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FEDERAL INDEPENDENT DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE (FIDA)

DATE AND NAME OF PUBLICATION	TITLE OF THE REPORT	TYPE OF ACTIVITY/ CAMPAIGN OF THE ORG.	OFFICIALS OF THE ORG NAMED	CHARACTERISATION OF THE ORG
Citizen 9/12/91	Why exclude Fida?			Multiracial, non-violent, politically constituted party
Star 7/12/91	Gogotya's Fida seeks seat at CODESA	Committed to peaceful negotiation	John Gogotya (Pres)	
Citizen 31/7/91	Fida, Eagles also Got Funds	Fida was funded because it advanced the "cause of stability and order, as well as to serve as a bulwark against intimidation" - annexure to a statement by FW de Klerk		
New Nation 19-25/4/91	ANC "Dissident" joins Fida		Rodney Twala (Northern OFS Director)	
Citizen 26/7/91	No Secret Funding Say Fida and UPF			Fida has demonstrably worked through the years for the protection and security of Black South Africans at grassroots level and has exposed intimidation, Fida statement said
Sunday Tribune 7/4/91	"Selling Out" John Woos ANC Dissidents	Twala a former ANC-aligned Vaal Civic Association has joined Fida. David is another former ANC member who fled from an internment centre for dissidents in Tanzania. He has also joined Fida	Prof Vale (Wits) & John Gogotya (Pres)	

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Gogotya discarded the Gvt's
secret funding, of which
Fida had not been aware

ANC objected to
Fida's participation
in Codesa

SIZE OF THE MEMBERSHIP
& SOURCE OF THE SIZE

Close on half a million
members: letter to the Editor
by Al Forbes, Informtion Comm-
ittee, ACTSA

400 000 paid-up members. An
unnamed Fida official is said to
have quoted the membership at
20 000 the previous Monday

NATIONAL/REGIONAL
SPREAD

MEMBERSHIP RESTRICTION

Fellow dissident and co-
founder of Returned Exiles
Co-ordinating Committee
(Nicholas Dyasop) denied he
and Twala had formed Fida

Fida received funding from
international and local sponsors,
but they would not be named
because of the risk of threats,
strikes and boycotts against
them

Donations come from Northern
suburbs housewives, doctors,
lawyers and small business
owners. Catholic priests donated
R100. Said Gogotya, these days
backers like Pick 'n Pay's
Raymond Ackerman, PG Glass &
Gencor are not afraid to let the
world know some of their money
has gone into Fida projects

Prof Vale unsuccessfully opposed
the DP in the Yeoville by-election.
Vale's nomination was rejected by
the electoral officials because
errors and inconsistencies in the
list of 300 signatures the party
had gathered

600 000 members

Northern OFS

Countrywide

For reasons of intimidation, many
are reluctant to come out