

STOP THE GENOCIDE

CALLS FOR A FREE AND LIBERATED PALESTINE

South Africa has urgently requested the International Court of Justice (ICJ) to order Israel to cease its military incursion in Rafah.

South Africa has once again petitioned the ICJ for additional provincial measures and modifications to its prior orders against Israel, citing the significant threat to the survival of Palestinians in Gaza posed by Israeli military actions in Rafah.

Rafah is described as the 'last refuge' for Palestinians in Gaza, being the 'last viable center for habitation, public administration, and basic service, including medical care.'

UN figures indicate that Rafah has sheltered 1.5 million Palestinians fleeing bombardments elsewhere in Gaza over the past seven months.

In early May, Israel issued evacuation orders to Rafah residents before seizing control of the Gaza side of the Rafah border crossing with Egypt and intensifying its bombardment. By mid-May, the UN estimated that approximately 600 000 Palestinians had fled Rafah. This account underscores the grave humanitarian crisis and the urgent need for decisive action from the ICJ to protect the Palestine people.

IMPACT ON SOUTH AFRICANS

Beyond the Middle East, the repercussions of these geopolitical shifts extend to South Africa, particularly in the realm of political donations.

Durban-born billionaire Martin Moshal, a prominent Israeli-South African businessman, emerges as the largest donor to political parties in the country. His contributions of R44.5 million to the Democratic Alliance (DA) and ActionSA constitute 16% of all political donations in the past two years. Moshal's affiliation with The World Board of Trustees of the Keren Hayesod-United Israel Appeal, a major fundraising arm for Israel, underscores the intricate connections between international geopolitics and South African political funding.

The Keren Hayesod-United Israel Appeal, in collaboration with The Jewish Agency for Israel, has played a significant role in facilitating the immigration of Jewish settlers to Israel, aligning with the principles of Zionism.

Research conducted by My Vote Counts reveals that the DA received substantial private funding, with 64% of it coming from only two donors, namely Mary Oppenheimer Slack and Martin Moshal.



By: Staff Reporter

Foreign donors, such as the Friedrich Naumann Foundation, Danish Liberal Democracy Program, and Volkspartij Voor Vrijheid en Democratie, have collectively contributed R7.8 million to the DA.

ActionSA, though not represented in Parliament, received notable funding, with Moshal and the Oppenheimer family being significant contributors. Moshal's donations, amounting to R7.5 million, represent a substantial portion of ActionSA's total funding during the 2021/2022 financial year.



PRO-PALESTINIANS SLAM PA RALLY

By: Staff Reporter

Pro-Palestine protesters took a strong stand against the Patriotic Alliance rally at Athlone Stadium, claiming the PA leader, Gayton Mackenzie is a supporter of the Israeli Zionist regime.

Pro-Palestine activists converged outside the Athlone Stadium chanting, "free free Palestine and Gayton must go".

A Palestinian activist, Muniera Peters says: "I'm here in solidarity for my Palestinian brothers and sisters who are facing atrocities by the Israeli-government. "PA's leader, Gayton was funded millions by the Zionists to show case his campaign."



Joane Peters says we need jobs.

Imam Abduragmaan Abdul from Lavender Hill says: "People need to open their eyes and not side with any political parties who are being funded by Zionists. "The Israeli-regime is committing war crimes against the people of Gaza.

"How can one still support a Party who is in cahoots with the Zionists."

A PA supporter, Joane Peters from Piketberg says free bus transport was arranged to attend the rally.

"We were served fish sandwiches and got a free sweater.

"Gayton will give us a better life."



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Many are of the opinion that their vote won't make a difference and has a no-vote stance. With many new parties being added to the ballot, it doesn't make the job any easier. Voters are being spoiled for choice. YES, you can make a difference by making your cross. Every vote counts. Don't let it go to waste.

We cannot tell you who to vote for, however support a party that speaks that matters to you.

All we can leave you with is that War crimes and atrocities are being committed by the Israeli Zionist regime, yet world leaders response is to look away from the decomposed bodies of innocent woman, children and babies. See you at the Polls!

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MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT

'Voting for a smaller party is not a wasted vote'

The national elections are on the horizon, with 27.7 million registered voters heading for the polls.

