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BY OUR  
LEADERS**

## SOCIAL ACTIVITY

: He played a leading role in community politics as an executive member of the Isolumuzi Clermont Residents Association, and the Joint Commuters Committee formed during the bus boycott which hit Clermont, Lamontville, Chesterville and St. Wendolins in December 1982 but which continued in Lamontville up to 1985.

## POLITICAL ACTIVITY

A member of a politically active family of J.T. Gumede - once President of the ANC but later ousted for his leanings towards the Socialist countries. Through the influence of his father, Archie joined the ANC Youth League while it was involved in the Defiance Campaign in the 50's.

In 1980, Archie was a key member in the formation of the Release Mandela Committee. A central figure in the anti-election campaign conducted by the Anti-South African Indian Council Committee. He was very instrumental in the formation of the United Democratic Front. He was elected as UDF ( Natal Region) President and subsequently national Co-President.

## STATE RESPONSE TO ACTIVITIES

Archie was charged in the mammoth 1956 Treason Trial, but was acquitted along with 155 others.

He was detained during the 1963 State of Emergency. After his release he continued to play a supportive role in politics. He was detained in August 1984. After the Durban British Consulate sit-in he was charged with High Treason in March 1985.

NAME : Essop Essak Jassat

DATE OF BIRTH : 5 / 10 / 32

PLACE OF BIRTH : Vrededorp, Johannesburg

MARITAL STATUS : Married to Shireen born Patel

No. OF CHILDREN : Three. Son Aadil - 19yrs. of age, daughters Yamna - 12yrs of age and Zaheera - 11yrs of age

EDUCATION : Primary school education at the Newtown Indian School. Completed matric at the Johannesburg Indian High School in 1951. B.Sc. majoring in Zoology and Botany at the University of Witwatersrand in 1954. M.B. B.Ch - University of Witwatersrand in 1960. M.F.G.P.(S.A.) (Member of the Faculty of General Practice of the College of Medicine of South Africa) in 1974.

PROFESSION : Having completed internship at the Baragwanath Hospital at the end of 1961, I started private general practice at 13 Bree Street, Fordsburg, Johannesburg at the beginning of 1962. I have been practising at the above address ever since. Acted as a part time Casualty Officer at Baragwanath Hospital in 1962-1964. Also had a part-time practice in Germiston and Muldersdrift, Randfontein which had to be closed down in February 1964 as a result of a banning order restricting me to the Magisterial District area of Johannesburg.

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Crown Heights  
71 Crown Road  
Fordsburg  
2092

EXTRA-MURAL ACTIVITIES

1. Chairman of the Students Liberal Association at Medical School 1956 - 1960
2. Member of the Students Medical Council - 1959
- Member of the Students Representative Council - 1959
4. Member of the Editorial Committee of Medical Students newspaper - 1959-1960
5. Represented University of the Witwatersrand at the National union of South African Students Congress in 1959.
6. Committee member of the Witwatersrand Indian Students Bursury Committee - 1952-1960

7. Chairperson of the Medical Students Health Committee.

MEDICAL ACTIVITIES

1. Member of the Witwatersrand Clinical Study Group since 1972. This group consists of black General Practitioners who meet on a weekly basis to proceed with continuing medical education.
2. Executive member of the Southern Transvaal region of the General Practitioners Group of the College of Medicine of S. Africa from 1974 to date.
3. Executive member of the National Medical and Dental Association (NAMDA)- presented opening address to its 1st Congress in December 1983.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITY

1. Executive Committee member of the Johannesburg Indian Social Welfare Association (JISWA) since 1974.
2. Chairperson of the board of Management of JISWA from 1980 to date.
3. Member of the Board of Management of JISWA School for the Mentally Retarded from 1980 to date and also a member of the Board of Management of JISWA Nursery School from 1984 to date.
4. Member of the board of Management of The Central Islamic Trust (A Muslim Welfare and Religious body in the Transvaal) from 1982 to date.
5. Chairperson of the Witwatersrand Education Committee from 1976 to date- providing scholarships to African students.
6. Trustee of the Witwatersrand University bursary Committee from 1976 to date.

