

## Another hiccup for ANC conference

Empty chairs waited for delegates at the Steve Biko Sports Centre, Durban University of Technology, who had not arrived by five yesterday afternoon.  
Photo by Phumlani Thabatha

# DRAMA GOES ON!

By WILLEM PHUNGULA

IT WAS scheduled to start at 2pm, but by 5pm yesterday, the Steve Biko sports centre at the Durban University of Technology was still just an empty hall.

Rumours were flying that there was an interdict and Sihle Zikalala confirmed to *Daily Sun* that the conference was indeed being challenged.

It wasn't clear which group was trying to stop the conference, but the People's

cants were members from Moses Mabida and the Lower South Coast branches.

Although some branches who stopped the conference on 8 June had agreed to allow the conference to go ahead, it was found that others were still unhappy, as *Daily Sun* reported.

Zikalala said it was true that there were members that went to Pietermaritzburg High Court to stop the conference but said they were handling the matter.

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By 5pm the conference had not yet started and the frustration was clearly seen on the faces of those delegates who were there.

Zikalala held a meeting in one of the side rooms of the venue.

The SunTeam spotted Mzwandile Mkhwanazi, a leader from the South Coast region, leaving the meeting. The region was one of the three that went to court to

## Nxesi vows to end corruption

By KGOMOTSO MEDUPE

THE minister of public works and the special investigating unit have been investigating 16 000 suspicious transactions to the value of R2 billion in the department.

Minister Thulas Nxesi briefed the media in Tshwane on their plans to combat fraud and corruption in the department.

"I also found that 684 appointments had been pushed through in four months," he said.

Nxesi said this meant the budget is spent largely on non-essential posts and there was little money left for important technical and professional appointments.

He also called for a lifestyle audit, starting with himself.

He said he called for the audit after anonymous documents appeared with unsupported allegations that

he was stealing millions of rands from the department.

"We must also be careful not to be distracted by dirty tricks of criminal syndicates that remain entrenched in the department." He said Mzansi now has a leader in President Cyril Ramaphosa who is committed to stamping out corruption.

"He is turning the tide against state capture which brought this country to the brink of disaster."

Imtiaz Fazel, the department's acting director general, said there was a growing trend of officials who resigned when they are being investigated. Fazel said about 250 cases of corruption have been heard and 193 have resulted in suspension, written warnings and dismissals.

Andy Mothibi, head of the investigating unit, said they would not spare anyone in their probes.



Deputy minister of police Bongani Mkongi sang with community leader Xolelwa Halom in Nyanga.  
Photo by Lindile Mbontsi

## Mkongi and Maimane clash