



DEVELOPING LIBERATION HERITAGE

**“Memory and Vision:
The Delmas Treason
Trials
Commemorative
Monument”**

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"The treason trial[s] must occupy a special place in South African history. That grim pre-dawn raid, deliberately calculated to strike terror into hesitant minds and impress upon the entire nation the determination of the governing clique to stifle all opposition, made one hundred and fifty-six of us, belonging to all the races of our land, into a group of accused facing one of the most serious charges in any legal system."

Chief Luthuli, [1956, Treason Trial]

Why Delmas Commemoration

-It's a unique South African Story

Context - Flashback -

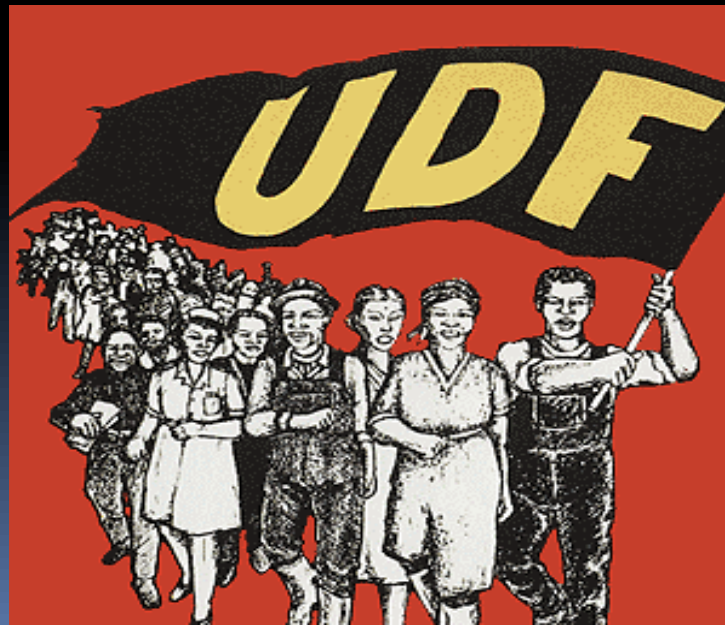
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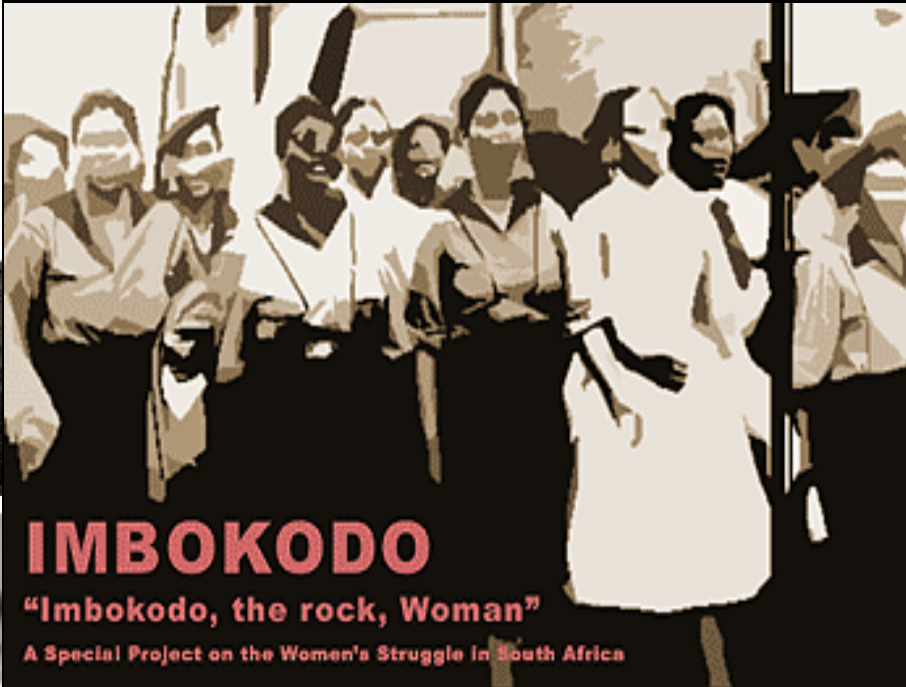
Response:

August 20, 1983 UDF was launched in the Rocklands community hall, Mitchell's Plain, Delegates from 565 organisations

10 000 people attended.