After 30 years into the South African democracy people are dismayed at the empty promises and negative outcome of political parties.

With the emergence of new smaller parties voters will be spoiled for choice, the reality is that many remain undecided and may not vote.

With 52 registered parties on this year's ballot paper, the list of choices may seem to be intimidating and overwhelming



Hanief Loonat from National Coloured Congress says: "The coloured people are being marginalised. "We need to take back what belongs to us in the Western Cape."

to many voters, resulting in a no-vote stance,

There has never been so many splits in the ANC government since the coming of President Cyril Ramaphosa. The DA is not in the clear either. The DA vote has dwindled from 67 percent to 53 percent in the last National democratic elections.

The new kid on the block, People's Movement for Change (PMC), led by Marius Fransman says 'we need new leaders.' "We are committed to building a stronger, more equitable and prosperous South Africa for all.

A snap survey with first time voters revealed many are undecided. Some say their vote is not going to make a difference. A Salt River resident, Mikaeel Jonkers (18) says:"I'm not sure who to vote for. There are too many parties to choose from. "I'm not going to vote." Al Jamah leader, Hon. Ganief Hendricks says: " A vote for a smaller party is not a wasted vote."

Joy Davids, from the GOOD says: "We must get the Democratic Alliance (DA) out.

Imam Shafiek Jacobs of Tennyson Street Mosque urges Muslims not to vote for a political party who is backed by Zionists. "I urge all Muslims to do research and vote for a party who supports the Palestinian people."



Up close and personal: The Bo-Kaap residents raised their concerns with various political party candidates at an open political debate. Residents raised their concerns over unemployment, gentrification and land expropriation.



Sayed says "There's a positive shift towards the ANC due to their stance on Palestine."



ANC candidate Khalid Sayed



Noor Nacerodien



Moegsiena

Nacerodien says: "Vote for a Party that supports Palestine."

Moegsiena who is residing at the old Woodstock Hospital says we need new government who can bring about change.



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EMPTY PROMISES



Roof structure destroyed by fire.



A Salt River resident, Gadija Phillips, whose home was ravaged by fire recently says she's fed up with the DA's empty promises and will not be voting for them.

According to Phillips the DA Councillor, Yusuf Mohamed told her he would assist her to get roof rafters and building material from the building contractors in Hopkins Road, Salt River and make funds available to make her home habitable.

"It's been more than a month and nothing has come from it," says Phillips.

"I'm fed-up with the DA's empty promises." Phillips who resides with her 78-year-old mom said the fire ignited at her neighbour's house after a candle fell during loadshedding.

"We don't have money for repairs. "We are already battling to get food on the table and now this."

A disgruntled Phillips says further her neighbour, Ashraf is living with his girlfriend who are both on drugs. "I can hear them 'earf' (getting high) in the evenings."

"They are both unemployed and 'skarrel' for a living."

DA councillor, Yusuf Mohamed says he did not make any promises and is still awaiting feedback from the building contractors.

The Salt River Residents Association (SRRA) raised funds through donation appeals to assist the families of the fire damaged homes.

Warda Rahim, Chairperson of SRRA thanked all donors for their contributions in the time of need.

BLOCKED DRAINS A WORRY

Shariefa Job from the GOOD Party raised her concerns about the DA-led City's service delivery, stating, "The majority of the drains in Salt River and Woodstock are clogged with dirt".

Job says in most instances you find either missing drain covers or dirt filled drains.

She says blocked drains have a detrimental impact on our 'already overloaded' sewerage system. "The City must come clean-up our drains."

"It is an eyesore."

She says further: "It's only now when it's election time I see them cleaning the streets.

"When elections are done, you don't see them any more."

blockages which have far-reaching consequences including the contamination of clean water sources.

"The removal of manhole covers is irresponsible and poses an environmental hazard and safety risk to the public."

The City calls on the public to report people tampering with manhole covers and dumping waste in the sewer.

According to the metropolitan municipality, sewer channels are often blocked shortly after being cleared.

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Litter dumps in drains



Sedick Soeker, Chairperson of the Woodstock/Walmer Estate Steering Committee says vagrants are using the drains as storage space.

"I saw a man climbed inside a drain."

