



CONSERVATIVES in ACTION – CIASA

NEWSLETTER 1

CURRENT - STATE OF SOUTH AFRICA

Politically & socio-economically;

Introduction

SA is regarded as developing country, through the Govt of National Unity (1994 - 1999) & from 1999 - 2022 having achieved full political emancipation through:

- CODESA negotiations with ALL political players in SA;
- Groote Schuur Minute discussions between the ANC & NNP,
- Pretoria Minute discussions between the ANC & NNP;
- Skhukhuza Agreement between NNP, IFP & ANC & International mediator, - at the ballot box on 27 April 1994;

Similarly, from a historical point, the 1st post democratic Govt was, in terms of the Interim Constitution a 'Govt of National Unity.

This National Unity Govt, comprising ANC, NNP & IFP was in accordance with the Interim Constitution precepts, prescribed for a period of 5 years during which time SA had to adopt a new Constitution, new flag, new emblem, new logo and a new Govt or regime, without other political players,

In 1996, SA adopted a new Constitution,

In 1999, the ANC won by 66% at the ballot box and through what was referred then as 'floor crossing law' where elected public representatives of political parties in the 3 sphere's of Govt could 'cross the floor' and join a party of their choice, only during 'window periods, viz, in accordance to when the window period was promulgated, This created mayhem as 'under the counter money or black bags or cheque book exchanges' were the order of the day, meaning those with large trunches of money could determine who crossed and who did'nt, which was unlawful and unconstitutional, as it was an instrument which was 'outside of the ballot box' Politics Only begins and ends at the ballot box, nowhere else!

This legislation was deemed unconstitutional and was later annulled.

Nonetheless, both the Govt of National Unity & the 1st ANC Govt did make some major changes in reversing apartheid laws and creating an environment of peace, an element of social prosperity and aspects of equality, as they strove for a non racial, non sexist society.

Since 1994 South Africa has had six (6) democratic elections with the following Presidents,

- SA's 1st democratic President, - HE Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela, from 1994 - 1999;
- SA's 2nd democratically elected President, - HE Thabo Mvuyelwa Mbeki, from 1999 - 2008;
- SA's 3rd President (albeit caretaker), - HE Kgalema Motlante, from 2008 - 2009;
- SA's 4th democratically elected President, - HE Jacob Gedleyihlekisa Zuma, from 2009 - 2017;
- SA's 5th democratically elected President, - HE Matamela Cyril Ramaphosa, - 2018 - to present (2022);

It is critically important that voters have an appreciation to the background of SA's democracy, as we know it today.



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY- 2022

As I write this Newsletter, which will become a regular feature for SA'ns and our supporters, I've been invited on a few public forums, including social media, to give a brief overview of the current CHALLENGES facing our country as we go into the last month of 2022.

Allow me to articulate my thoughts per Challenge, starting with challenge 1,

CHALLENGE 1

As I write this, HE Cyril Ramaphosa, the current Head of State & also President of the ruling party, is under the whip and is taking major strain because of the events that occurred at his farm in Limpopo - Phala Phala, meaning (A wind instrument made from the horns of the sable antelope and originally used by the northern Sotho and Tswana peoples).

The events are:

It would appear that hundreds of thousands of USD in hard cash was stolen from his farm;

It appears President Ramaphosa was aware of the theft but his opponents say he didn't report or declare it in terms of Parliamentary protocols and in terms of the law, viz, SARS, whilst another school of thought is of the view that he did follow lawful protocols and reported it to the SAPS, through the Major General of VIP Police Protection unit, As a consequence of all public hula-balloo, in particular from his opponents in his own Party, the Speaker of Parliament set up an independent panel to probe this matter, led by fmr Chief Justice, Sandile Ngcobo.

This report was submitted to the Speaker of Parliament on Wednesday 3 November 2022,

Subsequent to this, a series of internal ructions occurred with the Presidents own Party, where his opponents challenged him to resign.

It would appear that the President initially was going to resign but his supporters got him to reconsider, This uncertainty in the ruling Party has caused some jitters in terms of economic outlook, with the weakening of the currency (SA Rand) and concerns raised by investors across the globe.

