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18/10/88

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I, the undersigned,

LILLIAN ZONDEKILE NDLOVU (Born GCABA)

do hereby make oath and say that:

1.

I am an adult female widow, pensioner and reside in the area of Bhekulwandle, Amanzimtoti, in the Administrative Ward of Chief AMOS MAPHUMULO and Induna GUNDU MAPHUMULO. The area is situated across KwaMakhutha Township.

2.

On Sunday the 9th October 1988, at about 2.00 pm I was at home. Present were my daughter NELISIWE and daughter-in-law WINNIE, MUSAWENKOSI's wife and two young grand-children. As we were sitting, a large mob of men heavily armed with handguns, axes, spears and all sorts of dangerous weapons, appeared from the direction of the Regiment's Headman DAMU MSELEKU above my kraal where they were meeting and mobilising. The mob was chanting slogans and dancing and the women were ululating. It was frightening.

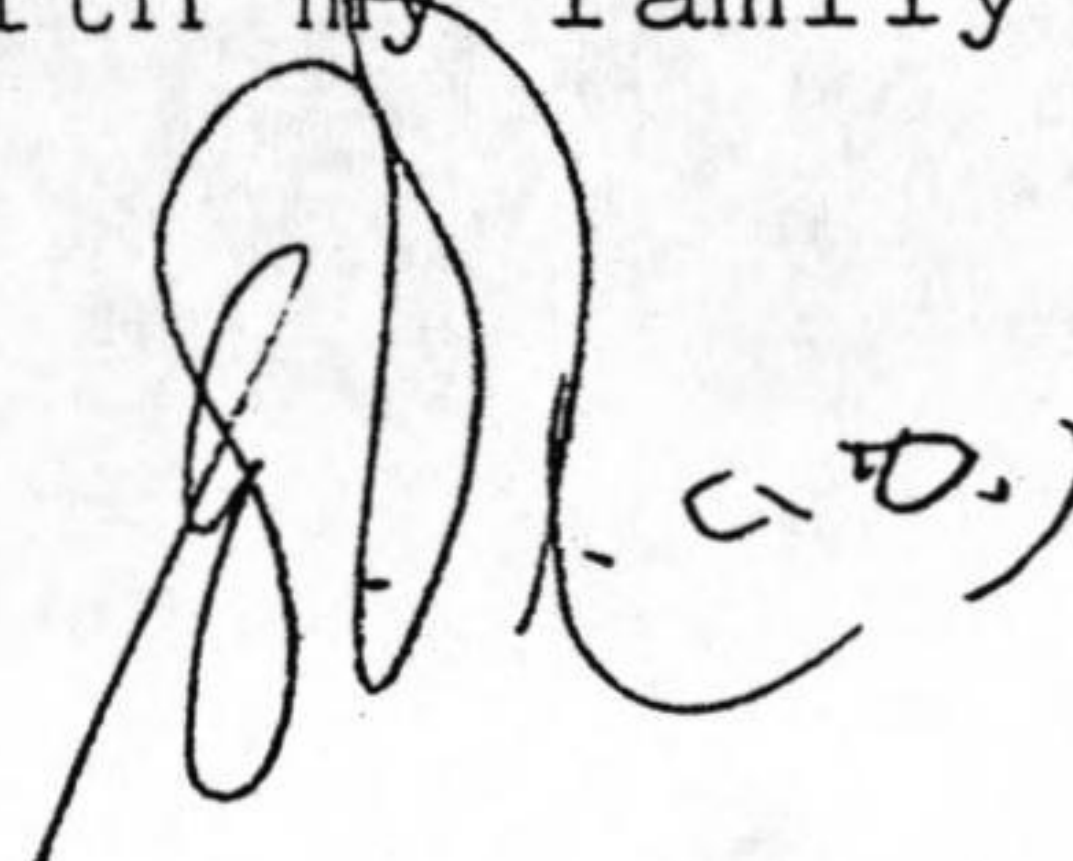
3.

The mob sang, chanted and marched to a site which is about a stone's throw from my kraal where a community hall will be erected. They sang and dance at this site. Another mob appeared from below and joined the first mob to form one big mob. They then marched past my kraal and went to the Ngema's kraal below my kraal, which they attacked. They destroyed Ngema's kraal with stones, rocks and the weapons they were armed with. They tried to set the kraal alight but it was not completely destroyed. From Ngema's kraal they marched back, went past my kraal and proceeded to my brother-in-law KHETHEZAKHE NDLOVU's kraal which they also attacked and burned down. They succeeded to burn one house. The other was only damaged. As they were marching away from NDLOVU's kraal, my sister NGIYAPHI NDLOVU (born GCABA) came to my house and warned me to get out of the kraal as I was going to be attacked as well.

