuma recently chided the obnoxious Juju for causing dissent in ANC ranks and for threatening journalists – which rebuke Malema characteristically challenged – it is our president's own namby-pamby lack of authority that has enabled the youth leader to gain a media profile he will not readily relinquish.

(Malema's addiction to publicity and his bad-boy image were hardly in doubt prior to his recent support for the reviled Sowetan murder accused known as Jub Jub, but that controversial prison visit has certainly proved it.)

There are those who believe the media should have ignored Malema all along, but it was never journalism's job to self-censor.

Actually, the problem lies squarely with the ANC, a former fighting machine whose members used to risk life and limb for liberation, but whose leadership has lately been too lily-livered to say boo to a loud-mouthed bully.

Zuma has claimed that his indulgence of Malema is based on freedom of expression, a good argument on the face of it (and indeed the Johannesburg Equality Court almost certainly erred a few weeks back in slapping a fine on Juju for views, however vulgar, that he is entitled to hold).

In truth, though, the Presidency is so compromised by its supremo's narrow avoidance of a criminal trial and the ANC's shaky political alliance that it is too scared of offending one or other faction to lead confidently.

Among various consequences of this paralysis is a misuse of the nation's courts in

trying to settle disputes – like accusations of hate speech against Malema – that ought to be resolved politically.

Malema will sing *Dubul'ibhunu* (Shoot the Boer) all the louder in such a power vacuum.

Despite his recklessness being a clear threat to the rational debate we ought to be promoting among young people, nobody at the top is going to insist that Juju winds his neck down if he ignores Zuma's recent reprimand, as seems inevitable.

Even after our president was obliged to spend a ludicrous amount of time during a recent state visit to Britain refuting the damaging nationalisation ravings of this silly person, South Africa's leader has still not directly distanced the Presidency from the source of our worldwide embarrassment – an ill-educated 29-year-

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The ANC has a duty to rein in this bully

old whose exposure as someone with a likely dubious personal interest in devalued mining shares is cringe-worthy.

You have to wonder what has become of the ANC's once-lauded commitment to decency during the Malema debacle.

Juju's cruder insults include calling opposition leader Helen Zille a whore who, he said, had slept with the DA's

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premiers and treated everybody, including his former enemies, courteously.

Winnie, by contrast, fought for social justice, but abused children, defrauded creditors and bullied her way through life. You have only to be, in her presence to feel that, despite being a woman, she is the quintessential Big Man of Africa.

Ditto the crude and eccentric Malema: although more child than man, he is an equally scary example of Africa's peculiar populist politics.

Immune to constructive criticism and engaged in an orgy of self-enrichment, secure in his intimate cabal amid hordes of cronies, he seems to believe – like Mugabe, Gaddafi and el-Bashir – that he belongs in the realm of the gods.

Zuma has ill-advisedly assured South Africans that Malema is a future leader of the ANC – and heaven help us all if this is true. But Juju still has some distance to travel to Big Man sainthood.

When his ANCYL leadership is put to the vote, young citizens may yet have the good sense to reject his corrupt ways and appalling manners.

Those I spoke to in Soweto about Malema a few months ago certainly didn't admire his vulgarity. You wonder if he could be in for a shock awakening one of these days, when the better instincts of ordinary people unexpectedly rise up against him.

After all, his once-popular pal, Jub Jub, would not in his wildest, cocaine-fuelled dreams have expected Sowetan kids to react the way they did to his recklessness and narcissistic disregard for their grief.

All of which jaw-jaw about Juju and Jub Jub brings me back to the missing bits of the ANC's anatomy.

Frankly, if the organisation continues to lack the courage to emphasise orderly values over thuggishness, the ANC is risking not only its proud reputation, but the authority it needs to govern the country effectively – and perhaps even the dreaded African Big Man syndrome.

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forth for cheap laughs, his irresponsible utterances are often so publicly disrespectful as to say a lot about those in charge who allow his boorishness to go unchallenged beneath the ANC banner.

Although some commentators have compared Malema to Nelson Mandela in his early days as ANCYL leader, Juju is in fact the new Winnie – a law unto himself and not afraid of anything.

I often find myself thinking of the difference between Nelson and Winnie Mandela, two hearts that used to beat as one, in order to figure out the contradictions of South Africa's democracy.

Nelson genuinely cared about a peaceful outcome to our tragic history, and never swerved from that path.

He kept his bodyguards under control, stood down earlier than the continent's other

entire cabinet.

He once announced to a student gathering in reference to the ID's leader, Patricia de Lille: "Patricia does not look like a married woman, but if she is married, that man must divorce Patricia and come and get a beautiful woman in the ANC."

While at one level Malema's delinquent prattle is spewed

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Haswell's resignation 'a foregone conclusion'

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WHAT was seen as a "foregone conclusion" by most materialised over the weekend with the resignation of Msunduzi municipal manager Rob Haswell.

The beleaguered municipal manager's resignation came on the back of the new mayoral appointment of Mike Tarr and a new executive committee on Thursday.

Co-operative Governance MEC Nomusa Dube confirmed Haswell's resignation, citing his ill-health, and wished him a speedy recovery.

Haswell took sick leave almost two months ago, amid the municipality's dire financial crisis.

The 65-year-old, who took over as city manager in 2007, had come under fire throughout his term as allegations of mismanagement and maladministration were continually levelled against him.

New Msunduzi Mayor Mike Tarr said Kevin Perumal would continue as acting municipal manager, but should Msunduzi



ROB HASWELL

administrator Johann Mettler require Haswell's assistance, it might be necessary for him to provide it.

IFP caucus leader Dolo Zondi said that opposition parties had never had faith in Haswell, and were ecstatic to see the back of him.

"Good riddance. He really messed up the municipality," Zondi said.

Democratic Alliance caucus leader Bill Lambert said Haswell's departure was a foregone conclusion.

He said Haswell's resignation was a very wise move on his part, and was best for every-

one concerned. "I'm sure there will be more resignations to follow," he said.

Meanwhile, Mettler confirmed over the weekend that fraud and other criminal charges were currently being finalised against certain Msunduzi municipality officials.

"We hope to finalise the charges shortly. Those who acted recklessly will face the full force of the law. We really do want to see a change here, and we will be as transparent as possible," Mettler said.

Dube appointed Mettler as administrator, taking away powers from the council. Then came the resignation of mayor Zanele Hlatshwayo, deputy mayor Mervyn Dirks, Speaker Alpha Shelembe, and various other Exco members.

Mettler said Tarr and the new political leadership would be briefed on his completed report next week.

Good news for ratepayers is that the municipality has settled its R24 million debt to Eskom, and the municipality is set to recover more outstanding money over the next two weeks.

'Corruption is acceptable in SA'

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SOUTH Africa is reaching the point of no return as corruption becomes so endemic and accepted that it is almost impossible to fight.

In 2004 about R40 billion changed hands in corrupt transactions, and this was "growing all the time", retired judge Willem Heath told an SACP anti-corruption seminar.

Ivor Sarakinsky, of the School of Public Development Management at the University of the Witwatersrand, added that the tender system was a "big issue" when it came to corruption.

"Bold steps are needed," he said. "We need to reappraise state procurement processes."

Sarakinsky said corruption was getting so endemic that it would soon reach the point of no return. "Once you reach that point, it is difficult to turn back the tide."

Heath said "conflict of interest in government circles" was widespread, citing

statistics from the auditor-general's office that six out of 10 state employees had business interests that clashed with their jobs.

He said corruption was so acceptable that South Africans often bragged about bribing a traffic officer or cheating the SA Revenue Service.

Sarakinsky added that it was easy for public servants to recuse themselves from tender committees but still exercise influence over the outcome.

SACP general secretary and Higher Education Minister Blade Nzimande said "alternatives" to tenders, without the involvement of "middle men", should be explored.

