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## ‘WE CAN’T HAVE THUGS, RACISTS OR AN ANGRY DICTATOR RUNNING THIS COUNTRY’ – MAIMANE

Build One SA leader Mmusi Maimane has again confirmed his bid to run for president in this year’s election, taking aim at the current political leadership in the country.

Speculation around whether Maimane would run for president began when he launched Build One SA two years ago, and was confirmed at a party event last year.

He took to social media on Wednesday to declare it was his time to lead. “No John. No Julius. It’s time for Maimane”.

He said the country should not be led by thugs, racists or dictators.

“I am running for president of South Africa. We can’t have thugs running this nation. We can’t have racists running this nation and we

can’t have angry dictators running this country. “We need visionary and ethical leadership driven by a deep love for all South Africans.”

He claimed there is no future in the ANC and that it was time to “stop fantasising about an ANC that works. Those days are long gone”.

Speaking at a party event in September, Maimane said he would focus on education, health and unemployment, among others. “We will make sure that no child will go to bed hungry”.

He also promised a job in every home. “We do that by making sure our townships are places of economic zones where we can invest over R200 billion to create new jobs and wealth for our citizens.

“We are going to roll out an extended Public Works programme to make sure that every unemployed person gets an opportunity to work. Six months where you can do an internship and six months where you can volunteer at a government place. This is so that when you go and look for work and they say you don’t have experience, you can say, here is my talent.”

He said he would introduce a jobs and justice capital fund for companies that have benefitted from the past to contribute to fund new businesses. He also said he would “keep the lights on” by introducing safe nuclear options for power generation, “so that our people never have to suffer from load shedding”. — *The Citizen*.

