



# UnFreedom Day 2006 Asikhululekile



No Freedom for the Poor  
Ayikho inkululeko kwabampofu

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## Join the struggle!

Held at St John’s church on Rippon Road in Claire Estate, the day offers a diverse cultural programme, with music and art from the Abahlali baseMjondolo Movement (shackdwellers movement), Women of Ward 80 (Umlazi), South Durban Residents, Chatsworth Flat Residents, Marianridge, Merebank, Sydenham, Newlands, and many other areas, in a four hour programme. Listen and enjoy the talent of communities from all over the City. Come to the rally! Join the movement! Use the contact details below to find out more!

Uzobanjelwa esontweni i St John’s eku Rippon Road eClaire Estate. Lolusuku ludidiyele ingxubevange yesintu, umculo namakhono kwinhlangano Abahlali baseMjondolo Movement, abahlali baseNingizimu neTheku, abahlali base Chatsworth Flat, Marianridge, Merebank, Sydenham, Newlands, kanye nezinye izindawo – ohlelweni lwamahora amane. Lalela uzijabulise ngekhono lemiphakathi yaseThekwini namaphethelo. Woza kulomgubho! Joyina Inhlangano!

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# Our Future in South Africa

## Letters from Chatsworth

Dear Obed Mlaba

I am a grade 9 student that lives with my mentally ill mother and brother. There is a lot of stress in my home because of the arrears of our rentals and bad living conditions that we are experiencing. My elder brother become very depressed and had committed suicide by hanging himself. We are all living off my brothers' disability grant and is unable to pay for our services. I as a teenager is struggling to keep my family together and at the same time educate myself.

Jeffery Govindswamy

Dear Obed Mlaba

I am a mother of three teenagers and have lost faith in this eThekweni Municipality. I was evicted from the council flat in 2000 and was robbed in the process by people removing my furniture. I am unemployed and have a daughter with medical problems. I have no money and help others o put food on the table. The council now want me to pay R600.00 to transfer the flat onto my name. How do I do this? They have threatened to evict me again in 10 days time. Am I and my children going to be homeless soon? Where is our right to proper housing?

Vanessa Pillay



*Orlean Naidoo and Mnikelo Ndabankulu at the 27 February rally outside the steps of City Hall*

Dear Obed Mlaba

I am a twelve year old girl living in a majority Indian area. I live in a council flat with my single mum and 7 siblings. Our water has been disconnected many times and we were helped by friends and neighbours. We recently experienced our homes flooded by rotten water pipes. Our furniture and home was severely damaged. We are now living in alternate accommodation. I am very worried what our future in South Africa is.

Toti Sweeness Mkhise

***I have chosen not to pay for my rental and services because council has neglected us in service delivery.***

Dear Obed Mlaba

I am a 54 year old grandmother that is a cancer patient for 3 years. I am living in a council flat that is falling apart. There are huge deep cracks on the walls and water is seeping into our homes. Due to the dampness I am feeling ill more often. I

survive on my disability grant and need extra money for my medical condition. I have chosen not to pay for my rental and services because council has neglected us in service delivery.

Mrs Moganambal Governder



Brandon and Tyrrell jumping off the wall, corner of Jonas Road and Saint Jerome Place. Wentworth 2003. (Photo by George Ruiters, Durban South Photography Project)

## Ama street traders ePinetown

1. Umkhandlu walelidolobha awusiniki amathuba okuzikhulumela njengoba sizizamela ukudayisa kulelidolobha. Bakhetha abantu abathule ukuba bakhulume nabo.

2. Siphathiswa okweziphulamthetho uma sizama ukuziphilisa sibe singanikwa elinye ithuba lokuziphilisa.

3. Siyashaywa uma sibuzwa ngamalungelo ethu.

4. Amatafula esidayiselwa kuwona ayathathwa kuthiwa asidayisele phansi ukuoka komphakathi.

5. Amathuba okudayisa anikwa abantu abangazi nabafikayo.

6. Metro police ayayichitha yonke imizamo yethu yokulungisa abadayisi balelidolobha.

7. Izimpahla zethu zokudayisa ziyathathwa sifike zingasaphelele laziyiswa khona nezingqola zethu esithutha ngazo ziyathathusa.