"Not every government service must be converted into a tender," Nzimande said.

Heath said: "In Botswana the fight against corruption is more successful because the culture is different. Politicians treat corruption as a crime and they are all fighting it."

Heath added that rich, greedy people, with more access to money, tended to be more corrupt.

Most money made from corrupt practices did not stay in the country, but was deposited into foreign bank accounts.

Nzimande said the investigation of journalists' private lives through "illegal means", as the ANC Youth League was alleged to have done, would amount to a "corrupt activity".

He said if it were true that the league engaged in such activities, he would join President Jacob Zuma's and Cosatu's condemnation of the activity.

"This is a dangerous activity that has the potential to take us back to a period where state institutions were being abused to pursue narrow political agendas. We would strongly oppose this," Nzimande said.

The youth league has been unapologetic in its "campaign" to probe the private lives of journalists who wrote stories critical of the league.

Journalists have complained to the ANC and the South African National Editors' Forum that they are being threatened by the league.

Fine Words Indeed

KWAZULU-NATAL Premier Zweli Mkhize last week urged citizens to hold corrupt public servants accountable by insisting on the right of access to official records from government and private bodies.

In a speech delivered on his behalf to the KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Information Officers forum in Durban, the premier said his office was encouraging administrators to provide citizens with access to information so that they were not forced to go to court to enforce this right.

Fine words indeed, although The Mercury's own experience suggests that many in the KwaZulu-Natal government do not necessarily practise what the premier preaches.

For months our Pietermaritzburg bureau battled to get information we were legally entitled to, namely access to the public portion of the register of executive members' interests lodged in the premier's office.

It sets out the financial disclosures and business interests of MECs.

Acting director-general Roger Govender was approached last year and gave our reporter a merry run-around. Among Govender's many spurious reasons during the three-month delay in co-operating, was that permission needed to be granted by the individual MECs concerned.

Govender also insisted that the reporter explain why he should be given access to the register and insisted that written questions be furnished.

Finally we were told that the matter would be discussed at a cabinet meeting before a decision was made to grant us access.

All of this, despite the fact that the executive code, based on the Executive Members Ethics Act of 1998, makes it clear that "any person has access to the public part of a register during office hours of the secretary concerned".

So when Mkhize proclaims that the constitution and the Promotion of Access to Information Act were crafted deliberately to ensure that citizens in our new democracy will be safe from corruption and secrecy, we expect his officials to stop filibustering and to act.

We hope, too, now that the premier has apparently seen the light, that he and his MECs will finally release those reports they have been loath to make public thus far.

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ANC spokesman has more he needs to apologise for

ANC SPOKESMAN Jackson Mthembu has been lauded by most of the South African print media for immediately apologising to South Africa, after pleading guilty to drunk driving.

All credit to him because such apologies do not come so readily and mostly not at all, from other convicted ANC leaders. The 30 ANC "travelgate" thieves who stole taxpayers' money is just one example.

Disturbingly, however, what seems to have been swept under the carpet is the allegation that an ANC heavy tried to interfere with his initial arrest, and that the police at Mowbray station refused to initially process the charge against him.

Apparently because they feared political repercussions by the ANC.

These allegations surely must be investigated.

While expressing remorse outside the court, Mthembu said he was thankful that fortunately no one lost their lives during his drunken drive.

It is a pity that he did not take the opportunity to also apologise for singing and defending Malema's persistent singing of the ignominious song of violence Dubula Ibhunu (Kill the Boer) to a journalist, while still apparently drunk in jail.

It is doubtful he ever will.

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A recipe for agricultural disaster

WHAT is it with the ANC that they are giving pristine agricultural land to people who don't know how to farm?

Surely a recipe for disaster.

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Welcome to hell on Earth

Durban's hostels represent a complex set of problems, writes Gugu Mbonambi. But can the city create more comfortable environments for hostel dwellers without saddling ratepayers with a crippling bill?

MOST of Durban's hostels – home to thousands of migrant workers from around the country – have deteriorated into filthy, unhygienic hovels overrun with maggots and rats.

The residents living there blame the situation on the city's irregular maintenance of basic facilities, but the city argues that problems are because of the deep-seated culture of vandalism among hostel residents who refuse to take responsibility for the hostels.

A recent housing committee report revealed that only 6 percent of all hostel dwellers paid their monthly rentals, which ranged between R45 and R500.

The deadlock has led to hostel dwellers refusing to pay their rent, resulting in a R172 million deficit in this year's city budget. Opposition parties, however, believe the hostel deficit is well over R250m.

In addition, from July last year to January this year, the hostels run by the city – KwaMakhutha, Dalton, Jacobs, Thokoza, SJ Smith, Glebelands, Umlazi T section, Kwa-Mashu, Klaarwater, KwaDabeka and Strollers – collectively owed just over R83.8m in unpaid electricity and water bills.

Unless the city implements urgent cost-saving measures at hostels, it will continue to lose about R5m a month, and that could mean this year's projected rates increase of 7.9 percent will increase by a further 4 percent, city treasurer Krish Kumar has warned.

But hostel dwellers have joined forces to form the *Ubunye Bama-hostela* (hostel residents unite) committee, saying the conditions they live under are unacceptable and that unless the city meets their commitments to clean up the hostels, they will not pay for services or their rent.

For the hostel dwellers, living with small stained mattresses which are crawling with bedbugs, toilets soiled with raw faeces, leaking water pipes and maggot-infested rubbish piling up outside

their doors, is an everyday reality.

Many of the mattresses have not been changed for more than 20 years, say some of the residents who have lived there for years. Residents are not allowed to bring in their own mattresses.

Mthembiseni Thusi, 45, of Nkandla, who has lived at the Dalton hostel since 1984, said: "Although we lived here during the apartheid era when there was violence, the conditions at the hostels were good and there was regular maintenance. But soon after democracy the situation changed drastically.

"Pipes would burst and ablution facilities were in need of repair, but nobody would come to fix them.

"Maggot- and rat-infested refuse bins are piling up. We complained about this and other maintenance issues, but no action was taken. In 2007 we were given notices that our rent would increase by 100 percent, which is when we came together as

Welcome to hell on Earth

Durban's hostels represent a complex set of problems, writes Gugu Mbonambi. But can the city create more comfortable environments for hostel dwellers without saddling ratepayers with a crippling bill?

Two weeks ago Kumar told members of the community residential units (hostels) working group and the housing committee that delays in implementing cost-saving strategies meant the city was losing R5m a month.

"The deficit problem at the hostels is not our fault; it is what we have inherited from the provincial government. Trying to get hostel residents to sign lease agreements is a nightmare and the actual payments are really pathetic," he said.

A councillor said in apartheid days, hostels were seen as war zones. "Men treated them as nothing but hideouts. You would go to a toilet and see that it has not been flushed for days and you wonder how am I going to sit and use that toilet. People don't value or see hostels as a home, so they treat them like shacks, if not worse.

"Men at the hostels have a culture of bringing in different women every day... there are

no family values or a sense of responsibility. They get free water and electricity, therefore somebody else must foot the bill. That is not right," he said.

He said the municipality had designed family units so that hostel dwellers could at least live in the city with their families. But hostel dwellers said this was not the case because while there were three bedrooms in each family unit, two families shared one room.

"There is no privacy if you want your wife to visit you – you have to first ask your roommate to find alternative accommodation – but they call it a family unit," said Thusi.

Kumar stressed that immediate steps needed to be taken by the council to reduce the deficit, especially because the province was not providing additional funding.

According to a report presented to the housing committee, about R23.1m has been set aside in the 2010/11 budget for repairs and maintenance at the hostels. But because of the culture of destruction and vandalism, no sooner are the facilities upgraded than they are damaged again. The problem is exacerbated by the lack of access control measures which means there are many illegal occupants.

Earlier this year hundreds of frustrated hostel residents took to the streets, protesting against the lack of maintenance and the city's 100 percent annual rent increase.

