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A JUST AND EQUAL SOCIETY



## **Fast to Reclaim Parliament**

**Remove Remove Sfiso Buthelezi and All Corrupt MPs**

**Implement Zondo Recommendations**

### **Corruption Causes Hunger**

Most working-class people in our country and across the world worry about where their next meal will come from. Millions go hungry every day. The members of our movements, campaigns, organisations and their children go hungry too. State capture, corruption, fraud, mismanagement and maladministration has destroyed most entities such as PRASA, Eskom, Transnet and most departments at all levels of government.

Corruption and greed have cost lives, increased unemployment, inequality and hunger.

BUT we are prepared to show Parliament that hunger will not deter us from struggling to reclaim parliament and #FixTheState.

#UniteBehind, Zackie2024, and Movement for Change and Social Justice (MCSJ) call on you to join our three-day fast outside Parliament on 20-22 Sept 2023.

We take this action because nobody trusts Parliament any longer. Former Presidents Thabo Mbeki, the criminally convicted Jacob Zuma and the current President Cyril Ramaphosa have all promoted and protected corrupt Ministers and MPs.

### **Sfiso Buthelezi, Robben Island Museum and PRASA**

Nowhere is this more evident than in the case of Sfiso Buthelezi who is one of the most senior MPs and the current Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Appropriations and responsible for allocating the budget.

Buthelezi is the former chair of the PRASA Board. He orchestrated state capture at the State-Owned Entity (SOE), which caused its ultimate destruction leaving millions of working-class people without safe, affordable, reliable and quality commuter rail services. A former political prisoner himself, Buthelezi tested the blueprint for state capture and

corruption at the Robben Island Museum which is a world heritage site and a symbol of resistance to slavery, colonialism and apartheid.

Buthelezi succeeded in paralysing the Robben Island Museum when his ferry company, Autshumatu (Pty) Ltd broke their contract and demanded millions of rands for an inefficient, unaffordable and unreliable ferry service. The capture of the Robben Island Museum Board, management and the deployment of corrupt employees was promoted by Zuma and his state security agents.

## **The Auditor General, Public Protector, Treasury, Werksmans, the Courts, the Zondo Commission and the Hawks**

The Auditor-General, former Public Protector, Thuli Madonsela, Treasury, Werksmans Attorneys, the Courts, the Hawks and Chief Justice Zondo exposed the role of Buthelezi and the Boards he led, in state capture at PRASA. They recommended that he and they be investigated and charged for his corruption at PRASA. Charges were also laid against Buthelezi and his gang with the Hawks and the National Prosecution Authority.

#UniteBehind filed complaints with Parliament's Ethics Committee against Buthelezi and five other MPs responsible for PRASA's demise, as identified by the State Capture Commission of Inquiry. However, Parliament has failed to act on five of the six complaints. Instead of Parliament calling Buthelezi to account, he has remained Chair of the Standing Committee on Appropriations. #UniteBehind is in court against Parliament and the Ethics Committee for secretly protecting the corrupt former Ministers and MPs.

Buthelezi remains protected by the ANC, Parliament, the Hawks and the NPA. Together, we must make his name and face a symbol of corruption.

Today, Sindisiwe Chikunga, the longest serving Deputy-Minister of Transport who was a part of the state capture gang at PRASA is the Minister protecting another corrupt Board.

## **The Zondo Commission**

The Judicial Commission of Inquiry into Allegations of State Capture, Corruption and Fraud in the Public Sector and Organs of State Commission made structural recommendations to create an open, responsive and accountable Parliament that puts the needs of people first through holding the President, Cabinet Ministers and the state accountable.

Chief Justice Zondo recommended that Parliamentary committees' resources be increased, and an Oversight Advisory section be created. Further, he recommended that Parliament play a central role in appointing Boards of SOEs, such as PRASA. Parliament has not implemented these and other crucial recommendations.

We are asking individuals, community-based organisations, and political parties to endorse our call for the removal of corrupt MPs and the implementation of the Zondo Recommendations.

We call on you to join our 72-hour fast on 20-22 Sept 2023 for as long as you are able. This call only applies to people who are able to fast.

If you would like to speak or hold an event during the fast, please reach out to us.

Thank you for your support. Let's reclaim Parliament and #FixTheState together!

**Join us at Central Methodist Church, 151 Longmarket St, Cape Town, on Thursday 31 Aug 2023 at 09:30.**

#UniteBehind, Movement for Change and Social Justice and Zackie2024 invite you to join our public briefing on state capture at Parliament, our demands and programme for the fast.

Buthelezi and his gang have also taken Chief Justice Raymond Zondo and the Zondo Commission to court. At the public briefing, #UniteBehind will announce the launch of its case to defend Zondo Commission's findings and further expose Buthelezi and others.

Please send an endorsement of this campaign to include in our programme for the public briefing.

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