8. Kuthiwe azikho emthethweni kodwa bazithathe bayozidayisela bona ema (scrubyarel)

9. Amaphoyisa ahlange nezigebungu ezikhuthuza maqede ziwanike imali nawo.

## “Born After Freedom”

### Letters to the President and Mayor from Foreman Road Settlement




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From: Howard Jili with my Son  
Mvikeli Jili

Foreman Road

Dear President Thabo Mbheki

For how long we must suffer? I have been staying for 10 years. I am staying with my wife and my son have about 6 months and I also look at conditions my son's life is not safe because conditions smelling dirty streams. I want to ask Mayor Obed Mlaba when he will fulfil the promises. That is why we say there is no Freedom in Durban, in KwaZulu-Natal.

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From: Linda  
Ngcobo

Dear Obed Mlaba

Linela he saying he don't want to stay in the 'informal' settlement because the life is not good he is got the question to the Mayor Obed Mlaba when he will bring us the Freedom as pioneers of Durban in KwaZulu Natal.




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From: Aunt MaCele

Dear President of South Africa Thabo Mbheki. I have been staying here about 12 years. I am not working no one giving me food. I am keeping the children. For neighbours paying me but now begging for life. I am asking the Mayor Obed Mlaba when we will fulfil the promises. There is no freedom at all in Durban. For how long we must suffer?




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From: Londi Zulu



Dear Obed Mlaba

I am girl of 12 years, you can see me doing the washing as a girl I need to do some work at home as a teenagers we need libraries next to our homes. What can say to the world? We poor children but there is no ideas come up without government. That is why we saying there is no Democracy and freedom in our life we grown.

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***Our brothers say we born free  
because we born after  
Freedom.***

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From: Maduswana

Dear Obed Mlaba

We staying like this everyday no jobs opportunities, nothing. We can eat we have to work for less money. There is no democracy and freedom. That is why we are crying for freedom in Durban.




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From: Nkosikhona Kwanyama

Dear Obed Mlaba

I wish to stay in a formal house and in a place where we can have space to play. Parks for ourselves. My message to Obed Mlaba. I am 10 years old.




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From: Pinky Zulu

Dear President Thabo

I am Pinky Zulu. I have been here about 4 years. I am 12 years old. I am staying with father and mother. As teenagers we saying there is no freedom in our life. Our brothers say we born free because we born after Freedom.




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From: Lindiswe

We need a safe place healthy place like the children of the Marys and Councilors. I am 15 years old. I am staying with my sister. We suffering. My sister begging for make our life better. Our pain and suffering is to the poor conditions. How we can say there freedom and democracy while we living like this?



## “Hear our Cries! Voices from Kennedy Road”

**Letters from the Youth of Kennedy Road to Thabo Mbeki and Obed Mlaba  
Organized and Compiled by System Cele and Jacob Bryant**

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Dear Thabo Mbeki,

My name is Bongekile Shinga. I am twelve years old. I have lived in a shack for seven years. Our shacks are built with boards and plastics. We use candles for light. We've got no toilet. When we're coming from school, we've got no food to eat or clothes to wear because of the fire. We don't want new houses in far away places. We are in the shacks, and it's dangerous and there are bushes. We're near a dump, and the water is dirty. We don't want to go to Verulam. The other houses are falling down because they are built with plastics. There is no development here. Kids are playing in dirty waters, and they get sick. Old men are raping small children here in the shacks. And the criminals are getting chances to get in because they are built with plastics. We are not going to vote without houses. How could we vote if there are no new houses here in Kennedy Road? We are sick and tired to live in the shacks.

