

Go well, Son of Man

From the underground, four weeks before he died in a hail of bullets, Muzikayise Samuel Thusi ("Stanley Khumalo") wrote to the General Secretary of the SACP applying for membership of the Party. This is his story

MUZIKAYISE Samuel Thusi was born on June 15, 1952 in the Nkandla area of Natal.

His family was forced to move to Edendale a few years later.

He matriculated in Pietermaritzburg, and worked (amongst other things) for Sappi in the forests of New Hanover, and as a municipal bus driver in Pietermaritzburg.

A keen sportsman, he played soccer for Machibisa Fast Eleven and occasionally for Durban Bushbucks FC. This established him as a well-known and popular figure among the youth in the townships.

In 1980 he enrolled at the University of Zululand.

In highly repressive conditions, he established an underground unit, "Ojakalase", on the campus and was instrumental in forming an Azaso (Sansco) branch.

While at Ngoye, he earned his nickname, "Son of Man": Fellow class-mates remember how he fearlessly held off armed Inkatha assailants and saved many defenceless students during the notorious 1983 "Ngoye massacre".

Tireless organiser

In 1984 he was employed by the UDF as a rural organiser in the Natal Midlands.

An outstanding and tireless organiser, he was earmarked for elimination by the enemies of democracy.

But he evaded them and left the country in 1985.

He received military training in Angola and Cuba and returned to the country several times on MK mis-

sions.

Shortly after he returned again early this year, he clashed with a kombi-load of apartheid troops.

He shot his way out and survived to reach his destination, where he established "Comrade Johnny Makhatini Base" deep in a forest. Several comrades received training there.

On April 19, while on a mission to

Port Shepstone, comrade Muzi, Son of Man - also known, for his diligence, courage and high morale, as "Nsimbi kayigobi" - again clashed with apartheid forces and fell, fatally wounded.

**Hamba Kahle Son of Man!
Hamba Kahle Nsimbi kayigobi!
Qhawe lo Mgungundlovu!**

'Son of Man's' letter to the Party

Ozwathini
South Africa
17th March 1990

The General Secretary
SACP
Lusaka

Dear Cde Slovo,
Revolutionary greetings in the Year of United Action for a Democratic South Africa.

Re: Application For Membership

I hereby wish to apply for membership of SACP with effect from this year. I am an active member of ANC and MK inside South Africa under the IPC.

I am making this application because I fail to be a stand-looker at this crucial moment when imperialism thinks it is winning in its attempts to neutralise communist ideology. Hence the South African Regime is proudly announcing its unbanning of SACP among unbanned organisations.

We know that ANC and SACP had already been unbanned by the people. Even my being inside points out to it.

In spite of all the slogans about SACP, I believe we should disseminate and impart Marxist-Leninist Philosophy to the people more than before.

The support of ANC and SACP inside is invigorating me. It is seen not in only urban areas but also in rural areas. Therefore, I strongly feel there is an urgent need for our people to be well-equipped with correct revolutionary theory. This will help to make people feel that National Democratic Revolution is not the end but the step forward to Socialist Revolution.

I hope my application will meet your favourable consideration.

*Yours in Struggle
Stanley Khumalo*



Honour to our martyrs!