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Row as former premier's daughter appointed IFP MP

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POLITICAL STAFF

THE appointment of the daughter of former KwaZulu-Natal premier, Frank Mdlalose, as an IFP MP in Cape Town, has stirred a hornet's nest among the party faithfuls in the northern part of the province.

Makhosazana Mdlalose, the eldest daughter of the former South Africa's ambassador to Egypt, was sworn in at the national parliament by Speaker Frene Ginwala last week.

However, her appointment has left a sour political aftertaste for her colleagues in the Amajuba district constituencies (greater Newcastle).

Amajuba district of the IFP has dubbed her appointment as an "insult" to local structures of the party.

"Our anger will be demonstrated in all sorts of demonstrations sooner than later. Recently we have experienced some defections because people were chosen by the top leadership instead of being recommended by local structures as agreed in our latest resolutions.

"Is the party going to add another Prof (Gabriel) Ndabandaba in parlia-

ment at our expense?" they asked.

Ndabandaba, the former KZN education minister, is one of the three IFP MPs who defected to the ANC.

The Amajuba branches charged that Mdlalose was not recommended by them and as such she would not be recognised by them.

The IFP leadership could not be contacted for comment, but the Amajuba District IFP chairman, Fana Duma, said he had not been informed about Mdlalose's appointment by the party's national council.

Mdlalose rejected objections to her appointment as "jealousy".

"Their allegations are unfounded. I am the chairman of the Newcastle ward two branch and I have been a member of the IFP since my youth. I do not think the leadership would have appointed me if they did not think I was suitable," she said.

Mdlalose, who served in the Newcastle local council from 1996 to 2000, has been an assistant principal at Nhlosokuhle School in Blaauwbosch, Newcastle. She will take up her seat in the national assembly when the parliament reconvenes on August 4 2004.

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ISilo sihlaba abezeMpilo

INTATHALI YESOLEZWE

ISILO samaBandla uGoodwill Zwelithini kaBhekuzulu, siwuhlabhe sawuhlikiza umNyango wezeMpilo kuzwelonke ngokungazi-bophezeli ngokuphelele ekulweni nobhubhane lweHIV/Aids.

Lokhu sikusho emcimbini obuseThekwini, lapho bekuhalaliselwa khona izwe laseMelika ngokugeda iminyaka engu-227 lathola inkululeko.

ISilo sithe sethamba ukuthi izindodla zemali eyafakwa nguHulumeni waseMelika ukulwa nalesi sifo kuleli zizofika kungekudala kubantu abazidingayo.

Sikubalulile ukuthi si kwamukela ngezimhlophe ukuvakashela kuka-Mongameli waseMelika, uMnuz George W Bush, kuleli ngesonto elizayo.

Siqhube sathi siyalibonga iqhaza elibanjwe nguHulumeni waseMelika ekulweni nengculazi.

Inxusa laseMelika elizinze eThekwini, uMnuz Michael Thurston, lithe iNingizimu Afrika izothola imali eminyakeni emihlanu ezayo ezosiza labo asebenalesi sifo nabathintekile yisona. Khona manjalo



UNKK Sabine Thurston, ISilo samabandla uGoodwill Zwelithini kanye noMnuz Michael Thurston, oyinxusa laseMelika, besika idhokhe emcimbini wokugubha inkululeko yaleliya izwe obuseThekwini.

Isithombe: TERRY HEYWOOD

uNgqongqoshe wezeNhlalakahle nezokuthuthukiswa komphakathi KwaZulu-Natal, umNtwana uGideon Zulu, ukuhlabile

ukuthi namanje udaba lokubusa kweSilo akukaqedwa ngalo wuHulumeni wakuleli. Uthe ukushiya

ngaphandle kumthethosisekelo wezwe kweqhaza leSilo kufana nesilonda esingapholi esizweni samaZulu.

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Uzobingelelwa ngetoyitoyi uBush

NGOWANI umsele ngohambo lwangasento elizye
hikafomgamel George Bush waseMelika emazweni
ase-Afrika? **US'KHUMBUZO** MYA uyacubungula

UZOBE eqala
ukuhambela izwekazi
lase-Afrika selokhu
athatha izintambo zombuso,
kodwa sekusuke umsele
ngokuza kwakhe engakafiki.
Emazweni amaningi
kwazowahambela sekukhalelwa
imibhikisho, futhi
nomongameli bakulawo
mazwe sebezokhiwe
ngokumema uMongameli
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W Bush.