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Dear Obed Mlaba,

My name is Nomvuyo Mngadi. I live in eThekweni, in the shacks of Kennedy Road. I am thirteen years old. I've stayed here about seven years. I have a request to make to you as the mayor of the city of Durban, for you to help us. We are crying every day here in the shacks because of the fire. The reason is

that our house are built with cardboards and plastics and paint tins. As I'm talking, in these past few weeks we've buried a small boy, Mhlengi o. He died because of the fire here at the shacks. Land, houses, and electricity could have helped protect his life.

The next thing is we've got no toilets. We have to relieve ourselves in the bushes. The toilets are full. As I write, if we go to our councilors they are deceiving us. They want us to move away where there are no jobs. And we don't want to go there to the farm. We are going to stay here, we are not going anywhere. Father Obed Mlaba please, we are begging you. You are living a life of luxury while we are sitting here in poverty.



*Mhlengi Khumalo, killed in a shack fire last year*

While we are crying you are laughing. We are sick and tired to live in the shacks. Why are you guys not allowing our rights, what would you say if you were living in a place like this. Are you happy as we are sitting here in the shacks?

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Dear Obed Mlaba,

My name is Khosi Zondi, I am sixteen years old. I have stayed here for six years in the shacks of Kennedy Road. I am sick and tired of staying in the shacks, I want

development. The bad thing is as we are sitting here, you, you want to move us away to the farm, and you don't want to help us. We are not going anywhere here at Kennedy Road. We want houses to be built here. We want electricity, toilets, and water. I am saying to you, Obed Mlaba, I wouldn't be writing this letter to if there were houses, electricity and water, and all our needs. Many

shacks have been burned because of the fire. We have lost our sisters, our brothers, and our parents. And if there was electricity, we wouldn't have been using candles. And most of all, the little toilets we are having \* you don't bring the cars to drain or clean the toilets. You, Obed Mlaba, are using a flushing toilet. That is why you don't care about our toilets

being drained. You are eating expensive food while we are eating Phuthu only. But I'm saying to you, one day God will be on our side. Because we are not going to vote, and the place that you've bought by saying you are going to build houses for us, just forget about it. You are drawing us away, and we are not going anywhere. We are orphans because of the fires. We are sick and tired of the fire, we are saying enough is enough. We have lost enough relatives now. It's okay, Obed Mlaba, you know what you are doing to us.

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Dear Thabo Mbeki,

My name is Mzingisi Mphetshwa. I am sixteen years old. I have lived here about six years. We are burning in this place, because we've got no proper houses. We don't want to go to other places, except this place. We love this place. The reason we don't want to move is because

we are near our schools. This place is dirty, and we are sick because of the bad smells coming from the dump. If we could have electricity, new houses and water, we could be living a good life. Please you must give us everything we ask from you, because we are not going to vote. It's been a long time that we've been told that we're going to be built

decent housing for all  
**NOW**

**MASS RALLY**

O.R. Tambo Hall  
Lansdowne Road  
Khayelitsha

9am - 5pm  
**17 SEPTEMBER  
2005**

Supporting organisations include:

Concerned residents of Delft,	(Crossroads, Boys Town),	7de Laan AEC,
Cuba Heights AEC,	Intshukumo Yabantu (Gugulethu),	Silvertown AEC,
Eastridge AEC,	Lentegour AEC,	Site C AEC,
Elitha Park AEC,	Madala Bos Area Committee,	Tafelsig AEC,
Freedom Park AEC,	Mandela Park AEC,	Valhalla Park AEC,
Hanover Park AEC,	Newfields Village AEC,	Vrygrond Action Committee,
Ikwezi Park AEC,	RR section Area committee	Woodstock AEC
Intatho Nxaxheba	QQ section Area committee,	

**All struggling communities welcome!**

houses. We were told to march, but there are no results. It's been a long time we've been deceived, told we were going to be built houses. You want us to bow on our knees to request houses. You must accept our request because we've got no clothes since our houses were burned. Everything we had in our shacks was burned, even our uniforms. We want you to show us what you are doing because being burned is not a good thing. Is it good to you to hear that people are dying because of fire while you are sitting there eating expensive food?