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- Disconnect all geysers.
- Replace all ageing water pipes to curtail water leakages.
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- Improve debt recovery procedures by restricting access so as to exclude non-payers.

Welcome to hell on Earth

Durban's hostels represent a complex set of problems, writes Gugu Mbonambi. But can the city create more comfortable environments for hostel dwellers without saddling ratepayers with a crippling bill?



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"Most of the water is lost through burst pipes. But since the city does not seem too keen to fix these problems why should we be forced to pay for water that is being

sucked by the ground?" asked Thusi.

Bongani Mhlali, of Lusikisiki, a resident at the SJ Smith (Wema) hostel, said the conditions were disgraceful.

"Males and females are forced to use the same bathroom facilities. There are no doors in the bathrooms and absolutely no privacy. There is a tremendous amount of water being lost due to leakages and damaged plumbing, coupled with lack of maintenance. Although these issues are reported to the municipality day and night, nothing is done," he said.

Mhlali said four new blocks were completed last year to accommodate residents of Block F, which was on the verge of collapsing and had incurred the wrath of hostel dwellers.

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ratepayers and councillors in the municipality.

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THUSI

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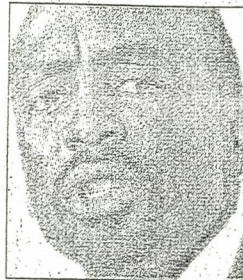
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Msunduzi's collapse is a blueprint of the majority of our municipalities

I FOUND the column on the demise of the Msunduzi municipality "Limp ANC political leaders let political star burn out" (The Mercury, March 25) most interesting and enlightening.

Writer Sipho Khumalo has

laid the collapse of this once prosperous municipality squarely at the feet of the ANC government, saying that "the fall of Pietermaritzburg from a financially viable, well-run municipality to the disaster that it is today has become an

embarrassment to the ANC".

A Pietermaritzburg-based local government expert stated that "The regional leadership (ANC) is part of the problem as they failed to intervene four years ago when there were signs that the wheels would

come off". Is this not a blueprint of the majority of municipalities (outside of the Western Cape) that are under the control of the ANC?

All over the country we are experiencing riots due to lack of service delivery.

Municipalities that were once upon a time financially sound are now bankrupt due to incompetence and the sheer inability of ANC-deployed cadres to administer them properly.

The warning lights went on

in Msunduzi four years ago – they have been on for the past four years throughout the country, what is the ANC going to do about it?

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COLIN BURGER

Millions plundered at municipality

BRONWYN GERRETSEN

ABOUT R5 million in overdrafts acquired by the beleaguered Umhlabuyalingana Municipality (Kosi Bay) since 2008 were illegitimately obtained, its administrator, Bamba Ndwandwe, said in a report.

The report also revealed that last year the municipal management "misappropriated conditional grants of about R7.6m, involving fraudulently awarded tenders, forged signatures and inflated claims". Another report, released this month at meetings of the council and the National Council of Provinces, showed that forged signatures were used to obtain millions of rands in overdrafts.

An investigation into the municipality's finances was commissioned last year by Local Government MEC Nomusa Dube, after allegations of financial irregularities raised by former MEC Mike Mabuyakhulu last April were not addressed by the council.



NDWANDWE

The KZN government appointed Ndwandwe as administrator to take over management of the municipality while municipal manager Eric Mankole and the chief financial officer, Mthandeni Zungu, were sus-

pended in November.

Ndwandwe's most recent report said there had been various copies of applications for overdrafts. He cited, as two examples, an instance involving the forging of the mayor's signature for various overdraft applications and another involving the forging of council/exco resolutions purporting to have been made in support of an overdraft application.

The report also said it was "strange" that the municipal manager had succeeded in getting the bank to approve short-term loans on "patently adequate supporting documents".

The report added that it was "obvious... this was not just a lack of financial control, but a deliberate strategy to create misleading overlaps... This municipality became technically insolvent as far back as 2006. It is notable that the worst times were during the term of the presently sitting councillors."

All overdrafts have now been paid off. Ndwandwe suggested that the bank be requested to furnish the municipality with the total costs of all illegitimately obtained overdrafts, and recover them from the municipal manager.

TO what do you attribute the rise of President Jacob Zuma?

I see the rise of the Zuma-led ANC as a reaction to the grievances that a range of strata and classes had against (former president) Thabo Mbeki.

This coalesced with the longing of ordinary people for a better life. The SACP and Cosatu leadership projected Zuma as a left leaning individual capable of providing a transformatory vision.

His record belies this, among other things, because he and Mbeki, then in leadership, both resigned from the SACP in 1990.

There were very few differences between Mbeki and Zuma until 2005. Zuma never objected to any of the policies Mbeki initiated.

Part of Zuma's popularity can arguably be linked to projecting himself as all things to all people. Has this proved sustainable?

The immediate backing of Zuma was not a cohesive grouping. Their aspirations clashed, insofar as Zuma cannot access sufficient patronage to satisfy all.

He also needs much for his own lifestyle. There are only so many jobs in government and on policy there was an inherent potential clash between the union base and capital.

The SACP's (Blade) Nzimande could follow Zuma and project him as what he is not without being held accountable to powerful forces. (Cosatu's Zwelinzima) Vavi has known his own followers require substantial transformation.

When big capital appeared to welcome Zuma, they did so with a proviso - that he should not be reckless.

Zuma has to choose between workers and capital, but he leaves the state on autopilot. He makes empty promises of 600 000 jobs and those provided are short-term, reinforcing the capital-intensive economy.

The job losses in the same period are over one million.

While the macro-economic policies are conservative, there may be a systemic crisis because of ANC and government-tolerated irregularities and apparent corruption. There is a constant evocation of violence and militarism. When law and order and the Constitution are under threat that is more than a party political matter. That Zuma himself is evasive and has not faced the fraud allegations against him does not evoke confidence.

What do you mean by the Zuma project and where does that project stand today?

Zuma was meant to be the glue holding together contending forces and ambitions. There was no ideo-

logical content. It was about personality: Zuma versus Mbeki.

His own abuses have made the glue dissolve. The ship of state is half sinking, half sailing.

There was considerable dedication in avoiding the fraud charges being heard: judicially, ambiguity

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about declaring interests and opposition to lifestyle audits, which, if anything, need to be broader.

He has also been quick to accept explanations of apparently ill-gotten gains of (ANC Youth League leader Julius) Malema.

Malema's initiation of the chant

"kill for Zuma" surrounding suppressing Zuma's charges is a powerful evocation of the acquiescence of ANC leadership in war talk.

The revelations of his tenders confirm the apparent corruption of the project.

What effect have Zuma's sexual

escapades had on the Zuma project?

Zuma's rise was immediately sexist and homophobic. His conduct in the rape trial was extremely insensitive, singing "bring me my machine gun".

He also reminisced on his youthful gay bashing, (for making personal inclinations public, he duly apologised).

He has formed alliances with the "traditional" chiefs and the National Interfaith Leadership Council under Rhema Church's (Ray) McCauley, sidelining the long-time anti-apartheid ally, the South African Council of Churches.

The chiefs are promised powers at a local level that will undermine the democratic character of the post-1994 order.

They are also the first patriarchs of this continent and oppose gender equality and are now part of initiating virginity tests.

Both the NILC and chiefs are homophobic in a situation where there is an epidemic of murders of African lesbians, and without adequate support systems for others who are not murdered but victimised, for example through "rape as conversion".

Zuma himself is upbraided for polygamy or impregnating women. But how many other women have been part of his nightlife, making him the envy of other serial adulterers in leadership?

His "conquests" are not because Zuma is sexually irresistible, but an extreme patriarchalism, combining power and wealth (presumably from similar sources to those mentioned in the Schabir Shaik trial).

How does SA go forward?