Ezweni laseNigeria,
elingelinye kwazowaha-
mbela, izolo iqembu lentsha
elizibiza nge-Concerned
Youth Alliance of Nigeria
libe nemibhikisho ezindini
zeNkusa laseMelika
elisenhlokodolobha yakhona,
i-Abuja.

UBush kulindeleke ukuthi
atheleke eNigeria ngoJulayi
11, kanti le nhlangano
yentsha ithe kusazokwenziwa
eminye imibhikisho

emibhikisho uma ehubeka
nalolu hambo.

Kulali njengoba ebhekwe
ngoLwesithathu oluzayo,
umfelandawonye
wezinhlangano
ezingahambisani nezimpi,
i-Anti-War Coalition (AWC),
uthe uhlela umbhikisho
ozoba sezindini
zePhalamende, e-Union
Buildings, ePitoli
ngoLwesithathu. Kusasa
kukhalelwa nemashi ezoba
seLibrary Gardens, eGoli.

Lo mfelandawonye
unezinhlangano ezingaphezu
kuka-300 ngaphansi kwawo.

I-Anti-War Coalition ithe
ihlele le mibhikisho ngoba
ingahambisani nombuso
kaBush njengoba "ufaka
umhlaba wonke ebucayini
bokubheduka kwezimpi".

Isehlakalo sokuhlaselwa
kwezwe lase-Iraq, okumanje
ligcwele umbutho wezempi
waseMelika,

kungagunyazwanga
yisigungu sezokuPhepha
seNhlango yeZizwe, yikho
okubangele uBush lesi
sigcwagcwa anaso emazweni
amaningi omhlaba.

Kuzokhumbuleka ukuthi
ngokuhlasela e-Iraq, uBush
washaya indiva ngisho
izeluleko zikasopolitiki
ohlonishwa emhlabeni
jikelele, uMnuz Nelson
Mandela, owathi ukuhlasele
okungagunyaziwe
yiNhlango yeZizwe
kuzoyehlisa isithunzi.

UMandela naye ushaya
phanzi ngonyawo, uthi ngeke
nangengozi ahlangele
noBush kulolu hambo.

UDkt Motsoko Pheko,
ongumholi we-PAC, uchithe
isimemo sikaMongameli
wakuleli, uMnuz Thabo
Mbeki, sokuyokudla isidlo
sasemini noBush.

I-PAC ingenye yezinhla-
ngano ezizobamba iqhaza
emibhikishweni ye-Anti-War
Coalition.

Omunye wemibuzo
ngokuqubuka kwale

mibhikisho wukuthi ithimba
likaBush lithathe isinqumo
esiphusile yini ngokuhlela
uhambo oluyingqoph-
amlando njengalolu
esikhathini lapho uhulumeni
wakhe esabhekane nengci-
dezi yokwanelisa umhlaba
ngokuthi sasifanele
isinyathelo sokuhlasela
e-Iraq.

Izingqopheli zezopolitiki
zithi okaBush bekumele
alinde lize luthi ukulotha
lolu daba bese kuba yima
ehambela amazwe,
ikakhulukazi lawo
azwakalisa ukuphikisana
nesinyathelo sakhe.

Ngakolunye uhlangathi,
abeseka uhambo lukaBush
bathi lolu hambo luyingxenye
yemizamo yokulungisa igama
leMelika njengoba
kungangabazeki ukuthi
izakhele isinyama
ngokuhlasela i-Iraq.

Phezu kwalokhu,
sekuphele izinyanga
ezintathu yehuleka
wukukhipha ubufakazi
obugculisayo bokubekhona
kwezikhali zembubhiso
kulaliya zwe.

Isinqumo sikahulumeni
waseMelika sokungamula
ukunika uhulumeni wakuleli
usiso kwezikhali,
esimenyazelwe kuleli sonto,
nakho kuzoba nomkhulu
umthelela ekumakheleni
ukungamukeleki
ezakhamizini zakuleli.

