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**SANCO KWAZULU NATAL ON THE LAUNCH OF THE BOGUS SANCO STRUCTURE LED BY
EMBATTLED FORMER PRESIDENT ZUMA**

BACKGROUND

SANCO KwaZulu Natal is still flabbergasted by the events of yesterday, Friday which were distributed through social media about the launch of a structure which referred to itself as the KwaZulu Natal SANCO. To add on the fiasco it was announced that the octogenarian former president of the ANC and the country cde Jacob Zuma was elected as the KZN Provincial Chairperson of the same structure.

This happens in spite of the existing SANCO KZN Provincial Executive Committee (PEC) being in place and very much effective in its duties of serving Abahlali. This structure is led by cde Lawrence Dube as Provincial Chairperson and cde Sizwe Cele as Provincial Secretary. This PEC was officially launched in Durban at Moses Mabhida Stadium on 12 June 2021. In terms of the constitution of SANCO its term of office expires after four years which is 12 June 2025 in this case.

Clearly yesterday's events were nothing close to the SANCO Provincial Conference but an illegal and unconstitutional gathering of constitutional delinquents and has-beens who are immune to shame and disgrace while they are on expediency to achieve self-aggrandizement. Of course through social media, we did notice some expelled former SANCO leaders who have never come to terms with their expulsion due their grotesque behavior while at SANCO, one such person is an infamous Richard Mkhungo. This expelled SANCO member was the KZN Provincial Secretary until August 2018, when he was suspended and then later expelled. Letters to this effect were signed by the then General Secretary of SANCO comrade Sikhumbuzo Mpanza and they were shared with all the structures of SANCO, Alliance partners and media.

THE PLOT TO DESTROY SANCO AND THE ANC 2017 NASREC VENGEANCE

Yesterday's bogus Provincial Conference confirmed the view which the leadership of SANCO has held since 2019 that some at the highest echelons of the ANC are the architects of the obliteration of this revolutionary civic movement called SANCO. We have always maintained that only time will tell and yesterday was the time.

Due to high public interest surrounding this matter we deem it necessary that we share a bit of a background and timeline about the development of the plot against SANCO:

- August 2018 – Richard Mkhungo is suspended and subsequently expelled.
- 19 January 2019 – SANCO holds its elective National Conference in Gauteng Province, Alexandra. Mr Mkhungo attends this conference but is denied entry because he is already expelled. He and his rented crowd try in vain to disrupt the conference which successfully proceeds with its business of the day and elects the National Executive Committee (NEC). The Alliance is invited into the conference to deliver the message of support.

The ANC, in the form of the then Secretary General cde Ace Magashule, deployed their NEC members, cde David Mahlobo and cde Alvin Botes. Cde David Mahlobo delivered the ANC message of support in the National Conference. We have video evidence to this effect.

Underline this, generally the purpose of the Alliance partners to invite each other to such conferences is to strengthen the Alliance and to witness their partner's conference.

After the conference, the ANC and Alliance receive and accept report of SANCO National Conference. It becomes business as usual. SANCO General Secretary, cde Mike Soko attends Alliance meetings as and when required and works well with the ANC.

- March 2019 – SANCO receives reports that another group which calls itself SANCO is about to hold an elective National Conference in Durban. SANCO engages this group of disgruntled members in vain and then rushes to Gauteng South High Court to interdict the bogus National Conference.

SANCO attorneys put court application as Part A and Part B. Part A applies for the Urgent Interdict of the bogus conference. Part B deals with arguing the merit of the matter.

The High Court decides that Part A cannot be granted because there is nothing urgent about this matter. Instead it puts the matter on roll to be heard on a future date.

That's how this bogus structure was launched. The ANC and the Alliance were not invited and they were not party to this bogus conference.

Up to this date Part B of the court application has not been heard. The court is now the final arbiter of this matter.

SANCO attorneys recently wrote to court requesting that this matter is scheduled asap, where it transpired that this bogus group has not even filled their answering papers. It is regrettable that South African courts take this long to schedule such matters of national importance as many South African citizens are affected, considering the significant size of the membership of SANCO and the general public who are the recipients of the civic services of SANCO.

- Late March 2019 – the bogus National Structure presents itself to the ANC through the then Secretary General, cde Ace Magashule as SANCO. Cde Ace Magashule behavior is what baffles SANCO when he says they are now confused as to which one is SANCO. The question is which SANCO conference did you attend in the form of the ANC deployee? Why did the ANC send deployees in the first place when later they will confuse the conference they know and attended to the conference they do not know and never attended.

The behavior of cde Ace a known ally of former president Zuma begins to influence the ANC and the entire Alliance towards SANCO, of course cde Ace is a powerful and influential figure during this period.

Subsequent meetings with cde Ace which were insincere attempts to address SANCO challenges were a clear indication that some in the ruling party had ulterior motives against the ANC itself. They were actually still bleeding from the outcomes of the ANC 2017 NASREC National Conference. They then viewed SANCO as a vehicle to achieve those ulterior motives but it transpired that the current NEC of SANCO was taking none of it, hence an alternative manageable SANCO NEC had to be produced.

Eventually the SANCO NEC having witnessed the birth of the African Transformation Movement (ATM) confronted cde Ace and told him that they are tired of his antics and his agenda hence they stopped attending his meetings.

SANCO IS NOT A POLITICAL PARTY AND ZUMA BETRAYAL

It should be remembered that SANCO is not a political party but an independent revolutionary civic organization which does not draw its existence and relevance from the ANC or the Alliance but from its independent constitution and membership. However SANCO believes that it is only the ANC that can deliver the National Democratic Revolution for this country thus deliver a better life for all.

