

Chief Mangosuthu Gatsha Buthelezi

Chief Minister, KwaZulu Legislative Assembly; President Inkatha yeNkululeko yeSizwe (National Cultural Liberation Movement); Chairman, The South African Black Alliance; Traditional Prime Minister of the Zulu nation and adviser to the Zulu King.

Personal

Born August 27, 1928 in Mahlabathini of Chief Mathole Buthelezi and Princess Constance Magogo Zulu.

Traces ancestry back to King Shaka, founder of the Zulu nation. On mother's side: great grandson of King Cetshwayo, grandson of King Dinuzulu. Father's side: great grandson of Chief Mnyamana Buthelezi, Prime Minister to King Cetshwayo.

Anglican.

Married Irene Audrey Thandekile Mzila, July 2, 1952. Three sons, 4 daughters.

Education

1933-43 Impumalanga Primary School, Mahashini, Nongoma.

1944-47 Adams College, Amanzimtoti, Certificate, Matriculation.

1948-50 University of Fort Hare, Alice, Cape Province, B.A.

Career

Clerk, Bantu Administration, Durban 1951-2.

Clerk, Cowley & Cowley, Attorneys, Durban 1952.

Acting Chief, Buthelezi tribe, Mahlabathini 1953-7.

Chief (fully recognised) Buthelezi tribe 1957 to date.

Chief Executive Officer, Zululand Territorial Authority, Nongoma 1970-2.

Chief Executive Councillor, KwaZulu Legislative Assembly 1972-6.

Chief Minister of KwaZulu, 1976 to date.

Foreign travel

United States, Canada, Denmark, United Kingdom, Switzerland, Norway, Sweden, Italy, Belgium, Netherlands, France, Germany, Israel, Malawi, Ethiopia, Zambia, Tanzania, Kenya, Swaziland, Lesotho, Zaire, Nigeria, Japan, Namibia.

Memberships and Offices

Inkatha yeNkululeko yeSizwe, President 1975 to date.

Zululand Diocesan Standing Committee 1957-74.

Council of St. Peter's Seminary, C.P., 1961-3.
Inanda Seminary Government Council 1972 to date.

Synthesis (non-party, non-racial, political study group) 1971 to date.

African National Congress Youth League 1948-50.

The Buthelezi Tribal Authority, chairman 1975 to date.

Mashonangashoni Regional Authority, chairman 1968-75.

Institute for Industrial Education, chancellor 1971-77.

Asset Trust Fund (American South African Study Educational Trust) chairman 1971 to date.

KwaZulu Conservation Trust, president 1977 to date.

University of Zululand, chancellor 1979 to date.

Patron, L.E.A.R.N. Fund 1975 to date.

Awards/Presentations

Newsmaker of the Year, South African Society of Journalists 1973.

Knight Commander of the Star of Africa, for outstanding leadership, President Tolbert, Liberia 1975.

Doctor of Law, honorary degree, University of Zululand 1976.

Citation for Leadership, District of Columbia Council (US) 1976.

Doctor of Law, honorary degree, University of Cape Town 1979.

French National Order of Merit, 1981.

George Meany Human Rights Award, The Council of Industrial Organisation of the American Federation of Labour (AFL-CIO) 1982.

Apostle of Peace (Rastriya Pita), Pandit Satyapal Sharma of India 1983.

Doctor of Law, honorary degree, Tampa University, Florida, USA 1985.

Indian Academy of South Africa Nadaraja Award, 1985.

Financial Mail, Man of the Year, 1985.

Pretoria Press Club, Newsmaker of the Year, 1985.

Institute of Management Consultants, Man of the Year, 1986.

Doctor of Law, honorary degree, Boston University, Boston, USA, 1986.

Published works

Numerous.

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