

OPENING OF PARLIAMENT DEBATE

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1. We want to acknowledge the leaders of all political parties that form part of the progressive forces here in Parliament. This includes the leadership of the uMkhonto weSizwe Party, the African Transformation Movement, the United African Transformation, and the National Coloured Congress.
2. We want to salute the people of South Africa who have rejected the former liberation movement that has enjoyed political power for the last 30 years. Today, that era has come to an end.
3. It is beyond doubt that the former liberation movement failed to turn political power into economic power. As our forefathers in the liberation struggles in the African continent said, "political power without economic power is meaningless."
4. Mr. President, you indeed spoke like a badly wounded buffalo yesterday. You spoke like a soul that has given up, nothing inspirational came from that tired speech yesterday. You didn't speak like a person whose electoral support declined by 17% to less than 50%. How on earth do you repeat a SONA speech that made you lose elections?
5. You were saying to South Africans yesterday, in not so many words, that you learned nothing out of these historic elections to the extent that you want to continue business as usual.
6. We grew up being told that some of you were collaborators but we gave you the benefit of the doubt. It was said in this house that you personally wrote a letter to the apartheid police accusing your fellow comrades of planting communist ideas in your head and we refused to believe that story.
7. It now makes sense that despite the apartheid regime being so oppressive against all freedom fighters, you peacefully and uninterruptedly attended university and you were given your first job by the ambassadors of apartheid capitalism and colonialism.
8. Without a hustle you bought your first car and house with the assistance of the Urban Foundation, which was anchored by the Ruperts and the Oppenheimers while your comrades were sleeping under trees in exile and languishing in jail.
9. We asked ourselves as to how you form a union of mine workers without being a mine worker *kante* no man you were a conveyor belt between workers and the super-exploitative mining capitalists in South Africa after the Oppenheimers and Anglo American had concluded that black mine workers must be organised.
10. Our elders in the struggle have made allegations before in this house that throughout the struggle against apartheid, you were insulated from any form of arrest and harassment by the apartheid system.

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11. Towards the end of apartheid, you placed yourself at the centre of the negotiations for the end of apartheid. No one knows how you arrived to be at the centre of the negotiations of our liberation.
12. It now explains as to why so many compromises and capitulations were made, leading to a situation where economic power remained in the hands of the white minority, leaving black people with meaningless political power. We can today confirm that it was a pure infiltration by forces of darkness.
13. When it was clear president Mandela was not going to make you as the 1st deputy president of the democratic South Africa in 1994, you threw tantrums and even boycotted his inauguration. The same President Mandela you asked to celebrate yesterday, you missed the historic moment to do so in 1994 because of personal aggrandisement.
14. Like many people in South Africa, I stood here in this house and said we will give you the benefit of the doubt, believing that the allegations against you being a collaborator might not be true.
15. I will tell you why I'm giving you this personal account. It is necessitated by your activities, actions, and decisions over the past few weeks since the electoral defeat of the former liberation movement which demonstrated clearly that in the battle against neo-apartheid and neo-colonialism, you choose the side of the oppressors like you did in the past, yet pretending to be with us the oppressed.
16. Why will the apartheid beneficiaries say that among all black political leaders, you are the only one they can work with to an extent that you are called a better black and with a better accent and you believe them over us.
17. They call us criminals who must be arrested, whether we have committed any crime or not because we disagree with them politically and you believe them over us. Your own brothers and sisters who come with you from Chiawelo and Venda are today looked down by you because you chose to be a house negro.
18. The white capitalist establishment is willing to turn a blind eye to even serious allegations of wrongdoing against you because through you they believe that they will perpetuate the exploitation of the oppressed class, and reverse the gains of political freedom attained 1994.
19. It doesn't matter what you say, but we want to state categorically that the coalition between the Democratic Alliance and the former liberation movement is a sell-out position typical of collaborators who sacrificed and compromised the struggle against apartheid and colonialism.
20. White minority arrogance has increased under your term of office, you should've seen them yesterday when you were speaking, it was like you are a true *Leqabane Ka gogo Hellen Zille*.
21. You boldly take these counter-revolutionary and reactionary decisions because you know you have the full protection of the white capitalist establishment.
22. All the things you said yesterday are meaningless because these are exactly what you said in the six state of the nation addresses you have given since you became president in 2018.