Rev. Frank Chikane called the day "a turning point in the struggle for





"Women are the people who are going to relieve us from all this oppression and depression. The rent boycott that is happening in Soweto now is alive because of the women. It is the women who are on the street committees educating the people to stand up and protect each other."- A. Sisulu

UDF Leaders -
Albertina Sisulu
Helen Joseph
Victoria Mxenge
Barbara Hogan
Laura Pollecutt
Emilia Potenza
Julie Frederikse
Prescilla Jana
Susan Shabangu
Sister Bernard
Ncube
Dorothy Nyembe
Venter Smith

& many more...

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Umkhonto we Sizwe – 1961 ... the fighting arm of the people against the apartheid government... the striking force for liberty, for rights and for their final liberation...

... more deployments into South Africa to continue the military struggle along side mass actions...

The State Responds- Stage Set for Delmas treason Trials to be the Last stand for Apartheid

1. Louwrensia Nozintso
2. Petrus Gcinumuzi MALLINDI
3. Patrick Mabuya BALEKA
4. Isaac Boy-Boy SHUMBA
5. Cynthia Nomabongo VILAKA
6. Elsie Lindiwe NANA
7. Benjamin Sello HLANYANE
8. Oupa John HLOMOKA
9. Simon Tsako NKOLI
10. Jacob Gasitsiwe MOLUKWANE
11. Simon Sindiso MBUQE
12. Elias Lasi NYAPOLI
13. Stephen MGAU
14. Richard Thabo BOKWA
15. Phillip LETSABA
16. William Oupayana THOABALA
17. Mohapi Lazarus MORE
18. Thami Mayfair ZWANE
19. Tebogo Geoffrey MOSELANE
20. Sokane Caiphus SIBALLINE
21. Tladi Alfred MOKOENA
22. Ramathibela Joseph MASET
23. Patuwe John NHLAPO
24. Ace Abraham NHLAPO
25. Tsietsie David
26. Ntekoane Paul
27. Ratosilane Sam
28. Sidwell Sealana
29. Mphubelu Solomon SE
30. Morapen Joseph RAMPAK
31. Khoase Michael PHAKWE
32. Oulady Maria SOBEKWA
33. Malefetsane Samuel DLAMINI
34. Pule Thomas MAINE

35. Zwelakhe Josiah ZWANE
36. Tamanka Andries MORAPODI
37. Thuso Paulus MORABI
38. Nacratehi Rachel RAMALOPE
39. Sello Lazarus RAPULENG
40. Ntshinyeng Moses MOTSEFE
41. Thabiso Johannes MOTSEFE
42. Tsepo Martin DIKRAMA
43. Matjama Lewis VILAKAZI
44. Malefetsane Solomon SAKOANE
45. Sello Jacob MTHEMBU
46. Motlalekhomo Jerry THLAPANE
47. Pelamotse Isabella LETLHANE
48. Isaac Ranginane LETHOBA
49. Johannes Togo MALEKA
50. Phineas Tisetso MOLOI
51. Nathaniel Oupa KUTOANE
52. John Pora MOKOENA
53. Thabo Makudube MOSINE
54. Anna Nomakhosi MRJANE
55. Sankolana Tsidi MOREKI
56. Barbara Dallas GREEZY
57. Oupa Isaac MOLA
58. Lord Righteousness MACCAMEL
59. Oupa Johannes MOREMI
60. Ried Malebo NHLAPO
61. Mbocho Thomas NHLAPO
62. Oupa Ismael TSOTETSI
63. Oupa Moses DINISO
64. Mafison MOROB

Everyone was Guilty Until Proven Innocent- Every Activist in the country was a suspect

