THE VICTIMS OF
THE ALEXANDRA MASSACRE.

1. HLAPHOLOSA OWEN
2. HLAPHOLOSA COLIN
3. LEDWABA NONO LUCY
4. MATELONG OSBORNE
5. MALUKA JACOB
6. MEYERS JOSEPH
7. Sithole Jabulane Sam
8. MOSAKA REUBEN
9. MTHEMBU JERR
10. NKOSE MHLABA
11. Sithole STEPHEN
12. WILLIAMS NEIL
13. Radebe ALFRED
14. MADALANI BONGANI
15. HLUBI JOHANNA
16. STOLT STEPHEN
17. TSABALALA MEISIE
18. MOSUE SOLOMON
19. RAMOHOIDITSANE AMOS

ALEXANDRA MASSACRE

Mass Funeral of the Seventeen Victims
in the Alexander Massacre

VENUE: Stadium
TIME: 9am
DATE: 5-3-86.
For many years the black people of South Africa have struggled for political rights in the land of their birth in order to share the wealth and have a say in the formation of the laws which govern them. Now the new generation of blacks have emerged more desperate and determined than ever to reverse the tide of history. The demands have moved from educational reforms to direct political representation.

The government has responded to these demands by bullets, detention, torture, and prison sentences. It has captured the leaders and banned organisations. Practioners assassination squad invaded Alexandra and murdered children, students, youths and parents. The forces of Pretoria racist regime continues in shoot our people as their first answer to all who say NO to apartheid. SAP and SAP are continuously opening fire without any provocation. Our comrades whom we have already buried with bullet wounds in their bodies, bear witness to this truth. The youth is now acting under severe political conditions of repression. This situation demands fundamental change of the whole system. Its reforms are hollow and contradictory hence the people are rejecting them. Now it acts of repression, STATE OF EMERGENCY has exacerbated the situation and inflames feelings of anger and suspicion. The brutality, stupidity and intractability of the government response to political unrest and economic misery has mobilised more and more people into protest action. Our people want FREEDOM now. They want to govern themselves and determine the destiny of their country TODAY not TOMORROW. They have lost patience with all ideas that their liberation can be postponed for any reason whatsoever. They have measured the purpose of life by no other standard than that it should have been spent in the struggle for the liberation of our country. They have therefore Shed All Form of Death because the word TO LIVE has acquired the same meaning as the words TO BE FREE.

MAATLA KE A RONA!!!
ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!!!
AMANDLA NGAWETHU!!!

STREET COMMITTEES

Street committees are formed in order to bring peace amongst the residents of Alex. To forget about our past differences and to prepare ourselves for the future.

Yard Committee:
This people of the yard should come together and be united. Forget about tribalism and form a yard committee. After that they must elect two representatives to represent them in the block committee.

Block Committee:
This is composed of four representatives from the yard committees. If problems are more than the yard committee can solve, they are taken up to the action committee.

Action Committee:
It is made up of two representatives from all the streets of Alex. It is this committee that is responsible for action in Alex.

Phase two and one area Committee:
These are the committees that are to be formed by the residents of these two areas. Each and every area must have four reps to represent them in the action committee.

Unite and Move Forward For The Peoples' Power!
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Forest committee:
This is composed of four representatives from the block committees. If problems are more than the street committee can solve, they are taken up to the action committee.

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NAMES OF VICTIMS

ZEPHANIA MDKANE
ABION MAKHATHINI
THUI AMI MDLULU
CO-EN NTUHLA
ACE HLONGWANE
VICTOR BANDA
VUSI DUBE

DATE: 17th MAY 1986 [SATURDAY]

MASS FUNERAL

VENUE: ALEX STADIUM

TIME: 9.00 a.m.

SPEAKERS: UDF, COSATU, SACC, AAC,
WINNIE MANDELA, ELIJA BARAYI

FORM SELF DEFENCE TEAMS AGAINST
APARTHEID ATTACKS

FORWARD WITH THE PEOPLE'S POWER!!!

Issued by Alexandra Crisis Committee

STOP APARTHEID KILLINGS AND THE PERPETRATION OF ANARCHY AND DISORDER
EVENTS LEADING TO THE MASSACRE.

