

# UNITED DEMOCRATIC FRONT



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STATEMENT OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED DEMOCRATIC FRONT ANNOUNCING THE DISSOLUTION OF THE UDF.

The National Executive Committee of the United Democratic Front met on August 14th in Johannesburg to receive the final report of the winding up of the UDF assets.

Accordingly the NEC wishes to announce that the UDF will dissolve formerly on August 20th, 1991. This is an act in fulfillment of the resolution of the National Conference held on 1st and 2nd May 1991 in KwaNdebele.

A rally will be held at the Rocklands Civics Centre, Mitchell's Plain in Cape Town on Sunday, August 18th at two o'clock (14h00) in the afternoon. The rally is advertised as "THE ANC SALUTES THE UDF" It is organised by the ANC in the Western Cape.

Speakers will include: Popo Molefe, Dr Alan Boesak, Steve Tshwete and Cheryl Carolus. Archbishop Tutu has also been invited.

A function will be held in Johannesburg. The venue and date will be announced early next week.

Although the UDF is dissolving its values and ideals will remain indelible in the memories of South Africans. Under difficult conditions of repression the UDF endeavored to remain true to the fundamental principles of democracy.

Its leadership functioned collectively. In practice <sup>it</sup> ~~its~~ constantly sought mandates from its affiliates and from the communities at large to ensure that its actions were in tandem with the wishes of its constituency. It endeavored to give to our people a new experience of democracy. In this context the UDF became an <sup>embryo</sup> ~~embargo~~ of a new South Africa that we are busy building.

The UDF leaves a trail of achievements.

- \* It built unprecedented unity amongst South Africans across race and class.
- \* It frustrated the reform initiatives of the National Party, namely the Tri-cameral Parliament and the Local Government system. By 1986 the legitimacy of the regime was destroyed.

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The unbanning of the Liberation Movement, the ANC, PAC and the SACP is traceable to the campaigns~~of~~ and determined struggles led by the UDF. It created a condition which compelled the Regime to negotiate with the ANC.

The struggle is not yet over. The Regime must still release all political prisoners, the exiles must return. An All Party Congress must be called as a matter of urgency. A speedy progression to an Interim Government of National Unity and Constituent Assembly must be realised now.

The NEC urge the remaining affiliates and all South Africans of goodwill to lend their support to the ANC's call for an Interim Government. The need to transform South Africa into a democratic order has never been more urgent than it is now.

The NEC pays tribute to the heroes of our people who<sup>paid</sup> the most supreme sacrifices in the service of their people, we dip our banner in memory of: Victor<sup>Caleta</sup> Mxenge, Mathew Goniwe, Sparrow Mkhonto, Fort<sup>Caleta</sup> Calista, Mhlawuli, Sipho Hashe, Champion Galela, Gq<sup>u</sup>qali Godolozu, and John Nchabeleng, all of whom were mercilessly murdered by the agents of the regime.