Conspiring to conspire

Delmas 22's "Co-conspirators"

The State's own Conspiracy –

Included in the charge sheet were names of 911 people who were said to be co-conspirators but were not formally charged... but key in trial

Baard Francis
Balfour
Sisulu Albertina
Boesak Allan
Nyembe Dorothy
Padayachee Roy
Mahlatsi Rev
Mokoena Aubrey
Hlakluku
Thembekile
Nyembe Dorothy
Oliphant M
Motsobane Moses
Motubatsi Edward
Mselen Thobile
Mthembu Khehla
Mthombeno
Modise
Ramgobin Mewa
Ramsamy
Roussos Mike
Sader A H
Saloojee R A M
Seftel Lisa

Cachalia Firoz
Chiba Laloo
Chikane Frank
Creecy Barbara
Dube Mosie
Gumede Achie
Nkondo Curtis
Mbuli Mzwake
Manuel, T
Dan Patrick
David Paul
Dibate Ephraim
Dube Mosie
Patel N G
Patidar Billy
Patose Jabu
Pavlicevic Benita
Phillips Marie
Radebe
Radebe Siphon
Raditsela Esau
Raditsela Dorcas
Ramakgula Mrs

Mxenge Victoria
Tutu Desmond
Webster David
Xundu Mcibisi
Ramakgula Mrs
Mokoena Rina
Meer Fatima
Lehoko Modise
Lepunya Patrick
Letanda Mrs
Lethlaka Edith
Raditsela Esau
Raditsela Dorcas
Ramakgula Mrs
Masondo Amos
Mtjane Mabomotsi
Matsindiso
Mazibuko Themba
Mbane Tsepo
Mbajawa Mrs
Mbongo Abram
Mboweni Kate
Mbuli Mzwake
McCamel Lord

Unusual case – Organisations listed as co-conspirators

- AFCWU African Food and Canning Workers Union
- ANC African National Congress
- AZAPO Azanian Peoples' Organisation
- AZASM Azanian Students' Movement
- AZASO Azanian Students' Organisation
- BSS Black Students' Society
- CCAWUSA Commercial, Catering and Allied Workers Union
- COSAS Congress of South African Students
- COSATU Congress of South African Trade Unions
- CRASCO Cradock Students' Council
- CUSA Council of Unions of South Africa
- DESCOM Detainees' Support Committee
- DHAC Durban Housing Action Committee
- DPSC Detainees' Parents Support Committee
- ECC End Conscription Campaign
- ERAPO East Rand People's Organisation
- FC Freedom Charter
- FCCA Federation of Cape Civic Associations
- FEDSAW Federation of South African Women
- FEDTRAW Federation of Transvaal Women
- GAWU General and Allied Workers Union
- GRACA Grahamstown Community Association
- JODAC Johannesburg Democratic Action Committee
- MSC Million Signature Campaign
- NECC National Education Crisis Committee
- NEUSA National Education Union of South Africa
- NGC National General Council
- NIC Natal Indian Congress
- NUSAS National Union of South African Students
- OAU Organisation of African Unity
- PC President's Council
- RCA Ratanda Civic Association
- RMC Release Mandela Campaign

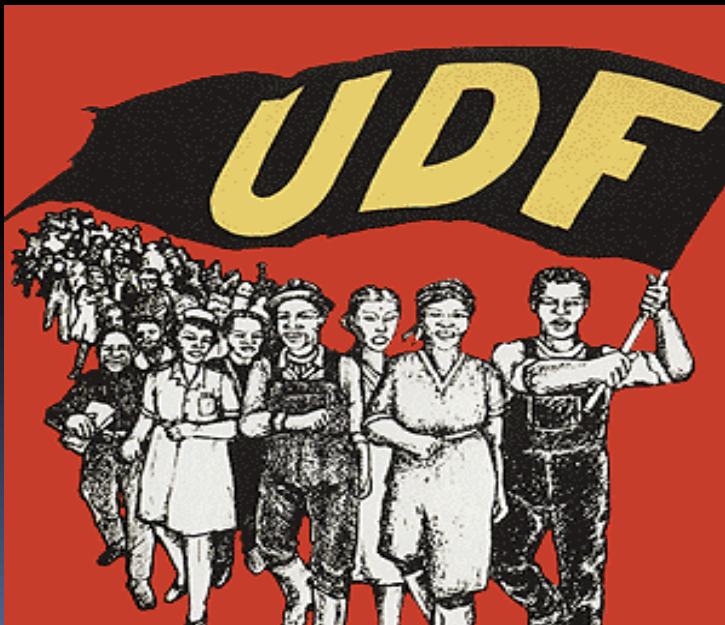
The Delmas Trials – The Last of their Kind-

