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THE United Democratic Front has strongly condemned the distribution of a pamphlet in Mitchell's Plain and Athlone which linked their leadership to the banned African National Congress and South African Communist Party.

The pamphlet has the heading: UDF equals ANC equals UDF. Photographs of Oliver Tambo, Dr Allan Boesak, Oscar Mpetha and Francis Baard, among others, appear on the pamphlet. They are all referred to as "comrade" and have been designated "commissar" of one or another portfolio.

Mr Trevor Manuel, secretary of the Western Cape UDF said in a statement that the UDF saw the pamphlet "as one in a series to discredit the UDF."

He said: "This comes at a time when our million-signature campaign is gaining ground and the Government is desperately trying to win support from its lackeys, the People's Congress Party and the Labour Party.

"We believe that our people can distinguish between truth and falsehood. We believe that attempts like these will not, in any way, deter our people in their march to freedom. We believe that such attempts increase people's resolve to support the UDF."

The pamphlets were dropped in batches in Mitchell's Plain, Athlone, Claremont and Observatory. This was the fifth anti-UDF pamphlet in four weeks, according to Mr Manuel.

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