POLITICAL ACTIVITY

1. Member of the Transvaal Youth Congress from 1949 to 1960. Chairman of the Transvaal Indian Youth Congress - 1955 to 1960.
2. Executive committee member of the Transvaal Indian Congress from 1955 to 1960
3. Elected chairperson of the Transvaal Anti South African Indian Council Committee in June 1981.
4. Elected president of resuscitated Transvaal Indian Congress on 1st May 1983.
5. Elected Patron of the UDF at its launch in 1983.

STATE RESPONSE TO ACTIVITIES

1. Detained under 90 day Act in 1964 at Marshall Square .
2. Banned from 1964 to 1969 and again from 1969 to 1974. Served 10 days for failing to comply with the banning order in 1965. Forgot to report to the police . Lost the case in the appellate division in Bloemfontein.
3. Detained on the 21st August 1984 under Section 28 of the Internal Security Act. Was then charged with Treason and then transferred to the Durban Central Prison where I am at the present moment.

NAME : Samuel Bhekuyise Kikine  
DATE OF BIRTH : 5 / 8 / 48  
MARITAL STATUS : Married  
No. OF CHILDREN : 2 girls and 1 boy 2 years - 20 years [2 children adopted]  
PROFESSION : Trade Unionist employed by the South African Allied Workers Union. (SAAWU)

STATE RESPONSE TO ACTIVITIES

- Detained on numerous occasions without trial during the period 1975 to 1985
- Detained August 1984 - Section 28 of the Internal Security Act - Notice set aside by an order of the National Provincial Division of the Supreme Court of South Africa (7 September 1984)
- Detained 19 February 1985 and charged with Treason.

NAME : Ismail Jacobus Mohamed  
DATE OF BIRTH : 27 / 7 / 30  
PLACE OF BIRTH : Barkly East, Cape Province, South Africa  
ADDRESS : 11 Wanderers Avenue  
Newclare  
Johannesburg  
2092  
MARITAL STATUS : Married  
No. of CHILDREN : 5 - Elaine 24yrs, Andrew 23yrs, Ivor 13yrs,  
Ingrid 11yrs.  
EDUCATION : Matriculated at Eurafrikan Training Centre  
and Secondary School (1949)  
UNIVERSITY : University of the Witwatersrand B.Sc. (Majors:  
Mathematics and Physics) 1953. B.Sc. (Hons)  
in Mathematics (First Class) 1954. M.Sc.  
in Mathematics (Group Theory) 1959  
University of London: Ph.D. in Mathematics  
(Algebra) 1960  
OCCUPATION : Associate Professor of Mathematics; University  
of Witwatersrand  
PREVIOUS POSITIONS : Assistant Lecturer (University of Wales 1959/60,  
University of London (QMC) 1960/61)  
Lecturer (University of Witwatersrand 1961/63,  
1977, Birbede College, University of London, 1964)

MEMBERSHIP PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

Member : London Mathematical Society

American Mathematical Society

AWARDS: Shell Postgraduate Bursary 1954

Shell Postgraduate Scholarship 1957/59

Australian National University Sponsorship to attend Second International  
Conference in Group Theory, Canberra 1973.



## PUBLICATIONS

### Research Publications in:

- Journal of Algebra
- Journal of the London Mathematical Society
- Proceeding of the London Mathematical Society
- Mathematics Annulen
- South African Mathematics Society
- Collarquin of the University of Cape Town
- Springer Proceedings Second International Conference Theory of Groups

## COMMUNITY AND POLITICAL WORK

- Chairperson of the Dorcas Creche, Western Township, Johannesburg 1979/81
- Member of Western Purpose Multipurpose Centre Project of Johannesburg Child Welfare 1984/85
- Chairperson ; Transvall adhoc Anti-President's Council Committee 1983  
Transvaal Anti-President's Council Committee 1983/84/85
- Member of Council : Transvaal Indian Congress

## RESPONSE TO ACTIVITIES

- In detention under Section 10 (now Section 28) of the Internal Security Act, September 1976 to December 1976
- Son fled South Africa in July 1980 after arrests during school boycotts and other harrassments as well as harrassments and arrests and detention of sisters
- House searched on 19/3/85 and was arrested on a charge of Treason along with 15 other. Appeared in Durban Court 21/3/85. Attorney-General of Natal issued certificate in terms of Section 30 of Internal Security Act prohibiting court to grant bail pending case.

