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Jabulani Ngebo

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Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the parents and family of Jabulani Ngebo for the young son so cruelly robbed of life. All those who cherish the dream of a just and democratic South Africa mourn with you. We in the United Democratic Front and all its affiliates say this is our son
our flesh and blood.

2. We shall remember that this young man was killed by apartheid. Like so many of our sons and daughters he was driven from our country by the hated apartheid system. Those young people have seen too many of our people brutally killed because they dared to protest against oppression and being held in the land of our birth. Our sons and daughters have seen our people driven out of the towns and cities by influx control laws of those who rule over us with the gun; they have seen families suffering from melancholia unable to keep body and soul together while the vast majority of white South Africa live in luxury and wealth with an overabundance of food; they are painfully aware that the inferior racist education to which they are subjected is designed to make them cheap docile labour while white South African youth would be educated to occupy positions of authority and privilege. Our sons and daughters have left our homes and country to wage the
struggle that we all shall be free. Many

have left to do the much that they felt had to be done. But the hated apartheid system has pursued our people beyond our borders and enlisted others in their murderous deeds.

3. We say to those who want to see that this country is at war; a war waged by the oppressors against the oppressed. Let the rulers understand that there is not going to be peace in this country until we are all free. This land is the land of our birth. It is the land of our forefathers. It has absorbed the sweat, tears and blood of our loved ones, just as today it shall be the final resting place of our son Jabulani. Its every blade of grass; its every drop of water and its every grain of sand is a precious part of our very being. This death here today is proof that there is not going to be peace until we have claimed our heritage and liberated our country from racism, oppression and exploitation. This death like those of Shonni Makhele, Magoeran Moshole, Motamang and those murdered in Mpepo, Mosen, Cassiga, Harare, Laanda, Gaborone, Mangini and Mbalane and so many other places is testimony that the rulers have set this country firmly on the road to violence and conflict. But we shall not be deterred from struggling for a free and democratic South Africa. We shall not be deterred from

claiming our birthright. We want those who have
joined hands with our oppressors to remember that
History will teach a cruel lesson to those who join
hands with the oppressor. The noble people of Swaziland
who had given our people refuge are slowly being
chained to our oppressors.

4 We say also to those in our country who
have not opened their eyes to what is happening
around them - today it is the life of young
Tobuleni that has been snuffed out. But
the beast at the door of the Ngobos may be
at your door tomorrow to tear you and your
loved ones apart. We must unite in a determined
common struggle to liberate our country so
that the young life of Tobuleni and all our
many martyrs shall not have been in vain
Long live our struggle
toward to a free and democratic South Africa
Amandla!

I. J. Mohamed

At Funeral of Tobuleni Ngobos
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