A call has long being made here in our township and nationally for the withdrawal of the army and police from our township. Reluctantly, more and more soldiers are occupying our township and have turned it into the killing field. Ever since, we’ve been committed to providing the police with our lives and then taking it for breaking laws and murdering. Our township however was developing towards a new direction — of unity, harmony, peace, understanding and self-government of the residents. With the introduction of a programme of building yard, block and street committees our people, for the first time, learned in practice what democracy and a people’s government meant.

We enjoyed the pride of envisaging a criminal, democratic and self-governing township. But all these were sabotaged by the vicious attack on our people. Alleged police vigilantes launched a vicious attack on our people, murdering mercilessly in cold blood, assaulting people with pangas, leaves and bones and burnt down houses, cars and one comrades after being shot.

From 22th to 28th April 1994 about 20 people were murdered by these ruthless bandits. One other person was gunned down on Monday 25th April giving a death-toll of 21. More deaths are expected if the “Master of Law and Order” do not stop his force who are out to perpetuate anarchy and disorder. For the past three months we did not know what death in alexandra by “Shuga” was, what intra-ethnic and all related cases were, but after the attack and harassment of activists and our people we encounter such cases.

Soldiers go about tearing and confiscating our T-shirts, they go about beating some people with their hammers. Teargas is used for their pleasure, search lights are used as if they are at a border gate. We Phó and arrest all causes which attempt to maintain it. We expect the death of apartheid, not innocent people who peacefully protest against inhuman treatment. We call on all to attend the mass funeral and pray that this be the last unlawful arrest victim. We appeal to Dr Mabty and Mr. La Grange to withdraw their forces to restore calm, peace, law and order.

STRENGTHEN YOUR LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

Residents to join and strengthen the Alex Action Committees through their Yard Committees, Block Committees and Street Committees.

Youth to join and strengthen Alex Youth Congress(AYLO) through their youth area groupings.

Women to join and strengthen the Alex Women’s Organisation.

Students to join and strengthen the Students Organisation(ASCO).

To make our organisation more stronger we must join in our thousands and take decisions that affect our lives, where we stay, work and attend schools.

WITHDRAW POLICE & ARMY OUT OF OUR TOWNSHIP.

BUILDING ORGS OF SELF-GOVERNMENT

Our challenge of government created bodies remains our programme. With the collapse of the Local Government and strengthening of organs of self-government are vitally important to involve the people in matters affecting them. Structures like yard, block, street and Action Committees make the objective a reality because people acquire and apply democratic values. These structures are equally important to counter the propaganda meant to brand our struggle as a struggle to bring anarchy because these instil the sense of responsibility to the residents.

YARD COMMITTEES

All members of the yard are part of the Yard Committee they come together to democratically elect their two representatives who will play a part of mediator to settle disputes in the yard. The Yard Committee remains the mouthpiece of the people to represent their views in the running of their townships. It also has a task of building democratic values, discipline and a sense of responsibility to maintain unity and common objective in our people. Lastly it is to stress that this yard does not become a health hazard. The two reps represent the yard at block level and also has a minute secretary and treasurer.

BLOCK & STREET COMMITTEES

The Block & Street Committees has similar responsibilities but the slight difference is that they serve as co-ordination structures to ensure common programmes and common objectives. All yard reps. at a block (e.g. from London - 1/12th Street) would serve as a group to elect their 4 Block reps. who will then sit at the Action Committee. The Street Committee is formed by all Block reps who also have to elect their two Street reps. to sit at the Action Committee with their mandate.

ACTION COMMITTEE

All the above structures constitute the Action Committee. All Street representatives form a co-ordinating committee from where the executive members of the Action Committee is democratically elected to serve as responsible leaders of their people. All committee members have to serve the interest of the people at a political, social and economic level and to vanguard against any subjugation of any democratic, just, disciplined representation. It is the object of the people to at a grassroot level, for the first time, learn and practice democracy which is absent in the country. This structure has the responsibility of fighting any attempt to bring anarchy and disorder in the township, like the latest attack by alleged police vigilantes or crime.
APPENDIX 2: THE JOINT MANAGEMENT CENTRE IDEOLOGICAL OFFENSIVE IN ALEXANDRA

None of the documents included in this appendix are officially distributed by the Alexandra mini-JMC. They are produced by the Bureau for Information for the Alexandra Town Council and distributed free to the residents. The issues the media examine correspond to JMC strategy that political mobilisation can be pre-empted if grievances are dealt with promptly and government is seen to be responsive to its people. The media cover issues such as the redevelopment of the township, the role of the SADF, the return of children to school, and reasons why rent must be paid. Putco was forced to withdraw from the township in 1986. The comic about Putco was issued after 'law and order' had been restored and the company could enter the township again.