In mid December 2022, the ANC convenes an elective Conference where the President is seeking a 2nd term while his opponents (RET) have their own preferences.

The fmr President JG Zuma has been one of the most vocal against Cyril Ramaphosa (CR) as he is known.

It would appear that JZ's unhappiness is mainly about CR's lack of and non intervention in the Presidential pardon request made by KZN, for fmr President Jacob Zuma.

As a consequence fmr President Jacob Zuma ended up in prison as a direct result of the Zondo State of Capture Report, which dealt with State Corruption during the Zuma administration.

The Zuma and r RET view is that CR is supported by what they loosely term White monopoly capital.

Similarly, there have been a number of legal matters in the High Court/s regarding the 'disclosure of the CR17 bank accounts' as the RET faction including the EFF feel that White ad or Big monopoly capital put up hundreds of millions of Rands to get CR elected as President of the ANC and ultimately President of the Republic.

The ANC as the governing Party took a decision called 'step aside rule' where any snr leader of the ANC would be required to step aside in the event that there were formal and or criminal charges against them. As a consequence, the SG of the governing party, Ace Magashule was placed on suspension in accordance with the step aside rule, including many other snr people.

The RET faction strongly feels that only the one side (RET) is affected but none of the CR side,

Hence, these deep squabbles and deep divisions, have now played themselves out in the public domain leading up to their elective Conference.

Scenario

As we all know, the CR Govt was made to 'walk the plank' during the most horrendous and callous acts of looting, violence, intimidations, murders - of July 2021,
It was at this time that fmr President Jacob Zuma was imprisoned.
SA was on a knife edge, a tipping point with emigrations of skilled citizens peaking because of what was perceived correctly to be 'acts of lawlessness or as we call it 'antinomianism'
Factories, warehouses & shopping centres, amongst others, were looted and burnt down.
SAPS ran out of ammunition,
Residents took up arms to defend their properties and their Families as the looters went on the rampage!
The extent of the damage will be felt for many years to come.
So, as President Ramaphosa has endorsed a free from State Capture Govt and the Zondo Report has named and shamed snr ANC leaders, Ramaphosa's own goals have come back to bite him.
Phala phala is one of them,
Marikana is another,

CIASA view

We endorse the view that the 'independent Panel Report' must be tested at the Highest court in the land, the Constitutional Court, particularly as the Report is Not prosecutorial but more an investigative Report!
We feel the motion of no confidence and or impeachment enquiry is premature!
We feel SA's right now are at the mercy of the governing party internal leadership shenanigans,
We feel that given the governing party's dwindling numbers at the ballot box, since 2014, at all sphere's of Govt, it's only a matter of time before the ANC goes under the 50% threshold in the National Assembly, considering they achieved over 65% in 1999.
The battle for political power and who controls the purse seems to be the central issue, in SA at the moment.
Across the political domain,
CoJ (the largest municipality in SA)

- is a typical example for the battle of political power and who controls the purse strings.
- A number of motions of no confidence have taken place within a year of the new local Govt, whilst service delivery matters take back seat!
- Tshwane Metro, Nelson Mandela Bay Metro, Knysna municipality, Cederberg municipality, Kannaland municipality, are amongst others, to name a few,
- Hung Municipalities led by the IFP coalition are others.

What is supposedly a coalition in Ethekewini Metro has seen major infrastructural challenges including service delivery failures,

The Durban or Ethekewini municipality has used excuses of the recent Floods of April 2022. There was a time where '33 waste water pump stations' were out of action, either through vandalism or, in part because of the Floods. As a consequence, all the sewerage was poured into the main rivers which spewed enormously and unacceptable levels of ecoli into the sea, polluting the beaches.

The Durban coastline is known for its beautiful warm beaches and golden sands but as we write this Newsletter, all of Durban beaches have been closed, because of the high levels of ecoli.

SA is at a tipping point, most of the socio-economic gains of the 1st 10 years of democratic dispensation, sadly have regressed.



