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MONDAY 25 OCTOBER 2010 **BusinessDay**

IFP heroine's political fate 'already decided'

SIBONGAKONKE SHOBA
Deputy Political Editor

INKATHA Freedom Party (IFP) chairwoman Zanele Magwaza-Msibi has apparently thrown in the towel in her fight for political survival.

A meeting is scheduled for next week to decide her fate. But, sources close to her said last week she would not attend.

"She will not bother because a decision has already been taken to expel her. No one has ever survived such a meeting in the history of the IFP," the source said.

General secretary Musa Zondi denied a decision to expel the chairwoman had already been made. "It is just a pack of lies," he said.

Ms Magwaza-Msibi refused to comment, and Mr Zondi said no action would be taken without her presence.

"We've had several meetings in the past that Ms Magwaza-Msibi did not attend. This meeting has not been called specially to discuss the inquiry. But it is one of the items on the agenda."

The expulsion could leave party president Mangosuthu Buthelezi unopposed in an elective conference. Alternatively, Mr Buthelezi might anoint his preferred successor, Mr Zondi. The elective conference,

initially scheduled to take place last year, was postponed repeatedly as Ms Magwaza-Msibi's campaign to replace Mr Buthelezi gained momentum.

If Ms Magwaza-Msibi is expelled, the party structures could be paralysed leading to the local government elections as she enjoys much support within the IFP. In northern KwaZulu-Natal, the IFP's stronghold, Ms Magwaza-Msibi is seen as a heroine because of her performance as mayor of Zululand district municipality. The ANC has made inroads as it recently won by-elections in IFP strongholds. The succession talk has divided the IFP, with some of Ms Magwaza-Msibi supporters looking to go with her.

Separately, two IFP leaders were killed in Gauteng hostels on Friday night in attacks the party said were politically motivated.

"This brings the number of IFP leaders who have been shot and killed in Gauteng in recent weeks to four," IFP Gauteng chairman Petros Sithole said yesterday.

"While we are not sure what the motives behind these attacks are, it is clear that they are not isolated incidents. We are worried that these might be politically motivated killings." *With Sapa*
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The Citizen Monday 25 October 2010

Zuma set to meet ministers

CHANGE JZ to crack
whip at under-performers

NONI MOKATI AND SAPA

PRESIDENT Jacob Zuma's meeting with cabinet ministers today is likely to bring drastic changes in government as speculation over cabinet-reshuffle mounts.

Zuma, who promised to crack the whip at under-performing government officials during the ANC's national general council last month, is set to meet with the ministers to formulate a new economic growth path for the country.

And while some believe cabinet alterations are on the agenda, some say Zuma's current focus is on policy matters.

"His sole mandate right now is to discuss plans on how the government can move forward in curbing the high inequalities of poverty and unemployment.

"This meeting is certainly not the right platform to discuss a cabinet reshuffle.

"I don't think the President will inform those in 'trouble' of his intentions, especially at a meeting like this," political analyst professor Sipho Seepe told *The Citizen* yesterday.

Political commentator, Professor Steven Friedman also put a blanket over the matter saying he would not entertain speculation.

It is believed government officials who are likely to be under scrutiny, should the reshuffle occur, are corporate governance and traditional affairs minister Sicelo Shiceka, public enterprise minister Barbara Hogan,

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correctional service minister Nosiviwe Mapisa-Nqakula and public service administration minister Richard Baloyi.

On the other hand it is thought the position of minister in the Presidency for national planning commission Trevor Manuel will be affected while former Eastern Cape health MEC Bevan Goqwana is imagined to be the next health deputy minister after Molefi Sefularo, who was killed in a car accident in April this year.

But performance and evaluation minister in the Presidency Collins Chabane told journalists at a press conference in Pretoria yesterday that ministers continued to do their work as usual and that a question on the reshuffle was "unfair."

"The question is unfair.

"Rumours about a cabinet reshuffle have been around since the cabinet was formed.

"Ministers are doing their work as usual," he said.

Meanwhile, the Congress of South African Trade Unions is waiting with bated breath to see what Zuma has to offer.

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THE MERCURY
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KZN is financially well managed

THE article "KZN's financial management worse" (The Mercury, October 18) painted an unnecessarily negative picture of KwaZulu-Natal, given the fact that it was factually incorrect and your reporter's opinion and judgement was based on a "leaked report", as stated.

The reporter also did not compare apples with apples, as the different provinces do not have the same number of departments.

KwaZulu-Natal has more departments than any other province.

We cannot at this stage correct the incorrect statements in the article, as the document to which the article referred has not been presented

to the legislature yet.

It will be discussed at the provincial legislature this week.

Tomorrow, there will be a public accounts standing committee hearing on the report of the auditor-general on the financial statements for the 2009/10 financial year and outstanding matters.

On October 28, the auditor-general, Terence Nombembe, will brief the provincial legislature on the audit outcomes for 2009/10.

We invite The Mercury and the journalist who wrote the article to attend the sittings to obtain the correct facts and report accordingly.

We also invite members of the public to attend the sittings.

