

## Several groups outraged by Malema's latest outbursts

JOHANNESBURG — ANC Youth League president Julius Malema remained in the eye of the storm yesterday after angering various groups with his latest comments.

The Pan Africanist Congress criticised him for saying, at a commemorative event in Mafikeng, that the party had "hijacked" the Sharpeville protest from the ANC.

"The PAC history has been written in blood and no amount of cheap rhetoric shall erase it," PAC spokesman Lehlo-

### KZN CHRISTIAN COUNCIL TAKES UP MALEMA ISSUE WITH MANTASHE

THE KZN Midlands Christian Council has written to ANC secretary-general Gwede Mantashe concerning Julius Malema and his singing of "shoot the boers".

"In the current climate of in-

creasing social tension in South Africa, we regard such statements as being highly inflammatory ... we believe that they hinder efforts at reconciliation and harmony between race groups." — WR.

honolo Shale said in a statement. Malema on Monday reportedly said

the Sharpeville uprising of 1960 was organised by the ANC but "hijacked" by the PAC.

ANC spokesman Jackson Mthembu declined to comment.

The PAC's Youth League challenged Malema to a public debate over the history of Sharpeville.

Malema's comments outraged another faction of the PAC's youth, Payco, which described him as a "Mickey Mouse pop star" who "knows nothing" about the liberation struggle.

ANCYL spokeswoman Magdalene Moonsamy, however, said Malema's comments should be viewed in the context in which the Sharpeville protests took place.

"What he [Malema] was speaking about was the mobilisation prior to Sharpeville, which was managed by the ANC," she said, adding that the "truth had to be told" irrespective of how "uncomfortable" it is for some quarters.

The Afrikanerbond and the Freedom Front Plus both lodged fresh hate speech complaints against Malema with the SA Human Rights Commission and at the Equality Court.

The Afrikanerbond's complaint comes after Malema allegedly told young people at the Human Rights Day rally that "white boere" journalists had a vendetta against him.

FF Plus spokesman Anton Alberts said Malema singled out Afrikaner journalists as targets for his hate speech and suspicion-mongering.

"The FF Plus is of the opinion that Malema's behavioural patterns are starting to adhere to the description of enticement to genocide in terms of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Genocide."

The ANC last week expressed concern about the FF Plus launching a "Prosecute Malema" campaign, which consists of gathering signatures via e-mail and through a website where a protest letter can be signed.

These would be presented to Zuma in the hope of pressing the ANC into taking disciplinary steps against Malema.

AfriForum unveiled a "10-point plan" against Malema after one of his supporters, named Thato Mbateti Mbateti, referred to whites as "f\*\*\*ing white pigs" and threatened to rape "white whores" on networking website Facebook.

AfriForum youth chairman Ernst Roets said he fears a backlash from the Afrikaner community and hopes to encourage the public to react to the latest incident in a proactive manner.

DA spokeswoman Lindiwe Mazibuko called on the police to probe the Facebook post and for Malema to distance himself from the comments. — Sapa.