Zuma may go, but no one can hold things together. I do not believe that the ANC will be voted out of power in the short run.

Cope emerged from within the ANC but did not present a clear alternative. My sense is that a broad, popular, democratic, transformative, pluralist, gender and sexualities-friendly, emancipatory platform needs to be advanced.

Neither a purely left project, nor one excluding individual ANC members. I have put forward elements of these ideas, but they need further thinking. The vision needs to be taken forward by those who need and believe in a "better life", equality, dignity and justice for all.

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'If I am sent to
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Ido Lekota

ANC Youth League leader Julius Malema says he would rather go to jail than stop singing liberation songs like *Dubul' ibhunu* (kill the Boer).

"Apartheid took us to prison for singing these songs. If I am to be sent to jail under the new democratic order for singing them - then so be it," a defiant Malema said yesterday.

On Friday the Johannesburg high court had ruled that the singing of *Dubul' ibhunu* was unconstitutional and unlawful.

In his ruling Judge Leon Hlanguye said any person found singing the song could face charges of incitement to murder.

The ruling follows Malema's recent singing of the song while addressing students at the University of Johannesburg.

Malema said the song was not about killing "any individuals but about fighting the system of apartheid - which still persists even after the 1994 democratic elections".

He accused the court of continuing to represent the interest of the ruling class.

The application to the high court was brought by Willem Harmse, who insinuated that Malema's singing of the song in public had increased farm murders.

The Freedom Front Plus has also laid a charge of incitement in the Equality Court against Malema for singing the song. Malema is challenging the charge.

Yesterday Malema also dismissed the ultimatum given by the Pan African Youth Congress (Payco) that he should apologise by today or end up in the mortuary.

"Payco and its mother body (the PAC) are dead organisations. I do not apologise to ghosts," Malema said.

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DEFIANT: ANC Youth League leader Julius Malema has vowed not to apologise for his utterances.

Payco's ultimatum came after Malema had accused the PAC of hijacking the March 21 1960 anti-pass campaign. Malema accused PAC leader Robert Sobukwe, who led the march in which 60 people were mowed down by apartheid security forces, of acting irresponsibly by lead-

ing so many people to their death.

The ANC had planned to have its protest march on March 31 - but the PAC - whose leaders had broken away from the ANC had organised their campaign on March 21.

PAC president Letlapa Mphahlele said yesterday: "We understand the

frustrations of the youth wing. They are dealing with someone who rubbishes everyone."

He said the PAC did not have a policy to kill anyone they disagreed with.

Azapo general secretary Strike Thokoane said Malema had gone "crazy and needs to apologise".

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He's the voice of capitalists – Numsa

Zukile Majova

THE National Union of Metalworkers of SA has attacked ANC Youth League leader Julius Malema, accusing him of being "the voice of capitalists".

Numsa president Cedric Gina yesterday criticised Malema for opposing the call that there should be an

audit in the lifestyle of public officials who have inexplicably accumulated wealth.

The union believes Malema's position protects "capitalists".

Addressing delegates at a Numsa bargaining council meeting in Johannesburg, Gina also lashed out at the Black Manage-

ment Forum for suggesting the lifestyle audits that appear to be targeting only African business people and politicians were racist.

"There is nothing racist about lifestyle audits. And this thing of using race to defend things must stop in our country.

"As far as BMF is concerned, they started with

(former Eskom CEO) Jacob Maroga whom they just defended without studying whether he was implementing issues of transformation," said Gina.

"They went to the media and said it (Maroga's dismissal) was racist, just because their boss, the president of the ANCYL was saying that.

"Once again the president of the ANCYL is opposed to the lifestyle audits and we find the deputy president of BMF saying this is racist."

Gina added that the union would campaign for lifestyle audits to be done against people who had become wealthy without proof of how they had earned their wealth.

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Corruption in SA 'at point of no return'

Damning stats revealed at SACP seminar

CARIEN DU PLESSIS

SOUTH Africa is reaching the point of no return as corruption becomes so endemic and acceptable that it is almost impossible to fight.

In 2004, about R40 billion changed hands during corrupt transactions and this was "growing all the time", retired judge Willem Heath told an SACP anti-corruption seminar.

Ivor Sarakinsky, from the School of Public Development Management at the University of the Witwatersrand, added that the tender system was a "big issue" when it came to corruption.

"Bold steps are needed," he said. "We need to reappraise state procurement processes."

Sarakinsky said corruption was getting so endemic that it would soon reach the point of no return.

"Once you reach that point, it is difficult to turn back the tide," Sarakinsky said.

Heath has also warned that "conflict of interest in government circles" was widespread, citing recent statistics from the auditor-general's office which found that six out of 10 state employees had business interests on the side that clashed with their jobs.

He said corruption was so acceptable that South Africans often bragged about bribing a traffic officer or cheating the SA Revenue Service.

Sarakinsky added that it was very easy for public servants to recuse themselves from tender committees, but still exercise influence over the final outcome.

Higher Education Minister Blade Nzimande, the SACP general secretary, said that

"alternatives" to tenders, without the involvement of "middle men", should be explored.

"Not every government service must be converted into a tender," Nzimande said.

Heath said: "In Botswana, the fight against corruption is more successful because the culture is different. Politicians treat corruption as a crime and they are all fighting it."

He added that rich, greedy people with more access to money, tended to be more corrupt.

Most money made from corrupt practices did not stay in the country, but was instead deposited into foreign bank accounts.

Meanwhile, Nzimande also said the investigation of journalists' private lives through "illegal means", as the ANC Youth League was alleged to have done, would amount to a "corrupt activity".

He said if it were true that the league engaged in such activities, he would join President Jacob Zuma and Cosatu's condemnation of the activity as it could "spread like a cancer throughout all of society". People other than journalists could also be targeted.

"This is a dangerous activity that has the potential to take us back to a period where state institutions were being abused to pursue narrow political agendas. We would strongly oppose this, just as we opposed it in the past.

"We have to raise the red card against this," Nzimande said.

The youth league has been unapologetic in its "campaign" to probe the private lives of journalists who wrote stories critical of the organisation.

A drunk others in the power elite could learn from

THE ANC's national spokesman, Jackson Mthembu, became an instant hero of sorts yesterday when he pleaded guilty to drunken driving.

Speaking to journalists after paying a R12 000 admission-of-guilt fine and another R500 for driving in a bus lane, Mthembu apologised to his family, to the ANC and to "all South Africans".

He was three times over the legal blood-alcohol limit when he was stopped in Cape Town earlier this month.

"What inspired the guilty plea was that I had done something that was wrong," said Mthembu.

"It was a stupid mistake; it was poor judgment on my part. Fortunately, no one lost his life through my poor judgment."

Scores of people sent the 51-year-old ruling party spin doctor congratulatory messages after his plea and public apology.

"Well done, Mr Mthembu, for facing the consequences of your actions like a man," a reader wrote on *The Times*' website.

Owning up when you have broken the law is hardly heroic — it is simply doing the right thing.

But the sad truth is that, of late, desperately few of our public officials have come clean when they have done something wrong, even when the offence was relatively minor.

Witness the protracted drunk-driving trial of Judge Nkola Motata — which ended in a guilty conviction more than two years after the event, during which time the judge ran up huge legal bills and suffered considerable humiliation.

Undeterred, he has decided to appeal his conviction, which is his right.

So when a politician like Mthembu comes clean, holds up his hands and apologises, is it any surprise that he is given near-hero status by the long-suffering public?

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Huge shake-up for state firms

BRENDAN BOYLE

PRESIDENT Jacob Zuma plans a big review of state-owned enterprises in parallel with another being undertaken by two of his ministers.

"The two processes are complementary and will culminate in a single synthesised report for consideration and decision-making by the Cabinet," he said while taking MPs questions in Parliament yesterday.