"Residents must be vigilant and have them reported."

Suleiman Apolles from Salt River Residents Association (SRRA) says they have raised the concern with the City.

Apolles says: "Residents must report all service delivery issues on the City App."

"They must be held accountable."

In a recent statement the City has called on residents to refrain from dumping objects in the sewer network.

The City says: "Items like plastic, stones and sand have led to

COMMUNITY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH IN FULL SWING



Gang-bangers: The Salt River Neighbourhood watch gears up for night patrols.

Call to join safety walks



Fatiema Bazier (left) and Tougieda Bassier on night patrol.

Neighbourhood watches from Salt River, Walmer Estate and Observatory met with Community Police Forums and SAPS in a bid to clamp down on gangsters and drugs.

Col. Matroos from the Woodstock Police says neighbourhood watches play a vital role to curb crime. "They are the eyes and ears of the police."

"We work hand in hand to rid our community from gangsters and social-ills."

Nizaam Dalwai, Community Police Forum Chairperson for Sector 3 says: "There is a spike in crime in our area. "In most cases it's people from outside our community."

"We need to keep a vigilant eye."



Col. Matroos from Woodstock SAPS raises his concern over crime in the community.

Salt River Neighbourhood watch is in full swing to combat gangsters and drugs.

Mustakim Salie from the SR Neighbourhood watch says his team is ready to rid the community from crime.

"We urge the residents of Salt River to become more active."

"I also call on local businesses

to support the community-driven initiative."

Suleiman Apolles from Salt River Residents Association (SRRA) says drugs are a major concern in the area.

"We aim to have Salt River drug-free by 2030."



Love is in the air: Mr Karriem and Gabeba Gabier's love has stood the test of time. Mr Karriem (89) and his wife, Gabeba (92) met in the 1940's and says it was love at first sight. Mr Karriem says: "The secret to a happy marriage is understanding and to have a lot of *sabr* (patience). "A happy wife means a happy life... she is always right." The couple has one son, 6 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

ENDLESS LOVE

COUPLE CELEBRATES 66-YEARS OF MARITAL BLISS

Mr Karriem and Gabeba Gabier celebrated their 66th anniversary earlier this month.

Make your vote count

The up and coming National elections has reached its pinnacle. Most people say this is the most important election since 1994. People are fed up with corruption.. fed up with crime.. fed up with unemployment, this list is endless. Now is the time to let your voice be heard. So use this opportunity wisely, if you don't do you can't say!



Sedick Soeker

The DA candidate, Riyad Davids, at a political debate could not respond when questioned about the DA's double standards, where laws only apply to certain areas.



Nazier Paulsen

Paulsen says: "The EFF will implement practical steps to combat crime, unemployment and housing. We will train 100 000 police officers by December 2026



Cassiem Khan

Cassiem Khan from PAC says we stand behind our people and will deliver. We ensure equality for all citizens.



Rihaana Toeifie

"I'm fed up with the ANC-led government and the DA must go. We need new leaders who can make a difference."

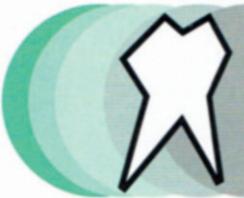
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SKW TAKES A PLUNGE

Villager FC sunk SKW 28-16 in their own back yard in a league match this month. SK Walmers supporters were kept on their toes, but it was too little too late. Faa-iekah Ryland, SKW spokesperson commended Villager FC on their performance. "We had plenty of scoring opportunities, but fell short," says Ryland. "We have to re-group and remain focus for our up and coming games."



CHAMPIONS

Salt River Blackpool hosted their prestigious Super 7's Cup earlier this month at the Shelley Road sports field.

This year the Super 7's attracted 272 teams from 80 different clubs competing for the cup.

Salt River U/8 boys were crowned Plate Cup winners and the girls U/16 beat Real Brazilians 3-1 in the Cup final.

Iqbal Kasker, Chairperson of SR Blackpool says: "The event has started off with 48 teams and has grown to a monumental gathering for football enthusiasts."

"I would like to thank all sponsors, clubs and staff for making the event an overwhelming success."



SR Blackpool u/8's were crown Plate Cup winners.



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