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I then left the kraal together with my family to stand on a

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hillock nearby to watch helplessly. The mob marched back to my kraal which they destroyed. They damaged the windows and threw a burning liquid into the houses which caught fire and completely destroyed all the seven houses - one big four (4) roomed house, three (3) two (2) roomed outbuilding, and three (3) corrugated iron-roofed rondavels. They were all completely burned down. Also damaged was unused three (3) dozen corrugated iron.

5.

Among the mob who attacked my house was the Leader of the Regiment MSELEKU, who was leading and commanding the attack. He was armed with a spear. I did not see if he was carrying any fire-arm. Also present in the attack was one MKHIZE whom I think is a lodger in one of the families at Amanzimtoti, and one MANGUNGU MSELEKU, who had an affair with my daughter NELISIWE, with whom he has a child. The others I could not identify. MKHIZE threw the first stone at my big house, which damaged a window and the burning down followed. I saw the leader MSELEKU picking up a mattress, which the children had tried to save, throwing it back into the burning fire. He also removed washing from the line and threw it into the fire. I saw MANGUNGU was in the crowd which was milling around the yard fanning the fires and destroying my crops of vegetables in the garden, threatening to dig up my fresh husband's grave and chop his body to pieces.

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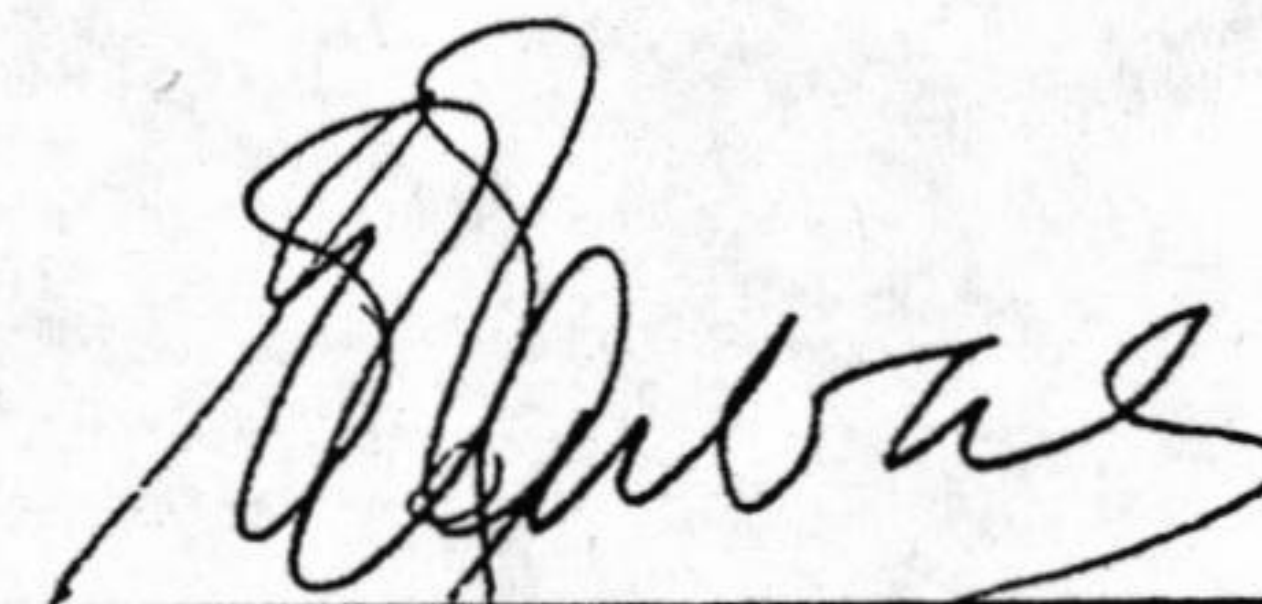
I became hysterical and I ran into the house of my married daughter MATILDA SABELA, who has a house not very far from my kraal. The mob thereafter marched on and disappeared on the hillock. I returned to the house and there was such damage that all the furniture and clothing was destroyed. I reported the matter to the Chief's Court at the Magistrate's Court, Umbumbulu. I was advised to report the matter to the Chief who has jurisdiction to hear my complaint. I went to Chief AMOS MAPHUMULO, who advised me to talk with the Regiment Leader MSELEKU to enable me to rebuilt my damaged houses. I could not go to MSELEKU who destroyed my house. I have not reported the matter to the police.

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DEPONENT

I CERTIFY THAT the Deponent has acknowledged that he/she knows and understands the contents of this Affidavit which

(Signature)

was signed and sworn to before me at DURBAN on this 18th
day of *OCTOBER* 1988 under compliance with the
Regulations contained in Government Notice No. R1258 dated
21 July 1972 (as amended).



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