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PRESS STATEMENT

We are shocked to hear of the attempted assassination of MK member and ex-Robben Islander, Mr Dan Nokatywa, while he was locking up the offices of the Association of Ex-Political Prisoners in Philippi last night.

This shooting takes place shortly after the shooting of Mr Johnson Mpukumpha last month. Earlier this year Mr Lucas Mbembe, also an ANC member and on the regional executive of the Hostel Dwellers Association, was killed in a similar attack. Only last week Mr Kenneth Nxu, also an ANC member, was shot dead on Landsdowne Road.

We demand to know why leading members of the community, engaged in efforts to build unity and peaceful co-operation, are being targeted in this way? It appears to us that there is a calculated campaign to assassinate community leaders who are associated with the ANC. This attack, like the others, takes place against the background of a clearly emerging state strategy of producing totally unsubstantiated allegations about the activities of the ANC and MK - now a subject for investigation by the Goldstone Commission.

We demand to know why these apparently politically motivated murders and attempted murders continue unabated and why the police appear to have an almost zero success rate in finding the perpetrators.

Issued by Lerumo Kalako, Vice-Chairperson

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