

UMKHONTO WESIZWE
PUBLIC ADDRESS TO THE NATION BY
FORMER PRESIDENT JG ZUMA ON THE
2024 ELECTIONS AND THE CURRENT
POLITICAL SITUATION IN SOUTH AFRICA:
DELIVERED ON THE 16 JUNE 2024

(Observance of a moment of silence in honour of the late Ms. Dudu Myeni the Chairperson of the Jacob Gedleyihlekisa Zuma Foundation and other fallen cadres of our Party. May their souls Rest in Peace).

Fellow South Africans, it is not by coincidence that I address you today on 16 June 2024, on the 48th commemoration of the June 16 Soweto Massacre when young children stood up to the enemy and said enough is enough. Today we say the same. You will also remember that I last addressed the nation exactly six months

ago on 16 December 2023 in Soweto and I gave seven reasons why I had come to the difficult decision that I would campaign and vote for Umkhonto WeSizwe and not for the sellout ANC of Ramaphosa. I also called for the unity of the left and all progressive forces.

On 16 December 2023 I said, "I call on all South Africans to join me in taking this important step and vote for the MK Party and any other progressive parties which seeks total liberation and the return of our land to its rightful owners, the African people. The task ahead requires young and old leaders alike to pull in the same direction. No single organisation can pull us out of the present crisis. We require the same spirit which saw us defeat the monster of Apartheid.

I later indeed campaigned on the ticket of asking patriotic and freedom loving South

Africans to follow my lead and vote for Umkhonto Wesizwe and other progressive parties in the 2024 elections. Before anything else let me take this opportunity to thank all the more than 4 million South Africans who voted for Umkhonto Wesizwe and all the progressive forces who are fighting for the return of our land. Siyabonga kakhulu, Re a leboga, Hi khensile, Baie Dankie.

As we speak the newly formed Progressive Caucus of parties, commands close to 30% of the seats in the National Assembly. We strongly believe that If it was not for massive electoral fraud and other illegalities committed while the IEC was watching. that number would be far higher and perhaps even in the majority. But even after the daylight robbery to achieve we almost 30% in The National Assembly puts us in a

very strong position to fight on for the total economic liberation of black and Af people.

It has never happened in democratic South Africa that there is a united opposition commanding more than 100 seats in the National Assembly. In a situation where there is no single party with more than 40% of the vote, we must applaud the people of South Africa for making history. Because of you people of South Africa, this country will never be the same True freedom is around the corner. The return of the land has been delayed by those who robbed us of our votes and are now working with those who took our land using violence. It also the first time that a progressive formation such as Umkhonto Wesizwe alongside its Progressive Caucus partners will be the official opposition On 16 December 2023 I stated that we had

started an initiative with several progressive parties aimed at creating a united patriotic front. For various reasons that project was delayed until after the elections. I am therefore glad to announce that not only will Umkhonto Wesizwe form part of the Progressive Caucus but we will soon also be announcing the formation and a programme of that Patriotic Front of progressive forces who are both inside and outside of Parliament

While the Progressive Caucus must carry out the struggle inside Parliament, the Patriotic Front must also do so outside of Parliament and alongside other progressive organs of civil society who subscribe to the return of the land and the dignity of African people. Our message to the heroes of June 16 is: The centuries old struggle for the return of our land will take new shape starting today 16 June 2024.

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This united effort is necessary because the 2024 Election has also resulted in the consolidation of rightwing and reactionary forces who are opposed to economic freedom, radical economic transformation, racial equality and land repossession, led by the ANC of Ramaphosa and the Democratic Alliance which is the replacement of the racist National Party of Hendrik Verwoed, BJ Vorster, PW Botha and FW De Klerk. Their regimes could not have lasted even one day without black collaborators such as Ramaphosa boycotting peaceful despite the fa Today all those sellout forces have been replaced by the ANC of Ramaphosa which has taken us back to 1948. Fortunately millions and millions of our people have realised that the road to freedom starts with the removal of the ANC of

Ramaphosa. They did so either by voting for progressive parties or by refusing to vote at all. All we need to do is to convince the last six million people who have not yet realised that voting for the ANC of Ramaphosa is to invite racism, inequality, hunger, landlessness and poverty back into the lives of Africans.

