

**MK SOLDIERS'****VIEWPOINT**

# our presence is needed

A MATURING REVOLUTIONARY  
SITUATION

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Since the June 16 uprisings we have witnessed our people taking into the streets, confronting the enemy with everything in their hands to achieve freedom and independence. This active participation of the masses in struggle gave birth to the UDF, the many Youth Congresses, Civic Associations, and above all organisation in the working class ranks — the vanguard of the people and the revolution.

It has been the conviction of these confident marching masses that revolution is about state power. The fascists also understand this. The political defeat of racist politicians is clearly shown by the destruction of community councils

as the organs of the apartheid state. Not to mention the unwavering and consistent fight by the heroic youth and students against bantu education. This defeat is also symbolised by the constitutional reform policy which was declared fraudulent by our people.

The South African state is fascist. Fascism is genocidal, murderous and criminal. It was characterised by concentration camps in Germany, and by the systematic extermination of Palestinians by Israeli zionists. Today it is characterised 7,000 troops at Vaal Triangle and the total siege of that part of our country. Of course they will fail as they did in Sobantu and Lamontville.

Fascism, in every campaign it undertakes, seeks to intimidate, to inflict fear, and display strength. But everywhere they go they meet resistance on the part of the people. At Vaal triangle people burned buses, erected barricades and fought. They set up obstacles to block the advance of the racist army and police. They turned knives, spears and stones into weapons

Similar incidents were repeated in KwaZakhele, Cradock, Grahamstown, Queenstown and in many other areas. This confirmed one thing — that the political march of our people must be backed up by advanced tactics of MK. The army of our people must grow out of these masses behind the barricades. Combat forces along the lines of the S.A. Suicide Squad (never mind the name) need to be built immediately.

This ever increasing popular mass opposition to fascism gains strength everyday, even in our rural areas. These areas only need a spark to initiate direct confrontation of the people with fascism and lay bare the fundamental contradiction also in the rural areas, the contradiction between fascist-colonial rule and the masses of our people.

**REVOLUTIONARY SITUATION**

There is in our country a maturing existence of certain elements of a revolutionary situation. Poverty is rampant. Rents, food, prices and transport fares are skyrocketing. The masses are forced to shoulder the burden of the economic crisis the fascists' economy finds itself in.

This unbearable situation and the work of the revolutionary alliance together with the entire democratic movement has led to this heightened mass upsurge which has demonstrated that our people do not want to be ruled in the same old way.

Despite the political defeat in many areas, the enemy can still rule in the same old way. It can deploy its hordes everywhere it wants. The contradictions in the enemy camp, though they should be studied and exploited, do not gravitate towards the demands of the people. They evolve around how best to deepen fascism, how best to oppress and colonise us.

Another important factor is the degree of organisation of the vanguard movement, the ANC. Events in our country confirm more than ever before that our presence is needed. We must not confuse the unbanning of the ANC objectives and the unbanning of the actual organisation by the people. There has never been a time like now in our history where the necessity of the existence of ANC leadership inside is so apparent. For what purpose?

- Building of ANC structures throughout the country and give on-the-spot guidance to all revolutionary activity.
- The 'nationalisation' of local issues.
- Building and deployment of trained ANC cadres in all fronts of the struggle.

We need to deploy the cream and our best cadres in the most strategic and sensitive areas of the revolution.

Revolution relies on the morale and discipline of the vanguard movement. The ANC was born in 1912 and its struggle during all the years of its existence explains the reasons why we have been able to win the confidence of our people. This entire experience which we have won under most testing times, must be the source of our iron discipline.