The provincial Treasury would like to assure the citizens of this province that the information at our disposal indicates that the province is very well managed financially.

INA CRONJÉ
KZN MEC for Finance

Editor's note: The article in question was based on Nombembe's factual presentation to cabinet, not the reporter's opinion. It was provided by The Mercury's parliamentary bureau in Cape Town. The Mercury will cover the Scopa meeting and Nombembe's briefing as we would normally do in our day-to-day coverage of the legislature.

Heads down for matrices today

NOMPUMELELO MAGWAZA

WHILE some matrices were cramming yesterday, in preparation for writing the first papers of the 2010 final exams, others, confident of their preparations, were finding ways to relax.

The exams start with the information technology and computer application theory papers today.

Matric pupils did the practical exams for these two papers two weeks ago.

"I am taking time out with my friends, just to free my mind. I have been studying the whole day and I think I deserve this break," said Melody Cele, of Umlazi's Velabahleke High School, when contacted yesterday.

Melody, who will write the computer application theory paper, said she was not nervous about the paper. She said her practical exams were easy and she hoped that the theory papers would be the same.

Amish Patel, of Durban High School, was at home yesterday, preparing for his exam. "I am staying indoors and doing revision," he said.

Amish will write the information technology paper, which he expected could be "tricky".

A total of 130 485 full-time candidates will sit for the exams in KwaZulu-Natal.

Yesterday, education MEC Senzo Mchunu wished the 2010 matrices well for their exams.

His spokeswoman, Muntu Lukhozi, said the message from the department was that matric pupils should stop worrying about everything else and just focus on their exams.

"We wish all matriculants all the serenity of mind and calmness as they sit for their exams, until the end," the MEC's message read.

Last week, Mchunu warned that the department would be extra vigilant in preventing exam paper leaks.

R20m state assets not accounted for

SIBUSISO MBOTO

ASSETS totalling almost R20 million remain unaccounted for in KwaZulu-Natal's Agriculture and Environmental Affairs Department, prompting MPLs to call for officials in the department to be fired.

This sentiment was expressed by members of the legislature's standing committee on public accounts during a hearing on Friday into the auditor-general's report on the department.

"The department did not adequately reconcile the asset register to the physical assets on hand for movable tangible capital assets, and as a result we were unable to physically verify the existence of movable tangible capital assets of R19.487m, as these could not be located," the auditor-general's report said.

The missing assets include equipment such as tractors and irrigation machinery.

The auditor-general noted that the department did not maintain a record of immovable assets and had not

disclosed these in its financial statements.

The failure to account for the assets contributed to the department receiving a qualified audit opinion for the 2009/10 financial year, a retrogression from the unqualified opinion received in the previous financial year.

Department head Sizwe Mkhize and acting chief financial officer Ndaba Ngwane tried to assure the committee that action was being taken against officials, but committee members appeared less than convinced.

Committee member Belinda Scott expressed concern that the department, which had received much assistance from the provincial Treasury after a financial meltdown four years ago, was showing signs of returning to its old position.

She called for tough action against the officials responsible for the latest problems. "We have had these problems for ages and the explanation that we are getting from the department is not enough; I have not heard about anybody being fired over the matter," she said.

Mkhize said some officials

had resigned as the department closed in on them. He said the department had also issued a warning of tough action to be taken against implicated officials, but committee members appeared unimpressed.

"When somebody has deliberately broken the law, sending a circular does not help; there have to be punitive measures," said committee chairwoman Makhosi Khoza.

Agriculture MEC Lydia Johnson tried to assure the committee that the department would not slide back to the chaotic state of old, when R80m could not be accounted for during the tenure of former department Jabulani Mjwara.

Problems in the department have survived a procession of MECs, including Gabriel Ndamandaba and Mtholephi Mthimkhulu, and department heads Mjwara, Modidima Mannyana and Siddiq Adams.

While calls were made for forensic reports into the department's finances to be made available, including a 2007 Ernest and Young report, Johnson pleaded for patience, saying the report had to remain confidential for legal reasons.

Monday October 25 2010 **SOWETAN**

ANC in push to claim IFP areas

Mhlaba Memela

THE ANC has made inroads in the rural areas traditionally dominated by the IFP, such as the Amajuba district municipality, at Newcastle in northern KwaZulu-Natal.

There was evidence yesterday that the ANC does enjoy support in the area as thousands of people gathered at eMadadeni Stadium for the launch of the local government election campaign.

The ANC launched its campaign in the district in its quest to reclaim the Amajuba district after losing it to the IFP in 2006 when it formed an alliance with the then National Democratic Convection. The ANC currently has 10 councillors, while the IFP has nine, the DA three, the Federal Congress two and the Royal Loyal Progress one.

The political squabbles between ANC and IFP councillors have jeopardised service delivery in the area.

The ANC's campaign was launched by top officials led by provincial chairperson and Premier Zweli Mkhize, Cosatu president S'dumo Dlamini, SA National Civics Organisation president Ruth Bhengu, provincial SACP chairperson James Nxumalo and Minister of Women, Youth, Children and People with Disabilities Noluthando Mayende-Sibiya.