NAME : Aubrey Dundubela Mokoena

DATE OF BIRTH : 12 / 4 / 48

PLACE OF BIRTH : Johannesburg

ADDRESS : 534 Letsatsi Street  
Orlando East  
Soweto  
P.O. Orlando  
1804  
Johannesburg  
South Africa

MARITAL STATUS : Married

No. OF CHILDREN : 1 son aged 5½ years.

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS : B.A. - University of South Africa, 1975  
Higher Education Diploma - University of S.A. 1978  
Bachelor of Education - University of S.A. - 1982  
Management Development Programme UNISA - Continuing

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION

1. Christian and member of the African Methodist Episcopal Church (Africa). Holds positions of Choir Master and Trustee
2. Trustee of the African Independant Church Association.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

1. Worked for Black Community Programme from January 1974 to October 1977 as Project Director for the Transvaal Province. Stated an Adult Education Programme in 1974 in Soweto. This Project was disallowed by the Government after it had attracted more than 2000 adults.
2. Started Home Industries to alleviate unemployment and inculcate spirit of self-reliance.
3. Started a mobile Health Clinic for Soweto and Winterveldt (informal housing near Pretoria) after the 1976 upheaval.
4. Formed a literacy project in 1981 called Black Translations and Literary Services. The aim of the project is to eradicate illiteracy and promote communication.
5. Formed a Community Development Agency in 1982 called Human Resources Development Programmes which is currently planning a clinic in Winterveldt.
6. Just started a mobile laboratory for schools in Soweto to temporarily alleviate the shortage of such facilities.

NAME : Moorogiah Jayarajapathy Naidoo (M.J.)

DATE OF BIRTH : 20 / 04 / 31

PLACE OF BRITH : Mount Edgecomb, Natal

ADDRESS : RESIDENTIAL: 38 Daintree Avenue  
Asherville  
4091  
Durban

POSTAL : P.O. Box 48021  
Qualbert  
4078

MARITAL STATUS : Married

No. OF CHILDREN : 4 ( 2 boys and 2 girls: Ravi - 14; Melaney - 17;  
Kamille - 21; Jay - 25)  
(2 grandchildren)

SCHOOL MATRICULATED : Sastri College, Durban

TERTIARY EDUCATION : University of Natal, Durban

Profession : Attorney

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- \* La Mercy Ratepayers Association (President)
- \* Tongaat Civic Association (Vice-President)
- \* Durban Housing Action Committee
- \* Support Housing Action Committee
- \* Natal Commuters Association
- \* Gandhi Memorial Trust (Trustee)

EDUCATION INVOLVEMENT

- President - Students Representative Council , University of Natal,  
Durban and Joint Board (1956 - 1957)
- 1980 Boycotts

## OCCUPATION

Marketing Director of DTZ Construction Company - building houses in Soweto.

N.B. I was a teacher for 4 years before being discharged from teaching by the Government.

## POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT

1. Co-founder member of South African Students Organisation (SASO)
2. Student Representative Council President at Turfloop University in 1972.
3. Secretary of the Black Parents Association after the 1976 uprising.
4. Currently publicity secretary of the Release Mandela Campaign (Transvaal)
5. Currently member of the National Executive Committee of the UDF.

## STATE RESPONSE TO ACTIVITIES

1. Detained from 11.11.74 until 25.06.75 following the Pro-FRELIMO Rally jointly organised by SASO and the Black Peoples Convention.
2. Detained from 13.8.76 to 0.4.77 following 1976 upheavals
3. Detained from 19.10.77 to 17.11.78 under the Preventative Detention Section of the Internal Security Act.
4. Banned from 17.11.78 to 30.6.83
5. Detained from 21.8.84 to 10.12.84 under Section 28 of the Internal Security Act - Preventative Detention.
6. Arrested in detention on 10.12.84 and charged with Treason

## POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT

- N.I.C. President (1973 - 1978); Vice-President (since 1978); N.I.C. member since 1945
- Anti-Republic Festival Committee (Chairman - 1981)
- Anti South African Indian Council Committee (Chairman 1980/81)
- Democratic Lawyers Association