As the CIASA, we've been asked by many of our own supporters, what is the future for the working class, middle class and in particular, minorities in this sad state of chaos that has the spectre of mutiny hanging over their heads.

The CIASA way at this juncture is:

1. Get as many voters who identify and embrace conservative values and ideologies to come out in their numbers and VOTE CIASA in 2024 & beyond,
2. Reduce the political power of the ANC (Socialist) & DA (liberal) ...from political Office,
3. Likewise, withdraw support of one seat parties because all this does is strengthens the governing parties, viz, DA in western Cape, ANC nationally and IFP in partos of northern KwaZulu-Natal.
4. Indifference and apathy is not going to assist our cause, by sitting at home or staying away and or boycotting the elections,
5. Facts and stats how clearly that the ANC will be reduced at the polls come 2024, to under 50%; 6. So must the DA be reduced,
7. Liberal and Socialist/Marxist polices have failed SA since the dawn of democracy, SA'ns demand better and only voting for a Party with Conservative values and ideals, is the answer to the spectre of COALITION POLITICS that await us post 2024,
8. As the CIASA, our position to Coalition politics is: we will not take any political sides, given we don't subscribe to liberal nor Socialist/Marxist policies, but we will REMAIN INDEPENDENT & VOTE only on matters that will benefit SA'ns. Nothing else.
9. We will not cajole or fight for political Office but will remain independent and issue based conscientious, viz, only what affects and changes the lives of voters, for the better!
10. *Current scenario:*
No need to stockpile food and ammunition,
No need to emigrate,
Power is in the hands of voters not political parties,
It's business as usual,
SA is a Constitutional democracy and mutiny will not happen,
Therefore, the majoritarianism view only, cannot and will not pass the Constitutional litmus test!
Minority rights and property rights are a Constitutional imperative,
The notion pushed by some of land expropriation without compensation will still be tested constitutionally and will fail the test, particularly as RET faction does not have a majority in the ANC.
Let's allow CR to deal with his internal issues, The ANC nor any other political party are NOT SA (Pty) Ltd, **SA'n citizens are!**

CIASA Position

We will continue to re iterate our Policy position, namely:

We will always have our allegiance to the Voters ONLY and not to any political party.

Whichever Council or Govt Sphere or Assembly we're voted into, we will vote on principle issues and not on allegiance to any party.

We don't do deals and won't entertain sweeteners or Govt Office positions, Not now, Not in the future!

However, given our longevity in politics, we see ourselves as:

- persuaders,

- peace makers,
- unity achievers,
- reconcilers,
- nation builders,
- patriots,

Our only objective at any level where we are represented is;

- peace and harmony,
- economic emancipation for all SA'ns;
- removal of elitism,
- delivery of quality services for all SA'ns,
- impartiality,
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Similarly, as the CIASA, we hold dearly to Distributive Justice & Communitarianism (UBUNTU) where all SA'n citizens should have:

- equal individual rights and liberties,
- equal and equitable levels of economic opportunity,
- the attempt to mitigate economic inequalities should focus on the least disadvantaged communities,

Sadly, SA has a skewed and unfair economic system of:

- an established primarily White, oligopolistic economic system created, strengthened & protected during apartheid which comprises primarily of multi national corporations and reputable brands,
- an informal system dominated by Black folk with no Govt aid nor support,
- a lopsided land ownership system which is dominated by Whites as Black folk don't have the collateral nor the means or the wherewithal to buy land,
- a new Black 'patronage elitist' system favouring the connected political few or Families,
- a public education system which is geared towards entrepreneurship and innovation,
- an economic system that is centred around the established urban areas in the cities whereas Black townships, peri urban and rural areas economically stifled,
- This has to change through a conservative and communitarian approach.

As the CIASA, our clarion call is,

- REJUVENATE & STIMULATE THE TOWNSHIPS, PERI URBAN & RURAL ECONOMIES,
- And the FOCUS must be on STRENGTHENING & GROWING DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES,
- EQUALITY FOR ALL,
- SA belongs to ALL who live in it, Black or White,