Zuma defended the ANC's policy of cadre deployment, but insisted that the party did not place only ANC members in important positions.

He said the intention was always to put capable people into the big jobs in state companies.

"We need to employ people of merit, but this business that we must not have ANC people working as if it is a rule of democracy is actually false. If ANC people are able to indicate merit they should be employed as well," he said.

State-owned enterprises had, until 1994, been run by an exclusive group for their own benefit, he said. "The ANC found these enterprises there — not rosy. They had been run in the past very exclusively by a very particular set of people. We are doing the review to deal with the problem that we found there, which has been very difficult to resolve."

Zuma said he wanted an objective

analysis of the role and effects of the big state corporations, which include Eskom, Transnet and Denel, not just a single subjective government report.

He said the internal review by Barbara Hogan, the minister of public enterprises, and Pravin Gordhan, the minister of finance, would investigate:

- Strengthening the developmental role of state-owned enterprises;
- Co-ordination of expansion to ensure that the enterprises can meet demand as it builds;
- Ensuring that regulation by institutions such as the National Energy Regulator were transparent and effective;
- Using the enterprises' requirements for goods and services to build local industry; and
- Using them to develop skills.

Zuma said he was still developing the terms of reference for the external review, but they would include a review of governance and planning, and of the role of state-owned enterprises in supporting the government's development objectives.

"The two streams of work will be overseen by the presidency. Once completed, the work will be submitted to the presidency for synthesis into a final report that will [be used by] the Cabinet before its recommendations are adopted and implemented as government policy," he said.

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Zuma seeks 'cultural respect'

BRENDAN BOYLE

PRESIDENT Jacob Zuma has made a passionate plea for respect to be shown for cultural beliefs, saying cultural superiority could "injure the soul".

Answering questions in Parliament, Zuma said something considered acceptable in one culture might be regarded as corruption or criminal by a person from another.

"Let us utilise democracy and free debate to address those issues so we do not injure other people's souls without realising because I believe that what I believe is superior, is everything — what you believe in, I believe is nonsense," he said.

Zuma cited his cultural beliefs in his successful defence against a charge of raping the daughter of a family friend in 2006.

Charges of corruption relating to his relationship

with his convicted former financial adviser, Schabir Shaik, were dropped in April last year.

More recently, Zuma faced public condemnation for fathering his 20th child with the daughter of another friend, for taking a third wife after becoming president and for delaying a report to Parliament on gifts he and his family have received.

DA MP Lindiwe Mazibuko asked: "Has the president in fact only made this call for a national debate on morality as a direct consequence of negative public reaction to certain revelations about his personal life?"

"No, the fact that I say there must be debate is not influenced by any publicity," said Zuma, who went on to appeal for more respect for his beliefs.

"The problem is that there are South Africans who give themselves authority, and a right to judge others and rubbish other people's practices and beliefs ... because they hold certain beliefs [themselves]. That's the problem," Zuma said.

"South Africans should know that what they are saying sometimes about other cultures, it injures those people who are practising that and they have got nowhere to go."

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PRESIDENT Jacob Zuma refused in Parliament yesterday to consider an investigation into ANC Youth League leader Julius Malema's tender successes in Limpopo and defended his right to do business with the government.

Zuma also refused to rule out a pardon for his former financial adviser, convicted fraudster Schabir Shaik.

President defends Malema to MPs

Answering questions in Parliament, Zuma said anyone with evidence of wrongdoing by Malema — alleged to have abused his political influence to secure tenders worth about R140-million — should take it to the police.

Zuma said his government was committed to rooting out corruption and tender fraud, but he

warned that reforming zeal should not be to the detriment of legitimate businessmen.

"Where there are shortcomings, we take steps to address them. We should be cautious, however, that our efforts to strengthen these provisions do not inadvertently undermine the rights of any citizen to engage in legitimate

business activity, including with the state," he said.

"Certainly, I will act where there is corruption, but I will act with regard to the information that is before me."

Zuma said he had not been briefed on the deals Malema is alleged to have arranged and insisted that he should not be

expected to respond to newspaper reports, which might be slanted.

Zuma said he was confident that the Limpopo government would act if it were true that a bridge built by Malema's company collapsed as a result of shoddy work.

On Shaik, Zuma said: "Let the [application for a pardon] come before the president and the president will exercise his power according to the constitution, not according to who the person is."

'I was stupid — imagine if I'd killed someone'

**PHILANI NOMBEMBE and
DOMINIC MAHLANGU**

HEAVILY hung-over ANC spin doctor Jackson Mthembu was driving from a party to meet SA Communist Party heavyweights when he was arrested for drunk driving in Cape Town, earlier this month.

Mthembu yesterday pleaded guilty to charges of driving under the influence and driving in a lane reserved for buses and minibus taxis, and then apologised to the nation outside the Wynberg Magistrate's Court.

In an interview with *The Times* afterwards, Mthembu apologised profusely for his behaviour.

"I was stupid. I have made a big mistake. I am deeply sorry for what I have done. I have offended the ANC, my family and friends and the country in general," he said.

"People expected certain behaviour from me and from the position I hold in the ANC.

"I have let everyone down. My behaviour was not in keeping with those expectations.

"I have erred in the eyes of the ANC. I would not like this to repeat itself. I have learned my lesson. I am going to make amends so that I don't repeat the same mistake."

Mthembu said he owned up to his crime and pleaded guilty "so that my experience becomes a lesson not only to me, but to the general public.

"I appeal to my friends and the public not to drink and drive, especially as we prepare ourselves for the Easter holidays. They should not drive while over the drinking limit," he said.

"I can imagine if I had caused an accident or killed someone because of my behaviour. I've done a stupid thing and I've learnt my lesson."

On March 10, Mthembu was meeting the ANC national working committee in Parliament to pre-

pare for his SACP meeting the following day.

"When I got to my hotel room friends called me from Somerset West and said there was a party there. I went to Somerset West and, of course, one thing led to another," he said.

"I did have some good sleep there. Obviously, when I woke up, I wasn't drunk but I had a very big head, a hang-over. Then I had to drive to town for the meeting with the SACP," he said.

Mthembu said he was unaccustomed to the roads on the 45km journey to Cape Town from Somerset West. The early morning traffic was heavy and he decided to use the bus lane on the N2.

"My problem is I didn't know you can't drive in the bus lane. I always use it. I wasn't even aware. I don't stay in Cape Town. That was a genuine mistake, but ignorance of the law is no defence at all.

"I was surprised as to why people were leaving the lane and all concentrating on the terrible, congested part."

Yesterday afternoon he took to the stand in the Wynberg Magistrate's Court, where prosecutors agreed he would be fined R12 000, R6 000 of which will be suspended for five years.

He was fined a further R500 for driving in the bus lane. Outside court he said he had apologised to his party and to President Jacob Zuma.

"I promise South Africa, I promise my organisation, I also promise my family that I will not hurt them again like I did. I will make amends," he said.

The ANC has accepted his apology and DA leader, Helen Zille, welcomed his guilty plea, saying: "It makes a welcome change from previous attempts to manipulate the criminal justice system to escape conviction. At least he is taking responsibility for his actions."

**I've done a
stupid thing
and learned'**

Baijoo to steer clear of interest conflicts

SANELISIWE SHAMASE

NEWLY appointed Msunduzi council speaker Babu Baijoo has taken one month's leave from two of his most responsible positions in order to focus on his latest political occupation.

For the next four weeks, Baijoo will relinquish not only his position as the president of the South African Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SACCI), but also his management post at Capital Media, where he oversees several publications.

This is so he can reassess whether his position as speaker may potentially be a source of conflict with these interests.

"The ANC had specific duties for me as council speaker and I have less than a year (to perform them before the upcoming local government elections). Because of potential conflict, I have taken leave," he said.

In the meantime, the deputy president of SACCI, Chose Choeu, will act as president for the next month, said Baijoo.