Dear Obed Mlaba,

My name is Nomvuyo Mngadi. I

live in the shacks at Kennedy Road. My problem is I don't want to live in a place like this. You as a mayor, couldn't you help us in these shacks which are built with papers? We've got no toilets, and we are sitting in the mud. Our councilors are selling our land. They want us to go to the farm. But there in the farm there are no jobs. The municipality is hiring people from outside places and where are we going to get the money to go from the farm to reach here, to come to our schools and our jobs? Can't you guys build us houses here near Durban? And the bad thing is our shacks are burning every time. We've got no water.

People are living having to poop in their houses, because there are no toilets. Baba Obed Mlaba, the sorrow we are living in with our sisters and brothers, we are sick and tired of it. We are crying every day because our souls can't rest. How long are we going to live the life like this?

Dear Thabo Mbeki,

My name is Gugu Khonono. I live in Kennedy Road. I live with my mother and brother. I am twelve years old. I am in Grade 7 in Springfield Model Primary School. We are

having problem in the mjondolo. We want houses. We don't have clothes to wear because the mjondolos are fired. Our mjondolos are getting fired every time. And children are raped by the big man. We need water, we got one tap. The rain water is coming inside the mjondolos. We drink dirty water and people are dying. We are asking you for help Thabo Mbeki. Make us happy and make for us houses. Eight years I am living in mjondolos. Help us make peace for us. I know that you eat KFC and you have lots of money but you are so fat like a pig.

## He kept me waiting for the house...

### **Joe Slovo Settlement**

I'm very much heart broken about my house, which was taken by a ward 75 councillor. He gave it to another lady. He kept me waiting for the house for which I didn't know how long I should wait. Even the Isolezwe newspaper made a follow up on this matter, but were told to tell me to wait. He (the councillor) also said he didn't know why I was left aside. When it comes to the allocations, the same councillor takes the failing people and give them houses instead of the people in need. Even houses at Joe Solovo are looking bad- they don't have plastics but only tiles.

Busisiwe Gule

## When will the voice of the poors be heard?

### **Lacey Road Settlement**

We need better life for all not for individuals, Obed Mlaba and the people who he is loyal to. We are suffering and they ignore us when we are raising our views. When will the voice of the poors be heard, how many times will they empty promise us? Mlaba, Mabuyakhulu and Thabo Mbeki too are liars. They are good for nothing. A good leader is one who listens a lot and speaks through actions.

M'du Hlongwa

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*The municipality concludes we are well merely by looking at the size of our house.*

## The City Will Go on in Flames like Khutsong

### **Umlazi J section**

I live in uMlazi, J section. I am a member of the Democratic Socialist movement and socialist student movement. I come from a family of 14. I'm staying with my extended family. The only people who have a job in my family are my father and I. The house has four bedrooms, but the municipality rush into concluding that we are well merely by looking at the size of the house. We have a debt of R30,000 in rates. Last year, the municipality passed an Act which combined the bill of water, electricity and rates. We see this as an act against the poor and struggling people ass the municipality is forcing the people to pay. To January. the electricity was disconnected. And to reconnect, R4000 had to be paid. We were just coming from Christmas and children had to go back to school. There was no money to pay. My father had to go to the loan sharks to borrow money and electricity was reconnected. The municipality now demands a payment of R1800 a month which my family finds difficulty to pay. Instead we pay R800. Recently they disconnected water.

We have been very much tolerant, but now we say to Mlaba and Mbeki and Mafumadi enough is enough. We are in the process of uniting in our community to mobilize against this witch hunt. The city is going to go on in flames like Khutsong.

Xolani Shange.

