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TOP #5 TRENDING ARTICLES

Nike expects permanent shift to online sales (BBC)

Sportswear firm Nike has seen a huge rise in online sales as it bounces back from a coronavirus slump. The US company saw digital sales rocket 82% during the June to August quarter, offsetting falling revenue in its stores. (BBC, 2020)

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Opportunities for emerging contractors as infrastructure takes off (Times Live)

A construction-led recovery of the economy must also lead to increased opportunities for black-owned and emerging contractors to participate more fully in a sector that has great potential for growth. (Gamede, 2020)

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Let our beautiful heritage unite us and not divide us (Daily Maverick)

We all have our prejudices and preconceived notions of those who do not look or sound like us and it becomes particularly glaring for me in the week when we, as South Africans, celebrate Heritage Day. Heritage is important. It tells the story of where we come from and it should be able to help us navigate our way to where we want to be. (Fisher, 2020)

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Toshan Panday & the many ways implicated people avoid accountability (Daily Maverick)

The KwaZulu-Natal High Court last week dealt another blow to Toshan Panday's attempts to avoid prosecution for corruption. (De Vos, 2020)

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Angola detains dos Santos-linked executive on graft claims (News24)

Angolan state prosecutors on Tuesday arrested a businessman with close links to ex-president Jose Eduardo dos Santos over corruption claims, amid an anti-graft drive largely aimed at the former regime. (AFP, 2020)

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENCY

KASHIF WICOMB



Professionals acting under political pressure & Marcus Jooste of Steinhoff still running free & living a private life of luxury.

This week's testimony by the former Head of Department for the Free State Dept of Human Settlements revealed an ongoing and it would appear regular occurrence in the public sector: Elected leaders "instructing" state officials to implement a task / order which is illegal in terms of the PFMA.

In this particular instance it is alleged that in 2010 the former MEC for Human Settlements Mosebengi Zwane instructed the former HOD Mpho Mokoena to pay R 631 million to suppliers and contractors for the building of 14 000 houses as an advanced

payment. The process used to pay these 106 contractors and suppliers was also marred by irregularities. The list was filled with unknown individuals who had never done business with the provincial government. When the HOD raised his objections to this illegal proposal he was told to 'then resign'. Evidence presented at the Commission shows that no houses were built and the Free State government later approached the Bloemfontein High Court for an application seeking to recoup the funds paid to suppliers.

Two major issues immediately arise: In terms of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA) - The Executive Authority (the Minister and the MEC) must take responsibility for policy matters, outcomes and the presentation and approval of departmental budget and report. The Accounting Officer (DG / Head of Department) is responsible for outputs and the implementation of departmental budget and is accountable to Parliament for financial management. The MEC or Minister is prohibited from enforcing or instructing officials especially with regards to procurement. We cannot and should not allow our ethical public servants to be placed under this pressure. It is illegal and should not be tolerated.

14 000 families or approximately 56 000 poor South Africans (minimum of 4 persons per household) have been denied a home which has been budgeted for and allocated / spent. This is the ugly and avoidable consequence of corruption. Yet 10 years later the matter is still under investigation.

We call on:

- 1. Regular performance management & consequence management of elected leaders and public servants in order to deal decisively with all acts of corruption, mis management and poor management .**
- 2. Public servants, executives of SOE's, boards of SOE's to not only resist but publicly call out the meddling by politicians in the day to day operations of a department / SOE as prohibited by the PFMA.**



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PPF KZN REFLECTS ON PROGRESS MADE IN PROMOTION OF CULTURAL DIVERSITY: ADDRESS TO PPF MEMBERS AND TO SOUTH AFRICANS

As we celebrate Heritage Month, it is crucial to reflect on the journey our nation has travelled in building a united and democratic society characterised by respect for human rights and appreciation of cultural diversity. The transition from a society that was fragmented along racial and cultural lines to a society that values "unity in diversity" has not been easy.

Among the gruesome sins committed by colonizers was instilling a sense of inferiority complex among Africans under the pretext of civilization. The concept of African pride eventually assumed a status of barbarism and backwardness. The conditions were such that acculturation was unavoidable and was viewed as a tool at the disposal of Africans to sustain their lives. These conditions caused serious damage on the cultures, norms and values that used to characterise our society and communities.

In describing common African cultural traits, the Black Consciousness Movement Leader, Steve Biko said "one of the fundamental aspects of our culture is the importance we attach to Man, ours has always been a Man-centred society". Steve Biko was highlighting or demonstrating how important it is to value "human life".

It is against this background that when adopting the Freedom Charter in 1955, the Congress of the People stated that "the aim of education shall be to teach the youth to love their people and their culture, to honour human brotherhood, liberty and peace". A nation without identity is a lost nation and the centrality of education in shaping attitudes of the citizens towards their culture cannot be overstated.