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The 'Housing' advertisement was enclosed in the Metropolitan Digest. The slogan 'Your rent or loan is a bargain. Even bargains must be paid for' appears on huge billboards in the township. Similar advertisements and slogans examine electricity, public transport, and water.
Message from our Administrator:

A census for Alexandra

A properly conducted census of the Alexandra area will commence on Friday, 17th October 1986.

Please be assured that this census is in the interest of the Community. You have been advised of the possible bludging of the redevelopment plan with an urban renewal plan which sets as a priority the installation of services.

To plan this properly, we must know:

1) How many residents do we have in Alexandra?
2) How many houses are required?
3) How big must the water and sewerage pipes be?
4) What type of electrical cabling must be provided?
5) What are the needs of the people?
6) Which residents must be given preference?
7) Where should the installation of services start?
8) How many schools are needed and where should they be situated?
9) What other community facilities are required — Where and When?

The above questions must be answered and only the residents of Alexandra can make it meaningful and successful.

Please assist the people who will be involved in the census.

I wish to apologize for the inconvenience the census may cause — However, remember it is in your interest — Help us to help you build a better and happier future for the Alexandra residents.

Thank you

Your Administrator

J.S. Burger

Why the roadblocks!

Since the introduction of roadblocks a month ago, many people have been asking this question: Why are they still roadblocks?

There is no trouble in Alex.

The purpose of the roadblocks is:

• To keep all troublemakers out,
• To prevent Alex residents from being overcrowded by squatters,
• To ensure the security and safety of all Alex residents.

Once again, the Security Forces wish to apologize to you for the inconvenience of the roadblocks.

But what do YOU think of the roadblocks? Please cooperate and fill in the questionaire, then send it to [address] (you can also take it there!)

The Administrator of the Town Council of Alexandra P.O. Box 39101
Bramley, Port Elizabeth 6031

What we want: ?

YES NO

1. Am I an Alex Resident?

2. The roadblocks are

GOOD BAD

YES NO

We thank The Good news brought us the good work and share in,

If I DONT CARE
ALEX & FRIENDS
I wonder what is going on in Roosevelt Street. Maybe Alex knows.

What is happening in Roosevelt Street, Alex?

They are busy putting in a new sewerage system.

I've got a surprise for you, Comrade Rat... The workers decided to work during the whole December holiday.

HMFF!!! I bet it's going to take years!

But Alex, what will this mean for us, the people of Alexandra?

This will mean that about a third of the houses in Alexandra will be able to use flushing toilets in the future...

And what about the rest of Alexandra?

Another two major sewerage systems have been planned for the future.
I wonder what is going on in Johannesburg tonight, Marx. Comrade Rat knows.

What is happening with Roosevelt Street in Fordsburg? Comrade Rat? They are busy putting in an area sewage system.

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ALEX & FRIENDS: THE FUTURE BELONGS TO THE EDUCATED.
Why are you up so early this morning, Alex?

Don't you know that the schools have opened on the 13th January?

Yes, I've studied hard and passed all my subjects. This year I'm going to the next standard.

If you don't go to school, you will stay dumb forever!

I've got a surprise for you comrades... because of the good school attendance last year, the children became clever and their passing rate was better than ever before.

Did you pass your exams last year?

I'm just as scared as anyone going to school.

I see.

Yes, come to school! Remember: the future belongs to the educated.
THANK YOU FOR CO-OPERATING WITH

PUTCO
An active building industry helps the country in two important ways: it provides housing for the people, and it provides employment for more than half a million workers.

1. Building houses requires the services of many skilled tradesmen, such as this bricklayer.

2. People working in the timber industry also supply the building industry with many products.
3. Brickworks all around the country employ a large number of workers.

4. Cement is one of the building industry's most important raw materials.

5. Making steel window frames, door frames and girders requires the labour of many skilled craftsmen.

6. A roof over your head is a necessity for every family.

The country has a great deal of money invested in the building industry, and it gives work to a great many people. So you can see...

**YOUR RENT OR LOAN IS A BARGAIN. BUT EVEN BARGAINS MUST BE PAID FOR.**
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