## Izikhalo baseJadhu Place

### **Emelda Mbanjwa - Age 71**

Ngiwu mama ohlala nomdeni omkhulu. Nginomndeni odinga ukuthi ngibe nomuzi omkhulu hhayi indlu eyodwa. Ngihlala nengane zami eziwu 4 abazukulwana 7, nabo benegane zabo ezi 9. Ngakho indawo engihlala kuyo ayingifanele ngaqala ukuvota la kwathiwa sizosizakala kuhlala kuthiwa sizokwakhelwa izndlu kodwa asizboni kwafika uSANCO. Sajoyina naye wathembisa ngendlela yakhe lutho uANC nawo wafika wathembisa luto. Amatoilet asinawo asazi ukuthi kanti uhulumeni wathi uzosiza kanti usiza indawo ezinjani? Noba thina asikhola mhlawumbi asibona abala singabokuhamba. Indaba yokuthi angi vote ngizosizakala angiyiboni sengivote kakhulu sekwanele, sekwanele! Ngiemi nyaka ewu 11 ngihlala la eJadhu Place. Ngifana nomuntu ohlala ehlathini.

### **Sindisiwe Mhlongo – Age 27**

Ngafika lana ngo 1999 ngo October ngofika kusbenza uANC ngafika kubaliswa amakhadi ka ANC lawo makhadi sawabhalisa kawu 4



*Moses Mncwango reads at an Abahlali baseMjondolo meeting by candlelight*

## We Cannot Allow Our Comrades to be Relocated

### **Mr. Ntuli of Clare Estate Taxi Association**

We are all Abahlali who await transformation in both taxi industry and housing. We are working together with abahlali so that the government can take us very seriously. We have bought our own taxis, of our own choice, but the government does not accept this. We cannot allow our comrades to be relocated as this kills our innocent passengers. There have been a number of cases like this, resulting in clashes around ranking issues. The fact that we are at this industry does not make us free if we are not listened to. Abahlali are our comrades and we are going to work together until we are all free.

awabuyi. Kwafika umasipala ezobheka inombolo ezindlini esihlala kuzo lezo zinombolo kwathiwa ezomxhaso kusukela ngalowonyka. Kuhlala kuthiwa sizokwakhelwa kodwa lezo zindlu asiziboni. Sihlala ngokuhlukumezeka siyasha ngumlilo kodwa futhi asliutholi usizo. Ikhansela lethu liyafika lisinike izingubo zokulala kuphela silala emnyango.

### **Nomcebo Ntombela - Age 16**

Sikhathele ukukhohliswa, belokhu bthi ibazosakhela, kodwa lutho. Ngiyakuthadna ukuhlala lama eJadhu Place ngoba kuseduze nedolobha. Ngihlala nabazali bami lama. Luklendlu enlane abawayo imali yokuthemwa. Obizayo iyemali yama – rates anmanzi abadayo. Sihlushwa udaka uma linetha izulu. Kodwanje thima asikayithola lento esiyifumayo.

**Nomcebo Ntombela – Age 18**

Ngihlala nabazali bami bobabili. Sizingane ezingu 4 ekhaya. Sihlala ngokuhlukumezeka asikuhlulekile. Sihlala uOne Room sonke. Amazi awekho asiwa tholi ngowkanele. Amatoilet awkekho nawo sihala ngokuhlupheka. Sihlala siya ezindaweni kuthiwa kuphume imixhaso, kodwethina la sikhona ayiphumi. Sihlala sithenjiswa ukuthi sizokwakhelwa lutho uhulumeni akasinakile thina kule ndawo yethu. Sihleli sigula ngoba indawo yethu ayifanele ukuthi ingahlala abantu abaphilayo nabesebancane.

**Thembeke Duma - age 4**

Mina nyifuna i-creche enamathoyiza nendlu emuizohlala kuyo nogogo.

**Njabulo Ngobo - age 5**

Nuiyakuthanda ukulala 1999. Kodwa sakhelwe i-creche, umxhaso sifakelwe ugasi namanzi.



*Residents of Jadhu Place confront the police on 27 February 2005*

**Mlungisi Duma Age 13**

Mina nuiyakuthanda ukuhlala lama, kodwa ngifuna sakhelwe umxhaso ka-hulumeni kuseduze medolobita, ngihlale nogogo. Kufakwe ugesi namanzi, ama ground odlala ibhola. Siwacitha ehudeni amazni, anycolile.

