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MEDIA STATEMENT

Remission excludes APLA CADRES IN JAIL: THE CASE OF COMRADE PA NGUBANE

The Pan Africanist Congress of Azania (PAC) in a meeting with State President Mr Cyril Ramaphosa on 23 April 2020 is on record as having called for the release of its APLA cadres from prison for the various roles they have played in the armed struggle against apartheid and settler colonialism. Many of our cadres and freedom fighters continued to languish in prison for standing up against what was universally called "a crime against humanity."

The presidential pardon announced today is for us a damp squib. It fails to provide a political amnesty for all APLA prisoners, and it does not expunge the criminal records of those forces who are covered by its radius of remission of sentences. It does not address the immoral stance of the government and its justice system to continue its position of regarding freedom fighters, who brought the apartheid regime to its knees, like common criminals.

In the case of APLA force, Comrade Pa Ngubane, who is serving a life sentence at the Kgosi Mampuru Correctional Service in Tshwane, he is selectively continue to be punished. Four of his co-accused, who serve the same sentence, are already released on parole with stringent conditions. Ngubane has been sentenced in 1991, at the height of wanton violence created by the racist regime. This is more than the twenty five years that is commonly understood to be a life sentence. He is still inside prison for his activities as a guerrilla.



The PAC is clearly not impressed with President Cyril Ramaphosa's pardon, particularly that of the treatment of APLA cadres. We urge him to think again. Or forever remain in the same negative circles of anti-PAC bashes.

Should you need additional information, please feel free to contact us.

Regards,



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