

## A MESSAGE TO KWAZULU CIVIL SERVANTS

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I am very particular about optimally using time allotted to us in the service of KwaZulu. That is partly the reason why I work such long hours until late at night. It is therefore because of this that I find myself without any choice but to call this meeting this morning.

I have called this meeting to express my deep shock at the action which was taken against the members of the Civil Service who were named in the poison pen pamphlet to be members of the ANC. I saw the potential danger of the pamphlet being circulated in which their names appeared. That is why I called for the meeting which we had on Monday. I moved to defuse the situation. I hastened to make it clear that regardless of whether that was true or not, it must be understood that people here are free to belong to any party.

When I thought about the matter at the end of last week I found it altogether intolerable that in Ulundi, of all places, there should be any possibility of violence against people. I will just not have it, from whatever quarter it may come. Violence operates always as a kind of recurring decimal.

On the 23rd of September we had an Executive meeting of the Central Committee. It was at this meeting that I was shown a very inflammatory pamphlet under the heading "Inhlabamkhosi (meaning "Clarion Call"). It purported to be giving notice of a meeting that was to be held at Unit D (KwaSishiwili) and it called on people to attend in large numbers. Its threatening tone concerned me and I appealed to my colleagues who were present at the Central Committee Executive meeting to see to it that I did not articulate what should be done, but I assumed that they would monitor it and make sure that it does not trigger any violence.

It was after 9 pm and I was still in my office when my wife phoned me to say that one of our drivers arrived to check if there was anything wrong. When she asked why he was concerned, Mr Dlamini stated that he had heard the sound of gun-fire at Section C.

I then sent one of my Security Officers to find out from the Police Station if there was anything wrong. It was only then that I learnt from him that there had been an incident which involved Mr

Baby Ndlovu, one of our Senior Officials, whose name was mentioned in the poison pen pamphlet. I was told that Mr Ndlovu was already at the Police Station to lodge a complaint.

I then decided that I would stop at the Police Station on my way home in order to find out what had happened from Mr Ndlovu. Most unfortunately, I got delayed by work and it was not until before 11 pm that I went to the Police Station. I was told that Mr Ndlovu had already left for home. I then proceeded to Mr Ndlovu's home only to find that his home had been burning for quite some time. I learnt from Captain Langeni that he had called someone to come with the Fire Brigade vehicle to help extinguish the blaze. I also heard that the house of Mrs Perm Ndlovu also named in the poison pen pamphlet was also burning as well as the house of Ms Nokuthula Nxumalo. I was not only distressed but quite numbed by the impact of it all. I wanted to know where I could find the three people whose houses were burning and I was told that Mr Ndlovu mentioned the name of the Deputy Minister of Education and Culture, Dr Zulu. I then drove there in the hope of finding Mr Ndlovu but the Prince told me that Mr Ndlovu had not called at his house but had phoned in great panic to the Princess asking her to phone the Police. I could not get information about Mrs Perm Ndlovu and Ms Nokuthula Nxumalo. I just wanted to hold the hands of the three just to say that I am saddened by what had happened to them in spite of my message to all the civil servants.

I later learnt from my Personal Assistant, Mr Duma, that Mrs Perm Ndlovu and her children had arrived at Mr MZ Khumalo's house and that Mr Khumalo had taken them in his car somewhere. Mr Duma did not know where. I later learnt that Mrs Ndlovu had requested Mr Khumalo to take her to the Melmoth Police Station where she would phone her aunt at Imbali and ask her to fetch her and her children.

This morning I want to speak firstly as President of the IFP, then I want to speak as Chief Minister of KwaZulu, and finally I will speak as KwaZulu Minister of Police.

As President of the IFP I condemn the action against the civil servants concerned. I have campaigned against violence for political purposes all my life. At the beginning of my political life I was inspired by people like Mahatma Ghandi and Chief Albert Lutuli and later by Dr Martin Luther King.

I try to lead a Christian life, and I will never sanction violence for party political gain. That is the curse of South Africa and I will not tolerate in my own party. I never urged violence even against the so-called regime. I refused to have anything to do with the so-called armed struggle.

