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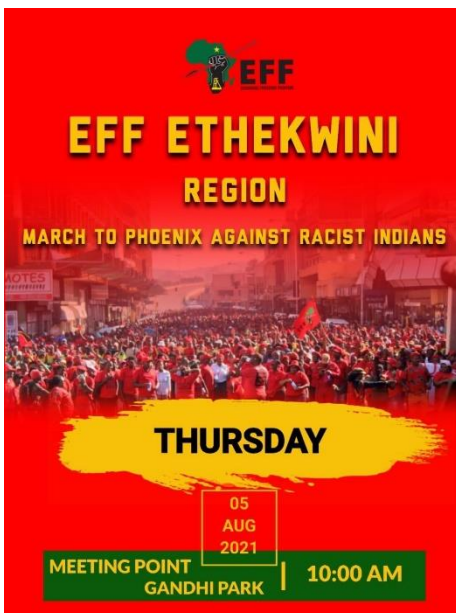
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Advocate Bongani Majola
Chairperson: South African Human Rights Commission
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Dear Advocate Majola

Request SAHRC intervention to stop the EFF march that risks fueling a race war

I write to you as Leader of the Opposition of the Republic of South Africa to plead with you to investigate and, if necessary, step in and stop the dangerous race baiting, racial stereotyping and racial scapegoating that the EFF is engaging in in the wake of the KZN unrest. I believe this is strongly in the public interest because this kind of racial mobilisation risks descending into a full-blown race war at a time when the police have shown themselves to be either unable or unwilling to intervene timeously.



The EFF's planned "MARCH TO PHOENIX AGAINST RACIST INDIANS" on Thursday 5 August is racial baiting most likely intended to score political mileage from the chaos in KZN and to deflect attention from the real instigators and perpetrators of the violence and looting. The EFF thrives on racial division, and so it is very much in the party's interest to fan the flames of localized incidents of racial tension where they exist. This is the very last thing the traumatised communities of Phoenix need right now.

The communities of Phoenix are extremely vulnerable right now and have already lost so many lives and livelihoods to the riots. They cannot be the sacrificial lambs in the EFF's quest for political relevance in these KZN riots, which were not racially inspired.

I urge the SAHRC to step in and stop this march, to protect the communities of Phoenix from the heightened risk of further violence in this time of heightened tension. If that intervention is not within the SAHRC's power to implement, then I urge the SAHRC to get an interdict from the court. It is, after all, the state's role to protect people from violence and potential incitement of violence.

Thank you for considering my request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Steenhuisen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'S'.

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