

Lengthy appeals process might keep Winnie Mandela out of prison



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Winnie Mandela: Allowed to appeal conviction.

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JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Winnie Mandela won a reprieve Tuesday from a six-year prison sentence for kidnapping and accessory to assault when a judge said she could appeal her conviction.

The wife of opposition leader Nelson Mandela smiled when Justice M.S. Stegmann delivered the decision after a brief hearing.

The appeal could take several years, and the lengthy process could eventually bury the case and keep her out of prison. Her supporters hope a black government will take power before a final decision is reached and dismiss the case.

Nelson Mandela, president of

the African National Congress, accompanied his wife to court.

Stegmann, who found Winnie Mandela guilty at the end of a sensational three-month trial, ruled that a higher court might reach a different verdict. But he said he was convinced he was right to find her guilty.

Under South African law, the convicting judge must consider a request to appeal the verdict to a higher court. If the judge refuses, an appeal can be made to the chief justice, and if that fails, to the South African president.

Winnie Mandela and two co-defendants were convicted May 13 of abducting four black youths and keeping them at her Soweto home. She also was convicted of being an accessory to assault after the fact.

WORLD BRIEFS

Anti-apartheid activist Boesak joins African National Congress

CAPE TOWN, South Africa — Allan Boesak, a well-known anti-apartheid figure, has joined the African National Congress.



Boesak

Boesak was nominated for a position on the black opposition group's national executive committee earlier this month, but withdrew from the race when delegates questioned whether a non-member could hold a leadership post.

Boesak, who is of mixed-race ancestry, said he expected to help in recruiting and mobilizing ANC members. ANC President Nelson Mandela has said the organization needs to improve its membership among people who aren't black.

Bad news

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week.

X ANC do

seek revenge, says Mandela

DURBAN. — ANC president Nelson Mandela yesterday said he would fight Black domination just as he fought White domination in pursuit of his organisation's commitment to a non-racial political order in South Africa.

Mr Mandela was delivering the inaugural Griffith and Victoria Mxenge Memorial Lecture at the University of Natal.

Mr Mandela said the ANC did not seek revenge for the years of racial oppression, and that the organisation's

response to racism was non-racialism.

People should be sensitive to the Black domination phobia as this would help all South Africans understand that everybody's rights would be ensured.

However, he also appealed to all South Africans to develop their roots in what he termed the African soil and said that Whites, in particular, should stop thinking of themselves as Europeans in Africa, with another home to flee to if things went wrong. — Sapa.

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Soldiers shone spotlight for killers, say residents

SECURITY forces were accused yesterday of involvement in the killing of five ANC members in a Natal shooting on Sunday.

The attack, on a house in Magoda township near Richmond, came two weeks after the wife and two children of an ANC official were killed at Boipatong near Vanderbijlpark.

An independent unrest monitor, who asked not to be named, said yesterday residents had alleged that an SADF armoured vehicle shone a spotlight at the Magoda house during the attack about 11.30pm on Sunday.

The monitor said residents alleged the light was switched off immediately after the attack.

SAP spokesman Lt Henry Budram declined to comment yesterday on allegations concerning the spotlight.

Our Durban correspondent reports the claim is the latest of several allegations of police involvement in violence in the area.

JONATHAN REES

Two weeks ago police were blamed for the murders of 12 people in the Richmond district.

SAP Maritzburg district commissioner Brig Chris Jonker said yesterday police had been accused in spite of the fact that 15 people had appeared in court in connection with the killings.

Jonker said the presence of the ANC, the media and DP MP Pierre Cronje on the scene before police arrived on the scene on Monday had jeopardised investigations.

Sapa reports a top-level police team travelled to Richmond yesterday to investigate the killings.

The team is led by Gen Ronnie van der Westhuizen and comprises several top ballistics and forensic specialists.

Budram said the bodies of three men and two youths, all with bullet wounds, were found inside the house

on Monday.

The unrest monitor said spent .308 cartridges were found at the scene of the killings. A lot of .308 rifles were used for hunting and there was "compelling evidence" of white rightwing involvement in recent killings near Richmond, he said.

The latest killings showed that despite recent arrests of alleged killers in the area, the main perpetrators were still at large, the monitor said.

He called for a reinforced security force presence between the predominantly Inkatha area of Mkozeni and ANC-aligned Magoda township, both near Richmond.

The police unrest report yesterday said a petrol bomb attack caused extensive damage to a home at Rodenbeck in the Free State.

It also said a man was arrested after damage was caused to a home in a similar attack at Inanda, near Maritzburg.

What is a liberal newspaper?

WHAT is a liberal newspaper, asks a reader in a letter below. What does a liberal stand for?