Sowetan

SAYS:

Good luck 2010 Class!

THE country's matriculants sit for their final 2010 examinations from today.

While we wish them the best of luck as they begin their final journey to a bright and prosperous future, we are aware of the problems they have had to contend with during the year.

It has not been easy for the Class of 2010.

The journey to Grade 12 has not been an easy one either. But it is also an interesting and challenging one. Exciting for those ready and prepared to take it head-on.

This year has seen a lot of interference, disturbances and sideshows that may have affected many pupils.

Plenty of learning time was lost.

Earlier in the year some schools experienced sideshows during school time, wherein the likes of ANC Youth League leader Julius Malema spent time visiting schools.

This was followed by a long winter break when the country hosted the 2010 Soccer World Cup.

The teacher strike in the latter half of the school year, instigated by the South African Democratic Teachers Union, made matters worse.

This is not good news at all.

While we expect the best from this year's matrics, we need to remember the road they have travelled and the many challenges they have had to face.

However, this by no means implies that we will happily accept a wholesale failure by our matric pupils.

To the matric Class of 2010 we say: Good luck!

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KING'S HIV-AIDS WARNING

Mhlaba Memela

KING Goodwill Zwelithini has expressed grave concern over the deaths of traditional leaders due to risky sexual behaviour.

Speaking during the swearing in of Inkosi Msekeli Zulu of the Nokwenja clan in southern KwaZulu-Natal at the weekend, Zwelithini, pictured, said it was traumatising to see traditional leaders perish due to HIV and Aids, leaving their wives and children orphaned.

He told thousands of people and

Zwelithini alerts amakhosi

amakhosi from Sisonke district attending the swearing in of Zulu that amakhosi must understand that HIV-Aids had no boundaries.

Flanked by his youngest queen, Zola kaMafu, Prince Mbonisi Zulu and MEC for cooperative governance and traditional affairs Nomusa Dube, he said he was worried about the deaths of amakhosi from HIV and Aids.

"It must be clear to all amakhosi that HIV and Aids ravages everyone's life. I'm concerned about the death of amakhosi, who leave behind orphaned children.

"A number of amakhosi have died after taking the oath to lead their clans, hardly having spent five years in office," Zwelithini said.

He announced that the Ingonyama Trust Board had taken



the issue upon itself to assist amakhosi cope with HIV-Aids.

"The board has introduced an HIV-Aids programme aimed at

assisting infected amakhosi. And those who are HIV positive must come forward for help," he said.

He ordered amakhosi to stop being promiscuous.

Dube said they wanted amakhosi to be responsible and ensure that rural development became a success. She also urged councillors to work closely with amakhosi in order to deliver services to the communities. "We want amakhosi and izinduna to bring back the dignity to our communities by introducing humanity programmes," she said.

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Good luck to Class of 2010

TODAY, just under 643 000 pupils countrywide will begin writing their Grade 12 National Senior Certificate examinations. This is a difficult, anxious time for all these children who face the summit of 12 years of toil.

We wish them well.

This year's class is arguably the most disadvantaged since the dawn of equal, desegregated education in 1994.

In spite of the fact that the government expends the lion's share of the budget on education – this financial year R165 billion goes to education out of a consolidated budget totalling R907bn – our education system is still woefully inadequate. Time after time we score lower than other countries with only a fraction of our resources.

President Jacob Zuma and his predecessors have made education their priority, but money has not proven to be a panacea to our problems.

Spending these billions does not in any way mean that facilities in our schools rank with the best in the world. Former president Thabo Mbeki summed it up succinctly when he said ours was a country of two worlds – one rich and “first world”, the other poor and underprivileged. While one school in one part of the country may boast excellent facilities, another elsewhere will be so badly off that it is a miracle that even one pupil there can pass matric.

This year schoolchildren faced extra challenges. The mid-term break was lengthened to accommodate the 2010 World Cup. Then public sector workers, including teachers, went on a prolonged strike in demand of salary increases. On top of that, the much-vaunted Outcomes Based Education got the boot, more than a decade after being introduced by then education minister Kader Asmal in 1998.

Umalusi, the quality assurance body, says it has put in place various standards of examination and assessment to ensure the 2010 matric qualification will be credible. We hope January 6, when results are released, will bring good cheer to the Class of 2010.

Journalists threatened

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journalists would be arrested if they did not co-operate.

"I told him that he would act at his peril if he had them arrested, and then I called [Macgregor and Houzet] and warned them about this."

By yesterday, no arrests had been made.

Daily Dispatch acting editor Charles Mogale said: "This is quite scary. We would have thought that after the world expressed shock at the arrest of Mzilikazi wa Afrika, the police would be sensible moving forward. Apparently they have not learned anything, or they do not give a toss."

"We can only hope this is not part of a grand sinister plan to coerce the press into steering away from exposing the real criminals — many of whom are in the high echelons of power," he said.

Ayesha Kaje, executive director of the Freedom of Expression Institute, said: "Unless police can prove that the journalists have done something illegal it would be difficult to justify the intimidation."