Final push



Delmas 22 1985 -1989

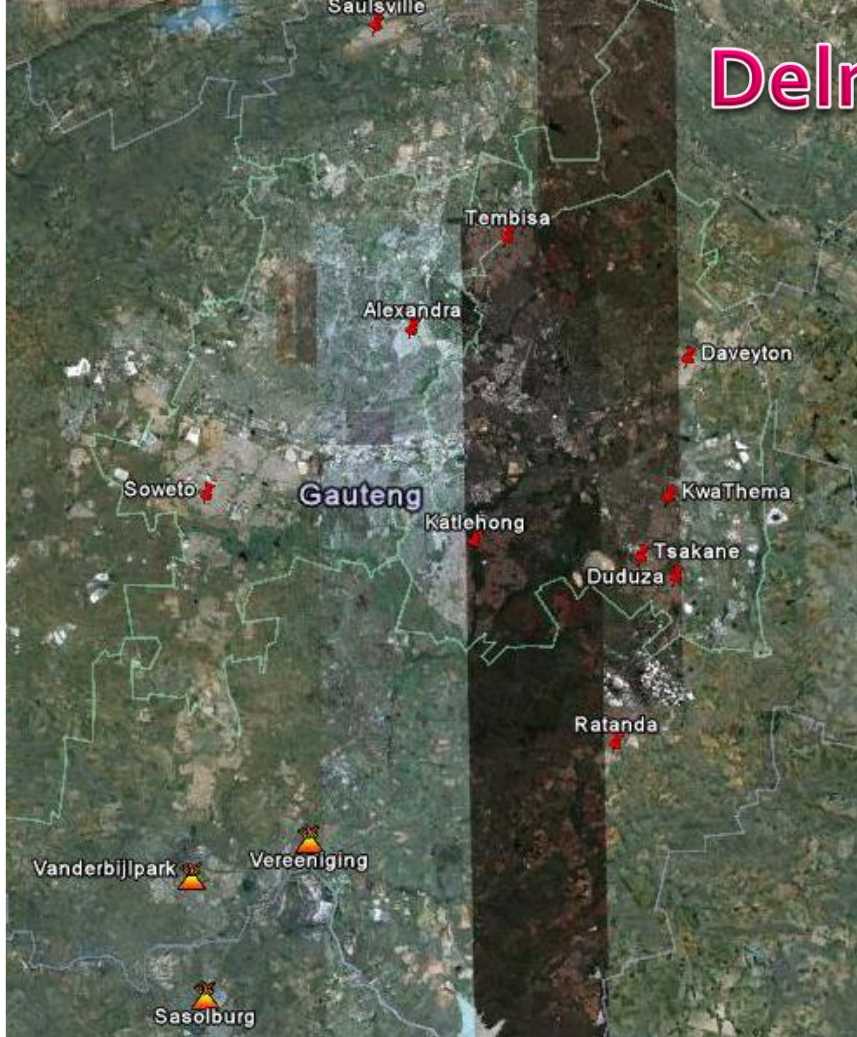
Delmas 4 1989



DELMAS - 22 treason trials
APRIL 1986



Delmas 22 Treason Trial is a National Story



"Spear of the Nation" - The Delmas 4 1986 - Four MK Operatives

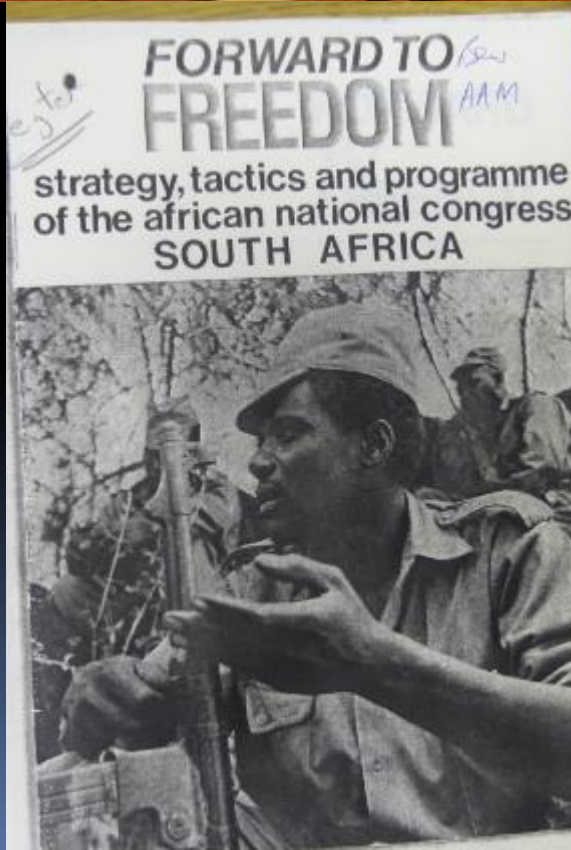


Late Cde. Frans Ting-Ting Masango