Simply, a liberal stands for freedom. But freedom is an ideologically loaded word — Eugene Terre'Blanche and Chris Hani both see themselves as freedom fighters. A liberal stands for the maximum freedom for each individual, as long as this does not infringe on the freedom of others. This simple sounding formula, which has faced barrages of criticism since put forward by John Stuart Mill in 1859, is a direct and guiding influence on liberal journalism. Liberal journalists are particularly concerned about the freedom of expression of opinion, which seems to have been continually under threat since newspapers were first printed in this country.

Liberals have a bad name among the left because of their association with "exploitive" capital and because they have not done enough to help blacks. These criticisms go against other characteristics generally ascribed to a "liberal" personality — generous, open-hearted and caring. White liberals are derided by the right for being too well-disposed toward blacks, and for being communists. The term "pinko liberal" (often applied to this newspaper) captures this derision. The combination is illogical because liberals see communism as a restraining doctrine totally at odds with their own views on freedom. What has cast these two together in the eyes of the right is their concern for people who are downtrodden.

The "liberal" press is, however, habitually accused by the left of not

doing enough to depict the hardships of blacks, and not fighting hard enough for their cause. This led to the birth of the "alternative" press in the 1980s. Although criticised by the left and right the liberal press, true to its tradition of freedom of expression, often carries their views. You will find a greater variety of opinion, and hence liveliness, in liberal newspapers than in the government supporting media or in the alternative press.

The variety of opinion catered for in the liberal tradition means there are no definitive answers to the questions posed in the letter below. For instance, it is possible for a liberal not to believe in God, and liberals will hold differing views on the role of the church and state, on murder, abortion and divorce. Some, like our letter writer, may think this means liberals are fence sitters. But preaching freedom of opinion, when all around are demanding you take sides for or against them, requires just as much courage as jumping one way or the other.

And finally, dear letter writer, liberals do not doubt the "capability of blacks to rule South Africa". We believe in the innate ability of all human beings and do not distinguish by pigmentation. However, after the corrupt and inefficient bungling of the past few decades one might be tempted to question the governing capabilities of those whose turn is now drawing to a close.

Well, what did you think of Saki Macozoma's answer — in Monday's



Witness — to Teresa Millin's question about whether Nelson Mandela is a communist? Just a week earlier Cyril Ramaphosa seemed evasive, but Saki takes the cake. Behind all the bulldust about McCarthyism, red-baiting, witch-hunting and other clichés is the simple truth that the ANC is not being open about its communist connections.

Why is this important? Those who are communists have much to answer for. Although most of us can dismiss years of Cliff Saunders' propaganda, communism has unquestionably failed, economically, politically and socially. This very day Mikhail Gorbachev is virtually begging from Western leaders after the G7 summit. In the name of com-

munist more people have been killed than under Hitler, Mussolini and all the apartheid leaders put together. Communism is now seen in Europe as having a kinder, socialist face. But here we haven't quite abandoned the fear of a two-stage revolution where communists, lurking in the ANC hierarchy, will seize their moment to take control of the country.

ANC leaders have said publicly they want more foreign investment and they want to attract more South African whites to their ranks. A clean break with the red bogeyman would help, but it is obviously too difficult to break with an ally who has stood by you in the toughest years of the struggle. Indeed, the label "khomanisi" is seen as a badge of honour among many comrades.

It's comradeship in the struggle that counts, as Western liberals and capitalists found out at the recent ANC conference. Whose foreign delegates do you think received the loudest applause? The USSR, Cuba and Iraq.

Nervously waiting my turn to be interviewed on BBC Wales last week I was put at ease when technicians hooked up to an announcer reading the morning's headlines. The *Sun* was the snappiest. Welcome Bok.

If, after all this talk about liberals and communists, you've half a mind to join a more conservative political group, you're in good company. Half a mind is all you need.

WITNESS EDITORIAL PAGE

SIMON BARBER

WASHINGTON — The State Department is circulating a new plan for allocating the \$10m voted by Congress last year to promote democracy in SA.

Under the proposal, the ANC would receive \$4.5m, Inkatha \$2.5m, the SA Council of Churches (SACC) \$2m and the US National Endowment for Democracy \$1m.

Congressional staff members who have been briefed by the department say neither the ANC nor Inkatha would receive funds directly. Instead, the US Agency for International Development would purchase computers, fax machines and other equipment, but not vehicles, on their behalf.

Under the administration's original plan, the ANC was to receive \$3.73m, In-

US revamps \$10m 'democracy' plan

kattha Freedom Party \$1m, and the Wits Centre for Policy Studies \$225 000, with the remainder going to a variety of US groups to run conferences, workshops and other projects in SA. This was blocked by conservatives opposed to direct funding of the ANC.

The department hopes to be able to start implementing the new plan in about two weeks.

Republican critics were rallying opposition to the move on the grounds that the House had voted on June 10 to deny US assistance to any organisation "associated or affiliated" with the SACP.