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Talk — or else

TARALYN MCLEAN

TWO Eastern Cape journalists fear they might be arrested in connection with an anonymous letter threatening the safety of a cabinet minister.

Two detectives from Pretoria travelled to the Eastern Cape to question Daily Dispatch reporter David Macgregor and Port Alfred Talk of the Town editor Jon Houzet about the letter that threatened Rural Development Minister Gugile Nkwinti.

About 60 words long, typed in capital letters and laced with profanities, the letter said Nkwinti would get "moered" (beaten up) if he returned to Kenton-on-Sea.

Rural Development and Land Reform national spokesman Mthobeli Mxofwa said yesterday the letter had been handed to police.

The letter appears to have been prompted by a heated meeting in early October about alleged corruption in land reform in the area.

The Daily Dispatch reported that Houzet was manhandled by an ANC supporter at the meeting.

Warrant Officer MD Dlamini and Sergeant AD van Tonder met the two journalists on Friday evening at the Talk of the Town offices in Port Alfred, demanding they make statements about what had happened at the meeting.

Macgregor and Houzet described yesterday how Dlamini dominated proceedings while Van Tonder took notes.

"Initially it seemed they wanted a statement from us about what had happened at the meeting," Macgregor said. "Then they produced the letter ... things took a sinister turn when they started talking about how what had happened in Mpumalanga could happen here. I believe it was a veiled threat."

In Mpumalanga, there is reportedly a "hit list" of those who uncover corruption or who report unfavourably about politicians.

In August, Sunday Times journalist Mzilikazi wa Afrika, was arrested by the Hawks in connection with another mysterious letter.

Mondli Makhanya, chairman of the South African National Editors' Forum, said the policemen's behaviour on Friday appeared to violate an agreement that prior consultation between the government and Sanef is necessary before a subpoena is issued for a journalist to give evidence.

"Whoever is doing this is acting in contravention of that agreement. We will be taking it up [this] morning," he said.

This latest development oc-

curs while a proposed media tribunal and information bill are being hotly debated.

Macgregor and Houzet said they insisted the meeting with the detectives move to the local police station. There, Dlamini again pressed them to make statements, but did not elaborate why these should be made or what the police were investigating, the journalists said.

Things became heated, with Dlamini allegedly becoming increasingly aggressive.

The journalists called attorney Philip Shaw, who said yesterday he advised them not to make any statement until Dlamini and Van Tonder put in writing

why any such statements were needed and the grounds for any investigation.

This was not done, and Shaw's final telephone conversation with Dlamini on Saturday ended with the detective threatening that the

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How do we find our Freedom?

ARRIVING in Martha's Vineyard for his summer holiday in mid-August this year, US President Barack Obama and his two daughters popped into the famous local bookshop "Bunch of Grapes". For his girls Obama bought copies of *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee and *The Red Pony* by John Steinbeck.

The media frenzy, however, was caused by the fact that Obama walked out with a copy of *Freedom*, the Jonathan Franzen novel that has critics and book fans across the world locked in debates about its greatness, or lack thereof.

The New York Times has called the book a masterpiece. Our own 2010 Sunday Times Literary Award winner for fiction Imraan Coovadia found it "an unexceptional but long novel" which, "after a hundred pages or so, I read on, without much joy".

The book is a media sensation in the US. Franzen has appeared on the cover of Time magazine and everyone from The Washington Post to the New York Times cannot stop dissecting this new book.

They love Jonathan Franzen in

We need to honour our own heroes' literary poise

America. They engage with him. Oprah Winfrey has chosen *Freedom* for her book club, ensuring huge sales.

I am reminded of what the Americans do for books because the Man Booker Prize winner was announced two weeks ago. Howard Jacobson's *The Finkler Question* won the £50 000 prize.

For South Africans, though, that is not the real news. Five books were short-listed for this year's Man Booker and Damon Galgut's *In a Strange Room* is one of them. Galgut is South African and the moving, disturbing, thought-provoking and beautifully-written novel is the second of his books to be short-listed for this prize.

Hundreds of thousands of books are written and published in the Commonwealth every year. Only five get short-listed for the Man Booker.

Yet Galgut's achievement went without a murmur in this country. Few authors writing anywhere in the world today would not welcome

a nod by the Man Booker judges. Over and above the cash prize, being short-listed or winning means increased book sales and international recognition.

Galgut has in the past been short-listed for another excellent book, *The Good Doctor*. Has anyone in South Africa even batted an eyelid? Here we have an author who is

Galgut's achievement went without a murmur in SA

causing waves internationally, yet he goes unheralded in his native land.

It illustrates a particular South African psychosis: only when the Brits and Americans celebrate one of our own will we wake up to their brilliance.

Perhaps if the president of the country is seen with one of Galgut's books in his hand we, too, will get into a froth. I doubt it, though.

