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# Lekota denies any UDF link with the ANC

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CAPE TOWN — There could be no links between the African National Congress and the United Democratic Front "under present circumstances," the UDF has announced.

The publicity secretary, Mr "Terror" Lekota, was reacting to a statement of support for the UDF issued by the ANC at the recent Commonwealth conference.

"While we welcome the support of the ANC, just as we welcome the support of any organisation or group of South Africans opposed to the constitution and the Koornhof Bills, there are no links between the UDF and the ANC. Nor can there be any links under present circumstances," Mr Lekota said.

This was because the ANC was banned and be-

cause the methods of the UDF were different from those of the ANC.

Mr Lekota said the UDF was concerned about allegations by some Government officials that the UDF was "a front" for the ANC.

"There is not a grain of truth in this allegation. But behind it lies an attempt to prepare the minds of the white electorate for the moment when the National Party shall decide to smash the UDF," he said.

"It is our contention that if this Government had any evidence that the UDF is in any way connected to the ANC, they would either have arrested, detained and imprisoned those of our members and officials who would be responsible, or they would have long since banned the UDF," Mr Lekota said. — Saps

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