

~~Statement on Zolile Mali~~
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Zolile Mali

Regional Political Committee,
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Security Department,
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Dear Comrade,

Find enclosed statement made by Comrade Zolile Mali about four months ago when returned from Zimbabwe.

Zolile is now refusing to sign the statement and is so rude swearing at the leadership, the Administrative Secretary, Chief Representative, Peter Mfene, Awolowo and myself. Comrades these things are happening because there is laxity on the side of the Security Department and the R.C. in attending to matters of this nature. There are other matters affecting the existence of some comrades that are not attended to, and the R.P.C. has to be ~~planned~~ ^{blamed} many a times. If we want to correct the matters please let us attend to every case no matter of what nature.

Maatla - Amandla!

H.W. Nkula

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c.c. President's Office
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I am an M.K. cadre, in 1978 I was staying at Randeree's Makeni with other comrades of the organisation, then came a certain comrade who was brought by Comrade Skorobele and said he came for treatment as he had a fracture on the leg, and also arm injury. He stayed with us until he recovered and then moved to our other resident (Gonangondzingwa). As he was visiting our place frequently later we were informed that he had a pistol that he could not use. He then in secret asked Comrade Ramafatse to show him how to use it, but Comrade Ramafatse refused. He then asked another comrade by the name of Timmy who showed him how to use it.

On the days following I went to Munampundu mines to visit my girl friend. (without permission). While I was there one day I went to the river to buy fish. Suddenly a CID came and asked for my particulars, when I told who I was he then demanded a pistol he said I had. This I categorically denied, then we both went to the house I had visited, he searched the house but found no pistol.

There after he brought me to Lusaka and locked me up at central prison where I was kept for 14 days. They said to me, a said man by the name of Kuphuka said he had given me a pistol, I denied this and asked them to take me to him, they took me to Kamwala remand prison where I met Kuphuka. I then demanded an explanation about the accusation about the pistol, but he denied all this, and asked him how come that the CID are connecting me with the pistol and him, this he could not reply to. After that I was taken again to central prison.

On the following Monday I was picked up and taken to the central police station. There I was introduced to the Chief Police Officer who then interrogated me but I denied the knowledge of the pistol. He then asked me as to how many Zoliles we have in the organisation? I said I was the only Zolile in the organisation. Kuphuka who was already there said "It is not the Zolile I mentioned, but one I met at Stanly Bar".

Z. Mali

The CID then said Kuphuka should know where the pistol is, they then took us to the Immigration where I was given a warrant of detention thus they took me to Kamwala Remand Prison.

After being in remand for a month I got ill then I wrote to the Organisation but there was no reply. I stayed in the remand for 2 years. In February this year, when they were releasing Rhodesian nationals to FI then, in desperation I also decided to join them, so with the rest we went to Zimbabwe.

When we got to Que-Que we disembarked and taken to ZAPU office, there I related my whole story and asked if there was any transport to take me back to Zambia, one official said the matter should be referred to Salisbury first because it is the headquarters.

I stayed in Que-Que until I got a warrant for the trip to Salisbury. In Salisbury I met some ZAPU comrades I knew from Zambia, they handed me to Comrade Dube whom I knew as a ZAPU cadre and knew me as an MK cadre. The comrade made a note for me to go back to Que-Que. There I got accommodation and food. When I got to Que-Que and handed the letter he had given me in Salisbury I was sent to a certain office where the officials said I should come back at 14 hours to take fingerprints (STUPPA), but the ZAPU said I should not go back because I will get into trouble, so I decided not to go. I just idled until I met Comrade Silundika who went with me to Salisbury then provided me with accommodation at the house of their former Vice President, I stayed there for a week with one of our comrades. We were then taken to Bulawayo to join more comrades who were coming to Zambia. Then we were taken to an assembly point where we joined ZAPU comrades and together taken to Gwanda assembly point, stayed there for a night then taken by a police truck to the border.

We got to the border in the evening; when we entered the Zambian side I saw Comrade Madala whom I spoke to. Then I saw Comrade Peter Elamini coming with an Immigration Officer and said I am not an M.K. man so I must be detained. The Immigration Officer asked me as to how long have I been in Zimbabwe, I said since February. He said I was not supposed to be out of prison because I am a South African.

Comrade Skorobele said I am one of M.E. my matters can be discussed in Lusaka. So I got into the ANC minibus to Lusaka show ground where we all slept with comrades that were operating in Zimbabwe. The following morning we were taken to FC camp.

At FC camp there was a commander looking after us, that is where I left without permission last Saturday because I was going to look for my clothing which I did not find.

Zolile Mali

This statement was taken by H.W. Nkula
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