

Democratic Alliance statement by  
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# DA will not be deterred from campaigning anywhere in Joburg

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The DA will lay charges with the SAPS and the Independent Electoral Commission against an official of the Inkhatha Freedom Party (IFP) who refused us access to a hostel in Alexandra today.

This morning I was scheduled to meet with the leadership and residents of the Madala Hostel in Alexandra, but was blocked by the IFP.

Clearly the IFP is scared of the growth and swelling support for the DA in Alexandra, and in Johannesburg as a whole. As the DA grows, it is no wonder that smaller opposition parties will take fright.

I have personally reported the appalling and inhuman conditions at Madala hostel to the Human Rights Commission, and was there to report back to residents when blocked by the IFP.

Madala Hostel sees people living with poor sanitation, unsafe buildings and sporadic water supply, which are violations of human rights.

Now the Human Rights Commission is investigating the City of Johannesburg for these human rights violations, due to their severity.

Upon our arrival today, Mr Zakhele Mbonani, the IFP chairperson of the hostel, said that no person wearing DA branded clothing was allowed access to a so-called IFP stronghold, and forced us to leave.

Mr Mbonani's desperate and illegal actions are a clear sign of how more and more people are turning their support to the DA – and that our message of change for a united South Africa are finding resonance across racial and ethnic lines.

Over the past years the DA has been the only party that shows consistent growth, while support for the likes of the IFP and the ANC is rapidly declining.

Change is coming to Johannesburg, and the DA will not be stopped from bringing our message of a better life to all the city's residents.

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