**Bongiwe Duma Age 11**

Ngifisa sibe namanzi ecekeni, sienogesi kanye mezinkundla zokudlala ibhola ngingathokoza uma singakhelwa izindlu. Zomxhaso ama-creche, ngingakhothwa isikole sabantu abamnyama sizofundle ulimi lwethu.

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***Ngafika lana ngo 1999 ngo October ngofika kusbenza uANC ngafika kubaliswa amakhadi ka ANC lawo makhadi sawabhalisa kawu 4 awabuyi.***

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**Boweni Ngcobo Age 14**

Mina angikuthiandi ukuhlala lana emjondolo ngoba impilo yakhona sengihlale iminyaka emithathu kodwa alukho ushintsho asakuwa umxhaso sihlala siwumndeni wonka endlini eyodwa balokhu bethi bayasakhela kodwa lutho. Ngifuna sibe samanzi egcekni, ugesi.

**Sipho Ndlela**

Ngiyatha ukuhlama lana ngoba ufunda eduze, kodwa ufuna isokole. Sanabtu, lapho ezofunda khona ulimi lwakhe.

## Kwa Ward 15

1. Ikhansela lale ward alikhethwanga ngentando yeningi yabantu
2. Alikaze lisenzele lutho kule ward 10khu laphatha, kodwa selibuyiselwe umphakathi ube uphikisana nalokho.
3. Amathenda nemisebenzi yasendaweni ayinikwa ngokwama thuba abantu balendawo
4. Ikhansela laleward lizikhethela lona lilodwa amakomidi alomphakathi.
5. Ofuna usizo ikhansela limthumela kumasipala ukuba ayozicelela yena lolosizo.
6. Lelikhansela laleliward linodlame emphakathini liyashesha nokucasuka lifune ukulwa emhlanganweni womphakathi.



*My neighbour is watering her garden, her name is Zodwa. You can see she is proud about what she is doing, Lamontville July 2005 (Photo by Thulani Mditshwa, Durban South Photography Project)*

## UnFree in Rural Areas

### **A discussion with folks from Oakford (Catholic Church)**

**David:** What does 27 April mean to you?

**Masondo** (Bhakabhaka): Its suppose to be a day we all celebrate our freedom, as you know in 1994 we voted for the first time as Blacks.

**David:** What do you mean its suppose to be?

**Masondo:** Nothing has changed....look at my house, on top I still have to travel long distance from the bus stop.

**Dwinkie:** There is nothing to celebrate because we have nothing, our living conditions have not changed.

**Banco:** We do not feel free and we are not treated as real citizens of this country. We are not part of decision-making. So what can we celebrate?

**David:** What hasn't changed?

**Masondo:** Living conditions, service delivery, proper house not these RDP two room houses. I still work long hours for peanuts. I can hardly fill up a basket of groceries yet politicians fill two huge trolleys for their families.

**Banco:** April 27 is for few politicians and their friends and councilors who are earning large sums of money and are driving big cars.....us the poor there is nothing to celebrate.

**Dwinkie:** How can you pretend to be happy when you are not? We cannot attend this celebration because we will be fooling ourselves – for what? Free transport and food?

## South Durban Environmental Action Coalition Demands!

*Rates must be capped for all privatised flats to avoid unscrupulous buyers.*

*Further the levies should be capped for all former state flats so pensioners and state grantees can afford to pay.*

*People renting flats should receive arrear write off's for rent, water and electricity. We also insist that the upgrading and improving of the flats must be driven by the needs of people living there, rather than the needs of huge contractors .*

*Finally, those residents suffering at the hands of polluting industries should be granted free medical care 24 hrs. a day and exempted from paying rates or rent.*



This picture shows the condition of this toilet. About fifteen people use this toilet, July 2005  
(Photo by Sizwe Nzama, Durban South Photography Project).

