

LMM/D23/0005/23

18/10/88

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I, the undersigned,

JANET MZOBE,

do hereby make oath and say that :

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I live with my 4 children and 2 old ladies at Bhekulwandlwe in Umbumbulu district.

2.

Around Tuesday or Wednesday 3rd or 4th October, the Induna (the younger one / ie. yezintsizwa) announced that there would be a meeting on Sunday 9/10/88. He did not explain what the meeting was about, but said it would be held at Induna's place.

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On Friday we heard that there was a camp for all the menfolk of the area, some men attended - others didn't. It ended on Saturday.

4.

On Sunday morning I stayed home. Some of my neighbours however went to the meeting. They thought it was a school meeting but when they got to the school, they found no one there. They were eventually told to go to the Induna's place. However, again when they arrived they were told that the meeting was for men only. My neighbours then came home and reported this to me.

5.

At ⁺ 11.30 a.m. the men came home from the Induna's place to fetch their weapons because they were told they needed to protect the area. They returned to the Induna's place.

6.

I heard shouting and ululating coming from the Induna's place. I looked across the small river that separates our side from the Induna's area. There was a huge group there dancing and shouting. I went back into my house as it had started thundering and raining.

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At ⁺ 4.00 p.m. I heard lots of noise outside. Women told us to ululate or we would be in trouble. I walked out of my house and saw a crowd

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of about 800 men, women, youth, carrying all kinds of weapons, running along the road. I stood at the tap near my front gate and watched them. The women were ululating, the men shouting / they stormed past my house, in the direction of the Made house. I heard them say there is a list of houses to be burnt.

8.

I followed but used the back route, and saw the Made house in flames. I returned to my house without having reached the Made house.

9.

I went to the stand next to our cars in the front yard. The crowd returned and the group in front passed. Then somebody from the back shouted " we are entering here" , pointing at my house. One Henry Hawulengwe Cele then came and stood at my front entrance, calling back the people who had passed. They returned, and with this Hawulengwe Cele in front, the crowd proceeded to burn my house. Amongst those who burnt my house whom I can identify are : Carnus Ngidi, Sandile Msomi, Bakubo Mathebula, Fifiza Bhengu, Vusi Dlamini. One Bho, well known in our area, was the one urging / forcing people to join the crowd, even these who were reluctant.

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Everything was burnt. My cars, one Ford Estcort and a Toyota Crown Custom were damaged / hit then burnt. This crowd then left.

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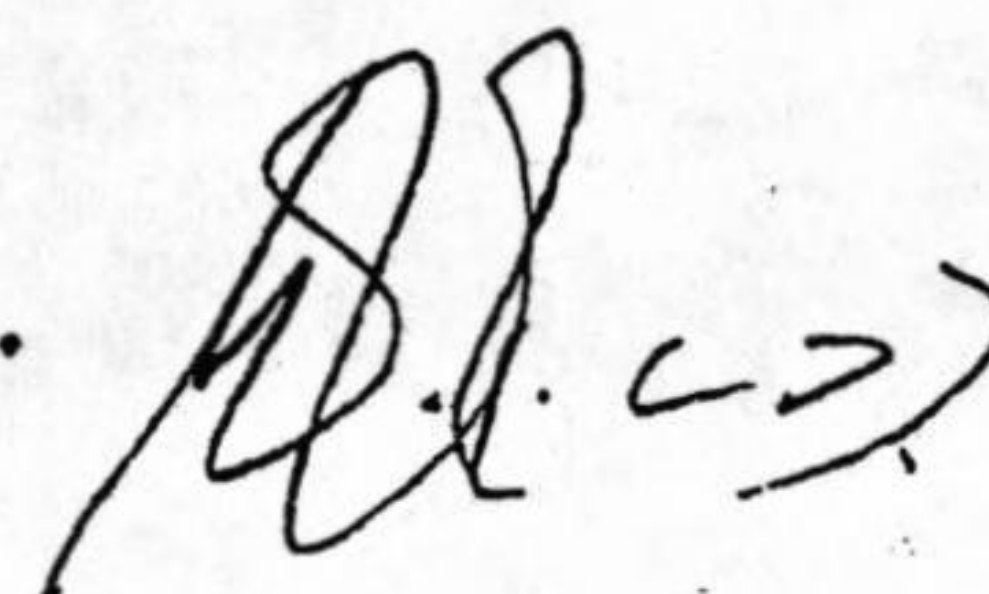
Soon after an SAP van parked down the road and started shooting teargas cannisters into my yard. I was standing there with about nine other people / neighbours. The SAP then left.