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THE CITIZEN COMMENT

The blast

THE blast at Pretoria's Hillview school, which was to accommodate 400 ANC children from Tanzania next month, is deplorable.

Who plants a powerful bomb in a school simply because they don't like having ANC children in the "Boere" capital, Pretoria?

It is wanton destruction of property, the damage being estimated at between R300 000 and R1 million.

It is suspected that the bombing was carried out by Right-wing extremists, though all Right-wing organisations deny they were responsible.

We can't say we don't know what the bombers hoped to achieve.

By attacking the school, they intended to force the government and the ANC to decide on another school for the children.

This may happen. The school is so structurally damaged that the ANC has postponed the return of the children while alternative arrangements are made.

The bombers are also, in a perverse way, trying to make the point that ANC children will not be allowed to go to school in Pretoria.

We don't think the Right-wing extremists have any hope of keeping Pretoria a "Boere" city.

Whether they like it or not, the ANC is a major part of the new South Africa and may even be the government.

So there is not any purpose in trying "keep-out" tactics — especially one as dangerous as planting explosives in a school which could have caused death or injury to anyone who happened to be in the vicinity.

Fortunately, nobody was injured.

We cannot fault the government for assisting in the accommodation of the children, many of them orphans of dead ANC cadres or terrorists killed by the South African security forces.

They are coming back, as are the other exiles, including trained guerrillas of Umkhonto we Sizwe, the ANC's military wing.

In such conflicts as South Africa has gone through, exiles remain as part of the reconciliation that is essential.

We fault the government, however, for planning to put the ANC children in a school near the heart of Pretoria, not because it is wrong in itself, but because — predictably — it has created such a furore on the Right that having the children at the school would have posed tremendous security problems, as the bombing has confirmed.

There are, we are sure, other schools where these children would be safer.

Now, it seems, the bombers may have achieved their aim of preventing ANC children using the school — and this will encourage them to commit other dastardly attacks.

In general, the terrible things done in the name of liberation should not continue to be devil relations between former opponents.

There has to be peace. People have to accept that ex-enemies have the right to be treated as ordinary citizens.

Unfortunately, the climate is still too highly charged for people to forgive and forget.

Right-wing extremists have resorted to bombings which, like those of Umkhonto we Sizwe, are purposeless, since they do not cause panic, they do not force changes in government policy, and they do not help the cause which the bombers profess to espouse.

Unfortunately, too, the ANC remains a liberation organisation, with its military wing being expanded in readiness for a resumption of the armed struggle should the ANC deem this to be necessary.

The atmosphere, as a result, is not conducive to peace and reconciliation. Yet that must come if South Africa is to resolve its problems.

To the extreme Right, we say: There is nothing you will achieve by bombings. Violence will only bring counter-violence and this country will end up in flames.

To the ANC, we say: Stop threatening to resume the armed struggle, stop training self-defence units, and start making peace with your former enemies.

The only hope this country has is in negotiation and peace. These should be the two watchwords that everyone should adopt in the difficult period that lies ahead.

Boesak in ANC

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Asked if he would seek a position in South Africa or abroad, he replied: "Wherever the ANC wants to use me."

In the short-term he would probably join the Lavender Hill branch of the ANC. "I go to church there, it's a nice mixed branch and it's close to my home."

Questioned on why he had waited so long before joining, Dr Boesak said he had been approached by many people in the community, including Christians, who had wanted to join the ANC, but were concerned about certain aspects of the movement.

"I promised I would not attempt to respond to these myself, but take them up with the leadership."

As a result of this, he held a series of talks and consultations with regional and national ANC leaders.

Among the concerns was the ANC's alliance with the South African Communist Party.

—Sapa.

Boesak wants national role in ANC

CAPE TOWN

Dr. Allan Boesak, and Justice director, Foundation for Peace yesterday made it clear when he formally joined the African National Congress that he wanted a national role rather than merely a regional role in the movement.

"My role has always been a national role. There is no reason why I should change now," Dr Boesak said.

But there had been no discussion with the ANC leadership yet on what position he might take.

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Bid to occupy houses: civics leader arrested

Citizen Reporter

THE chairman of the Alexandra Civic Organisation, Mr Mike Beza, was arrested, but later released, after a group of about 50 township residents attempted to occupy houses in the nearby suburb of Marlboro Gardens, in Sandton, yesterday afternoon.

A police spokesman said last night Bramley police were called to the Indian suburb after they received a complaint of housebreaking at about 3 pm.

When they arrived at

the scene, Mr Beza apparently immediately identified himself as the leader of the group, and said he was responsible for kicking open the doors of about 32 unoccupied houses, owned by the House of Delegates.

The spokesman said

when police later returned to the suburb to collect statements from witnesses and the township residents, no one was prepared to give a statement.

As no charges could be brought against him, Mr Beza was released.