We have subsequently seen people trying to convert SANCO into a political party to achieve their botched political ambitions. The failed I-SANCO political party which contested the 2019 General National Elections is a splinter of the bogus group of SANCO which cde Zuma is leading today. These power mongers fought over positions and further split to form I-SANCO.

Majority of us have been members and leaders of ANC and SANCO in good standing for many years at different levels of leadership. Former president Zuma has never been a member of SANCO, instead he came to deliver messages of support in SANCO National Conferences in his capacity as the ANC president back then.

As bona fide members of SANCO we always viewed cde Zuma as an elderly statesman who as a leader of the ANC and the country contributed like other revolutionaries greatly towards the liberation of this country. We understand that he has many court battles due to his involvement in many dodgy deals in the past. However this SANCO on 16 July 2021 released a statement that supported the #FreeZuma campaign. The following line was amongst other reasons why Zuma had to be released, *"...the leadership of SANCO KZN believes it does not serve the South African public any good to incarcerate a 79 year old former president who has comorbidities in the middle of the Delta-variant-heightened deadly COVID-19."* There were many other subsequent statements which support the release of an old man who deserved a peaceful pension at home with his grandchildren.

Our position about cde Zuma at that time was genuine and not a bribe to silence him from expressing his opinion on any matter of national importance. We still do not regret it even today because as SANCO we took a principled position, unfortunately we cannot say the same about him today. What he has done to this SANCO today is betrayal of highest order. His burning desire to strike back at his detractors within the ANC seems to have compromised his cogency, hence yesterday's events complete the full picture.

SANCO WARNS THOSE REJECTED BY THE ANC INTERNAL DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES

This reminded SANCO what one elderly ANC leader once warned the ANC about, during the renaming of some historical places when comrades were renaming them after people who were still

alive. He warned that places must be named after the names of deceased people who have completed their journey whose books have been sealed because the ANC leader continued "...other people eventually turn against the revolutionary cause and die as villains." We never realized that this warning might come to the reality so soon.

As the Provincial Executive Committee of SANCO in KwaZulu Natal we have to warn those who fail to achieve their leadership ambitions in the ANC and hope to use SANCO as their vehicle to attack the ANC that:

- SANCO is not the scrap yard of the ANC where all the ANC rejects are dumped.
- SANCO is not the old age home of the ANC where the has-beens who have gone past their sell by date and former nton nton with comorbidities retire.

Instead SANCO is a registered national revolutionary civic organization whose interests and programmes are people centred and people driven. Particularly this current NEC led by President Sikhumbuzo Mpanza and General Secretary Mike Soko, takes no prisoners.

BOGUS REJECTS BOGUS

As if yesterday's fiasco is not enough, today we were further amused to the statement of their bogus NEC in the news issued by their so called General Secretary Robbie Tsikwe that their NEC is not aware of yesterday's conference. As such he deemed it a bogus conference. If you have background of this you will know that for a long period of time Mr Richard Mkhungo was their General Secretary but yesterday he was elected KZN Provincial Secretary. Even in the bush in order for people to survive there should be a minimum level of discipline and order required. In fact their bogus General Secretary is correct, during yesterday's conference there was none of their NEC Top Officials. The launch of any SANCO Provincial Conference is officiated by a National Office Bearer, hence ours in June 2021 was officiated by both the President and General Secretary of SANCO.

In a nutshell what happened at the Coastlands Hotel in Durban yesterday never happened.

CDE NOMUSA DUBE-NCUBE'S QUESTIONABLE BEHAVIOUR

It is as fresh as if it was yesterday when this SANCO issued a media statement last August and congratulated the KZN ANC PEC / PWC member and the Premier of KwaZulu Natal Nomusa Dube-Ncube, the first female Premier of KwaZulu Natal Province, by saying "Comrade Dube-Ncube is a tried and tested leader of the people groomed and graduated through the struggles of the ANC to liberate the people of this country." As SANCO KZN we were perplexed to see cde Dube-Ncube attending the that bogus conference given the official position of the ANC NEC, ANC KZN PEC and

lastly the last ANC Provincial Conference (through the Organizational Report presented by the former ANC Provincial Secretary and adopted by the conference) that given the above challenges of SANCO, the ANC PEC KZN should not take any side within SANCO. We have now established that cde Dube-Ncube was not deployed by the ANC to that bogus conference.

Instead we are aware that some in that bogus SANCO were her chief lobbyists in her failed campaign to be the ANC Provincial Chairperson in the last ANC Provincial Conference. SANCO KZN is deeply disturbed that as a high ranking leader of the ANC in the province she had to undermine the ANC position and that of the Alliance in order to payback to her lobbyists. That is tantamount to a sheer abuse of her office.

It is for this reason that SANCO KZN will write to the ANC PEC through its Provincial Secretary cde Bheki Mtolo and ask for her to be recalled as the Premier of this province. Clearly cde Dube-Ncube has undermined the ANC resolution and has brought the ANC into disrepute during such a critical time when we are approaching the 2024 elections. At this stage we do not know how SANCO and ANC members will receive cde Dube-Ncube on the ground as the Premier. Otherwise she has set a wrong precedent which will soon turn the ANC into an animal farm kingdom. Failure to discipline cde Dube-Ncube will make it difficult for the ANC in future to instill discipline to any other comrades from branch to the province.

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