

Intlungu yaseMatyotyombeni Movement Press Statement

Intlungu yaseMatyotyombeni Movement, is based on land occupation areas, and all these areas have taken land during the period of National State Disaster and the pandemic of corona. Communities without access to water, toilets, electricity and housing are highly affected. The movement was started in 2020, October and about 15 land Occupation areas, Thembeni, Level 2, Sakhile Nathi, Covid 19, Phumlani, Social Distance, Mpolweni, Makhaza, Pandemic, Lock Down, New Dawn, Noxolo Xawuka, Zwelethu, Dubai and Island.

Intlungu yaseMatyotyobeni Movement has been trying to engage with the City of Cape Town, for the past two weeks. All efforts and attempts to meet the Mayor have be rejected by City of Cape Town. It has been three weeks without clear answers to our demands. Instead the City of Cape Town has been in contact with the media and ignoring our demands. Their excuse is that, the places that we have occupied are not for people to stay or are not suitable for services, as well as that the City of Cape Town doesn't have a budget for the newly occupied spaces.

The movement is saying that all places that we have occupied can be serviced and most land that is already occupied, is made for backy-dwellers, the rest of the people already have the necessary infrastructure. The City of Cape Town's excuse of not having a budget is a lie. Last moth the City put up a budget of about 60 million Rands, to hire private security, to look after the land of City of Cape Town.

City of Cape Town has millions to service rich people areas, such as Contantia, Bishops court and so on. Two weeks ago City of Cape Town has been spending money on fires in Table Mountain, the City has been spending millions on lawyers for court interdicts and on land occupation. We have noticed that City of Cape Town has been listening to the rich people, not to the poor black working class. The movement disassociates itself from burning of buses, loot and any forms of criminal activities.

Tomorrow the movement of the black working class, Intlungu yaseMatyotyombeni will be at Cape Town Civic Centre, 19 November 2020, we will close the N2 national road in the early hours of the morning. Our demands are:

1. Clean water
2. Proper toilets and sanitation
3. Electricity
4. City of Cape Town must stop the applications for court interdicts

We invite media to our action for service delivery.

For further information contact:

1. Mzu 081 271 8802
2. Mabhelandile 073 8941 119
3. Jolakazi 060 461 2642