**DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE**

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO THE MINISTER OF POLICE, MR BHEKI CELE MP**

**19 JULY 2018**

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**CALL FOR PRESIDENT RAMAPHOSA TO DEPLOY THE ARMY TO ASSIST THE POLICE IN CAPE TOWN**

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The Western Cape and the City of Cape Town are deliberately under-resourced by the ANC national government. The ANC national government is politicising policing, the protection of our people and punishing the people of Cape Town.

The deployment of police resources (SAPS) is something provincial and local governments have no control over. How many police officers are allocated to stations is in the hands of national government and the Minister of Police.

The deployment of the army to the worst-hit gang areas need not be permanent nor replace SAPS. It should be a temporary supplement to SAPS so the police can investigate and make arrests. The army’s function should include:

* Assisting with blockades during SAPS operations;
* Escorting government service providers such as emergency medical services;
* Protecting infrastructure such as railway lines, taxi ranks and bus stations;
* Securing school commuter routes, as well as school after care facilities; and
* Securing clinics, social development offices and other essential services.

Section 201 of our Constitution permits the President to deploy the army to assist the police. The residents of gang-ridden communities have made it clear that they want the army to help protect them.

I urge you to heed the call of these communities and for the President of South Africa, His Excellency, Cyril Ramaphosa, to deploy the army to Cape Town’s worst-hit gang areas.

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