● Apology to the ANC

MUCH has been written about my column three weeks ago, written in response to the *ad hominem* attack on me by the ANC's Pallo Jordan, in which I argued that the ANC in exile did not, on its own, free South Africa. Jordan responded, and hordes of readers and ANC members joined the debate. The ANC has twice posted virulent and factually incorrect personal attacks on me on its website. I welcome the debate.

In my article, however, I wrote that the ANC had detained and poisoned the young MK commander Thami Zulu. Zulu was detained by the ANC, as the party has submitted to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

In its TRC submission, it said: "When he was released, Zulu was ill. Independent pathologists found he had contracted the HIV virus and was suffering from AIDS-related complex, and possibly pulmonary TB. However, Zulu died of poisoning after his release — and to

this day, it is a matter of conjecture as to who administered this poison and why this was done."

The ANC went on to assert that its security department believed apartheid agents administered this poison. I regret writing that the ANC poisoned Zulu. The facts show that he died days after his release from ANC detention and after visits by some of its leaders.

In her testimony to the TRC, Zulu's mother said: "(The poison) Diazinon that was found in TZ would have been ingested two days before his death. There were very few people who were in contact with TZ during that period. When he was released (by the ANC), he was released to Dr Ngijima. There are very few people who were with him. So the ANC could have followed that up and by now we would be know who poisoned him."

"Some of them, some of these people were Chris Hani, Jackie Modise, Dr Zakes Zumukai and Dr Rdiph Ngijima. Why is the ANC not finding out who poisoned TZ?"

I apologise fully and without reservation to the ANC for writing that it poisoned Zulu.

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Steady matric results likely

CHARL DU PLESSIS

Minister expects extra support given pupils will help

MINISTER of Basic Education Angie Motshekga yesterday said she was not expecting "too much of a drop" in the matric pass rate, despite time lost to the public sector strike.

About 640 000 matrics will begin writing their examinations in 39 subjects today.

Motshekga yesterday told The Times: "There's been so much concern about the time that learners lost this year [but], with all the

support they've had, I'm really not expecting too much of a drop, if any at all."

Last year's matric pass rate was 60.7%, down from 62.5% the previous year. The worst-performing province was Mpumalanga, where fewer than half of matric pupils passed.

Matrics will write computer application technology and information technology today, and

Portuguese, German and Hebrew tomorrow.

Motshekga advised them to "be focused, not to panic, to study hard and they will definitely succeed".

Anelisa Mangcu, an 18-year-old at Rustenberg Girls' High School, in Cape Town, said she was scared "to some extent" but felt ready for the exams.

"It's a reality and it's scary that what happens now determines the

rest of your life," said Mangcu.

"As a matric, you get a lot of pressure from everybody ... your parents and family members ... everybody says they're watching you.

"[But] when you're writing the exams all you have to do is slow your roll and do it," said Mangcu.

She said that, though she felt prepared, she was "worried" about other matrics from the class of 2010.

Some matrics lost as much as

three weeks of schooling during the public sector strike in August.

Umalusi, which regulates matric examinations, said it was "all systems go" for the exams but that security in Mpumalanga was a "concern".

Last year, two maths papers, two science papers and an accounting paper were leaked in the province.

The Department of Basic Education has taken over the administration of exams in the province.

Results will be released on January 6.

THE WITNESS, MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2010

'POLITICAL SUICIDE': IFP FACES SEVERE SPLIT IF NATIONAL CHAIR IS EXPELLED

THE Inkatha Freedom Party will face one of its most severe splits in its 35-year history if it expels its popular national chairperson and former Zululand District Municipality Mayor, Zanele KaMagwaza-Msibi.

This is the view of senior IFP officials, who asked not to be named, following reports that the party's national council meeting scheduled for next weekend is set, among other things, to expel KaMagwaza-Msibi.

Speaking to *The Witness* yesterday, IFP general secretary Reverend Musa Zondi confirmed that among issues to be discussed at the coming national council meeting is an inquiry into a relationship between KaMagwaza-Msibi and the "Friends of

VZ KaMagwaza-Msibi".

Zondi denied weekend reports that knives are out for KaMagwaza-Msibi.

IFP veterans told *The Witness* the 2005 split within the IFP that led to the formation of the National Democratic Convention will be like a Sunday school picnic compared to KaMagwaza-Msibi's expulsion.

One said more than half of the IFP members will follow KaMagwaza-Msibi, a move that he said would be "political suicide".

The IFP is already struggling, as is clear from the party's dwindling support during the past two national and provincial elections, the veteran member added. — Witness Reporter.

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Cope: eThekweni region stands by its leaders

SKHUMBUZO MIYA

THE embattled KwaZulu-Natal leadership of the Congress of the People (Cope) received a shot in the arm yesterday when one of its biggest regions, eThekweni, declared support for it to continue leading the province, despite rejection by six regions of the organisation.

Last week six Cope regions, — Pietermaritzburg, uThukela, Ugu, Zululand, Sisonke and uMzinyathi — deputy provincial chairperson Piet Beegte and provincial head of communications Nikkie Moore declared

a vote of no confidence in the interim provincial leadership of the party, citing among other things, irregularities in the use of funds allocated to Cope by the KZN Legislature.

