



## **MATHS MADE EASY**

Reading the Echo of The Witness today (3/9/09) I was struck by the article headed **Maths Made Easy**, where Dr Cassius Lubisi, MEC Senzo Mchunu and Consul General for India Harsh Shringla were in discussion of how to make Maths easy for our learners.

It sent my mind to decades ago when I had a similar book with the same title. It was a big book the size of my Dad's bible the one he bought from India in 1965. The Bible he valued so much and which lies in my book shelves.

My book was not a Bible, but the collected works of V.I.Lenin. It was covered very professionally and firmly with brown paper.

I am not able to say now, who did the covering. It was possibly my friend then, called Mogambry Moodliar.

He was in practice as an attorney in CNR House at the corner of Cross and Prince Edward Streets Durban. His office was on the second floor, while mine was on the fifth floor.

## *Footprints*

Whether this happened before his detention of 1972 or after I cannot recall. He was going to be called as a state witness in Kader Hassim's trial and we worked together to avoid that.

Comrades giving evidence for the state were an endangered species. If evidence was not given conducive to the state's case, a jail term of 3 to 5 years looked at you. If you gave evidence you were a disgrace in the eyes of your comrades and your death sometimes was an option.

He is with the Human Rights organisation. Pravina (my friend) is in touch with him and she tried to find out what he remembered. She reported back that he has no memory of the book. But "Maths Made Easy" lived on my bookshelves for decades.

The Special Branch of the South African Police missed it on their 14 searches of my one-bed-roomed flat. They missed also Che Guevara's poster belonging to my sons Sahdhan and Sha. (See the story "We Sailed Close to the Wind" in this collection).

Thank you

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