
Negotiations *must* triumph – with or without the ANC, says Dr Buthelezi



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The increasingly hard-line stance taken by the African National Congress and its SA Communist Party ally, as evidenced in their decision to pull out of multi-party constitutional discussions for the time being and to call for more mass action, has put a serious question mark over the alliance's commitment to the negotiation process. Inkatha President Dr Mangosuthu Buthelezi has warned that it may now be necessary to proceed with negotiations without the ANC/SACP alliance...

In a statement released to the media after the ANC/SACP alliance decision had been made known, Dr Buthelezi said it came as no surprise to the IFP.

"The IFP predicted long ago that they would do this. They will strike even more aggressive poses in the months and years ahead."

The IFP leader accused the ANC/SACP alliance of playing games with the people of South Africa.

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Dr Buthelezi said the ANC/SACP alliance must be held accountable for every incident in this campaign.

"Their action should be seen for what it really is – yet another propaganda ploy.

"This latest statement greatly concerns the IFP. We know what the ANC is up to. And it is time all South Africans woke up to the cynical and calculated manner in which they are attempting to manipulate the future of this country for their own ends.

"Inkatha wants peace desperately. We are sick and tired of the ANC's bully-boy tactics.

"The IFP calls for the ANC to really talk peace with the Government, Inkatha and all who have a positive contribution to make in saving lives and creating lasting peace and reconciliation.

"The IFP has warned the State President that any political reliance on the ANC during negotiations would lead to a situation

in which the ANC would throw its toys out of its cot every time it became frustrated and would then go to street corners to play brinkmanship with violent disaster."

The ANC/SACP's decision to pull-out of the talks follows on its earlier "ultimatum" to the government to dismiss Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok and Defence Minister General Malan – and to take action against sections of the police and security forces. It also called – unsuccessfully – for an outright ban on traditional weapons.

In a speech to the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly in Ulundi, Dr Buthelezi said that the ANC/SACP alliance's demands had attempted "to crash the politics of negotiation into a political abyss."

He added: "The ANC has been astounded by the levels of opposition to it in the Transvaal, where it presented itself as the only Party in Black society worthy of the name.

"It smarts under the evidence that the IFP is there among the people and is emerging as a powerful political force in its own right. The ANC just does not have the guts and the courage to face the reality that the IFP is establishing branches in the Transvaal and gathering momentum in a way that is politically astounding to the ANC."

Dr Buthelezi warned bluntly that the negotiation process – as it included the Government, the IFP and the ANC/SACP alliance – was no longer on track." And the IFP leader made it clear there could be no negotiations of any national consequence which involved only the government and the ANC/SACP alliance.

The Alliance's action in issuing the ultimatum – and in the process destroying the newly-established accord between the IFP and the ANC – had for the moment "scuttled negotiations."

Dr Buthelezi called on the international community to bear down on the ANC/SACP alliance "to rip out of it the cancer of its own lust for power and its refusal to become involved in Black political developments in which it is simply there as one Party amongst others."

"The seriousness of the situation is such that we may well be facing the necessity of going on in the politics of negotiation without the ANC and leaving them to do their bloody damndest to destroy what we are doing. Negotiations must triumph, with or without the ANC."

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