Baijoo said that although he has stepped aside from these two positions, he will still continue serving on the boards of the Pietermaritzburg Chamber of Business (PCB), FET and the Natal Museum as they are merely advisory — not leadership — posts that do not come with a salary. He said he is able to juggle responsibilities while still a part-time councillor but that this may change.

"I was told there would be no conflict between the chamber movement and government, but I need it in writing so that I don't put myself, the ANC and council credibility at risk," said Baijoo.

DA caucus leader Bill Lambert said Baijoo's decision is a step in the right direction.

"Avoiding conflict shows dedication to the position. It gives one a certain confidence and hope that this ship that is Msunduzi is beginning to steady.

"With councillor Baijoo's vast experience in the business arena ... he will use his ability to act as an impartial speaker and that, of course, is to be welcomed by us all," he said.

IFP caucus leader Dolo Zondi said his party supports Baijoo because he is mature, experienced and very knowledgeable.

Health MEC orders rape suspect's dismissal

CHRIS NDALISO

THE MEC for Health, Dr Sibongiseni Dlomo, has sent an instruction that the employee who raped a 15-year-old girl be dismissed immediately.

The 40-year-old clerk is alleged to have lured the girl into the records room of the Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Hospital in Phoenix, Durban, and raped her.

The girl accompanied a friend who went to the hospital for medical attention on Sunday morning.

On the same day, Dlomo said in a statement that regardless of who the man is, he is happy that the police acted swiftly and that the law should take its course.

The child received counselling and the department provided her with prophylaxis to prevent her from getting infections, including HIV.

A team from the department visited her home to reassure her parents that such acts are deplored by the department.

Dlomo said the government abhors such callous acts against women and children.

"Sexual violence has a profound impact on the physical, mental and social well-being of victims, especially if the victim is a minor. We are supposed to provide services to survivors of abuse, not to be abusers," said Dhlomo yesterday.

Police spokesman Captain Thulani Zwane said that after the ordeal the girl told cleaners whom she met in the corridor of what had happened.

The police were called and the man was arrested.

He was to appear at the Verulam Magistrate's Court yesterday, but the case was postponed to today because of a busy court schedule.

The Democratic Alliance blamed the incident on inadequate security measures, a lack of management staff on duty at night and an MEC who is dragging his heels. DA MPL George Mari said increased security within the hospital is needed.

Lazy teachers 'corrupt'

PRETORIA — Low-level corruption has a more direct effect on South Africans than "politically sexy cases", Deputy Minister of Justice Andries Nel said yesterday.

"There is a strong case to be made out in looking seriously into the concept of 'quiet corruption'," Nel said at the Public Protector's national stakeholder meeting in Pretoria.

He was responding to questions about why the Public Protector does not use high-profile cases to make an example of those caught in corrupt acts.

While Nel acknowledged that the rooting out of high-profile corruption is necessary, he said low-level corruption has a greater impact on South Africans.

"Let us not make a fetish of high-profile cases."

The most profound effect on South Africans is made by teachers who teach for only four hours of the six or seven they are supposed to, or nurses who put in only three hours of quality work in an eight-hour shift.

"That is what characterises quiet corruption," said Nel.

"They may not be accepting bribes ... but the fact of the matter is that public money is not going where it was meant to be going and doing what it should be doing.

"It is those who are there, on the state payroll, receiving money ... yet citizens don't get the benefit of those resources."

Meanwhile, at a seminar on corruption organised by the SA Communist Party yesterday, secretary-general Blade Nzimande, the Higher Education Minister, said corruption is theft from the poor.

"It [corruption] undermines our efforts as a country to build a better life for all by diverting the country's resources away from the workers and the poor to that pocket of [a] small elite," he said.

He said that his department is paying particular attention to fighting corruption in institutions of higher learning because some rich people are bribing student leaders to campaign for them.

"For instance, it has come to our attention that some of the legitimate struggles of students against the lack of adequate accommodation are being hijacked by some owners of large apartments who bribe student leaders to campaign for renting of a particular student accommodation as opposed to the other."

He said young people are susceptible to bribery because they

are poor.

"They are the most affected by unemployment, and figures show that, for instance, of the 6,8 million 18-to-24-year-olds in our country, about 2,8 million of them are neither in an education institution, employment nor training."

These, he said, are reasons to target youth in an anti-corruption campaign.

Nzimande said the media miss the point in reporting about lifestyle audits.

"This is one of the reasons, for instance, why an honest call by Cde [Zwelinzima] Vavi and Cosatu for lifestyle audits has been opportunistically appropriated by a sensationalist media, who have turned this into beauty contest, such that it could seriously undermine efforts to fight the scourge of corruption and the exposing of tenderpreneurs."

He said systems within the government, including the SA Revenue Service, needed to be strengthened to expose and crack down on corruption and unexplained wealth amongst public representatives.

"This cannot be left to the whims of the media who create heroes and villains in order to sell newspapers."

He also criticised an investigation into journalists' private lives, saying it would amount to an act of corruption.

"This is in itself ... a corrupt activity, that can spread like cancer throughout all of society, beyond just targeting journalists."

"This is a dangerous activity that has the potential to take us back to a period where state institutions were being abused to pursue narrow political agendas ..."

He was referring to an investigation into journalists spearheaded by the ANC Youth League.

He said the existence of opportunities for the private accumulation of wealth, instead of societal accumulation of wealth to be shared among all, creates opportunities for corruption.

He added that there is a need to explore alternative means to tenders, where feasible.

"Not every government service must be converted into a tender. For instance, there are many government services that can be given to communities directly, non-profit organisations and co-operatives to run, without the involvement of middle men through tenders," Vavi said.

— Sapa.

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Intatheli yeSolezwe

'Ngiyisoka mina, izintombi ziyazizela'

CELANI SIKHAKHANE

'MINA ngiyisoka futhi ngiyigcokama. Izintombi zingiqoma ngingakashongo lutho. Ayikho intombazane esengike ngayithwala noma ngayiphoka ukuba ingigane ngenkani, izintombi zizizela zona lapha kimi."

Lawa ngamazwi ashiwo yinkosi yesizwe saseNhlanguwini, uMntwana uMelizwe Dlamini, ephawula mayelana nodaba lokuthi wathuma ithimba lezinduna zakhe ukuba liyothwala intombi yakwaMsane eJolivet.

Izolo ubize isithangami sabezindaba esigodlweni sakhe ekuJuleni, eThekwini, lapho efike waveza khona ukuthi wabona uNksz Monica Msane (24) ngesikhathi egcagcelwa nguNdlunkulu wakhe ngonyaka odlule "wachazeka".

Uthe wabe eselandela yonke imigudu efanele njengokuthuma izinduna zakhe ukuyoxoxisana noMonica ngenhloso yokuthi abe ngomunye wondlunkulu.

Uzwakalise ukushaqeka ngemibiko yokuthi wayezama ukuyithwala le ntokazi evele inesoka layo eselike lavela kubo.

"Ngishaqekile sengithola imibiko yokuthi bengizama ukuthwala intombi yakwaMsane. Okokuqala ngaxhumana nenkosi yendawo ukuba ingikhulumele nomndeni wakwaMsane ngodaba lwami nendodakazi yabo, hhayi lokhu osekushiwo ukuthi ngenza okuphambene," kuchaza uMntwana.

Okufike kwahlala obala ngukuthi ngesikhathi egeqebula ngalolu daba akazange achaze ukuthi kungani kugcine sekungenelela amaphoyisa.

Uthe selokhu kuphume lo mbiko ku-Solezwe ngeSonto isizwe saseNhlanguwini siyaveva yintukuthelo nokwenza lo mndeni wakwaMsane awubone usengozini.

Uqhube wathi ngenxa yolaka olukhonjiswa ngabantu besizwe sakhe usethathe isinqumo sokuba axoxisane namaphoyisa ukuze aqaphe umndeni wakwaMsane.

