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The Education Crisis

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The South African Communist Party in the northern Transvaal yesterday called on the Lebowa government to deal with teachers' grievances as a teachers' strike in the homeland entered its fourth week.

"The party is concerned about the disruption of education in Lebowa." SACP regional assistant

secretary Mr Stanley Motimele said.

'We are calling on the entire Ramodike administration to meet the demands of the teachers in the region.

The Party is focussing attention on the leadership of Mr Ramodike in particular."

The strike started on August 26 after authorities docked R45 per hour off the salaries of teachers who participated in a protest march on August 7.

Before they return to the classrooms the South African Democratic Teachers Union (SadtU) have

called for, among other demands, the resignation of Mr Ramodike and an end to the alleged police

harassment of teachers.

On Monday lawyers representing the homeland and SadtU were meeting after the Pretoria Supreme Court ordered the two parties to resolve their differences out of court.

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The Department of Education and Training said on Monday the call by the SA Democratic Teachers

Union for teachers not to close schools during the holidays was irresponsible.

'This call smacks of gross irresponsibility and provocation,' said Mr F. R. Motau, Johannesburg

regional chief director, in a statement.

SadtU's call will be seen by many authorities as a smokescreen to cover up the neglect of duty in

a wasted year," he said.

"There is a real risk of wholesale confrontation between SadtU and a community which views the

defiance campaign as a deception,' he added.

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Sixteen representatives of teacher, parent, student, worker and community bodies in Natal began an indefinite sit-in at the House of Delegates offices in Durban on Monday evening after

negotiations during the day failed to resolve the crisis facing Indian schools in the province.

About 120 schools -- affecting some 60,000 pupils -- have been closed in Natal following a dispute between cleaning staff and the company that employs them, Shelter Services.

The House of Delegates closed the schools because of unsanitary conditions, but protesters are

demanding the HOD suspend their contract with Shelter Services, re-open the schools and directly employ cleaning staff.

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which now pervades our land.'

Mr Sidego, who leaves South Africa on September 29 for his post, also said he would strongly

encourage Danish businessmen to become economically involved with South Africa. '

SA-France Trade to Increase

Trade between South Africa and France will Increase following the visit to South Africa by the

French Minister of Industry and Foreign Trade, Mr Dominique Strauss-Kahn.

Mr Strauss-Kahn said at a news conference in Johannesburg on Monday that France had decided

to show its appreciation for the extent of reform in South Africa by encouraging French trade

and investment.

"The process of increasing trade can start now," he said, describing France's commitment to new

economic contact with South Africa as "90 per cent", because France would continue to boycott

South African coal, despite the European Community's decision to lift sanctions.

France's maintenance of the coal boycott -- a 'symbolic rather than economic' gesture -- was

to display France's displeasure that not everything had been done to democratise South Africa.

Mr Strauss-Kahn said the visit by himself and his large delegation of leading French businessmen had been welcomed by State President F W de Klerk and ANC president Nelson Mandela at different meetings with the two South African leaders earlier on Monday.

He said Mr Mandela had expressed displeasure at France's willingness to expand trade links to

almost every sphere, while Mr de Klerk had indicated that the coal boycott should also be scrapped.

Mr Strauss-Kahn said although nothing had been agreed on officially, the fruits of his visit --

new French investment in South Africa -- would become apparent in months ahead.

Part of the expanding trade included France's assistance in the training of black South Africans

for middle and top management positions -- an area in which South Africa was falling behind.

Both the ANC and the SA Government had "partly decided" to endorse a French-sponsored management training scheme in South Africa, Mr Strauss-Kahn said.

Trade areas in which France would compete in South Africa included satellite communications

and most high-tech fields, housing and infrastructure construction, and 'a long list' of others.

Mr Strauss-Kahn said.

He said France had adopted a policy of non-interference in South African political affairs,

including the debate surrounding the demand for an interim government, but advocated the start

of a multi-party conference. 'The sooner the better,' said Mr Strauss-Kahn.