The Bill of Rights as enshrined in South Africa's Constitution remain a remarkable and historic milestone achieved by South Africans in creation of a new society built on the foundation of democratic principles and respect for human rights. In this context, the most crucial aspect of the Bill of Rights is the provision that promotes the right of people to enjoy their culture, practice their religion and use their language.

Most importantly, establishment of the Human Rights Commission as a Chapter 9 institution proved beyond doubt the commitment of our democratic government to build a new society. It is our considered view that South Africans have a good reason to celebrate Heritage Month to appreciate this historic achievement as a nation.

Therefore, celebrating the Heritage Month should not only be about wearing traditional attire but should inspire a deep feeling and a sense of pride, recognition of our heritage, culture, languages and significance of being valued as human beings whose rights are protected by the Constitution.

"As professionals, we have a revolutionary duty to advance the agenda of building a united society through spearheading programmes that promote social cohesion and patriotism. In instances where there is infringement on the rights of others, we have a duty to avail our knowledge and expertise to intervene so that justice always prevail," said Dr Sandile Shabalala, KZN PPF Chairperson.

Sadly, it is disheartening that our rainbow nation is still engulfed by sporadic cases of racism. The incidences of people being treated as sub-human are still prevalent and this predicament should be confronted.

Equally, the challenge of gender based violence, femicide remains a ticking time bomb, and this should be condemned in strongest possible terms and confronted head on. Concerted efforts should be made by all stakeholders to create safer communities.

As Nelson Mandela once stated, "No one is born hating another person because of the colour of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite".

Therefore, it is important that young people are taught to love and appreciate the importance of respecting the rights of others. Parents from all racial groups should condemn racist attitudes and instil a culture of racial tolerance if we are to build a united society with common purpose.

Further to this, professionals and middle strata at large should be instrumental in raising consciousness and enhancing patriotism among our citizens so that our communities will begin to love their country and protect it thereby refraining from venturing into violent protests and destruction of public infrastructure. No amount of anger should justify the escalating barbaric acts of destroying public infrastructure including our heritage buildings and sites.

The PPF endeavours to play a meaningful role in promoting respect for human rights and will align itself with the forces which promotes respect for human rights as we have re-iterated that we subscribe to the ideals of the Freedom Charter. In this regard, the PPF in KZN wishes all provincial citizens a Happy Heritage Day.

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Professionals celebrating the rich and diverse heritage of South Africa by reflecting on the renewed values and ethics, the late Harry Gwala would have articulated during the current epoch marred by COVID-19, GBVF and corruption.



PANYAZA LESUFI

CHAIRPERSON OF HARRY GWALA FOUNDATION



DATE: 26 SEPTEMBER 2020 (SATURDAY)
TIME: 15:00



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Deputy Minister of Trade and Industry

STOP GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

“SEKWANELE ZWO LINGANA”

STOP MEANS NO! STOP MEANS NO!

STOP RAPING OUR MOTHERS
WE HAVE FEELINGS TOO

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Provide a platform for all professionals to stimulate intellectual debate on the progressive agenda.

- > Enable continuous interactions between various progressive formations and professionals.
- > Leverage and harness the capacity of professionals to engender an inclusive economic growth and combat the triple challenge of: Poverty, Inequality & Unemployment.
- > Seek mechanisms to ensure that the public discourse in the country is balanced and progressive and promote the patriotism of its citizens.

We will do this by availing our skills and expertise and engaging at a strategic level with government and the private sector.

Character of the PPF:

- > The PPF is non-racial, non-sexist, non-xenophobic and non-afrophobic
- > The PPF is a South African based organisation and has a national, continental and international focus.
- > The PPF seeks to attract professionals, academia, intelligentsia and entrepreneurs who align themselves with progressive movements and who aspire to progressive ideals such as those enshrined in the Freedom Charter and the Preamble of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa.

Building Africa's productive capacity through partnership

The PPF believes that the political, social and economic history and destiny of South Africa is intertwined with that of the African continent. Since 1994 the Government has steered South Africa into a progressive, respectful and collaborative contributor to the deepening of democracy, self-determination and prosperity throughout Africa. In addition, the performance of Africa's economy has begun to defy Afro-pessimism, with more than half of the 10 fastest growing global economies now being African.

- >The PPF will therefore enhance all efforts to foster alliances with progressive African professionals, businessmen and entrepreneurs, in order to maximize the continent's productive capacity.
- > The PPF will assist in fully integrating African professionals and businessmen in the diaspora into South African society as valuable and active participants.
- > The PPF will not tolerate xenophobia/afrophobia and will actively work to eliminating it.

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