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Message from the President

To: BLF leadership, members and supporters on convening a Special Policy Conference

Black First Land First (BLF) will hold a Special Policy Conference under the following details:

Date: 30 November 2019
Place: Johannesburg (To be communicated)

Theme: BLF banning order, what is to be done?

The anti black government has banned our movement as part of the campaign to destroy the pro black revolutionary momentum.

The banning order issued against BLF which was instigated by land

thieves, proves beyond doubt that only our movement is a threat to white power in South Africa (SA).

The agenda of the enemy is to frustrate and demobilize our base.



The immediate plan of the enemy is to stop BLF from participating in the 2021 Local Government Elections. The same strategy of court attacks and media villification

will be used.

The banning order has the impact of confusing and demoralising members and supporters of our movement. We have to give a decisive way forward. It is for this reason that a Special Policy Conference is proposed for November this year. The conference will deliberate and resolve on the policy document proposals. Three options are proposed in the attached policy document, namely:

- i. dissolve BLF and go underground to take up arms;
- ii. amend the Constitution in such a way BLF remains pro-black; and
- iii. synthesis of options i and ii.

The policy document invites engagement from all black people.

Send your comments and suggestions to blackfirstlandfirst@gmail.com

Issued by: Andile Mngxitama
Black First Land First, President
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A DISCUSSION DOCUMENT: What is to be done?

A few weeks after the 2019 elections the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) succumbed to the bullying tactics of the racist, whites only organization of land thieves called the Freedom Front Plus (FF+), and deregistered Black First Land First (BLF) as a political party. This act by the IEC essentially banned BLF from participating in elections in South Africa (SA).

This is an historic development because BLF is the first political formation to be banned in the so called democratic dispensation which was established in 1994. The banning of BLF has caused massive confusion, demoralization and even distress amongst the thousands of black people who consider BLF their only true representative. This discussion document seeks to provide a basis for a societywide conversation and discussion about what must be done. Three options are suggested herein, namely:

- i. armed struggle;
- ii. amending the BLF constitution; and

iii. a combination of the first two. BLF members and supporters must determine which option best suits the struggle.

SA law is anti black

The banning of BLF as



demand by a racist whites only organization, shows just how anti-black the whole South African legal and constitutional dispensation is. The South African law in the final instance serves the interests of white people at the expense of blacks. What has happened to BLF is an insult to all those who paid with their lives for our liberation. The banning of BLF makes the case for a

blacks only organization, that prioritizes black interests, even more necessary. It is significant that the racist FF+ went after BLF even after the elections which in turn was rigged and excluded BLF from representing blacks in parliament. FF+ knows that the very existence of BLF is a threat to white supremacy. In essence, the reaction of the white community to BLF shows that it is the only real threat to colonialism and white supremacy in SA.

No land expropriation

The fact that BLF is not represented in parliament has opened the route for the consolidation of white power. This consolidation finds expression in the political, economic, and social fronts of society. It is also expressed in the judiciary. In parliament we see white political power asserting itself through the abandonment of all the progressive demands of Radical Economic Transformation (RET) such as the nationalization of the South African Reserve Bank (SARB) and most importantly the promise of land

"Nowhere is the arrogance of the liberal ideology demonstrated so well as in their insistence that the problems of the country can only be solved by a bilateral approach involving both black and white. This has, by and large, come to be taken in all seriousness as the modus operandi in South Africa by all those who claim they would like a change in the status quo.

"Hence the multi-racial political organizations and parties and the 'non-racial' student organizations — all of which insist on integration not only as an end goal, but also as a means...

"Does this mean that I am against integration? If by integration you understand a breakthrough into white society by blacks, an assimilation and acceptance of blacks into an already established set of norms and code of behaviour set up by and maintained by whites, then yes, I am against it. I am against the superior-inferior white-black stratification that makes the white a perpetual teacher and the black a perpetual pupil...I am against the fact that a settler minority should impose an entire system of values on an indigenous people..." Steve Biko.

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expropriation without compensation (LEWC). Before the elections, both the Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) and the African National Congress (ANC) had conspired to lie to our people for votes. Both the parties had agreed in parliament on a motion for the amendment of section 25 of the Constitution regarding LEWC. This matter has now been put into all sorts of confusing processes to frustrate the implementation of the resolution.

Economy in white hands

On the economic front, we see the consolidation of the interests of white monopoly capital (WMC) around the State Owned Enterprises (SOEs) and their preparation for privatization. The fact that at one go, R1.4 trillion was handed to WMC through the so called Independent Power Producers (IPPs) program, is indicative of how deep the control of WMC goes into the state. The Ramaphosa administration is incapable of policy direction that may inconvenience WMC. It is paralyzed in the face of the almost 10 million

unemployed black people. WMC demands more austerity measures and Ramaphosa can only give more of the same poison to the black majority. The need for a new economic plan that centers the interests of black people has not been more urgent.



