

Quotes Of The Week

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"We thought well armed Afrikaners would stop the blacks." -- ANCYL president Julius Malema speaking during his visit to Afrikaner enclave Orania.

"If all communities could organise themselves like Orania, we will fight poverty." -- ANC president Jacob Zuma.

"To say anything against the Dalai Lama is, in some quarters, equivalent to trying to shoot Bambi." -- Finance Minister Trevor Manuel.

"When [Finance Minister] Trevor Manuel tried to justify it [the Dalai Lama decision] and was so sneery, I said 'aikhona, this can't be what we struggled for'." -- Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu.

"You people have run a rubbish campaign. I got just one black and white pamphlet in my postbox. Don't get apathetic. You rely on the fact that us poor bastards have got nowhere else to put our vote." -- An unnamed voter to DA members during a by-election at Tygerberg High School in the Western Cape.

"Someone will arrive and make a speech and announce that they are running for councillor. They will win over the people with promises of work, better living conditions and houses for all. But nothing ever happens... "The government has forgotten about the brown people in the Klein Karoo." -- Deon Klaasen, resident of Blomnek township.

"There is no hope for black people in the DA." -- Former Democratic Alliance Youth co-ordinator in KwaZulu-Natal Siyabonga Nala after defecting to the ANC.

"They said they were not in a position to give us further details, but assured us this was important, that this was major. They said it was a very sensitive issue, and that's why we took them at their word." -- Primedia's news boss Yusuf Abramjee after Talk Radio 702 kicked senior ANC members out of their offices when the party's much-touted announcement of "national importance" merely involved welcoming a Cope defector back into the fold, quoted in The Star.

"When you look at Allan Boesak you must look at him with a clean heart... He did something that he thought was right." -- Cope treasurer Hilda Ndude on Boesak's conviction for fraud and theft involving apartheid-era donor funds.

"No, Mr Zuma, I will not back off." -- DA leader Helen Zille saying she will not stop calling for ANC leader Jacob Zuma's prosecution.

"Whether it's political or not, if there's a criminal act we will pull you out of the political blanket naked and treat you as a criminal." --KwaZulu-Natal safety MEC on violence at the University of Zululand.

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"The scar on his face is what first attracted me to him." -- Lebogang Makgato, the girlfriend of one of reggae musician Lucky Dube's killers, Julius Gxowa, quoted in the Sowetan.

"Kindly understand that the decision as to who addresses the Rhema congregation is a prerogative of the church's leadership. We, as a church will never try to impose ourselves on any organisation's platform." --Church administrator Giet Khosa in a letter to ACDP and UDM leaders, explaining why, unlike ANC president Jacob Zuma, they could not address the congregation.

"There are 11 commandments in Bellville: six days of the week you work for your car and the seventh day you work on your car." -- Musician and GP Deon Cabano on the Cape Town suburb which is spawning a number of alternative new bands.

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