## Banana City, God's City, Is Not Free

### Produced By Banana City Residents' Committee

The residents of Banana City, god's city, are The University of KwaZulu Natal's (UKZN) marginalised residents because we do not have toilets, electricity and decent housing. We have been in Banana City for more than twenty years and our grandparents have been here for the past fifty years. Apartheid tried to uproot them, but they resisted. Apartheid created the university, and the university tried to uproot us, but we resisted. We hoped that the Freedom Charter clause "the land belongs to all those who live in it" would be realised one day. Today, on Freedom Day, the University wants to evict us. Is the university's land not people's land? We say, we shall resist capitalism's agents, we shall resist the university, we shall resist

the heartless action against the poor, we shall resist Makgoba's actions of arrogance. Let the Banana city, let the God's City live !!!! Free us from the shackles of capitalism. The university is not free until Banana City, God's City's people are free with decent housing, electricity, in a clean and healthy environment free from crime and grime. We urgently demand land for better housing and

### *Is the university's land not people's land?*

a better life today. We cannot wait to see another child die of preventable diseases, we cannot wait for another informal settlement house to be burned down because of unsafe energy uses. We cannot wait any longer for health hazards to ruin our lives. We want houses where we are now!!! Stop Makgoba's plan of inequality, stop Makgoba's heartless action against the poor.



*From the left is S'dumo who is rolling tobacco/joint, in the middle is Sdembeza who is lifting weights and at the end is Pifi who is walking in the shot. They are at their smoking place, Lamontville July 2005 (Photo by Mathombi Hlope, Durban South Photography Project).*

## Lacey Road Burns as Municipality Fails to Provide Electricity

On Saturday 22 April 2006 there were gusts of strong wind in Durban. In the Lacey Road settlement a candle went over at around midnight. Within minutes there was a big fire. The fire brigade were there within 30 minutes but the fire burnt until 5 in the morning. No one was hurt but around half of the small settlement was burnt away - 43 shacks, home to around 250 people.

These fires are not accidents. They are a direct consequence of the eThekweni Municipality's decision in 2001 to stop the electrification of 'informal' settlements. That policy states that:

In the past (1990s) electrification was rolled out to all and sundry...because of the lack of funding...electrification of the informal settlements has been discontinued.

There is no lack of funding. The Municipality has chosen to spend millions and millions on the rich by building casinos, hotels and a themepark and now Obed Mlaba wants to build a new soccer stadium. Mlaba is mayor for the rich.



*Abahlali working to rebuild Lacey Road*

At a meeting with Abahlali baseMjondolo on 9 November 2005 Mlaba promised to begin the upgrade of Lacey Road in January 2006. Instead of an upgrade Lacey Road got a fire. Mlaba didn't even come to the scene of the disaster created by his policies. But Abahlali were there. From early the next morning Abahlali were working to rebuild the settlement and to get food, blankets and building materials. Donations came in from Chatsworth and Wentworth too. At 3 that afternoon the rain came pouring down and everyone moved down to the Kennedy Road Hall for the banner painting workshop for UnFreedom Day.



*S'bu Zikode confronts a nervous Yakoob Baig, councillor for Ward 25, about his many failures to serve the community*

## Abahlali baseJoe Slovo

### Joe Slovo Shacks, Mobeni Heights, Chatsworth 4092.

Intuthuko yase Joe Slovo yaqala ngo2003.

Selokhu kwaqala intuthuko ikhansela namakomiti abayibizi imihlangano yomphakathi ukuchazela abantu ngentuthuko.

Sebeze bafika ohlelweni lokwakhiwa kwezindlu umpatkathi ungazi lutho. Singazi nokuba kwenzakala ntoni sivele sibone ngogandaganda?

Izindlu maseziqediwe ukwakhiwa kufakwa abantu abafanelwe umhlaba, kulandwa abantu eLamontville bafakwe eJoe Slovo.

Wena ohleli emjondolo kwakhiwa indlu egcekeni lakho kufakwe lowo obengahlali lapho asale umnikazi wendawo esahleli?

Kanti okusalayo ikhansela uShezi wamthita kuvuka indlu egcekeni lakho leyondlu yakhelwa wena?

