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PRESS STATEMENT

The allegations made in Die Burger this morning in connection with Dr Boesak's involvement in yesterday's proceedings are entirely false.

It must first be said that both Dr Boesak and Mr Joe Slovo received a number of death threats before yesterday's events, threats that should they appear on the Parade they would certainly become targets for killers. So serious were these threats that the regional organisers, in consultation with the ANC security department and state security forces said they could not guarantee their safety if they went to the Grand Parade.

Despite this, both Allan Boesak and Joe Slovo insisted that they must go to do what they could to help restore the peace.

The only thing they did not do was move about amongst the crowd on the Parade which they were under instructions on no account to attempt.

We would like to stress, further, that all the National Executive members and Regional Executive members of the ANC who were not elsewhere in the region, were either on the Parade or in the streets of Cape Town at all times yesterday, attempting to restore peace in the City. In fact, the only leaders present for the full service in the Cathedral were those who were actually speaking.

We therefore request that Die Burger print this statement in full, together with an apology for the extremely misleading report they published in this regard. Should they fail to do so, we shall be forced to the conclusion that the report was yet another malicious attempt to besmirch the name of the Regional Chairperson of the ANC.

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