The national working committee (NWC) of Cope appointed a three-man national task team to investigate the KZN scenario.

Speaking to *The Witness* during the eThekweni elective regional conference at Berea Bowling Club in Durban yesterday, acting regional secretary Hlengiwe Hlophe and deputy regional chairperson Moeketsi Tlali said eThekweni region stands by

its leadership, despite the allegations.

"The motion of the vote of no confidence in our leadership was declared by individuals within those regions, not by the membership as they were not consulted," said Hlophe.

"Besides that this [provincial leadership] is an interim structure, so you cannot replace an interim structure with another interim structure.

"Also, in the Cope constitution there is no provision for the declaration of a vote of no confidence as we saw in July when the deputy president Mbhazima Shilowa's faction at-

tempted to oust president Mosioua Terror Lekota.

"Hence we as eThekweni region declare that we stand by our leaders and only an elective conference will have the power to replace them."

Tlali pointed out that leaders from those regions who are pushing for a vote of no confidence in the provincial leadership are part of the provincial interim leadership group, which approved the organisation's financial report.

Tlali further accused leadership in those six regions of being "divisive and power-hungry".

ANC guns for Amajuba

CHRIS NDALISO

THERE is a scramble for the total control of Amajuba District Municipality in the Emalahleni region, southern KwaZulu-Natal, where the ANC faces an uphill battle because of a coalition by opposition parties.

During the launch of the ANC's local government elections campaign in Newcastle yesterday, thousands of tripartite alliance members from all corners of the province packed the Majuba FET college grounds to capacity.

The elections will take place next year.

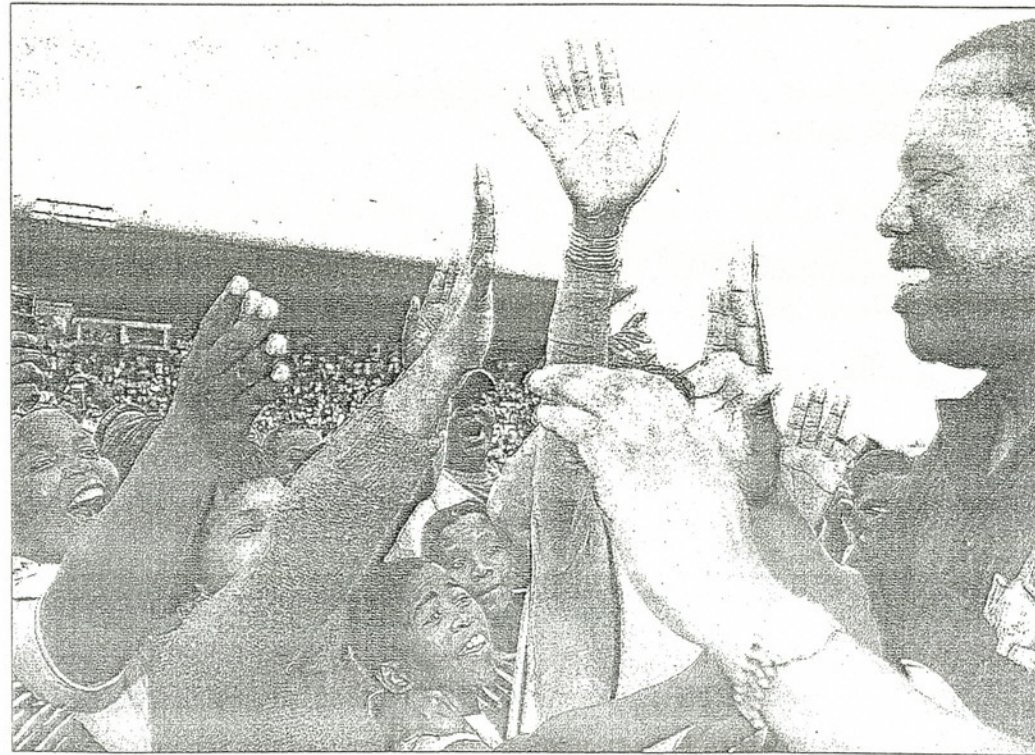
ANC provincial chairperson Dr Zweli Mkhize said a lot still needed to be done to gain total control of the municipalities.

"We need to start our preparations now, although the election manifesto can only be announced next year. There are many steps to be taken to prepare the ANC and its branches for the mammoth task ahead. Local municipal elections are about local conditions that our people experience in their daily lives.

"This therefore requires us to pay particular attention on the needs of the communities and on characters and conduct of individual representatives we elect," said Mkhize.

He said that in the 2009 provincial and national government elections the ANC received 62% of the votes. He said the leadership has an obligation to ensure all votes cast in 2009 are cast again to give the ANC a majority in the municipalities in the province.

To get similar results, Mkhize said, the ANC needs to pay attention to diversity issues as raised by minority communities and include them in the overall programme of transformation in the country.



KwaZulu-Natal Premier and ANC chairperson Dr Zweli Mkhize greets Madadeni ANC supporters at the Majuba FET college grounds during the launch of the ANC's KZN 2011 election campaign yesterday.

