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MEMORANDUM



TO: 1. CONVENOR OF SUB-COMMITTEE ON PARTICIPATION IN CODESA OF THE ZULU KING AND TRADITIONAL LEADERS
2. CHAIRPERSON OF WORKING GROUP 1

CC: CODESA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

FROM: CHIEF M NONKONYANA, CONTRALESÁ EASTERN CAPE REGION

DATE: 31 MARCH 1992

RE: VICTIMISATION OF KING SANDILE BY CISKEI GOVERNMENT

We regret to advise you that King Sandile of Ciskei is being victimised by the Ciskei Government.

It should be remembered that on 18 March 1992, the King led a delegation from Ciskei to give evidence to the sub-committee investigating the participation in Codesa of the Zulu King and traditional leaders. The preamble to the paper presented on his behalf read as follows:

- "1. It is hereby reported that the evidence given in this document is an enthusiastic response to the request of your sub-committee that Brig. OJ Gqozo "facilitate a delegation of six traditional leaders from" Ciskei, "representative of the different groups" to give oral evidence to the sub-committee on the issue of the role of the King of the Zulus and other traditional leaders in the negotiations process", on the one hand.
- 1.1 Again, it is hereby announced that the evidence hereby submitted to your sub-committee is an earnest reaction to the deliberate overlooking of the most senior traditional leader in Ciskei, by the chairman of the Ciskei Council of State, in the matter of democratically facilitating a delegation of the six traditional leaders you urgently requested him to carry out in your relevant communication dated 9 March 1992, on the other. I refer to His Majesty Maxhobayakhawuleza Bangilizwe Sandile, King of the Ciskei Xhosa-speaking people.
- 1.2 Yet again, His Majesty, suffering the displeasure resulting from this obviously serious act of intentionally taking no notice of him, on the one hand, whilst being honestly anxious to facilitate a delegation to participate in the current

historic negotiation process on the other, felt impelled, in the circumstances, to support the negotiation process by co-operating in this regard. Accordingly, by virtue of his traditional and lawful rank and status in traditional Xhosa culture and in terms of his prerogative as King, it pleased him to forward to your sub-committee the names of the ff. Princes of royal blood and traditional rulers: -

1. Sipho Mangindi Burns-Ncamashe
2. Doyle Mpuhle Jongilanga
3. Justice Thandathu Mabandla
4. Simon Mthobeni Hebe
5. Hamilton Mxolisi Makinana, His Majesty being **first and topmost** among them."

On 26 March 1992, King Sandile received the attached letter dated 25 March 1992 which in effect reminds him that he is under the control of Ciskei Government in terms of Act 37 of 1984.

The letter contains wild accusations of dereliction of duty and demands an explanation as to why his salary cannot be reduced. We would like to inform you further that the Ciskei Government all along campaigned against the King and traditional leaders in Ciskei and this is confirmed by its proposals on rural administration. Furthermore, when the King was officially installed, the Government took over the preparations from the people only to frustrate the objective of the ceremony. The King has been barred from visiting and neutralising tension in his kingdom, etc.

He has been promised a palace in Bisho and improvement of his salary subject to preconditions designed to betray his subjects.

We have reason to believe that King Sandile is being victimised because as a unifying symbol he is behind his subjects and above all he testified before a Commission appointed by Codesa. We further believe that should the Ciskei Government decide to reduce his already meagre salary, chaos and lawlessness will prevail in Ciskei and there is a potential danger that Codesa will be adversely affected.

We may indicate that we had written to the Chairman of the Council of State early in March to discuss this issue amongst other things. He had decide to ignore our request.

We being hereditary leaders of a Peace-loving Nation had no choice but to appeal to you to intervene.


CHIEF M NONKONYANA
REGIONAL CHAIRPERSON

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31 March 1992

ATTENTION : CHAIRMAN : MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
CODESA : JOHANNESBURG

COMPLAINT RE-REDUCTION OF REMUNERATION.

1. I, Maxhoba Bangilizwe Sandile Paramount Chief of Ciskei herein wish to report that after having led my delegation to Codesa. Have now received a letter from the Council of State demanding that I furnish them before the 31 March with reasons as to why my salary cannot be reduced.
 - 1.1 It is alleged that I do not perform my duties as a King of the territory despite the fact that on several occasions I informed the Council of State of my proposed visits to all the troubled areas to address the people and each time I received a stern warning not to attend. The neglected duties have not been specified, however.
 - 1.1.1 The Ciskei Council of State has made some lucrative offers to me so as to dismiss my senior councillors elected by the people, without consulting the people, which is not in accordance with our traditional norms, failing which my salary will be reduced.

Paramount in Chief Members:

Ah! Nalizwe (Chieftainess Sandile), Maxhoba Sandile (Prince), W.Z. Tsheke (Chairman), L. Sokopo (Secretary), Chief Z. Toyise, Chief Makinana (Deputy Chairman), Chief Ntabazivumile Busoshe, P. Sangotsha, N.V. Macanda, Chief Zibi, Chief Ngwekazi, H. Siwisa (Great Place Legal Advisor), M. Mpondo.

2. In view of the seriousness of this state of affairs in my area I appeal to the Convention for a Democratic South Africa to intervene on my behalf.

A copy of the letter referred to on 1 above is herewith appended.

Hoping for your sympathetic attention and expeditious response.

I thank you

M.B. SANDILE
PARAMOUNT CHIEF CISKEI