- Organisation: Mkhonto we Sizwe and ANC
- Age when arrested: 26 years old. [Now Deceased].

Jabu Obed Masina

- Address: 2953 Rockville, Soweto
- Organisation: Mkhonto we Sizwe and ANC
- Age when arrested: 26 years old.



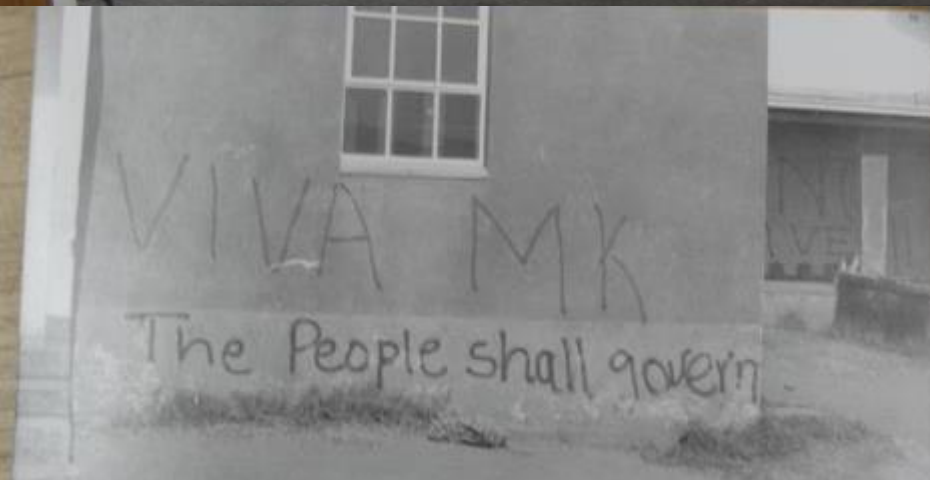
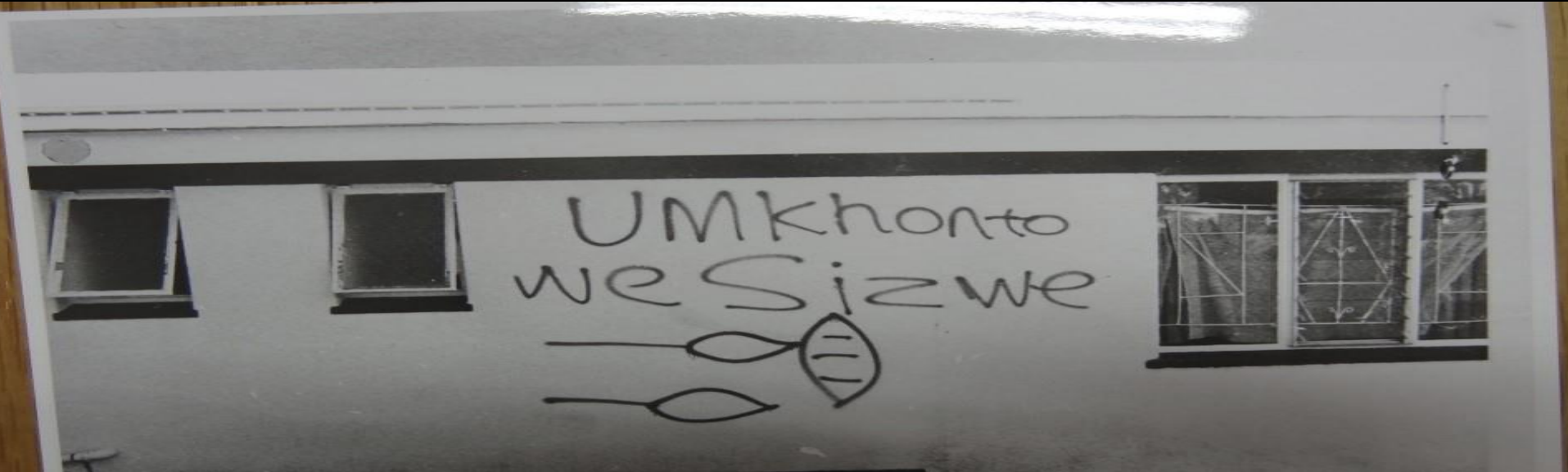
Neo Griffith Potsane

