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TO: ALL MEDIA HOUSES - STATEMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
FROM: AZAPO Secretary for Publicity and Information
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SUBJECT: AZAPO CONDEMNS ANC VOTE RIGGING RECKLESSNESS

When career politicians reach a point where the respect for the rule of law is deemed an option more than an obligation, we are bound to have situations as those described by both the current and former SG of the ruling party, in their recent interactions with media.

The ANC has abrogated unto itself the right to rule until the second coming of Jesus. This is the entitlement that has produced the arrogance that says “asinavalo”, they are fearless.

When you no longer feel obligated to account to the electorate you become fearless. Largely because you know you will not lose elections. If the results are against you, you still have the option to rig them.

The voters must not forget how ANC wanted to force its own members to take selfies of ballots during the internal party elections to prove how one had voted, because money exchanged hands and those who paid wanted assurance of value for money.

ANC president Cyril Ramaphosa, during the launch of his presidential campaign in the Nelson Mandela Bay at a Chris Hani memorial lecture in 2018 said – “The problem is money, money has come in between us, and today there is patronage, there is money being passed around, in bags, paper bags and brown envelopes.” He further said money has become the currency of buying favours and votes in the ANC.

In a recent interview with Newsroom Afrika, Ace Magashule said - “We’re going to win the elections, we’re very confident. There’s not going to be any rigging of elections. Our eyes are going to be open, because we know. I’ve been part of the ANC, we know what’s going to happen...”.

Magashule’s utterances further allude to serious concerns that Azapo does not take lightly - that South Africa’s election results are not free and fair, as we have been led to believe by the IEC.

The statement is revealing and in essence implying that Magashule knows that election rigging has been the order of the day during his tenure, as an ANC member and leader.

His statement should further be read in conjunction with recent revelations made by the present ANC Secretary General Fikile Mbalula last week, when he openly declared that the ANC lied on matters relating to Zuma’s Nkandla swimming pool and other related matters.

Azapo urges voters to attach more weight to these utterances and not take them lightly, as mere voting year electioneering loose statements.

All the above quoted statements come from the incumbents of the engines of the ANC - the office of the Secretary General and then Deputy President (currently President of the ANC and Republic of South Africa).

Traditionally, a Secretary General holds in their chest the dark, deep secrets of the organization they serve. When these secrets threaten the legitimacy of elections, we need to hold their party and the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) to account.

Azapo will use every opportunity and system in place to remove the wool from the eyes of Azanians and her fellow travelers.

For 30 years, the people of South Africa have been fed sugar coated lies and sold false hope about a democracy that exists, which is now revealed to not be in existence.

We urge the voters of this country to open their eyes and ears, always take note and remove themselves from being pawns in a deadly game of underhanded political advancement, by unrepentant, self-confessed liars and thieves.

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