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ALLIANCE SECRETARIAT PRESS ALERT : 28TH ANNUAL CHRIS HANI COMMEMORATION

The Alliance Secretariat representing the ANC, SACP and COSATU, and the Chris Hani family represented by Limpho Hani held a virtual meeting on Wednesday, 7 April 2021 to look at preparations for the 28th Annual Chris Hani Commemoration.

ANC President Cyril Ramaphosa, SACP General Secretary Dr Blade Nzimande, and COSATU Second Deputy President Louise Thipe will lead the Alliance delegation and deliver the Alliance formations' respective messages. Limpho Hani will deliver the family's message.

The City of Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality, which conferred the Freedom of the City to Hani posthumously in November 2006 and endorsed April as Chris Hani Month, will host the event.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the need to protect life by adhering to the COVID-19 preventative regulations, attendance is limited to family members and delegated representatives of the Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality, the Gauteng Provincial Government, the National Government, the Alliance, and invited guests.

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The Alliance invites the media to cover the event and thus assist in delivering wider public access to the commemoration.

Details of the event are as follows:

Format: Wreath Laying Ceremony

Date: Saturday 10 April 2021

Starting time: 10h00

Venue: Thomas Titus Nkobi Memorial Park, Elsepark, Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality

At the time of his assassination on 10 April 1993, Hani was the SACP General Secretary and member of the ANC National Executive Committee. Hani joined the South African struggle for liberation and socialism at an early age as a student and youth activist and dedicated his entire life to the struggle for democracy and social emancipation. He was martyred for his belief in, resolute loyalty to, and leadership role towards complete freedom.

Hani served in the ranks of the joint ANC and SACP liberation army, uMkhonto weSizwe (MK) in various capacities, spanning decades of his revolutionary activism. It was he who succeeded Joe Slovo as the MK Chief of Staff. His assassination was intended to ignite a civil war as a means to perpetuate the racist, oppressive, and mercilessly exploitative capitalist apartheid regime. This almost succeeded.

It was the sterling leadership of the Alliance under conditions of countrywide anger that prevented the calamity, the spilling of more blood. It was during this leadership process that the ANC President Nelson Mandela addressed the nation before he was elected the President of the Republic. The date of South Africa's first democratic election, 27 April 1994, was subsequently set.

However, to this day there has been no full disclosure of the truth, as facts clearly point out that the convicted assassins, Clive Derby-Lewis and Janusz Waluś, were not the only ones involved in the assassination chain from its conception. For example, the gun used to assassinate Hani in cold blood was taken from military armoury. Who took it and who else was involved in transmitting the murder weapon from one point to the next until it was used by the convicted assassins is part of the undisclosed truth. Justice is yet to run its course, therefore.

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