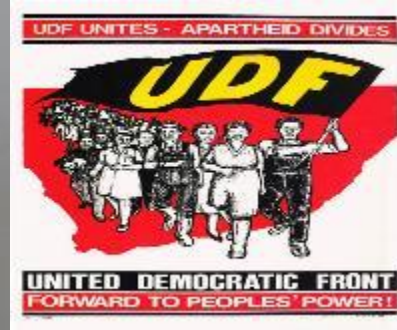
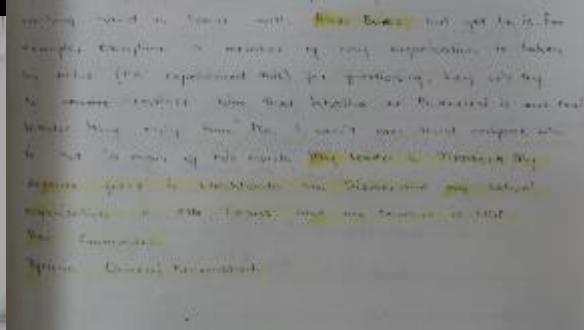
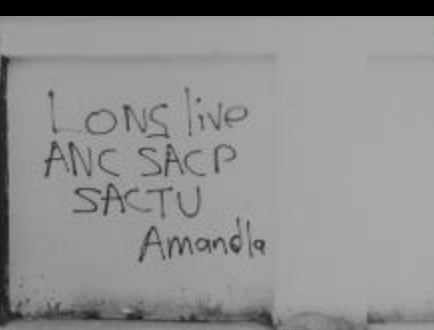
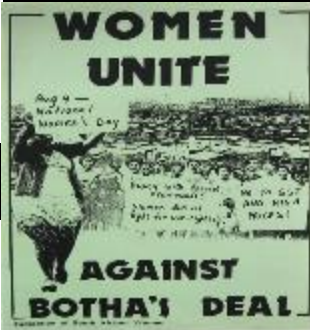
- Address: Thabo Street 1996, Dube
- Organisation: Mkhonto we Sizwe and ANC.

