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ANC urges IFP chair to defect

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THE Inkatha Freedom Party has dismissed the ANC's statements that its national chairwoman, Zanele KaMagwaza-Msibi, should defect to the ruling party because she is being ill-treated.

Speaking during the 98th celebrations at Estcourt on Saturday, ANC national executive committee member and Human Settlement Minister Tokyo Sexwale and the secretary of Cosatu in KZN, Zet Luzipho, said that KaMagwaza-Msibi should join the ANC.

Luzipho said that everyone can see that KaMagwaza-Msibi, who is also the mayor of the Zululand District Municipality, is being abused because she is powerful. He said the tripartite alliance wants her to know that women are respected in the ANC, adding that she should "come back home" and join the ruling party.

Sexwale said that KaMagwaza-Msibi should know that in the ANC they love her and she must come back home, adding that she is being ill-treated by the IFP.

KaMagwaza-Msibi has been at the centre of succession squabbles that threaten to tear the IFP apart following the party's dismal showing at the April 22 polls last year.

A faction of the IFP's youth brigade wants KaMagwaza-Msibi to succeed long-standing IFP leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

Another faction of the youth brigade and some senior IFP members are backing IFP secretary-general, Musa Zondi, to take the reins from Buthelezi.

The Witness understands that the IFP's national executive committee met yesterday, but the ANC's statements were not discussed.

IFP's national deputy spokesman and member of the KZN Legislature, Thulasizwe Buthelezi, said that the party will not comment on the statements because it has more important things to discuss.

Deputy president of the IFP-aligned student organisation, South African Democratic Students' Organisation (Sadesmo), Ntuthuko Majozi, said the party and its senior leadership will not lose sleep over the statements.

Former IFP Youth Brigade chairman, Sikhumbuzo Khanyeza, who was suspended by the party as a result of his endorsement of KaMagwaza-Msibi, said the ANC and Cosatu are dragging the national chairwoman's name through the mud.

"Maybe it is a plan to destabilise the party," said Khanyeza. He added that the statements were an insult to a senior IFP leader.

SABC



Magwaza-Msibi mum on support for her election as IFP leader
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Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) national chairperson Zanele Ka-Magwaza-Msibi has distanced herself from a support group that is lobbying for her election as the next leader of the IFP.

In a statement Ka-Magwaza Msibi says she is not party to any of the concerned groups. She says they are doing so without her consent.

Reports have also suggested that the ANC and the Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu) are trying to woo the beleaguered IFP national chairperson into the party's ranks.

Cosatu's Zet Luziphho said Magwaza-Msibi is being ill-treated in the IFP and should join the ANC. "Everybody can see that this woman is being abused because she is powerful and wise. But we want to let her know that the ANC is the only party where powerful women are respected and we call her to come back home and join the ANC," Luziphho said at the ANC's 98th anniversary celebration in Estcourt, KwaZulu-Natal.

His sentiments were echoed by ANC NEC member and Human Settlements Minister Tokyo Sexwale. "She must know that we love her and she must come back home to the ANC. She is being ill-treated in the IFP," Sexwale said.

Magwaza-Msibi has been reported to be at loggerheads with certain IFP leaders who believe she has ambitions to take over from the party's aged leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi. These leaders are in favour of Buthelezi's favourite, Musa Zondi, taking the reins of the party.

Youth leaders who canvassed for her as a presidential candidate have since been expelled from the party.

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ANCWL: 'No place for women in the IFP'

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Witness Reporter

THE ANC Women's League in KZN has questioned the redeployment of the IFP's national chairperson, Zanele Magwaza-Msibi, to the KwaZulu-Natal Legislature.

In a statement yesterday, the league said there is only one conclusion to be drawn from the decision of the IFP's national council to redeploy Magwaza-Msibi, and that is that "there is no place for women in the IFP, period".

Magwaza-Msibi is at the centre of a leadership battle. The IFP Youth Brigade nominated her in November to succeed party leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi, but she and secretary-general Musa Zondi have stated they will not accept nominations to lead the party.

ANCWL provincial chairperson Thandi Gcabashe said that after tiptoeing around the subject for a week, the IFP finally made the announcement that the Zululand mayor will be moved to the KZN Legislature.

"This despite membership wishes for Magwaza-Msibi to remain in her position as mayor of the Zululand District Municipality," she said. "The decision proves a long-held suspicion that there is indeed a ceiling for women within IFP ranks.

"Scores of brilliant women have disappeared within the IFP or left the party over the past decade." She said these women had cited a number of reasons, including a lack of support and mentorship, limited room for growth and development and a general lack of respect for women.

