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It has become abundantly clear that the South African govt has chosen the way of violence and mounting suppression rather than peaceful and reasonable methods of resolving the present crisis gripping the country. Repeated requests and legitimate demands by students and workers have met with an ever ready avalanche of shootings, harassment and detentions by the SADF and police; in this regard, the UDF is more than convinced that no meaningful resolution of the country's problems will come until the following demands are met:

- The immediate resignation of all community councillors and the permanent dismantling of the urban council system (Councillors)
- The immediate withdrawal of the SADF from all besieged townships.
- The unconditional release of all detainees and political prisoners.
- The stopping of rent and transport fare increases
- The granting of free and democratic SRC in schools
- The scrapping of any age limit to the persistence of education.

- The withdrawal of the CST and heavy taxation
- Providing of decent and adequate housing and other facilities for all.

The MDF warns that unless these demands are met, the present govt will be forced to unleash a more vicious circle of violence as the people continue to resist and reject the govt's empty and hollow promises. It is in the light of such realities and experiences that the UDF fully supports and endorses the call for a two day stay-away spearheaded by the Unions and other student and community organization. The people are saying enough is enough. The people want to rule !!

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