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Malema: ANC will return to Nongoma

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The ANC would continue to campaign in IFP strongholds despite attacks on its supporters in Nongoma, an IFP area, at the weekend, ANC Youth League leader Julius Malema said on Wednesday.

"We are not afraid of the IFP. We must go back to Nongoma and campaign. We must campaign everywhere in KwaZulu even at the backyard of Mangosuthu Buthelezi's backyard," said Malema.

Addressing thousands of African National Congress supporters after party president Jacob Zuma's court appearance in Pietermaritzburg, Malema said attacks on ANC supporters would not stop the party from returning to Zululand.

Three ruling party members were shot at before and during an ANC rally in Nongoma on Sunday. They all survived.

Soon after the attacks, the ANC accused Inkatha Freedom Party supporters of making Nongoma a "no area" for the ruling party.

Malema urged ANC supporters to go to Buthelezi's house and recruit his children to join the ANC. Last week, Buthelezi's son Tutu Buthelezi joined the ANC.

ANC general secretary Gwede Mantashe commended KwaZulu-Natal police for arresting people in connection with recent attacks on ANC members in the province.

Sthembiso Cele, the chairman of the ANC Youth League in KwaZulu-Natal's Umgababa on the south coast, was shot dead on January 23.

Another high profile ANC member, inkosi Mbongeleni Zondi, was also shot dead in Durban's Umlazi Township on January 22.

Bongani Ngcobo, chairman of the Nongoma sub region, was shot allegedly by an IFP councillor in full view of his colleagues at the ANC office in Nongoma on Saturday, a day before the ANC held its rally a few kilometres away.

A member of the Zulu Royal family, Prince Zebon Zulu and his daughter-in-law, Dorris were shot immediately after leaving the ANC rally in Nongoma on Sunday.

Six other ANC supporters were attacked when the buses transporting them to a rally were hit with stones. - Sapa



"Not afraid!" ANC Youth League leader Julius Malema has strong words for those trying to keep the party out of campaigning in IFP strongholds. Photo: Sapa



Mangosuthu Buthelezi must step down: Malema
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ANC Youth League president Julius Malema, speaking in Mafikeng, has called on IFP leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi to step down in the interest of democracy. In an ongoing war of words, Malema says the anti ANC supporters of the IFP at Nongoma are just as undemocratic as their leader: "He does not know democracy. He has been a president of the IFP for many years; he must consider stepping down.

"He has been president when OR Tambo was there, when Nelson Mandela was there, when (former) president Thabo Mbeki was there, now its Jacob Zuma. I think it is high time the old man must call it a day and say perhaps we need a new leadership in the IFP."

Inkosi Buthelezi has been the leader of the IFP since he formed the party in 1975. The ANC and IFP both held rallies in Nongoma when tensions rose between the two parties that resulted in the death of an ANC MP and the wounding of two others. Earlier, ANC President Jacob Zuma addressed the Nongoma rally and called for political tolerance in KwaZulu-Natal. Zuma raised concerns about ongoing attacks on ANC members in the province.

Malema drew headlines and invective again, firing latent hostility between the ANC and IFP by announcing that he would take the ruling party's 2009 election campaign not only to Nongoma, KwaZulu-Natal, but to the very backyard and house of IFP leader in a bid to convert his own children. Malema's utterances were followed by a firm response from the IFP Youth Brigade, challenging Malema to carry out his promise.

Malema says any political party must feel free to recruit anyone, even if they are family members of Buthelezi.

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IFP warns Malema

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Johannesburg - ANC Youth League president Julius Malema should withdraw his "politically ill-advised outburst" or he will be referred to the SA Human Rights Commission, IFP president Mangosuthu Buthelezi said on Thursday.

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"The IFP calls on Mr Malema to be a responsible leader and withdraw his politically ill-advised outburst with immediate effect to avoid heightening tensions and confrontation, a few months before the 2009 elections," he said in a statement.

Buthelezi was responding to comments made by Malema in Pietermaritzburg on Wednesday.

"If Mr Malema fails to do this we will have no option but to refer his statements to the Human Rights Commission for action."

Malema told a crowd of African National Congress supporters that the ANC would continue campaigning in Inkatha Freedom Party strongholds even in the face of the attacks it had sustained in Nongoma, an IFP stronghold, over the weekend.

In Buthelezi's backyard

"We are not afraid of the IFP. We must go back to Nongoma and campaign. We must campaign everywhere in KwaZulu even at the backyard of Mangosuthu Buthelezi's backyard," said Malema.