She asked what had happened to the likes of aspiring young IFP leaders such as Sibusisiwe Ngubane, Linda Hlongwa and Zandile Myeni.

Gcabashe called on women and youth within the IFP to jump ship and join the ANC.

ANCYL urges IFP to get sorted

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Durban - The ANCYL in KwaZulu-Natal on Friday called on Inkatha Freedom Party leader **Mangosuthu Buthelezi** to provide leadership in the party instead of fuelling tension by taking sides in faction fighting.

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go to the polls on the day.

Ongoye campus has a student population of about 12 000.

Law enforcement agencies are keeping a close eye on events at the campus because there are fears that violence could erupt on election day.

Malema hit out at outgoing Reserve Bank Governor Tito Mboweni, the latest victim of youth league president's sharp tongue.

He said Mboweni was "arrogant" and warned that he would not get any positions in the ANC if he continued to speak against the proposed nationalisation of mines.

"Tito must know that the nationalisation of mines will happen and it will happen in our lifetime. He (Mboweni) is nothing in the ANC because he is not in any leadership structures," he said.

He said Mboweni's "empty arrogance" had cost him reappointment as governor of the Reserve Bank because he held views which differed from those of the ruling party.

"If he continues like this, he runs a risk of not getting any nice (future) redeployment by the ANC," he said.

Malema again criticised Nedbank, saying the ANCYL would mobilise South Africans to withdraw their Nedbank accounts, if the bank did not come up with a "valid explanation" on why it withdrew its sponsorship for Athletics South Africa.

Malema said the league, which has a membership of about 600 000, could mount a successful campaign against Nedbank if it failed to engage with its leadership on the issue.

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ANCYL slams Buthelezi for lack of leadership

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The ANCYL in KwaZulu-Natal called on Inkatha Freedom Party leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi to provide leadership in the party instead of fuelling tension by taking sides in faction fighting.



IFP president Mangosuthu Buthelezi and Zanele Magwaza-Msibi

Photograph by: RAJESH JANTILAL

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On Saturday, Magwaza-Msibi's supporters are expected to march in Durban to express their dissatisfaction at her treatment by the party and its leaders, who do not want her to stand.

"We are expecting thousands of people to take part in the march. We will have people from the whole of KwaZulu-Natal, Gauteng and Eastern Cape," said organiser Mzonjani Zulu.

Zulu is one of eight IFP district leaders whose court application to compel the party not to postpone its elective conference was dismissed with costs in the Durban High Court on Friday.

The court also dismissed their application to stop the Buthelezi from bringing disciplinary action against members backing Magwaza-Msibi.

Zulu said more than 50 IFP members backing Magwaza-Msibi had either been expelled or suspended for openly backing her.

Magwaza-Msibi was expected to face an internal inquiry on Saturday after the party raised concerns that she had failed to rebuke her backers.

"They (IFP) leaders are doing everything to ensure that she does not stand," Zulu said

Daily News

Buthelezi is a dictator - ANCYL

July 20 2010 at 04:54pm

IFP President Mangosuthu Buthelezi was a dictator, who used tricks to hold on to his position, the ANCYL in KwaZulu-Natal. *Photo: Sandile Ndlovu, The Mercury*



IFP President Mangosuthu Buthelezi was a dictator, who used tricks to hold on to his position, the ANCYL in KwaZulu-Natal said in a statement.

"The IFP is not a democratic organisation but a traditional cultural movement led by a dictator (Buthelezi)," said African National Congress Youth League (ANCYL) provincial secretary Bheki Mtolo.

The IFP on Sunday announced that the long awaited elective conference would no longer take place on July 23.

The party said it needed to conclude a disciplinary inquiry into its national chairwoman, Zanele Magwaza-Msibi.

She is accused of failing to rebuke her "divisive backers".

"This man (Buthelezi) has deliberately postponed the conference because he fears that he might be voted out," said Mtolo.

He said his organisation was aware of Buthelezi's old "dirty tricks" of not wanting to step down from his position. Buthelezi has been IFP president since the party's inception in the 1970s.

"We call upon all the youth of the IFP and everyone else who believe in democratic principles to leave the IFP and join the ANC."

Buthelezi was not immediately available to comment.

The statement released by the IFP on Sunday stated that the conference would only take place after Magwaza-Msibi cleared her name.

It said intra-party fighting had become violent and that the creation of "bogus party branches" was threatening to make the conference illegitimate.

The conference would continue only after the party was structurally sound and "current divisions have been resolved". - Sapa



COSATU KWAZULU NATAL

DATE: 26 JULY 2010

COSATU KWAZULU NATAL is concerned with the spates of killings as a result of party political squabbles in the IFP. This signals instability in our province and must be quelled before it fuels unnecessary violence we last saw before the 1994 elections.

