

UNITED DEMOCRATIC FRONT'S PRESS STATEMENT ON THE EVE OF STATE
PRESIDENT F W DE KLERK'S ADDRESS AT THE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT

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The United Democratic Front expects President de Klerk to, at the very least, boldly commit the National Party to the fulfilment of the conditions set out in the Harare Declaration. Nothing less than that will be acceptable to the liberation movement and the international community.

The government must also note the high expectations of the masses of the people, as well as the preparedness of our activists to engage in direct non-violent action. In the next few days protest marches will be held in Cape Town, Huhudi, Bloemfontein, Atteridgeville, Tembisa, Port Elizabeth and some other areas. These marches will target specific local issues but they will also form part of the demand for the immediate democratisation of the government.

We realise that the government wants to drag its feet towards a negotiated political solution. But we must warn the country that the time for playing politics, by conceding each demand after lengthy intervals, could easily boomerang in the face of the country.

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