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23. None of the commitments you made during these state of the nation addresses have ever been met.
24. You state here that the vision you are operating under is still the National Development Plan Vision of 2030, whose targets have never been met and will never be met.
25. The NDP had targeted to create a certain number of jobs, but joblessness has increased.
26. The NDP target was to reduce unemployment by 14% in 2020, but today unemployment is 32.9% and more than 12 million people are jobless. Even if you meet the target tomorrow of achieving 14% unemployment the fact of the matter is you missed the target.
27. The NDP target was to reduce poverty from 39% by 2030, but poverty today is more than 50%, and more people live in poverty under your presidency than any other period in the past 30 years.
28. The NDP target was 10% of the GDP for infrastructure investment, but between 2010 and 2022, public sector infrastructure investment was not more than 5.8%.
29. The NDP target was to grow the economy by an average of 5.4% for it to be practical to achieve any of the NDP goals, but in the past 10 years, the economy has not grown by more than 2%.
30. Mr. President, yesterday you shocked all of us and we will never recover from that shock. You said nothing about international relations while we are living in a world defined by shifting the global balance of forces. The West, under the guidance and protection of the United States of America, is agitating for a world war, which will be defined by the recolonisation of the African continent and the global South, and you never said anything about that.
31. There is an ongoing aggressive war by Apartheid Israel over Palestine, and you never said anything about that because your coalition partners are all fanatics of Zionist Apartheid Israel. Shame on you that you said nothing about the genocide committed right in front of us because *o laba poso*. You choose glory over the dying children and women of Palestine because you are scared to offend your coalition partners. President Mandela, a close friend of Arafat, who you said we must celebrate yesterday should be turning in his grave.
32. The trade embargo against Cuba is still intact, and despite the fact that Cuba played a role in the struggle against apartheid, you never said anything about that.
33. There is instability in the Democratic Republic of Congo, and South African soldiers are dying in that war, and you never said anything about that.
34. There is a real threat of instability in the entire SADC region, and you never said anything about that.
35. There is loss of life in South Sudan but you had nothing to say about it.
36. The BRICS forum has been joined by additional countries such as Saudi Arabia, Ethiopia, Egypt, Argentina, Iran and United Arab Emirates, and you never said anything about how South Africa should maximise these strategic relationships to grow the economy.

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37. The North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) is agitating for a world war through its admission of Ukraine into the NATO Alliance, and you never said anything about that.
38. This is happening while South Africa has discovered strategic oil and natural gas resources, which in itself is a cause for global security, but you never said anything about that.
39. Even if the global balance of forces doesn't matter to you, there is nothing tangible you said about the high levels of crime happening in South Africa.
40. In the past year, South Africa had more than 27,000 murder cases, and you never said anything about that.
41. Are we being handed over to the imperialists to take over South Africa?
42. Mr. President, there are more than 300,000 students who have passed and attained their certificates, diplomas, and degrees but owe universities and universities of technology huge amounts of money. We must cancel student debt and introduce free decolonised education now!
43. You claim to have created two million jobs through your presidential employment stimulus, but there are no additional two million jobs that were created since you took office in 2018, and if you want to argue this point go argue with Stats SA
44. Another issue we need to highlight is that Kusile power station added an additional 800MW into the National grid two weeks ago, and you never mentioned anything about that. Instead, you chose to mention the 256MW of intermittent energy by independent power producers, which was plugged into the grid in the North West province.
45. This is evidence enough that, in addition to selling fictional buffalos at Phala Phala, you are also a salesperson for independent power producers. These independent power producers were at the centre of why South Africa experienced perennial load-shedding for years until two months before the elections.
46. South Africa, our country, is being traded. We, the progressive forces, need to constitute an alternative radical agenda. Let us do everything in our power to rescue our country from being traded on a silver platter.
47. We call on all workers' movements, civil society, religious leaders and traditional leaders to reject this grand coalition led by the DA under the pretence of the so called Government of National Unity.
48. We, as the EFF, will not form part of the factional and decoy of the so-called national dialogue, which happens after the government has already committed budgets and programs to the agenda.
49. We are not in the business of talk shows; we are in the agenda to realise the true economic emancipation of our people, and no matter what it takes, we will never associate with the collaborationist and the sell-out agenda of the establishment.
50. No amount of nonsensical threats of arrest can silence us, not even death can silence us because Mama Winnie Madikizela Mandela voice has multiplied. Our is a generational mission and we shall overcome. Victory is certain.
51. I THANK YOU!

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