1. We are concerned by the developments in the IFP that have seen 2 people killed who are associated with one faction. The news that the by the President of the ANC and the President of the country to meet the President of the IFP are welcomed.

This is clear sign from our president that he is concerned and he is doing everything in his power to quell any sparks of violence in this province. The very concerns of the IFP as informed by the country's intelligence. This is not only a concern to the IFP it is a concern to the President of the ANC and the President of the country. He is the one who was tasked with establishing good relations between the IFP and the ANC after the 1994. He succeeded in ending the political violence with the some leaders of the IFP including the President of the IFP. The IFP should therefore welcome such intervention which is aimed at ensuring that the IFP continues to exist under peaceful conditions.

2. We represent the masses of the working class and the poor who will suffer badly should any forms of violence break up in this province. As much as we can never dictate to the IFP who to elect and who not to elect but we are concerned when their party politics stand to destabilize the province of KwaZulu Natal. We believe that the IFP can only gain from this great statesman who has been all over Africa trying to broker peace where violence was eminent. He is the one person, better than anyone who understands succession battles as he had dealt with one of hardest battles in his own party without any violence or discrediting of any other leader. As COSATU in KZN we will respect that process and we hope the IFP does the same.

3. The leadership of the IFP has nothing to fear from this intervention but it stands to benefit as it stands a better chance to exist and avoid any violence that could take place.

It is the one faction that postponed the conference and yet the other is appealing to the National Commissioner for maximum security should the conference continue. They should appreciate the intervention. In the face of these squabble are the reported threats of violence the IFP should welcome any help it gets especially from a man who understands the ills of violence and has worked hard to establish and maintain peace not only in KZN but in African as a whole.

4. We are shocked by some revelation by some weekend newspapers about the loss of an IFP leader's personal gun in his own home. Guns are meant to be kept away from children. They are meant to defend the individuals especially in a family setup. When a gun becomes a source of division due to negligence, a negligent party must be held responsible for negligence. It is not correct that only a child was held responsible by a court of law. What about the owner of the gun? It is even worse when the gun could not be found; it is such guns that give rise to senseless killings and violence.

5. We will be glad that the gun had not been stolen and used to kill innocent lives but we would plead with the police to do their work and find the gun and hold those who failed to keep the gun beyond the reach of children responsible and maybe ensure that they are never given a license to own any gun in the future.

6. How can a man of integrity, a man who has told us over the years that he leads a peaceful party be carrying a gun in his personal capacity. A man of 82 years of age should not be carrying a gun, given the fact that he has security that is looking after him around the clock.

What lesson is he giving his own followers in the IFP? Is he saying that they should recklessly carry guns and risk the lives of ordinary people? The police should probe this matter to the latter and get to the bottom of this matter; otherwise we will lodge a formal complaint.

7. We welcome the sentencing of the 18 year old who was found guilty of stealing the gun. Anyone who commits a crime will meet the might of the law, especially when they fail to declare who they gave the gun to.

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ANCYL walks out on Buthelezi

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IFP President prince Mangosuthu Buthelezi, Picture: S'bonelo Ngcobo

The ANCYL walked out of a meeting with the Inkatha Freedom Party on Monday, IFP president Mangosuthu Buthelezi said in Durban.

"They walked out on me. It's an insult to myself and the people of South Africa. When I called the media for the briefing to begin they said they would not be part of it," said Buthelezi addressing the media in Durban.

On Monday the ANCYL in KwaZulu-Natal and Buthelezi held a meeting and were expected to present joint media briefing.

Buthelezi said that on December 1 he received a letter from the provincial ANCYL secretary Bheki Mtolo requesting a meeting.

The letter stated that the provincial youth wing wanted to meet with Buthelezi to discuss campaigning for the local government election.



It also stated that ANCYL president Julius Malema wanted to reconcile for the past. Malema was not present in the meeting.

In the past Malema had called Buthelezi a "factory fault".

During the 2009 election Malema also said he would go to Buthelezi's house at KwaPhindagene and campaign in his back yard, recruiting his wife and children.

Mtolo on the other hand had called Buthelezi a dictator and compared him to Zimbabwe president Robert Mugabe.

"Mtolo did not apologise. He said to recruit people you say things you don't mean... I do not know if I would accept another meeting. I don't want to react emotionally," said Buthelezi.

Buthelezi said the youth league delegation did not prepare anything in writing or produce a presentation for the meeting. They spoke off the cuff.

Buthelezi said he did not ask for an apology from either Mtolo or Malema.