

LA caucus

condemns restrictions

on UDF and others

THE Caucus of the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly has condemned the Government's restriction of the activities of the United Democratic Front and 16 other organisations and called instead for an unshackling of black political forces so that they can operate within a normal, peaceful environment.

The caucus statement reads:

"We are appalled by the action taken by the Minister of Law and Order, Mr A.J. Vlok, under amended emergency regulations issued by the State President. So far this action affects 17 of the country's black organisations and also affects the individuals who have been restricted.

"We remain convinced that the South African Government is trapped in a situation of its own making and is attempting to ensure law and order, which the majority of the people of this country want, by taking high-handed, unilateral action which the majority of people in South Africa reject.

"We remain convinced that there would be no need for the ruling state of emergency if black democracy was unshackled and if blacks were free to support the leaders and the parties of their choice. The freedom to choose leaders and parties is the counterside of the freedom of leaders and parties freely to campaign amongst the people for acceptance. Anything short of this basic democratic practice would leave any government in a position of having to dictate who can be supported and who can campaign for support.

"We have always applauded our Chief Minister's call for the release of Dr Nelson Mandela, Mr Zeph Mothopeng and other political prisoners and we have always supported his contention that his leadership and the whole of South Africa would benefit by bringing underground forces to the surface and allowing the people to deal with them as they saw fit.

"We see the South African Government's denial of basic political rights for blacks as being a denial of the responsible nature of the country's black body politic and we have always seen the curbing of black political leadership in some organisations as a curbing of black political leadership in all organisations.



Mr Vlok

"Every action on the part of the Government in which individuals and organisations have been banned and in which restrictions have been placed on individuals and organisations has been action necessitated by the Government's continuing refusal to move towards equality before the law and the constitution for all South African citizens.

"We remain convinced that the combatting of the upward spiralling of violence by harsh legislation and restrictive regulations can only lead to the raising of the stakes for those involved in violent conflict and in increasing their will to be violent."

Prohibition placed on 16 other organisations

PW cracks down on the UDF



Mr Adriaan Vlok

Mass condemnation
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Shift in Govt's
detention policy
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