Buthelezi condemned Malema's statements as "derogatory" and "contrary to the tenor in which we, as political opponents, contest elections".

"I also believe this irresponsible political rhetoric does not bode well for the promotion of the spirit of peaceful coexistence and reconciliation between the ANC and the IFP to which the IFP is committed," Buthelezi said.

Clashes between IFP and police

The IFP leader added that his party was not fuelling the political intolerance which emerged in KwaZulu-Natal over the weekend, saying the ANC made these allegations as an "election strategy".

"We see this time and time again as we head closer to national and provincial elections, the ANC blames the IFP for all sorts of untruths as part of their election strategy.

"... we unequivocally condemn the most recent incidents at Nongoma.

"The alleged clashes between ANC and IFP supporters were in fact clashes between IFP supporters and the police who brutalised the public without provocation at the instruction of MEC for community



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Buthelezi 'not different from Mugabe'

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By Poloko Tau

ANC Youth League President, Julius Malema, has once again taken a swipe at IFP leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi, calling him a "dictator" and "not different from (Robert) Mugabe".

Addressing students at North West University in Mafikeng on Saturday, Malema said he was going "to recruit Buthelezi to the ANC" now that his son Tutu had officially joined the ruling party.

"We vow to recruit all his children and his wife, then recruit him (Mangosuthu) so that we can save him from himself. He's a dictator," Malema said.

This follows Malema's latest utterances that the ANC would not be stopped from campaigning in any area including IFP strongholds like Nongoma. Likening Buthelezi to Zimbabwean President Mugabe, Malema said the IFP's longest serving leader was a "dictator".

"A dignified way for him to retire from politics is to join the ANC," he said, adding that the IFP was "not a political party, but a tribal cultural group".

"They cannot threaten us. We won't be intimidated and we'd go everywhere, including Mangosuthu's backyard," he said.

"We'll recruit in KwaZulu-Natal without carrying any weapons. Nobody will ever tell us they own a certain territory. Nobody will tell us we were wrong to go to Nongoma."

Malema said people of Nongoma welcomed the ANC there a week ago. "We're ushering in democracy. We must liberate them from the IFP. Our democracy means that people must be spoilt for choice," he said.

Turning to ANC President Jacob Zuma, who is facing corruption charges, Malema said the ruling party leader was certainly going to rule the country after the elections.

"Whether you charge him or not, Zuma will become President of the republic. Charges are allegations and will remain as such," he said.

"As long as Zuma is not found guilty, nothing stops us from making him President. We're not going to be demoralised by the charging, dropping, charging; those are games we're used to."

Malema said even if Zuma was "found guilty and sent to jail, he would have been a President".

"Our dream would have been realised. He will remain former president and history will confirm it," he said. COPE did not escape Malema's attack either, he called them a group of "clowns coming together to for



War of words: ANC Youth League President Julius Malema has once again taken a swipe at IFP leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi. Photo: Independent Archive

a political party".

Malema challenged ANC members who wanted to join COPE to do so "without wasting our time".

"We can replace them whether they're mayors, they may leave. We don't advertise posts, we use track records. You don't need qualifications to lead in the ANC," he said.

Malema went from door to door encouraging people to register for elections.

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Buthelezi is a factory fault: Malema

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Harsh words: ANC Youth League president Julius Malema has continued a verbal barrage on the IFP and its president. *Photo: Chris Collingridge, The Star*

By Bheki Mbanjwa

ANC Youth League president Julius Malema has continued a verbal barrage on the IFP and its president, Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

In his latest attack, Malema referred to Buthelezi as a "factory fault", while calling the IFP a "terrorist organisation".

"The ANC Youth League is a factory that has produced the best (leaders), but while we have produced the best like (Nelson) Mandela, there was also Buthelezi who was a factory fault.

"He (Buthelezi) was assigned by the movement (the ANC) to start a cultural group that would mobilise our people but he saw an opportunity and turned it into a political organisation," he said on Monday.

Malema said that because the IFP "was a cultural group that was formed for cultural reasons", it was inevitable that it was going to die a natural death.

Earlier this year, Malema angered Buthelezi when he said the ANC would campaign in the IFP president's backyard.

At the time Buthelezi asked Malema to withdraw the comments, saying they were derogatory, and he even threatened to refer the matter to the Human Rights Commission.

However, Malema was at it again on Monday, firing several verbal salvos at the IFP, even calling it a terrorist organisation that had collaborated with the apartheid state to unleash a

reign of terror on black people. "While we respect everybody, we are not afraid of anyone," he said.

Power

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