

KWAZULU Chief Minister and Inkatha president MG Buthelezi says he and ANC president Oliver Tambo have discussed changing South Africa's name to Malundi.

Buthelezi told guests at the official opening of the new Prince Mangosutho Airport in Ulundi that Tambo had expressed initial reservations about naming KwaZulu's capital Ulundi.

Buthelezi said that the subject had arisen "when we were talking about the possibilities of naming a new liberated South African state, the Republic of Malundi".

This was to be a combination of Ulundi, the Nguni name for the Drakensberg, and Maluti, the Sotho name for the same range of mountains.

He said this had been suggested as the ANC did not accept the name Azania, which the Pan-Africanist Congress favoured. – Sapa.