The day of the IFP is coming. The people have had a gutsfull of violence. There will yet be a people's backlash against violence. I say to IFP members that we will yet reap the rewards of our non-violence stance. I have investigated from my Personal Assistant whether the meeting referred to in the inflammatory circular was an

IFP meeting. He has denied it and he stated that he doesn't know who called it. I deeply regret that my colleagues did not hear me when I urged them earlier that day to do something about this meeting.

I assure every civil servant that we will deal with whatever ANC issues there are democratically. I draw a very clear distinction of the right of civil servants to be members of the ANC who are loyal to the KwaZulu Government, and ANC members who will set about to topple me by marching on Ulundi raising the spectre of violence and death.

The two things are being deliberately confused by the media in their eagerness to do political propaganda for the ANC/SACP/COSATU alliance. Even last Monday I made it clear and it is in black and white, that civil servants who wished to join the ANC had the option to do so. All I deprecated was at the time when the ANC/SACP alliance wants to topple the KwaZulu Government, that there should be people in our employ who would consider aiding and abetting them. I made it clear that I did not accept the allegations in the poison pen pamphlets as such because on principle I cannot accept the distribution of poison pen pamphlets as the method which we in Ulundi should use to deal with each other. I said that if we do so, none of us would be safe.

Speaking as Chief Minister I continue from this point and say that all I have ever asked for was loyalty to the present KwaZulu Government, as the government of the day. In any democracy civil servants have to support the government that employs them or they must get out. It is deceit, and worse. It is actually treachery for a civil servant to receive and have a career path in KwaZulu, and at the same time work to undermine what KwaZulu is doing. And in this case it is the legality of the KwaZulu Government that is the issue. I said those who did not accept it, had no right to be here.

Nobody would tolerate a member of a soccer team who spoiled the game to help the opposition to score goals. In KwaZulu we are attempting to grapple with life and death issues. We are attempting to do whatever we can to make the miserable pittance that comes to us from the fiscus, go a little further.

There were allegations in the poison pen pamphlet of misuse of government transport by some civil servants on behalf of the ANC. There is already too much filching going on particularly in the Department of Pensions in which some civil servants have been arrested and some are involved with senior ANC personalities who have also been charged. It is that kind of disloyalty I deprecate, rather than just membership of the ANC as such.

If there is any problem in the way in which the KwaZulu Government Services are failing, it will be because civil servants are failing. I run an absolutely clean administration. I tolerate no corruption and I give no shady hand-outs to any of my Ministers.

KwaZulu Civil Servants have an historic job to do in keeping the people alive and cared for until there will be justice and equality in the land. I did not at any time suggest that the people named in the pamphlet were guilty of this at all.

I turn now to speak as the Minister of Police. I say to the KwaZulu Police that they must leave no stone unturned to bring the perpetrators of crimes against these three civil servants who had their houses gutted, to justice. The KwaZulu Police are there to protect the people - all the people.

Throughout my terms of office as Minister of Police, I have constantly exhorted members of the KwaZulu Police to be totally reliable as friends of the people. We have long faced hideous propaganda which has called for the dismantling of KwaZulu and the dismantling of the KwaZulu Police Force. Hideous accusations have been made against the KwaZulu Police.

However much it is true that no police force is perfect, and that there will always be individuals who abuse positions of power, the KwaZulu Police Force as a whole takes up a proud position in the traditions of modern, civilised policing.

Police are, as far as I am concerned, there importantly amongst other things, to make the country safe for democracy. I will not see Ulundi degenerate into a place of burning houses. People must be safe in Ulundi. I expect the KwaZulu Police to prosecute any culprit caught using violence against people and their homes for party political gain. I do not care what party that person comes from. The police must prosecute offenders.

As a Christian I turn to my brothers whose homes have been burnt. I say simply to them, I am sorry. I ask them to accept that my grief on their behalf is genuine and that the Cabinet joins me in expressing sorrow. To others amongst us who are Christians let me remind you that the golden thread which goes right through our Christian ethic, is "Do unto others as you would like done unto you."

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