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PRESS STATEMENT ON THE RESIGNATION OF THE LEKOA COUNCILLORS

The UDF salutes the Mahlatsi brothers for the gallant stance they took aganist the Lekoa Town Council. This is the most logical step that any sensible person could take. Their resignation vindicate the UDF's position of total rejection of the BLA.

Their resignation has given a lie to the so-called powers of these structures. From the reasons given for their quitting, it is clear that real powers reside in the White controlled Development Boards. This means that these structures ar instruments of Apartheid. They can only increase the hardships of the residents.

The UDF calls upon those councillors still remaining in the Council to resign. They do not represent any one except Apartheid.

We urge the residents of the Vaal to accept the Mahlatsi brothers as sinners who have now repented. We also advise the Mahlatsi brothers to now begin to support the organisations of the people in all ways possible.

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