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PRESS STATEMENT

We are appalled by the news of the murder of three people in Lwandle and condemn this attack in the strongest terms. It is not yet clear whether or not this killing is in any way related to the assassination of Comrade Chris Hani on Saturday morning, but one thing is clear - such senseless and brutal acts go against everything for which Chris Hani lived and died.

We extend deep sympathies to the families of the victims.

We also unconditionally condemn the incidents of stone throwing reported to have been taking place.

One thing must be made absolutely clear. This cannot be a time for more killing. The ANC, and indeed South Africa, has experienced a very great loss with the killing of Comrade Chris Hani and we believe that he was murdered by those who wish to unseat the negotiations process. Further violence only plays into their hands.

While we recognise the anger and grief of the many people who loved and revered Chris Hani, we earnestly appeal to everyone to behave with dignity and discipline and to direct their anger in ways that will advance - and not impede - our struggle for liberation and democratic elections.

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