For the record, Umkhonto Wesizwe is of the strong view that the 2024 elections were rigged and that the results announced by the IEC are not a true reflection of the will of the people. Before and after the results, we have presented concrete evidence to the IEC showing widespread irregularities in the voting process and the voting system. It has all fallen on deaf ears. We have also tried all peaceful means to address our grievances, but all in vain. We even approached the highest court in the land but it rejected our

pleas without even giving us a hearing and relying on technicalities while the democracy itself is being destroyed.

do so is a disgrace and a violation of human rights. So much for the so called best deserve justice. Such a legal system must be changed as soon as possible. It may constitution in the world. It cannot be the best if it has eyes to choose who does not be suitable to Roman and Dutch people, but not for us as Africans. We must do

away with Roman-Dutch law

We shall not be discouraged but will continue to fight on. We have instructed our legal team to take any steps possible both inside of South Africa and internationally to ensure that justice is done. We cannot allow a situation where millions of votes have been stolen. The

legal team will report on the possible avenues which are available Why are we always expected to accept what is clearly unacceptable.? We say enough is enough. In the end justice will prevail. We have already waited for almost 400 years for our freedom. We are almost there. We call on our people to demand to know what happened to their votes. They have a right to know. We will therefore at the right time call on our people to demonstrate their dissatisfaction against all these injustices, peacefully, in the streets, in the courts and even in Parliament, until our grievances have been addressed. We have now launched a new electoral court challenge and given that court the evidence we have collected. We shall also participate in the case lodged by the ATM in the Electoral Court. We shall leave no stone unturned. Regarding the current political situation,

we need to educate our people that there is no Government of National Unity in South Africa. There is a white-led unholy alliance between the DA and the ANC of Ramaphosa. It is sponsored by big business. It is for the benefit of the markets, not the people. It must be crushed before it finds its feet. The media is also selling the story of a Government of National Unity when they know that there is no such thing. I know because I was part of the leadership which introduced a GNU in 1994. We have asked our lawyers to write a letter of demand to the SABC to stop deliberately misleading South Africans by using terms like Government of National Unity or Government of "Provincial Unity" to refer to present sellout coalitions. This is nothing but a return of apartheid and colonialism.

We know that the private media has to

serve its masters. But the SABC belongs to us. It has no right to feed our people with lies and to pursue narrow agendas at our expense. We shall seek an urgent meeting with the SABC Board and management to raise this issue and if necessary educate them on the correct political terms which are appropriate. If they do not listen the people will march to the SABC Offices to demand the truth. If there is a Government of National Unity why is its founding documents only signed by Mr Mbalula and Hellen Zille?

Let it be clear to all our people that at 40% the ANC of Ramaphosa had a choice to listen to the people and team up with those fighting for the total liberation of our people and the return of the land or to team up with those who stand for racism, white supremacy, backwardness, land theft, Zionism and other ends. They chose

to go to bed with the racists. By doing so, the ANC of Ramaphosa has defined itself outside of the progressive forces of change. It has defined itself against the majority and no longer as part of the solution. However the door is always open for the real of the oppressed. The ANC of Ramaphosa must be treated as part of the problem ANC to be welcomed back in the progressive fold. (Let me repeat) We also want to dispel the DA/ANC propaganda that the MK Party is a party of those However, we believe that the Constitution must be amended to allow for the return of are against the Constitution. In everything we do we follow the Constitution the land and to give a much bigger role to Parliament which is made up of the democratically elected representatives of the people than unelected Judges Section

44 of the Constitution gives the National Assembly unlimited power to amend the the Constitution. Parliamentary sovereignty which is practiced in many democratic Constitution. It can therefore not be unconstitutional to propose any amendments to countries, is a normal prevalent form of government.

forces when we shall deliver a detailed battle plan for the next few months or years I promise to address the nation soon after meeting the leaders of the progressive puppets led by Cyril Ramaphosa. Unity in action is the simple clarion call. We can no freedom with the new apartheid regime of Steenhuisen and all his black sellout until we finally win back our country from the enemies of progress and economic longer afford to be divided when the enemy is uniting against

the people

Wesizwe will soon occupy its seats in the National Assembly. We shall continue to raise the issue of the rigged elections even inside the House, while at the same time For that reason we wish to announce that, after taking legal advice, Umkhonto protest will continue in other forms. There are many battles ahead, including a total we shall intensify the court actions and other constitutional methods outside. The overhaul of the currently biased voting system itself and the biased IEC.

Together with the Progressive Caucus and the people we must fight the sellout deal of the DA and their puppet Ramaphosa by any means necessary and within the law. There is no time to rest. Those of us who are still members of the ANC will continue to use any space still available inside the ANC to expose the agents of white

monopoly capital who want to take our country back to apartheid. They will be defeated. But if they push us outside we must find any other political homes to continue the struggle for liberation. As the founders of Umkhonto Wesizwe said on 16th December 1961 "There comes a time in the life of any nation where there remains only two choices: submit or fight". That time has now come to South Africa. We shall not submit and we have no choice but to hit back by all means within our power in defence of our future and our freedom.

I thank you.

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