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He acknowledged that of all the provinces, KZN has the largest backlog of 900 000 houses.

He said that among the challenges the party faces is the relocation of councillors away from their constituencies and the pursuing of personal business interests.

Amajuba has three local municipalities — Newcastle, (Utrecht) and Dannhauser.

The ANC is aiming to take total control of the municipalities, but it is being hampered because opposition parties have formed a coalition and prevented the ruling party from having the last word in Dannhauser and eMahlangueni.

The former has 20 council seats, of which the ANC has nine, the Inkatha Freedom Party eight, and the Democratic Alliance and the Royal Loyal Progress having one each.

In eMahlangueni, power is shared between the ANC, which has three of the six council seats, the IFP with two and the DA with one.

The IFP and the DA formed a coalition and power is shared equally.

It is in the Newcastle local municipality that the ANC has a majority — it holds 31 of the 61 council seats.

Emalahleni region's Arthur Zwane said they will take the municipalities if leaders like IFP national chairperson

Zanele Magwaza-Msibi and other progressive members were to join the ANC.

But Magwaza-Msibi warned people not to misinterpret what is happening in the IFP.

She said, "I joined the IFP with the purpose of serving the people and I'll never be associated with another political party.

"People must not be over-excited because all parties have their ups and downs, so as soon as we deal with our issues everything will be back on track. We saw in the by-elections that people still have hope in the IFP, so we have a task not to disappoint those people," said Magwaza-Msibi.

Mayivele ihlakazwe i-NYDA

EMINYAKENI eyedlule kusungulwe iSouth African Youth Council (SAYC) neNational Youth Commission (NYC) okuyizinhla obekuthiwa zizobhekelela izidingo zabantu abasha kuleli. Lezi zinhla ziqhubekile nokusebenza ngokwehlukana kuzona zonke izifundazwe.

Ekuhambeni kwesikhathi kubonakele ukuthi kakukho ukusebenzisana phakathi kwazo njengoba olunye beludonsa lubheke le nolunye ludonsele kolwalo uhlangothi. Lokhu bekwenzeka lezi zinhla zithola imali kuhulumeni yokwenza imisebenzi yazo.

Kube sekwenziwa isiphakamiso sokuthi kungcono zihlanganiswe, kwenziwe uhla olulodwa. Kuvunyelwene ngokuthi yiNational Youth Commission ezo-bhekana nezidingo zabantu abasha.

Ngokubona ukuthi i-NYC yindonda-

kusuka, kusungulwe isikhwama uMso-bomvu Youth Fund (MYF) ukuze kufukulwe abantu abasha kwezomnotho.

Ngeshwa elikhulu naso lesi sikhwama sehluleke sancama ukuhlomulisa abantu abasha, kunalokho kubikwe ngezinsolo zokukhwatshaniswa kwemali nokuhlonyuliswa kwezingane zomntakabani.

Sibonile abaphezulu kwi-African National Congress Youth League (ANC-YL) bezitamuzela emalini yalesi sikhwama. Kuphethe ngemibiko yokuthi itshe lome inhlama enqolobaneni yokugcinwa kwemali ngaphansi kwalesi sikhwama.

Ngaleso sikhathi kwenzeka lokhu abantu abasha emalokishini nasezindaweni zasemakhaya bebelokhu bekhala ngokuthi kakukho ukusizakala abaku-

tholayo kulesi sikhwama.

Kuningi-ke nokunye obekulokhu kubikwa ngokusebenza kwe-MYF.

Ngokubona ukuthi lesi sikhwama kasitheli izithelo ezilindelekile, kube sekwa-kiwa uhla olusha nalo belu okuthiwa luzobhekana nazo zonke izidingo zabantu abasha kuleli, iNational Youth Development Agency (NYDA). Eminyakeni emibili nje lesi sikhungo sakhawe

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sekukhona umdonsiswano njengoba sekubikwa ukuthi abasengamele badla bodwa futhi bonke baphuma ezinhlake-ni ze-ANCYL. Kuyimanje kubikwa ukuthi kuxetshulwa umkhoma ngabathile kulesi sikhungo.

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Inkinga enkulu eyenza lezi zinhlaka zingakwazi ukufukula abasha wukuthi ezombusazwe zibekwa phambili kunokuthi kubhekwe izidingo zabantu abasha.

Kunezinhlangothini zemiphakathi ezile-kelela abantu abasha kodwa ezingekho ngaphansi kukahulumeni obekufanele ngabe ziyaluthola uxhaso kodwa lokho kakwenzeki.

Empeleni baningi abantu abasha kuleli abangenandaba nezombusazwe kodwa abanentshisekelo yokusungula amabhizinisi. Le ntsha kufanele iluthole usizo ngoba lesi sikhwama kasakhe-lwe ukuhlizeka abezombusazwe.

Njengoba sekubikwa izindaba zokuthi kunogcobho ekusingathweni kwemali kulesi sikhungo, kungakuhle ukuthi sivele sihlakazwe kuyimanje

kungaze kudaleke umonakalo omkhulu kunovele sewenzekile.

