

UDF rallies on eve of vote

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THE United Democratic Front (UDF) is to hold a nationwide "People's Weekend" of mass rallies, prayer services and vigils on the eve of the November 2 referendum.

Local and national leaders of the UDF announced at a Press conference yesterday a broad programme of action for their campaign against the proposed constitution and the "Koornhof Bills".

The programme will culminate in "huge regional mass rallies calculated to reflect vibrant opposition to the new Constitution Act and the Black Local Authorities Act", they said in a statement.

They have already launched a house-to-house campaign to educate people about the

new constitution and mobilise them against it.

The campaign was well under way in Natal and the Western Cape and was getting under way in the Transvaal.

It would be interspersed with local rallies and church services. Towards the end of October, a special weekend of meetings and vigils would be organised.

National publicity secretary, Mr "Terror" Lekota, said the UDF would oppose "all processes which will be set in motion by this so-called new deal".

The present minority Government was seeking to force upon the people of South Africa a constitution not based on the will of the people, he said.

"We assert that an acceptable and truly democratic constitution can only be worked out in an atmosphere which is free of fear,

mistrust and harrassment of one section of the population by another.

"That includes the release of all political prisoners, the unbanning of the banned and restricted and the return of all those who have been forced into exile," he said.

The UDF called on the people of South Africa to show "once and for all that they are determined to control their own destiny by doing all in their power to halt the current process of apartheid legislation".

The rest of the programme of action would be made known at a later stage.

"Obviously there are going to be shifts and changes by the Nationalists which will necessitate adjustment of our tactics," they said.

Transvaal vice-president, the Rev Frank Chikane, said they hoped to reach every person in South Africa and would succeed in their goals.

National treasurer, Mr Cassim Saloojee,

declined to say whether they were calling on white supporters to boycott the referendum.

"We say we reject the constitutional proposals and all the processes that flow from it.

"In relation to the referendum, we are asking the people of South Africa to join UDF and strengthen the UDF and join the implementation of the programme of action.

"The referendum should not be elevated above all other issues. We see it as a red herring to distract people from the real issues," he said.

Asked if the UDF wanted referenda to test Indian and coloured opinion, Mr Saloojee said the constitution could only be tested by all the people of South Africa. The UDF rejected the notion of racial referenda.

● The first meeting in the programme of action is to be held at the New Catholic Church, Zone 14, Sebokeng at 1.00pm this Sunday.

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No bail in murder case

Pretoria Bureau

TWO men who appeared in the Pretoria Magistrate's court on an allegation of murdering a Pretoria woman, were refused bail yesterday.

Mr E F Ferreira, 34, (no address given), and Mr W P F Booysens, 35, of Sunnyside in Pretoria, appeared before Mr A C Klopper.

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'Fear of ANC' kept him from surrendering

Pretoria Bureau

A SOWETO man who left the country during the 1976 Soweto uprisings for Angola — where he received military training for six years — told

...come a soldier and was not allowed to write home.

Mr Banda said he left Mozambique in September 1982 for South Africa. He was given R500 in cash and was instructed to meet his con-

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