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The announcement that the weekend ban on UDF meetings was set aside by the Johannesburg Supreme Court this afternoon is certainly a major success for human rights in South Africa. We believe that the court could in reality only decide in this way because the arbitrary nature of the ban could not stand the challenge based on hard facts.

It is clear too that this ban was imposed to confuse and disorganise us. The UDF will continue to challenge every state initiative aimed at disrupting the voice of democracy. This is but another milestone passed in that process.

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