

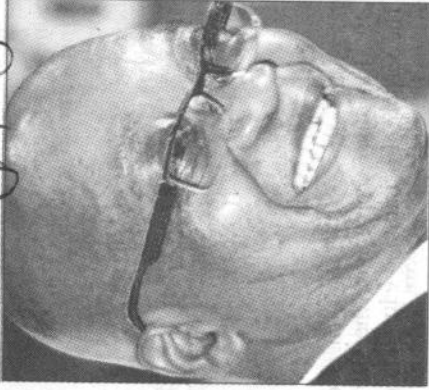
Zuma is beyond embarrassment

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DEAR SIR – Constitutional democracies such as SA, in which the rule of law is supreme, demand leaders to exude skills in understanding the legal implications of taking an oath. However, this is not one of the qualities inherent in the country's current president, Jacob Zuma, whose leadership continues to sacrifice the country at all levels. Locally, service delivery continues to be stifled by poor leadership, incompetence, corruption and fraud. Internationally, the country's image continues to decline.

The president is an incorrigible individual who refuses to acknowledge his mistakes, is not remorseful and cannot find space to redeem his own behaviour. He ascended to the presidency and unleashed eternal embarrassment on South Africans.

He started by making controversial appointments to strategic positions: Menzi Simelane (National Prosecuting Authority), Siphwe Nyanda (communications), the late Siculo Shiceka (human settlements), Richard Mdluli (intelligence), and Bheki Cele (police commissioner). He attempted to extend chief justice Sandile Ngcobo's tenure at the Constitution Court, and then refused to fire Education Minister Angie Motshekga, regardless of her failure to secure our children's education. He took his nephew, Khulubuse Zuma, on government business



tions that society needs to hear. SA was just recuperating from the disastrous mission in the Central African Republic in which 14 South African soldiers, whose mandate is still unexplainable, were sacrificed on foreign soil. Then, suddenly, a national key point, the Waterkloof air force base, is abused. Guests of the influential Gupta family, who are close to Mr Zuma, landed at the airport. The country's safety and security gets compromised when national key points are abused for personal gain.

We must revoke the citizenship of the Gupatas. They are throwing their toys around and arrogating themselves in this country. In Sepedi, "Motelelwa ga a nabe" – a stranger (an accommodated person) does not spread himself.

Citizens need to know they are safe. It is the duty of the state to fulfil that mandate. If it fails, its leader must resign. President Jacob Zuma remains a huge liability to SA and it is time that citizens became proactive to safeguard the country's image, dignity, security and safety in the midst of poor leadership from the president.

It is incomprehensible as to why naturalised citizens get more rights and access to resources than natural citizens.

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trips despite Khulubuse's lack of moral virtue – he failed to pay his employees at Aurora for over a year, yet he bought himself luxury cars and donated millions to the African National Congress (ANC).

More recently we have the Nkandla compound conundrum. The Department of Public Works spent over R250m refurbishing the president's household and turned it into a national key point to justify the unjustifiable abuse of state resources.

The country can only tolerate a certain amount of embarrassment from Mr Zuma, yet we unwittingly support his behaviour as he is never called to account and to answer ques-