

# Intimidation tactics

THE condemnation of Jacob Zuma's new political pit bulls, Black First, Land First, who intimidated Peter Bruce, is not good enough.

Police Minister Fikile Mbalula must walk the talk and act now, because the visuals are there as evidence.

We must speak to the moral conscience of the ANC – particularly Ayanda Dlodlo, Jackson Mthembu, Zizi Kodwa and Humphrey Maxhengwana – to ask the Zuma family to distance itself from BLF.

Outstanding journalists associated themselves with the ANC in the past. A few are Alex la Guma, Brian Bunting, Ruth First, Marion Sparg, Nat Serache, Thami Mkhwanazi, Thenjiwe Mtintso, Zwelakhe Sisulu, Mtholephi Mthimkhulu and Joe Gqabi. Our liberation history also has journalists like Donald Woods, Aggrey Klaaste, Gabu Tugwana, Percy Qoboza, Thami Mazwai, Subri Govender, Phil Mthimkhulu and Ameen Akhalwaya among a long list.

Fresh from the heroism of the SABC 8, we now have the intimidation of Bruce.

Differing from him ideo-



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logically is not a problem, but to do what these political pit bulls did means we are back in the days of Jimmy Kruger and Black September. In his book, *People's War*, Charles Nqakula detailed how the BJ Vorster and PW Botha regimes suppressed the media.

To the BLF members, the truths in the e-mails are lies created by White Monopoly Capital. I know Andile Mngxitama from Wits University as a Black Consciousness ideologue, who hated imperialism and the other side of it: corruption. Since leaving the EFF, he has availed himself to be a stooge of the Gupta-Zuma bond.

Once we allow these political pit bulls to intimidate Bruce, next will be Ben Turok, Barbara Hogan, Marion Sparg, Jeremy Cronin, Mary Metcalfe, Albie Sachs, and Ronnie Kasrils – just because they are whites.

The ANC Youth League created the context for such hooliganism as was directed at Bruce. Immediately after Pravin Gordhan began speaking about corruption at the memorial service of Ahmed Kathrada, hired ANCYL hooligans disrupted a sombre service, singing *What has Zuma done?* Makhosi Khoza has also been intimidated.

As custodian of the ANC's Code of Conduct, Gwede Mantashe has done nothing to charge these hooligans, who are tarnishing the good name of the ANCYL of Oliver Tambo, Nelson Mandela, Peter Mokaba, Lulu Johnson, David Makhura and Anwa Dramat.

Stand up and defend freedom of speech. Nxamalala, tame your political pit bulls!

May Suna Venter rest in peace.

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