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MEDIA RELEASE

RE: SHARPEVILLE/LANGA DAY AND DISRUPTION OF THE UNVEILING OF THE LANGA MONUMENT

The PAC wishes to thank the people of Sharpeville and Langa for the dignified manner in which they commemorated the Sharpeville/Langa Day. The PAC also wishes to thank government, especially Deputy President Kgalema Motlanthe, for seeing to it that the day was given the respect that it deserves.

Contrary to reports in some sections of the media, we deny that our members sought to disrupt the event in Sharpeville. Instead, according to information at our disposal, the minor disturbances were directed to the Gauteng Premier for something related to the internal politics within the ruling party.

While we think that the joint commemoration was a step towards the right direction, we hope and trust that it was not meant to appease the angry residence of Sharpeville nor was it a PR exercise that was meant to present a united face before the FIFA World Cup. As PAC we will meet with government and propose a permanent joint committee that will organize the event for the next one million years. As a gesture of goodwill we will also ask government to recall the current school history textbooks that seek to deny that the anti-pass campaign that led to the Sharpeville/Langa massacres was led by PAC.

The PAC has noted with great concern the disruption of the unveiling of the Langa Monument by agent provocateurs who claim to be party members. As a result of the disruption the Langa Monument could not be unveiled. As PAC we will go back to the drawing board in order to have the process of unveiling the Langa Monument completed. We will not succumb to rogue elements that want to besmirch the good name of the PAC.

One option going forward is to go back to the City of Cape Town and have the process completed. The second option is to engage the Western Cape provincial government. The third option is to approach the national government. The last option is to go it alone in order to complete the process of honouring the heroes and heroines who laid down their lives for the liberation of this country.

Issued by

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