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At about ⁺ 7.00 p.m. the Induna, Cornelius Mzobe with some ZP came to my house. They asked what had happened. I replied that he (Induna) should be telling me. The ZP said I should make a statement at the police station. I told them I couldn't as I had nothing - all my possessions had been burnt. They then said they would see what they could do. They, however, didn't do anything.

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On Tuesday 11/10 my husband, who works in Pietermaritzburg, came home. He asked the Induna what had happened. The Induna said there would be a meeting this Sunday, 23/10, to enquire as to what had happened.

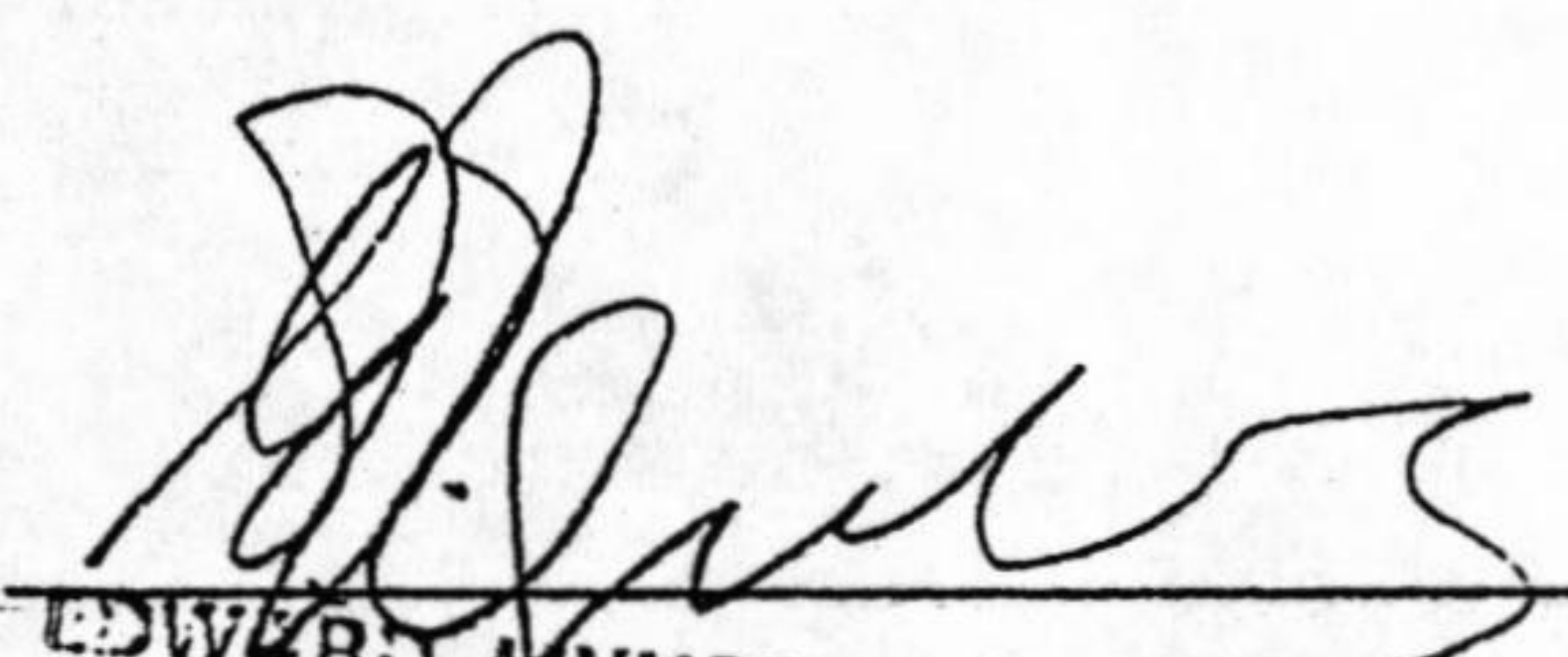
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On Saturday, 15/10, I went to Sphumelele Hall to make a statement. Damage to the property was assessed at about R42000,00 (including cars).

I. Mzobe

DEPONENT

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the abovenamed Deponent has acknowledged that she knows and understands the contents of this affidavit which was sworn to and signed before me at Durban on the 18th day of OCTOBER 1988, the Regulations contained in Government Notice No. R1258 dated 21st July 1972, as mended by Government Notice No.1648 dated 19th August 1977, having been complied with.


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