UComfort Gumede okuwuyena ofaka abantu ezindlini wuyena owaqala ukufuku abantu bazidle indawo izindlu ezakhiwe azikho emgangathweni ziyantetha azinabo noPlastic ngaphansi kwamaTiles,

amanzi asinawo thina esisahleli emjondolo aqhunyiswa? Ikhansela Elisha alizi emphakathini awulazi awazi nokuthi inkinga uzozethula kubani kodwa savota? Sahlukunysezwa ngumgwaqo sangaxeshezela.

Abantu badilizelwa imijondolo bengekazitholi izindlu? Umphakathi wabamba uZinkle Mkhize esayinela indlu engakaze ahlale eJoe Slovo kwayiwa eMartine West kodwa namanje kuthulekile kwakukhona uJabulani MaPhumiilo no Andile Makhathini, kumbuzile Mkhize baphinda nokhiye emuva bangasho. NginguBusisiwe Gule eyami inkinga ikhansela uShezi wanikeza enye intombazane indlu yami ngisalokhu ngihleli emjondolo umuntu ehleli endlini yami ndafuka udaba kwiSolezwe Yathi impendulo ka Shezi Andiqhubeke ngilinde indlu yami ngoba baningi abasalindile. Futhu akanalo ulwazi olugcwele ukuba ngasala kanjani ukuze ngingangeni endlini namanje ngisalindile ngifuna ukungena.

# Amandla?

# Awethu!



## What are we fighting for?

- ✓ Decent Houses for All in the City
- ✓ Free Basic Services
- ✓ Basic Income Grant for All
- ✓ Unconditional access to all resources of this land
- ✓ Rights for All informal workers
- ✓ A healthy, clean environment
- ✓ Equality for All, including all vulnerable groups (women, children, sick/disabled).

## Silwelani?

- ✓ Izindlu ezinesizotha zabantu bonke eThekwini
- ✓ Izidingo ngqangi zamahhala
- ✓ Izibonelelo zemali kubo bonke abangasebenzi
- ✓ Ukusetshenziswa kwezingqala sizinda zezwe okukhululekile
- ✓ Amalungelo abobonke abazisebenzayo
- ✓ Indawo enempilo nehlanzekile
- ✓ Ukulinga kubantu bonke (Abesifazane, Izingane, Abagulayo nabaKhubazekile).



## What are we against?

- ✓ Forced Relocations
- ✓ Evictions
- ✓ Water and Electricity Cut offs
- ✓ Lying Politicians
- ✓ Pollution
- ✓ State Repression, police brutality and impunity
- ✓ Land Theft

## Who are we?

We are a fighting movement of shackdwellers and flat-dwellers. We are the living truth of broken promises and betrayals of the last 12 years, including the Abahlali baseMjondolo Movement (shackdwellers movement), Women of Ward 80 (Umlazi), South Durban Residents, Chatsworth Flat Residents, Marianridge, Merebank, Sydenham, Newlands, and many other areas. Come to the celebration! Join the movement!

## Siphikisana nani?

- ✓ Ukushintshiswa ngempopo izindawo zokuhlala
- ✓ Ukuxoshwa ezindaweni zokuhlala
- ✓ Ukunqanyulelwa amanzi nogesi
- ✓ Osopolitiki abaqamba amanga
- ✓ Ukudungeka kwemvelo
- ✓ Ukucindezelwa nguhulumeni nokuhlukunyezwa ngamaphoyisa
- ✓ Ukuntshontshwa komhlaba

Lolusuku ludidiyele ingxubevange yesintu, umculo namakhono kwinhlangano Abahlali baseMjondolo Movement, abahlali baseNingizimu neTheku, abahlali base Chatsworth Flat, Marianridge, Merebank, Sydenham, Newlands, kanye nezinye izindawo – ohlelweni lwamahora amane. Lalela uzijabulise ngekhono lemiphakathi yaseThekwini namaphethelo. Woza kulomgubho! Joyina Inhlangano!

# Sekwanele!

# Enough!