Ngakolunye uhlangothi, kuyacaca ukuthi uhulumeni wehluleke wancama ukuqhamuka nendlela ecacile yokuhlizeka abantu abasha kuleli. Kuyimanje leli libhekene nenkinga yabantu abasha asebenzene shi ekudleni izidakamizwa ngoba sebelahle ithemba ngekusasa. Kusazoqhubeka ukumoshwa kwemali ngokulokhu kwakhiwa izinhlaka ezingayi ndawo ngoba kusetshenziswa indaba yobuqembu phambili.

Ngiyakugcizelela-ke ukuthi kungabe kusalandwa amathonsi abanzi ngalesi sikhungo, masivele sihlakazwe nje kwaphela ngoba sikhathale ngogimbela kwezabo.

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Uyaqhubeka umbango wesikhundla

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KUNGAKAPHELI sikhathi esingakanani i-ANC ixwayise amalungu ayo ngokugaqela izikhundla, sekuvele ukuthi kunabanye abaholi abaqavile kule nhlangano abaphansi phezu nemihlangano asebeyibambela emizini yabo ngemizamo yokuthola lowo ozovala isikhundla sikaSihlalo osanda kushona, uMnuz John Mchunu.

Lokhu kulandela umhlangano wangomhla ka-15 obuseLamontville emzini womunye wabaholi be-ANC eThekwini okuthiwa ubengaconsi phansi kuMchunu.

Kulo mhlangano kuthiwa bekucubungulwa abaholi abebambisana noMchunu

okungakhethwa kubo ukuthi bangene esikhundleni sakhe.

Umtombo waleli phephandaba oyilungu lesigungu esiphezulu ku-ANC eThekwini udalule ukuthi, uTana Magwaza nguye ohlonzwe njengozongena kulesi sikhundla, kodwa kunalabo abayithathisa okwehlaya indaba kaMagwaza ngoba bekholelwa ekutheni akanabo ubuholi bezinga likaMchunu.

Isolezwe linalo igama lentokazi okuthiwa kwabanjelwa lo mhlangano emzini wayo.

Omunye umholi oke waphatha abantu abasha naye okuthiwa uthwelwe ngeqoma nguMnuz Nhlakanipho Ntombela oyilungu lePhalamende lesifundazwe.

Omunye umhlangano obungomhlaka-18 kuthiwa

ubusePinetown lapho bekukhulunywa nangodaba lokuthi amaKhomanisi akumele avunyelwe ukuba athole lesi sikhundla.

“Ukhona umhlangano oke waba khona emzini welinye lamalungu e-ANC obusePinetown ngo-Okthoba 18 nokuthiwa kade lisebenzisana noMchunu enkampanini ebizwa ngeNyameko. Lona namanye amalungu bashaya phansi ngonyawo bathi kumele kube nguNtombela ongena kulesi sikhundla,” kusho lo mthombo othe sekunalabo abazama ukuvikela umnotho wabo abawuzuze ngesikhathi kusaphethe uMchunu.

Uphinde waveza ukuthi labo abebefuna kungene uSomlomo weTheku, uMnuz James Nxumalo, baya ngokuliphonsa ithawula

njengoba uNxumalo engusihlalo we-SACP.

Abanye babaholi be-ANC eThekwini kuthiwa abakuthokozeli ukuphathwa ngamaKhomanisi, kanti noDkt Blade Nzimande, onguNobhala-Jikelele, useke wakuveza ukungenami kwakhe ngamanye amalungu e-ANC angakuthokozeli ukuba sezikhundleni eziphezulu kwabo, washo nokuthi i-ANC kumele iwaxoshe amalungu ayo angawafuni amaKhomanisi.

Umtombo uthe kunegama elilokhu liqhamuke njalo likasomabhizinisi odumile eThekwini noke waba ngusihlalo we-ANC, uMnuz Sifiso Sonjica, nokuthiwa uthwelwe ngeqoma ngamagatsha amaningi kulesi sifunda. USonjica akacacisi



UMNUZ Sifiso Sonjica (kwesokunxele) othwelwe ngeqoma yizinhlaka zaleli qembu ukuba angene esikhundleni sikaMnuz John Mchunu, osanda kushona. NoNhlakanipho Ntombela (kwesokudla) igama lakhe liyavela kulabo abangase bathathe lesi sikhundla



ngokuzimisela kwakhe ngokungena kulesi sikhundla, uma ebuzwa uvele athi yena uyilungu le-ANC futhi uzozwa ngayo ukuthi imyisa kuphi. Lesi sikhundla sisaphethwe nguStanley Makhathini kuze kube kuqokwa ozongena kusona ngokusemthethweni.

UMnuz Sihle Zikalala, onguNobhala we-ANC KwaZulu-Natal, uthe abayazi le mihlangano kodwa uma be bathola laba abayenzayo, iqembu lizobathathela izinyathelo. Uthe mayelana nesikhundla sikaMchunu, i-ANC ayikazukukhuluma ngaso.