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Save South Africa to launch People's Motion of No Confidence against Zuma

The Save South African campaign is launching a People's Motion of No Confidence against President Jacob Zuma as part of its programme to ensure South African leaders respect the rule of law and the values of the Constitution.

This was announced by campaign convenor Siphon Pityana at a People's Rally in New Brighton, Nelson Mandela Bay, today (16 November), where Save South Africa launched its national "Call to Action".

"The President has failed us, and he must go," Pityana said. "Zuma cannot be allowed to continue to violate the Constitution and disrespect his oath of office, or to be the facilitator of state capture.

"Parliamentarians appear to be unable or unwilling to remove him, so the people will launch their own motion of no confidence on 23 November and remove him from office."

Pityana said South Africa's hopes and dreams were being dashed and trodden on by "a rapacious predatory elite which is undermining the gains of our struggle and destroying the legacy of all those who fought so valiantly.

"The dignity that has briefly been bestowed on those most marginalized by apartheid is being ripped away as state resources are misappropriated with impunity by this criminal enterprise. Corruption consumes billions each year, crime escalates and yet the political elite remain secure in their comfort.

"State-owned entities are being manipulated to provide a conduit for wealth accumulated by a few well-connected people. Evidence of this has emerged in the former Public Protector's report, 'State of Capture', which reveals a web of conspiracies involving the President, his family, Cabinet members, state-owned companies and the Gupta family – with the President as the key facilitator of corruption.

“On top of this, the Constitutional Court has found that Zuma acted in violation of his constitutional responsibilities in dealing with the Public Protector’s report on upgrades to his private residence – and thereby to have flouted his oath of office.”

At the rally, the Save South Africa campaign welcomed new support from, among others, the Eastern Cape region of the South African Council of Churches – represented by Anglican Bishop Bethlehem Nopece and Methodist Bishop Andile Mbete -- and the involvement of local activists Mkhuseleli “Khusta” Jack and the TAC’s Eastern Cape chairperson, Mzi Faku.

“Save South Africa is growing, day by day,” Jack said. “There is tremendous support from faith-based groups, workers, civil society groups and others, and we are fully behind the national push to remove Zuma and elect a new president who respects the Constitution and upholds its values.”

The campaign’s Call to Action urges South Africans to show their support for the campaign by:

- Wearing **#SaveSouthAfrica** doeks, bandanas and armbands.
- Organising silent protests wherever the President speaks.
- Using the **#SaveSouthAfrica** hashtag on social media.
- Signing the People’s Motion of No Confidence.

Pityana also encouraged South Africans to meet with their local MPs “and ask him or her to be accountable to the people and to support a motion to remove Jacob Zuma as President.”

Key dates for the campaign over the next six months include Constitution Day (10 December), the President’s State of the Nation address in February 2017 and a “National Convention for a New South Africa” on 27 April 2017.