After an hour long meeting between senior officials of the ANC and French industry and Trade

Minister, Mr Strauss-Kahn, the head of the ANC's Department of International Affairs Cde Thabo Mbeki said in a press conference that foreign businessmen and governments interested in

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The case was postponed to December 2.

White: In Favour of SADF Deployment in Townships - Survey

White South Africans are overwhelmingly in favour of the deployment of the SADF in unrest areas. according to a survey by a market research group.

In a statement on Monday the organisation said the findings were based on personal interviews

conducted in the last half of last year on 2211 urban adults.

Four out of every live people interviewed supported the use of of soldiers in unrest areas.

There was hardly any difference between English and Afrikaans speakers on this issue. with 80

per cent 01 English-speakers supporting SADF deployment. compared with 82 per cent of Afrikaans speakers.

Men were more in favour of this step than women: 77 per cent of women supported the move . while 86 per cent of men were In favour of troops being used In the townships.

Danie Craven - Mandela To Meet for the First Time

The eldets statesmen of rugby and .of politics -- Danie Craven and Nelson Mandela -- are to meet

for the first time at a breakfast this Friday.

, DP MP Jennie Mombarg confirmed on Monday that the president of the SA Rugby Board and the

president of the ANC would meet at the MP's Stellenbosch home.

"We are experiencing a tremendous number of deadlocks in matters of sport at present." Mr Mombarg said. "A meeting between these two could be symbolically Important in unravelling these problems."

ANC national executive committee member Steve Tshwete will also be present.

Mr Mombarg said spokesmen for both Mr Mandela and Dr Craven confirmed they would be there

. Asked what he would say to Mr Mandela. Dr Craven said simply: "I will play it by ear".

Mr Mombarg's house will also be used on Thursday evening as the venue for an ANC cocktail party for Mr Mandela.

It was chosen because Mr Mombarg's son, Jennie junior. holds the fund-raising portfolio on the

local ANC committee and he asked his father if the house could be used as this would save the ANC

money.

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Joint monitoring of Shaka's Day rally called historic

DURBAN — The successful

joint monitoring by the ANC

and the South African and Kwa-

Zulu Police of a Shaka's Day

rally in Gamalakhe on Natal's

South Coast on Sunday has been

hailed by independent unrest

monitors as "historic

African National Congress

representatives worked along-

side the security forces at the

predominantly Inhanga-supp-

ported rally to ensure effective pu-

licing and to prevent a possible

outbreak of violence

Gamakhe is a well known

ANC stronghold and tears were

expressed last week about the

presence of the large group of

IFP supporters there.

ANC representatives contact-

ed senior Durban policeman

Colonel James Louwrens to

express their tears and joint

monitoring structures were put

into place from Saturday with a

huge security force presence.

ANC "comrades" worked

closely with police at a tem-

porary police station opposite

the Omandla Secondary School

where the rally took place.

The Southern Natal deputy

chairman of the ANC, Jeff Ra-

debe, maintained radio contact

with his team stationed in areas

around Gamalakhe, while he

had easy access to senior po-

lice officers to relay problems.

Gamakhe's ANC leader, Dr

Siyabonga Cwele, said the moni-

toring had been good, but

some "attitude problems" were

experienced among some junior

security force members.

But there was better under-

standing and co-operation be-

tween the police and monitors

Iron: all organisations violence

would largely be prevented, he

said.

Port Shepstone unrest moni-

tor Selvan Chetty said there

were some communication

hitches, but added the joint

monitoring assisted in the peace

process and was effective. ...

Natal police public relations

chief Colonel Reg Reynolds said

monitoring ran smoothly and

co-operation between all the

parties involved was good.

KwaZulu police spokesman

Colonel Moses Lindetihle Khan-

yile said he had no objections to

joint monitoring as long as the

objective was to maintain

peace and law and order.  
OM the rally. Inkatha presi-  
dent Mangosuthu Buthelezi and  
Zulu monarch King Goodwill  
Zwelithini made emphatic calls  
for an end to violence. - Sapa