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Ubolile umNyango wezeMfundo

MHLELI: Ngingomunye wabasebenzi bomNyango wezeMfundo eziningeni lesokuphatha, kodwa hhayi eziningeni eliphesuhu kakhulu.

Ngikhelewa wumanyu nosizi uma ngibona kudlala ngabasebenzi kanje.

Kulo mNyango kugcwele inkohlakalo. Izikhulu ziqashana ngetye. Kuqashwa ngobuhlobo,

ngobungani nangokugwazisa. Kokunye kugwaziswa ngocansi ezikhulwini zesilisa.

Kusima kulo mNyango. Imali yabakhokhi bentela isetsbenziswa noma yikanjani, kungaki khona ofuna incwelo ngalezo zimali.

Kinama-workshop, izinkomfa nokugqeshwa okwenziwa emahhotela ngaphandle kokuxhumana

nabobonke abadingekayo.

Imikhuba eyenziwa kula mahhotela iyethusa, futhi kusazofa umuntu ngalokhu.

Ngityakwesaba okwenzeka kwelinye lamahhotela lapho kwafika umyeni wenye inkosikazi ephethe isibhamu, kwelamula abaphathi balelo hhotela.

Musani ukusebenzisa imali kaHulumeni ukufeza uthando lwenu.

Wumsebenzi lo, ake sibe

nonembeza.

Angikubeki obala ukuthi bakhona abasebenzi abaziyo ukuthi ngohunye usuku bayoma phambi kukaMdali. Abanye ungathi abakulanga ngaphansi kwezinyalo zobuqotho, zokublonipha, zokwazisa abanye abantu nokusebenzisana.

Inkohlakalo iphazamisela ukusebenza kulo mNyango.

Siyethemba uSolwazi Charles uDlamini, ophethe

kulo mNyango, kuichona angakwazi ukuze kube nesingaqulako.

Uma kodwa engahleleka isizwe siyumsola ngoba nguye ophethe. Solwazi, konakele emnyangweni wakho.

Akekho umuntu onsulwa, kepha asingawenzi amaphutha sidlalele emfundweni kuze kubonakale, sibulale isizwe. Solwazi Dlamini, sithi

Isizwe komele siziqhanye ngolunye usuku ukuthi umNyango wakho wakwazi ukufwa nenkohlakalo.

Siyacela uma kunokwenzeka iScorpion ke singene kulo mNyango sisebenza.

Musani zikhulu zakithi ukufala ngomsebenzi.

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BHEKO MADLALA

THE Inkatha Freedom Party has moved to defuse controversy over the appointment of former ambassador to Egypt Frank Mdlalose's eldest daughter, Makhosazana Mdlalose, to national parliament.

Mdlalose's appointment has triggered accusations of favouritism from IFP stalwarts in Newcastle, where IFP structures have threatened not to recognise her as she was not recommended by the local leadership.

Yesterday, IFP senior leader in

the province, Blessed Gwala, said there was nothing wrong with the appointment of Mdlalose.

"Mdlalose was on top of the list (for appointment). This is a group of people who are embittered they did not go to parliament. No formal complaint has been received."

Mercury 12th/June

Move to drop Indian languages from school curriculums must be stopped

I READ with great interest the articles in *The Mercury* on the decision of the national minister of education to abolish all Indian languages at school.

This move would deprive tens of thousands of our children of a constitutional right.

As a learned legal person, Kader Asmal should have known better

than to have backed this plan.

Language is the heart and soul of our rich and indestructible culture, born and perpetrated through centuries of struggle and human endeavour.

No one has the right to take them away from us.

Laurella Ngcobo, a revered author and cultural activist

herself, speaking on behalf of the IFP in the KZN parliament on Monday June 23 described vividly the immense historical, economic and social contribution of Indian South Africans in the development and growth of our province and country.

She made an impassioned plea for the retention of our Indian

languages, the embodiment of our tradition and historical experience.

First there was the closure of the Indian languages department at the University of Durban-Westville, now Asmal wants to proceed with this irrational and harsh decision.

It is high time that we all

become active and stop this unfair and unjust decision from succeeding.

The IFP will be in the forefront of this effort and we will always support all the people of our nation - Indians included.

KAMAL PANDAY

IFP member of parliament

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