"Abantu bayaveva ngalokhu ngoba becasulwa ukudicilelwa phansi kwesithunzi sami njengoba kuthiwa ngithwale indodakazi yakwaMsane, ngakho sengithathe isinqumo sokuba ngixoxisane namaphoyisa ukuba azoqapha umuzi wabo ubusuku nemini," kuchaza uMntwana uMelizwe.

Ukusho lokhu ngemuva kombiko ophume ku-Solezwe ngeSonto obubika mayelana nodaba lwakhe lokuthwala uMonica Msane ukuze azoba nguNdlunkulu wesibili kwesinye sezigodlo zakhe.

Lo mbiko uthe kuze kwalamula



**INKOSI yaseNhlanguwini, uMntwana uMelizwe Dlamini, obeveva ngodaba lokuthi uthwale intombi ngoba efuna ukuba ingane ngenkani. Ubekhuluma aze akhiphe amehlo alinganise kanje ezisho yena ukuthi uyisoka eliqonywa lingakesheli
Izithombe: ENOS MHLONGO**

amaphoyisa ase-Highflats ngesikhathi izithunywa ebezihamba ngezimoto ezimnyama zizothwala uMonica "ngenkani".

Ngendlela abethukuthele ngayo uMntwana uMelizwe ubethethisa ngisho abasebenzi bakhe nabezindaba, kwesinye isikhathi ubeke asukume ashiye isithangami ayophuza amanzi.

Ngisho onogada bakhe ubeke ababhokele ngolaka nokuyinto angavamisile ukuyenza njengoba aziwa ngokuba ngumuntu onesizotha futhi obahloniphayo abantu ngisho esecasuke ngokwedlulele.

Inkosi yase-Jolivet, uLindani Mkhize, nayo izwakalise ukudumala ngokushiwo ngabantu bakwaMsane, yathi kuyethusile lokhu ngoba ibisanda kuxoxisana nomndeni wakhona kodwa akacacisanga ukuthi bagcinephi.

"Ngemuva kokukhuluma nabo ngike ngahamba nobaba wentombazane saya kwaNdabezitha futhi konke kwakuhamba kahle, ngakho ngishaqekile uma sengibona sekugcwele amaphoyisa khona ngoba sekuthiwa azolamulela indodakazi yakhona ethwalwayo," kuphetha uMkhize.

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Akuqanjwe amaculo okubuyisana kuleli

MHLELI: Ngisuswa yimvunge esikhona ezweni nesinqumo senkantolo ngelinye lamaculo omzabalazo.

Ngivumelana nesinqumo senkantolo sokulivala iculo. Asikhumbule bakwethu ukuthi asikwazi ukucula amaculo avusa uhlevane nacwasayo esasiwacula ngesikhathi sisalwela izwe. Sekungesinye isikhathi manje. Izwe lathola

inkululeko ngo-1994, kwavuleka isahluko esisha emlandweni wezwe lethu. Ngo-1996 kwasungulwa iKhomishini yamaQiniso nokuBuyisana ukuze kubuyiswane buphele ubutha nokubhekana ngeziqu zamehlo kulabo ababecindezelwe nakubacindezeli.

Amaculo omzabalazo ayenenhloso enhle kakhulu ngoba ayefaka ugqozi kubo

bonke ababecindezelwe ukuba babe yingxeny yomzabalazo wokubuyisa izwe.

Amaculo futhi ayedlulisa imilayezo emihle eyayivela kubaholi ababesekudingisweni nalabo ababesemajele njengoba kwakunzima ukuxhumana ngaleso sikhathi.

Uma amaculo anohlevane eqhubeka eculwa ezinye izinhlanga zizothi iKhomishini

yamaQiniso kwakungumdlalo ngoba abansundu basagcwele inzondo nempindiselo.

Sinomlando omubi kuleli zwe ngalokho asisawadingi amaculo anjengo 'Dubula iBhunu' ngoba agqugquzela inzondo ahlukana nezakhamizi zaleli.

Hhayi nje kuphela leli culo kuphela kodwa namanye afuze leli akangabe esaculwa kodwa akuqanjwe amaculo

okubuyisana. Cabanga nje ukuthi lithini 'iBhunu' elazalwa ngemuva kuka-1994 uma lizwa lelo culo?

Bakhona osomlando abazosigcinela umlando wakho konke okwenzeka esikhathini esedlule ukuze izizukulwane ezizayo zazi kodwa asingafundisi lezo zizukulwane ngokuziculela amaculo angasenamsebenzi nangasenandawo esikhathini esiphila kuso.

Abaholi abasho izinto ezakhayo ezisa izwe nabantu phambili, bangagqugquzeli inzondo nokwehlukana.

Sidinga ubumbano lwabamnyama bebodwa futhi sidinga zonke izinhlanga ezakhele leli zibumbane kuvunguze uxolo ukuze nomnotho nentuthuko ibe khona.

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Sizomembula izinqe oyiqola: SAUPM

BONISWA MOHALE

INHLANGANO emele abantu abangasebenzi eNingizimu Afrika, iSouth African Unemployed Peoples Movement (SAUPM) ithi izogala umkhankaso ozoveza obala lowo owayengumkhulumeli wayo, uNkk Nozipho Mteshana, ukuthi uyiqola.

Le nhlangano ikhale ngokuthi uNkk Mteshana usebenzisa igama layo ukulwa nohulumeni ekubeni engaboshelwanga imisebenzi ayeyenza kule nhlangano.

UMnuz Lungani Khwela, ongumgqu-ngquzeli kazwelonke kwi-SAUPM, uthe iyabacasula indaba yokuthi uNkk Mteshana athi ufuna izigidi kuhulumeni ngoba wahlukumezeka ngesikhathi eboshelwe ukungena ezitolo nabantu ababezitapela. "UMteshana uyiqola

futhi sithanda ukucacisa emphakathini ukuthi akaboshelwanga imisebenzi yenhlangano kodwa kwavuka amacala akhe amadala okuntshontsha izinkukhu esitolo sokudla nelokuthi kwakungamele abonakale esidlangalaleni emuva kokuba ngumkhulumeli wabagibeli bamabhasi eThekwini," kuchaza uKhwela.

Uthe njengoba uNkk Mteshana esenenhlangano yakhe i-Unemployed People's Movement usaqhubeka nokuqola abantu ngoba waxoshwa kwi-SAUPM.

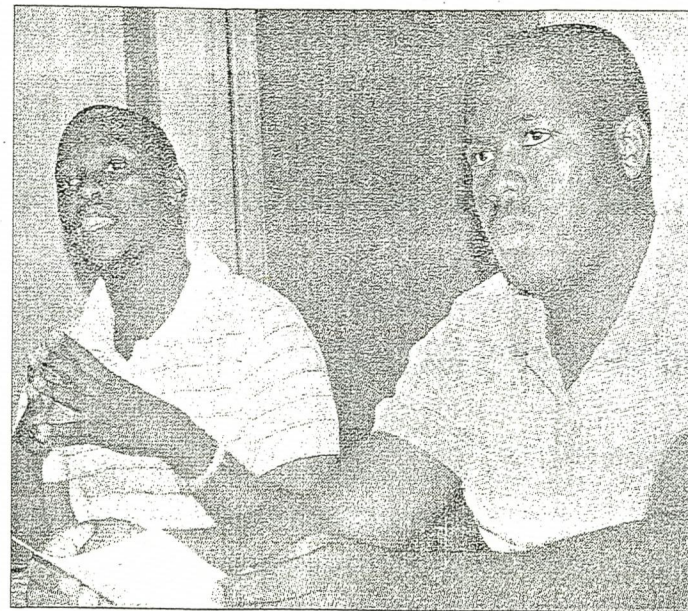
Abe-SAUPM bathe ababugquguzeli ubugebengu kubantu kodwa bafuna ukusebenzisana nohulumeni.

