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Civil society intensifies rolling mass action against Zuma and his cronies

The Save South Africa campaign is working with a growing number of civil society organisations on a coordinated programme of rolling mass action in defence of our democracy over the next few days.

A coordinating team has been formed to unite civil society voices, and the following activities have already been planned for this week:

- A **People's Protest** from 11h00 on Monday 3 April in Pretoria's Church Square. Protestors will be setting up an **Action Camp for Active Citizens** and intend to occupy the Square to show rejection of the Gupta Cabinet Coup. A broad range of civil society organisations are involved in this initiative.
- A **multi-sectoral meeting** convened by the SA 1st Forum at 19h00 on Monday 3 April to discuss coordinated action in Cape Town. The meeting will be held at Oude Molen in Alexander Road, Ndabeni.
- A **People's Rally** in Port Elizabeth's City Hall Square at 13h00 on Tuesday 4 April, to be addressed by former Deputy Finance Minister Mcebisi Jonas and Save South Africa convenor Siphon Pityana.

Preparations are underway for a massive **People's March** on the Union Buildings from 10h00 on Friday 7 April by South Africans of all persuasions, to enable a consolidated protest against President Jacob Zuma and in defence of our democracy.

In addition, a protest is being planned outside Parliament in Cape Town once the Speaker of the National Assembly sets a date for a discussion on a vote of no confidence in Zuma. We will be calling on Members of Parliament to put their country first, and to vote with their consciences. They must get on the right side of history – or forever bear the consequences.

Activities are also being planned in Maritzburg and Durban. Further details will be released soon.

It is increasingly clear to the Save South Africa campaign that coordinated, united public protest is the only way to stop further state capture and to defend our democracy.

We are urging all civil society organisations to put aside their differences for this crucial push back against those who want to destroy our country, and encourage their supporters to join us on the streets.

Interested organisations are encouraged to contact Save South Africa to ensure a coordinated approach, and if they require support with logistics, legal advice or information on other protests. Details will also be posted on the Save South Africa website, www.savesouthafrica.org

We call on South Africans to join us, and get involved by emailing us at info@savesouthafrica.org, calling us on 0860 994 134, accessing our Facebook page (@SaveSouthAfricaNow), following our Twitter account (@_SaveSA) or SMSing 0839566453.

It is crucial that we stand together, despite any differences, and find common purpose in the fight against state capture.

We must take to the streets. We must all work together now to Save South Africa.