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PUBLIC SAFETY AMENDMENT BILL
INTERNAL SECURITY AMENDMENT BILL

DPSC STATEMENT

THE LIGHTS ARE GOING OUT IN SOUTH AFRICA ON THE RIGHT TO PROTEST, ON THE RIGHT TO OPPOSE UNJUST LAWS, ON THE RIGHT TO REJECT IMPOSED STRUCTURES. WHATEVER AVENUES OF PEACEFUL LEGITIMATE PROTEST STILL REMAIN ARE ABOUT TO BE BLOCKED OFF COMPLETELY WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND INTERNAL SECURITY AMENDMENT BILLS, NOW BEING PROCESSED THROUGH PARLIAMENT.

IF THESE PROPOSED ACTS ARE ALLOWED TO PASS INTO LAW WITHOUT A MURMUR, THE COUNTRY WILL BE PLUNGED INTO A PERMANENT STATE OF EMERGENCY, WHICH CAN ONLY BE CONSTRUED BY THE BLACK MAJORITY AS A DECLARATION OF WAR AGAINST ITS ASPIRATIONS. IN ITS DESIRE TO SECURE ITS POSITION OF POWER THROUGH MAXIMUM FORCE AND TOTAL AUTHORITY, THIS GOVERNMENT WILL BE COMMITTING A HIGHLY IRRESPONSIBLE ACT THAT WILL SURELY LEAD TO CIVIL WAR.

ARE WE TO SPEND THE COMING MONTHS AND YEARS IN A CLIMATE OF MASS ARRESTS AND DETENTIONS; BANNING OF PEOPLE, ORGANISATIONS AND GATHERINGS; RESTRICTION AND SUBJUGATION OF FUNERALS THAT BREED MORE FUNERALS; CURFEWS AND THE DESTRUCTION OF NORMAL SOCIAL LIFE; ARMIES OF OCCUPATION IN ALL BLACK TOWNSHIPS ? FOR ALL WHO FIND THIS PROSPECT DISTURBING, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THEY ADD THEIR VOICES TO THOSE WHO SAY :"THIS WAY LIES DISASTER; WE MUST REJECT THESE BILLS WITH ALL THE STRENGTH AT OUR COMMAND".

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