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as an attorney

Staff Reporter

MR ROBERT SOBUKWE, banned former leader of the Pan-Africanist Congress, has qualified as an attorney — five and a half years after being released from Robben Island Prison.

He received his last examination results on Saturday and is expected to apply for admission as an attorney in Kimberley, the town to which he is confined in terms of his banning orders.

Even while under banning, Mr Sobukwe has been a dominant figure looming over the political scene. At last week's talks between the Prime Minister and "homeland" leaders, requests were made for his release from

banning and the hint was given that this would be considered.

Mr Sobukwe was president of the PAC during its anti-pass campaign which ended with the Sharpeville shooting in 1960. Jailed for three years after being found guilty of incitement, he was kept on Robben Island for a further six years without trial after Parliament enacted special legislation.

In jail he completed a Bachelor of Economics degree through London University adding to his Bachelor's and Honours degrees. His banning orders renewed for a further five years in May, were relaxed to enable him to enter courts.

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