

# Provincial officials in talks on SA's critical status

neutralised both Ramaphosa and the president's opponents in the South African Communist Party (SACP) ahead of the ANC's December elective conference.

The SACP reiterated on Monday its call for Zuma to resign.

Its politburo called on the president to step down on Friday. Deputy general secretary Jeremy Cronin said the party held an extended meeting on

Monday that included most of its central committee, where this view was reinforced.

Cosatu is expected to publicly call on Zuma to resign after a meeting of its central executive committee on Monday.

Meanwhile, pressure is mounting on the ANC from the outside too. A massive day of action against Zuma that transcends party politics and affili-

ation is planned for next week Wednesday, to show that the country is in crisis and the ANC needs to act.

A meeting of opposition parties, representing about 6-million voters, agreed that it was time to put differences aside and the country first, failing which "there might not be a SA" by the time they all contest for power in the 2019 election.

The move next week is expected to illustrate the extent to which public sentiment has shifted against the ANC due to the reshuffle.

EFF chairman Dali Mpofu said the country had to unite inside and outside Parliament.

"We have to show that we are now in crisis and that the only way out of it is to unite," he said.

The DA, EFF and United Democratic Movement have asked National Assembly Speaker Baleka Mbete to call a special sitting so that a motion of no confidence can be debated and voted on as soon as possible.

The DA will also be approaching the high court in a bid to have Zuma's decision to reshuffle his Cabinet reviewed.