Denial of racism

Because of the lack of an authentic black voice in the parliamentary space, we have seen a rapid growth of racism in the social interaction between blacks and whites. The confidence of the white community to commit racism has grown perceptibly to a point where even Statistics South Africa (an official

organ of the state) says white people are the victims of racism. This absurd notion has been given state respectability. Black people are cast as perpetrators and whites as victims of racism. That is why organisations of white racism such as the FF+ can get pro black organizations like BLF banned.

The judiciary is captured

White power has asserted itself more nakedly in the judiciary. The South African courts are openly biased in favour of white interests. The attack on those considered a threat to white interests is no longer veiled. We have seen how Jacob Zuma has been brought under tremendous and unjustified judicial pressure. We have also witnessed the attacks on the livelihoods of the likes of Brian Molefe who was ordered by the Constitutional Court to pay back R10 million in pension fund monies that he received, while the former CEO and president of the SA Airways (SAA), Coleman Andrews, got to keep the R200 million that he received from the SAA through corruption.

"There is nothing the matter with blacks. The problem is WHITE RACISM and it rests squarely on the laps of the white society. The sooner the liberals realise this the better for us blacks. Their presence amongst us is irksome and of nuisance value. It removes the focus of attention from essentials and shifts it to ill-defined philosophical concepts, which are both irrelevant to the black man and merely a red herring across the track. White liberals must leave blacks to take care of their own business, while they concern themselves with the real evil in our society – white racism." Steve Biko.

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The judicial attack on BLF is sustained. We saw that every single day in the last week towards the May 2019 national elections, our movement was in court. Furthermore if there is any doubt about how biased the courts are, the multiple judicial attacks on the Public Protector should decisively settle such doubt. The courts are biased against any organization and its leaders that are pro black.

Ramaphosa is a white commodity

The biggest political challenge facing black people is that the President of the country is a commodity of WMC. The findings of the Public Protector, Busisiwe Mkhwebane, and the revelations by the more independent section of the media shows beyond reasonable doubt that the 2017 December ANC conference was bought by WMC. The consequence of such a process is the subversion of the democratic will of the people. WMC spent an alleged amount of R1 billion to buy itself a President. Take this, together with the fact that the main political parties in SA represented in

parliament are also funded by the same sources, what we have in the country a single party system (of political parties) of WMC. This synopsis of the state of affairs makes one clear point



namely, that BLF is needed in society to play its role as the defender of black aspirations. There is nothing that terrifies the white establishment and the reactionary elements within the black community more than a BLF that can operate from within the space of formal power such as parliament or the local government. There is no gainsaying that, Black people need BLF. So then, what must be done?

Three options before us

There are three options opened to BLF going forward. These options need to be debated in detail and their implications studied thoroughly.

Option 1: Dissolve BLF and go underground to take up arms

Armed struggle is always an option considered as a last resort. This option is historically triggered when the democratic space for participation is shut down. This condition obtains given that BLF as a blacks only organization has been banned.

Once this political condition has been established, the next question to ask is if the conditions for a successful pursuance of armed resistance exists and if so what form of armed resistance should be considered.

Taking up arms shall mean that BLF is dissolved as an above ground political organization, goes underground, and forms a peoples army.

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Option 2: amend the Constitution in such a way BLF remains pro black

This option calls for a textual alignment with the anti-black Electoral Act, while substantially retaining the pro black essence of BLF. This means that BLF will reregister with an amended constitution. The matter that our organization and supporters must address is the nature of the amendment. The enemies of black liberation hope that they can use the law to keep BLF out of the political system. This is because they know BLF inside the formal political space will agitate for real change and the return of the land. This option can go with an application to the Constitutional Court to declare sections of the Electoral Act unconstitutional. As revolutionaries, we have no obligation to the enemy. Deception is part of the strategy of war.

Option 3: Synthesis of options 1 and 2

Armed resistance and electoral participation are not mutually exclusive propositions.

BLF could choose to have an above ground political organization that participates in elections and at the same time have an underground armed resistance arm. If this option is pursued,



there shall be a structural separation of the two arms but ideological unity. The command structure of the people's army shall be autonomous from the political organization which will operate above ground.

These options must be debated and resolved by each structure of the BLF. To this end each branch must come with an option which would be subjected to further democratic

debate at the BLF Special Imbizo.

Guiding questions

1. What are the reasons that make BLF a danger to white power?
2. What option should BLF pursue of the three that are proposed?
3. Is there another option outside of the three that may best address the challenge faced by our movement?
4. What are the pros and cons of the option favoured by your branch?

**White people are white people
They are burning the world.
Black people are black people
They are the fuel.
White people are white people
They must learn to listen.**

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