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To: All APF AFFILIATES, STRUCTURES & MEMBERS

Dear All,

It is with regret that the APF has to inform you of the decision, taken at the last APF Coordinating Committee on 28/29th March 2009, to expel Mr. Themba Joel Moko (also the Housing Coordinator) and Mr. Tension Cuthbert from the organisation due to their involvement with the National Intelligence Organisation (NIA). Both are from Lakeside in the Vaal.

The two were basically required to "spy" on behalf of the NIA. "Spying" or leaking information meant submitting reports on the activities of the APF and submitting any confidential APF documents to the NIA. The actions of the two are of such a serious nature that the APF leadership feels compelled to expel them.

The APF also regrettably informs you of the decision – taken at the APF Executive meeting on 9th April 2009 - to suspend 3 of its members, namely the APF organiser, Mr. Silumko Radebe, APF Johannesburg regional coordinator, Mr.Sello Tladi and APF member and organiser for the Coalition Against Water Privatisation, Mr. Patrick Sindane. Several days before the Executive meeting, Patrick Sindane was arrested and charged with being part of a 'gang rape' of an adult female sex worker. Sello Tladi was arrested and charged with being an accomplice. Initially, Silumko Radebe was being sought by the police as an accomplice, but has since become a state witness in the matter. There were also two other male individuals who were arrested and charged for being part of the 'gang rape'. Neither of these two individuals are members of the APF. Although the APF must adhere to the general principle that any person accused/charged through the legal system is innocent until proven guilty in a court of law, the nature of the accusations/ charges are of such a serious character that the APF Executive was compelled to suspend the three individuals so mentioned, from all positions and activities within the APF and its affiliates (CAWP has done the same in regards to its organiser).

Whilst the legal case will necessarily run its course in the court system, the APF Executive also took a decision to set up a parallel process whereby there will be an internal investigation into the conduct/activities of the three individuals concerned. This committee will report back to the APF Office Bearer's at its next meeting and the process will be taken forward from that point.

The APF views these developments in the most serious light possible. Regardless of this difficult period, the APF will always adhere to the basic principles of our movement and make every effort to ensure the smooth running of ongoing APF activities and struggles.

Yours Sincerely

Madika Lebokeng APF Deputy Secretary

