

# FURIOUS WORKERS MARCH!



Expanded public works programme workers marched to the eThekweni Municipality headquarters. Photo by Phumlani Thabethe

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**MAYOR** Zandile Gumede is facing another challenge.

Dozens of refuse collectors employed by the expanded public works programme marched to the municipal headquarters yesterday.

They gave the mayor seven days to give them permanent jobs or they will shut down the city.

One of the workers told *Daily Sun* she's been a casual since 2008.

She couldn't understand how the municipality can say it doesn't have money when it raised former Umkhonto weSizwe

## We want a raise, or else . . .

soldiers' pay to R20 000.

Said another worker: "We're giving the mayor seven days to give us what we want, or else we'll bring the city to a standstill."

March organiser Sibusiso Mkhize said workers were tired of being exploited. He said workers wanted to earn from R8 000 upwards, and that some are qualified to become supervisors.

He also demanded that councillors

should not be a part of the expanded public works programme because they threaten to fire them when they raise grievances. The workers demanded to see the mayor personally to give her the memorandum, but she refused to come out.

She sent public works manager Bongani Hlophe to receive it on her behalf.

Hlophe said the mayor was sympathetic to casual workers and would address their problems soon.

## Probe KZN state capture!

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**THE SACP** is calling on the KZN premier-elect Sihle Zikalala to set up a state capture commission. It wants the provincial government and municipalities probed.

Provincial secretary Themba Mthembu said even the R250 million allocated for the drought disappeared before it could reach his department's account.

Mthembu is the MEC for Agriculture in KZN. He said the burning of eThek-

wini municipal water tankers was allegedly deliberate.

He said the SACP has heard that officials working with private companies had deliberately cut the water supply in Ugu and Ndwedwe municipalities.

ANC provincial spokeswoman Noma-gugu Simelane-Zulu said at last week's legkotla it was agreed that the water and sanitation issue must be probed.

She didn't think a state capture commission was necessary.



From left: SACP KZN first deputy secretary Matthews Ndlovu and provincial secretary Themba Mthembu. Photo by Phumlani Thabethe