Joseph Elias Makhura

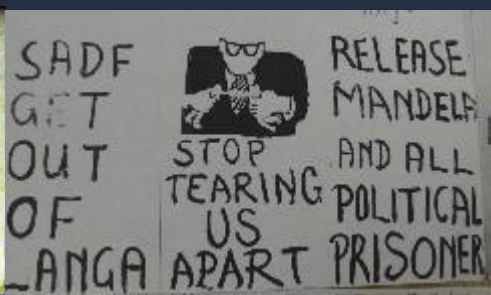
- Address: Shoshanguwe
- Organisation: Mkhonto we Sizwe and ANC

"We are soldiers in a Legitimate Liberation Army ... we do not recognise the jurisdiction of this court..."





- Trials became locally and internationally popular in contradiction of what the State Intended by moving it to Delmas Town
- Mass Protests increased & political activism escalated
- Delmas 22 Trial 1988 moved to Pretoria –Palace of Justice - 11 Acquitted and 11 Convicted by end of 1988
- 1989 Cases heard at the Supreme Court of Appeal in Bloemfontein
- Delmas 22 Case dismissed & Delmas 4 Death Sentences commuted to Life
- The arguments presented in both cases contributed to some key principles in the Interim constitution in of 1993



Inspiring the “Hammer and anvil”

Nelson Mandela:

Freedom was to come from a dual approach....

“There is only one way forward, We must and will crush the apartheid regime between the hammer of armed action and the anvil of massed struggle...”



Triumph over Legalised repression – 1956-1989 political trials



The Monument



Information Transfer...



Heritage Liberation Route - The Delmas Magistrate Court Treason Trials Heritage Site ...

1. *Educate, by...*

Sketching out and explaining the particular events that led to the two Delmas Treason Trials in relation to modern South Africa - democracy is living heritage

2. *Info-tertain, by...*

Interrogate the elements that makes that particular trials unique in their contribution to Liberation Heritage and the modern South Africa

3. *Commemorate...*

the struggle stalwarts and the ordinary citizens who laid their life for a democratic and just South Africa

Educate

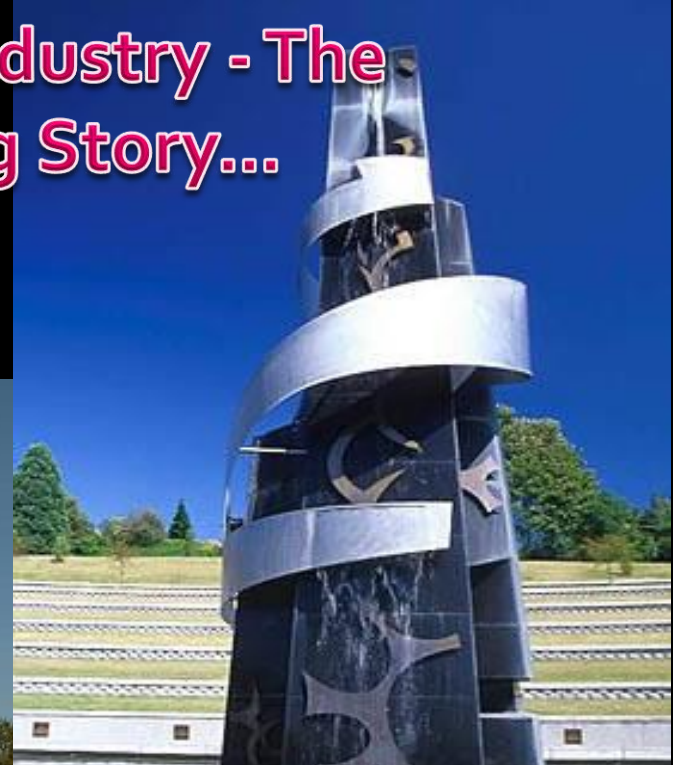
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Inform

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Commemorate

American Heritage Tourism Industry - The American Narrative is a Living Story...



The potential for Liberation Heritage is endless

Thank you for your attention...

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