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## MEDIA STATEMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### ARRESTS OF PAC MEMBERS AND DISRUPTION OF OFFICE FUNCTIONS BY THE S.A. REGIME.

From about 2800 am till late this morning (25/05/93) members of various branches of the South African Security Forces including Military Intelligence raided the PAC leaders, members and property, resulting in numerous arrests and confiscation of property.

The house of President Clarence Makvetu was raided, his property confiscated and his entire house personnel were arrested. Cde Makvetu was in the Border region at the time of the raid of his house in Daveyton.

Deputy President Johnson Mlambo's place of abode was raided twice at 2800 am and again at 5800 am and his personnel arrested. Cde Mlambo was and is still outside Johannesburg.

Secretary-General Benny Alexander was surrounded and arrested by 15 heavily armed security forces at about 3800 am. He managed to escape from one of the motor vehicles with the assistance of a neighbour. Police report that he was released from prison but that is untrue as he escaped before reaching prison. The incident took place at his home at Kennerdale.

Other ~~arrested~~ NEC members include National Organiser and member of the Negotiation Forum, Mr. Maxwell Nwazivhanani, Political Affairs Secretary and Negotiating Council member, Mr. Jaki Soroke, Environment Secretary, Dr. Solly Skosana, Religious Affairs Secretary, Mr. Mike Matsobane, Publicity Director, Waters Tshoti and, at least, 60% of the members of the National Executive Council

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including Finance Secretary Mr. Thomson Gase and the Head of the Administration in the President's office Mr. Knoch Zulu. In addition to national leaders, most of our Regional and Branch leaders are also arrested. Personal property of leaders and the official equipment were confiscated. Official confiscated equipment include all computers in all PAC offices throughout the country, all the files of all regional offices, all finance documentation, cheques, books of account etc. of our Finance Department.

The net effect of the action of the South African regime is that the PAC has, in effect, been rendered unworkable and effectively prohibited from operating. We are effectively banned from functioning. This is the most serious clampdown on any organisation since the clampdown on PAC members in 1963.

Today is the official OAU Africa Liberation Day, a public holiday to celebrate Freedom in the continent. The celebrations in the continent have turned into anger at the news of the effective prohibition of the PAC of Azania and messages of solidarity are pouring into our Headquarters.

#### NEGOTIATIONS

All the Negotiation Team members of the PAC are wanted for arrest by the Police upon the instigation of the regime. As the Secretary-General of the PAC, and, in consultation with the few remaining members of the NEC/NWC who are not yet arrested, I have no alternative but to announce the suspension of the participation of the PAC in the proceedings of the Multi-party Negotiation Council meeting held today. This decision applies only to the meeting of today. The PAC President, Cde Makweta, has decided to cut short his visit to the Border region and will arrive in Johannesburg tonight. Tomorrow he will issue a statement on the further participation of the PAC in the Negotiation process.

#### THE REASONS FOR THE ACTION OF THE REGIME

The regime has decided to arrest all PAC negotiators and leaders in order to force the PAC to withdraw from negotiations during the crucial coming week when the most important decisions on the future of our country are about to be taken.

The idea is to push through a decision in the Negotiating process to balkanise our land in the interest of the minority settler community. They further want to push through a decision on the TEC which will legitimise the current regime and reduce the African majority to advisors of Mr De Klerk. These decisions will be totally unacceptable to the African masses and their vanguard Party, the PAC of Azania.

The arrests have nothing to do with alleged APLA activities. The armed struggle is neither a secret nor a surprise. The PAC and the regime already have an agreement that a mutual cessation of hostilities will take place as soon as the political objectives of the struggle including the resolution of the land question, have been met.


We reject the view by Mr. Koelß Meyer that he was not aware of the actions of Mr. Kriel. A decision of this nature with such far-reaching international ramifications for the regime, can only be taken by the cabinet.

We call on the UN, OAU and all other world bodies to condemn the actions of the regime. We are calling on the Egyptian Government and people to cut short all discussions with Pik Botha who is a persona non-grata in the Southern African region due to his bullying and destabilisation tactics.

We call on the regime to unconditionally release all our leaders and members with immediate effect.

PROGRAMME OF ACTION

The PAC is not afraid to take up the challenge from the regime and we wish to advise Mr. Kriel not to cry crocodile tears when PAC reacts as cowboys don't cry. The regions and branches of the PAC will embark on a programme of mass action to occupy government buildings and to demonstrate their opposition to a short-selling of the demands of the masses in the Negotiation process. Further details will be announced in due course.

  
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B. Alexander - Secretary General

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