

NUM'S 11TH GLORIOUS ANNIVERSARY

NUM celebrated its 11th anniversary in style by opening a miners training centre on the 4th of December at

Yeoville near Johannesburg. The festivities were attended by dignitaries and leaders of the Mass Democratic Movement.

The centre will be used to train and educate workers in various fields of knowledge, such as collective bargaining, history of labour

movement, minerals and energy economics and politics. NUM news was there to capture this historic moment! ■



STOP CONFLICT IN LESOTHO

The NUM is gravely concerned about the current political turmoil in Lesotho as we represent a significant number of workers coming from that country.

We have a track record of combining the struggle for bread and butter issues with the broader struggle for democracy in society. We are, therefore, duty bound to

intervene in an attempts to restore stability in Lesotho.

The military in Lesotho should respect the democratically elected government now running the country. The role of army is to defend the entire nation and property as an institution to serve the people. As servant of the people, soldiers should raise their problems and grievances through

the established military structures. Such grievances and problems should be resolved through discussions.

The supremacy of a democratic government over the army requires that such problems be dealt with within the guidelines given by the government. We appeal to all brothers and sisters currently fighting each other to

desist from doing so with immediate effect. Our enemy in Africa is not our fellow brothers and sisters but poverty, unemployment and all other related social problems. We call upon all NUM members and the community at large to work tirelessly to assist in resolving the present crisis Lesotho is facing. ■

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