UMnuz Muzi Mkhize, onguNobhala Jikelele we-SAUPM, uthe banezinhlelo



zokusebenzisana nohulumeni. Amalungu abo azobamba iqhaza ngokuba yigxenye yemifelandawoye ezothumela izitshalo eKing Shaka Airport.

"Sisebenzisana nohulumeni wesifundazwe ukuvula amathuba emisebenzi. Abantu bethu sebenemifelandawoye ezothumela imikhiqizo ehlukene emazweni aphesheya uma sekusebenza iKing Shaka Airport. Sibuye sibe yingxenye yohlelo



lokuthuthukiswa kweHluhluwe oluzodala amathuba emisebenzi," kusho uMkhize.

UNkk Nozipho Mteshana ubhoke wakhahlela ngezinsolo ze-SAUPM wathi yena

waboshelwa izinhlelo zale nhlangano futhi laba abathi uyiqola yibona abagebenga abantu.

Uthe akazi ukuthi bahlushwa yini uma efuna imali kuhulumeni ngoba waphuma phambili

AMALUNGU eqembu labangasebenzi, oMnuz Muzi Mkhize (kwesokunxele), uNobhala Jikelele walefi qembu noMnuz Lungani Khwela, ongumgquguzeli kazwelonke abebekhononda ngezenzo zikaNksz Nozipho Mteshana (osesithombeni esincane) abathi azihlangene neqembu labo

isithombe :
MTHOBISI MBANJWA

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Izingxoxo zokuyisa i-Afrika phambili

INTATHELI YESOLEZWE

UMENGAMELI we-ANCYL, uMnuz Julius Malema, uzokuba nomhlangano noMengameli waseZimbabwe uMnuz Robert Mugabe.

Lokhu kuvezwe isitatimende esithunyelwe yi-ANCYL njengoba uMalema ezobe eholo ithimba le-ANC elilibangise kuleliya zwe ukuyobamba imihlangano nombutho wentsha weqembu elibusayo, iZanu-PF.

Inhloso yalo mhlango, ngokusho kwe-ANCYL,

wukuyiqinisa amaxhama okuxhumana kanye nokubheka ukuthi yiziphi izingxoxo ezingabanjwa ezingakwazi ukuyisa i-Afrika nomhlaba wonke phambili.

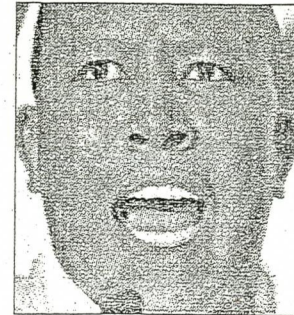
"Lolu hambo luzobe luhambisana nezinhlelo ze-ANCYL zokucobelela ulwazi emazweni asephumelele nalawo angaphumelelanga ohlelweni lokubuyisela izinkampani eziyizinsika zomnotho-kuhulumeni. Lolu hlelo lokufunda luzobe seludhulela nasemazweni afana neChina, Chile, Venezuela, Brazil

neCuba," kusho isitatimende se-ANCYL.

Ukubamba le mihlangano kuzobe kuhambisana nokusingatha kweNingizimu Afrika iWorld Festival for Youth and Students 2010.

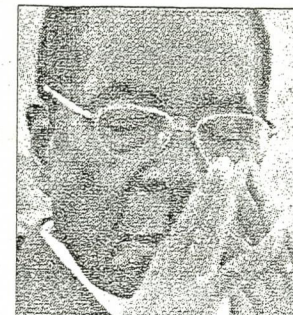
NgoMsombuluko emuva komhlangano ozokuba phakathi kwe-ANCYL nentsha ye-Zanu PF, uMalema nethimba lakhe bayobe sebelangana noMugabe.

Kulolu hambo lwezinsuku ezine uMalema kulindeleke ukuthi athule inkulumbo embizweni ezokuba khona eZimbabwe.



JULIUS MALEMA

Abanye abaholi eZimbabwe bayamncoma uMalema ngokumela kwakhe ukuthi izinkampani



ROBERT MUGABE

zikhulumeni nezizinda zomnotho zibuyiselwe ngaphansi kukahulumeni. IPhini likaNobhala-jikelele

weZanu-PF, uCecilia Chivhanga, ucashunwe ephephandabeni, iHerald, ethi uMalema uzobuye avakashele izindawo ezabe zihlala abaholi be-ANC ababesekudingisweni.

Uzobuye ahlngane nobuholi obuphezulu be-Zanu-PF.

Ukuya kwakhe eZimbabwe kwenzeka nje uMengameli wezwe uMnuz Jacob Zuma emasontweni adlule kade ehambele kuleli yazwe lapho ebehlange khona nabaholi balo ngenhloso yokuzama ukuthola isisombululo ngokusebenza kukahulumeni.

Kucelwa abaholi bahambe phambili ekuhlololeni i-HIV

UNGQONGQOSHE wezeMpilo kuzwelonke, uDkt Aaron Motsoaledi (osesithombeni), usecele abaholi ezinhlakeni ezahlukene ukuthi bahambe phambili emkhankasweni wokuhlola igciwane lengculazi.

Lo khukhulelangoqo womkhankaso uzoqala ngenyanga ezayo.

"Yihlazo ukuthi iningi lethu alizazi ukuthi limiphi ngalesi sifo," kusho uMotsoaledi ekhuluma nezihambeli ezivela eziKhungweni zemfundo

ephakeme emhlanganweni obuseSandton, eGoli, izolo.

Uthe kuzofanele wonke umuntu angene athi shi kulo mkhankaso.

Ungqongqoshe bekufanele akhulume imizuzu eyishumi kodwa ugcine esethatha imizuzu engu-45 njengoba ebechaza umsuka waleli gciwane nokuthi sekufanele kwenziweni ukulinganda.

Le nkulumbo ithole ukuthakaselwa ngendlela yokuthi abantu baze basukuma bashaya izandla namakhwela.

Ugcizelele nokuthi

abaphathi bezibhedlela kuzofanele nabo kube yiyo abahamba phambili kulokhu.

"Siyasha, izwe liyasha. Kufanele siphumele obala," kusho uMotsoaledi.

Lo mkhankaso okukhulose ngawo ukuthi kuhloke abantu abangu-15 million, uzoqala esibhedlela iNatal spruit ngo-Ephreli 15.

UMnyango uzama nokunxaxa izinkampani zamaselula ukuthi zingene kulo mkhankaso zithumele abantu imiyalezo ethi "please come and test now".

"Ngizobe ngilandelana

noMengameli wakuleli nePhini lakhe sesiyohlolwa leli gciwane sekwehlulwa lo mkhankaso," kusho uMotsoaledi.

Uthe kuzo zonke izikhungo zemfundo umphathi omkhulu nguyena oyoqala ukuhlolwa.

"Uma singazami ukuthi sigxile kakhulu ekutheni sigquguzele ukuthi leli gciwane lingasabalali, kwamali ebekelwe ukuhlinzeka imishanguzo kwabana leli gciwane, ngeke ize yanele," kusho yena.

Namanje iKwaZulu-Natal isahamba phambili ngesibalo

sabantu abanaleli egciwane.

Nasezikhungweni zemfundo ephakeme kuvelile ukuthi izibalo zikhomba ukuthi nakhona lihlasele leli gciwane njengoba u-3.4% usuhakekile kuthi labo abafundisa kulezi zikhungo babe ngu-1.5% asebanaleli gciwane. Abenza imisebenzi eyehlukene bona baku-4.4% kuthi labo abenza imisebenzi efana nokushanela nokunye okuhambisana nokugcinwa kwezikhungo zisesimweni esihle bona isibalo sabo sithe xaxa njengoba siku-9.9%. - Intatheli yeSolezwe