## STATE RESPONSES TO ACTIVITIES

- \* Detained in 1980 (During schools boycott)
- \* Banned in 1982
- \* Arrested - November 1983 (City Hall Demonstration)
- \* Detained - August 1984 to date (except for several weeks during the Durban British Consulate sit-in)

NAME : Isaac Duze Ngcobo  
DATE OF BIRTH : 1947  
RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS : Inanda Mission, Inanda, Natal  
POSTAL ADDRESS : P.O. Box 43548  
Inanda  
4310  
Natal  
MARITAL STATUS : Married  
No. OF CHILDREN : 3 girls and 2 boys - 15 months to 15 yrs of age)  
PROFESSION : Trade Unionist employed by the South African Allied  
Workers Union (SAAWU)

STATE RESPONSE TO ACTIVITIES

Detained on several occasions previously but released without charge notable:

- August 1984
- February 1985 (charged with Treason)

NAME : Sisa Njekelana  
DATE OF BIRTH : 10 / 8 / 55  
PLACE OF BIRTH : Kieskamma Hoek - "Ciskei"  
RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS : E 112 Zone 5  
Mdantsane  
POSTAL ADDRESS : c/o P.O. Box 7002  
East London  
5200  
MARITAL STATUS : Single  
OCCUPATION : General Secretary of the South African Allied Workers  
Union (SAAWU), based at the Head Office in East  
London.

#### ORGANISATIONAL INVOLVEMENT

I joined SAAWU early in 1979 whilst working at Tek Corporation (formerly known as SATV Manufacturing Company), in East London. I was fired in July 1980 because of my links with SAAWU as well as for recruiting union members within the Company. At the company I was elected as Chairman of the Workers Committee in 1980 and thereafter was elected as Branch Chairman of the East London Branch in the same year.

In 1981 I was elected to position of Vice President of SAAWU which position I held until 1984 when I was elected as General Secretary. Since being fired from my job in 1980 I have served the Union as a full-time official.

I am a member of the Management Committee of the Community Education and Information Resource Centre serving trade unions and community organisations based in Johannesburg.

#### STATE RESPONSE TO POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT

Prior to my current detention, I have been previously detained on seven (7) occasions from 1980 for ranging periods of time. I was detained 3 times by Ciskei Police and 4 times by the South African Security police.

Most notable detentions include:

- \* Late 1980 I was detained for 39 on the eve of the so-called "referendum" for Ciskei independence;
- \* Late 1981 - detained for 5 months during the massive country-wide clampdown and charged with high treason in 1982 but charges were later withdrawn.
- \* 1983 - detained for 3 months during the bus boycott in Ciskei.

NAME : Curtis Nkondo  
DATE OF BIRTH : 1 / 2 / 28  
PLACE OF BIRTH : Johannesburg  
ADDRESS : 99 Atonberg Drive  
Eldorado Park Ext. 2  
Kliptown  
1812  
Johannesburg  
MARITAL STATUS : Married to Rose Irene  
No. OF CHILDREN : 3 sons and 1 daughter  
PROFESSION : Teacher

#### EDUCATION INVOLVEMENT

My teaching career started in 1953 when I joined the staff of the Pimville High School where I specialised in the teaching of History and Geography.

Later, I joined the staff of the Orlando High School under Mr. T.W. Kambule. I specialised in the teaching of English to Matric pupils. I also conducted drama and poetry reading lessons.

Throughout my teaching career I took a keen interest in debates and sporting activities. Between 1975 and 1979 I was secretary of the Orlando Pirates Football Club.

In 1975 I was appointed Principal of the Lamula Secondary School at Meadowlands. I had a running battle with the inspectorate because of my refusal to use Afrikaans as the medium of instruction. In 1977, I piloted the resignation of high school teachers in Soweto. As a consequence, I was elected Chairperson of the Soweto Teachers' Action Committee. In September of that year I was suspended from teaching and barred from entering any school premises under the Department of Bantu Education.

#### POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT

In 1979 I was elected as President of the Azanian Peoples' Organisation (AZAPO). In 1980 the National Union of South African Students (NUSAS) requested me to address the English speaking universities on The Release Mandela Campaign and the Schools Boycotts. In May 1983 I was elected as Vice-President of the United Democratic Front (UDF), in the Transvaal, and President of the National



## POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT CONTD

Between 1976 and 1984 I addressed several meetings throughout the country. I also helped in the formation of the Congress of South African Students (COSAS), the Azanian Students Organisation (AZASO), the Soweto Youth Congress (SOYCO) and Civic Associations especially in the Vaal area. In 1980 I was appointed honorary vice-President of the National Union of South African Students.

## STATE RESPONSE TO ACTIVITIES

In September 1977 I was suspended from teaching and barred from entering any school premises under the Department of Bantu Education.

On the 19 October 1977 I was detained for 7½ months at the Modderbee Prison under Section 10 of the Internal Security Act.

Two days after I was released I was again detained at the Ermelo Police Station under Section 6 of the Terrorism Act. I was held in solitary confinement for about 4 months.

In April 1980 I was detained at the Mondeor Police Station in Johannesburg under Section 6 Terrorism Act. After a month I was released and served with a three year banning order.

On the 21 August 1984 I was detained at the Johannesburg Prison under Section 28 of the Internal Security Act. On the 10 December 1984 I was charged with Treason and was transferred to the Central Prison in Durban. I have so far been in detention for almost 7 months.

NAME : Mewa Rangobin  
DATE OF BIRTH : 10 / 11 / 32  
PLACE OF BIRTH : Inanda  
RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS : 15 Lenina Drive. Verulam, 4340, Natal  
MARITAL STATUS : Married  
No. OF CHILDREN : 5 (2 boys and 3 girls, 22 - 14 years of age)  
UNIVERSITY/IES : Universities of Natal and South Africa  
QUALIFICATIONS : B.A. ; B.A. (HONS)  
PROFESSION : Insurance Broker / Consultant

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- a) Student Representative Council President : University of Natal - Black Section
- b) Organising Secretary : Phoenix Settlement Trust
- c) Secretary : Mahatma Gandhi Clinic Committee
- d) Trustee : Phoenix Settlement
- e) Chairman : Committee for Clemency (1971)
- f) Chairman : Ad-hoc Committee for Revival of Natal Indian Congress
- g) National Co-Treasurer : United Democratic Front
- h) Executive Member : Release Mandela Committee, Natal.

STATE RESPONSES TO ACTIVITIES

- (i) Banned in 1965. Banning order expired November 1970
- (ii) Re-banned and house-arrested from September 1971 - July 1983
- (iii) Arrested November 1983 (City Hall Demonstration)
- (iv) Detained - August 1984 to date. (except for several weeks during the Durban British Consulate sit-in)

NAME : Chanderdeo Sewpersadh ("George")  
BORN : 7 / 10 / 36  
PLACE OF BIRTH : Durban  
MARITAL STATUS : Single  
ADDRESS : RESIDENTIAL: 199 Battersea Avenue  
Reservoir Hills  
4091  
Durban  
BUSINESS: 23 Moss Street  
4340  
Verulam  
EDUCATION : B.A. (LAW) , L.L.B. - University of Natal, Durban  
PROFESSION : Attorney

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- a) Durban Housing Action Committee
- b) Chatsworth Housing Action Committee
- c) Reduce Rents Campaign \_ 1980
- d) Sell Economic-Houses at Cost Campaign (Chatsworth)
- e) Cato Manor (demanding housing and an end to evictions)
- f) Anti-Local Affairs Committee Campaigns
- g) Democratic Lawyers Association (D.L.A.)

POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT

- Joined Natal Indian Congress (N.I.C.) - 1956
- N.I.C. President since revival in 1971
- Release Mandela Committee member
- Anti-South African Indian Council Campaign committee member
- Vice-President - United Democratic Front (Natal Region)

STATE RESPONSES TO ACTIVITIES

- Banned twice. - 1973 to 1978 and from 1981 to 1983
- Detained - 1980 (during schools boycott for seven weeks)
- Arrested - November 1983 (City Hall Demonstration)
- Detained - August 1984 to date (except for several weeks during Durban

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