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Appeal from the President

"Citizens from other countries on the African continent and beyond are as human as we are and deserve to be treated with dignity. Our humanism as a people enjoins all of us to respect, care, co-operate and act in solidarity with others, regardless of their nationality.

We dehumanise ourselves the moment we start thinking of another person as less human than we are simply because they come from another country.

Humanity is indivisible. As we have seen, what breaks the fabric of respect for others and for the law opens the way for further forms of criminality.

As South Africans, we must recognise and fully appreciate that we are bound together with other Africans by history, culture, economics and above all, by destiny. South Africa is not and will never be an island separate from the rest of the continent.

We dare not lose sight of the fundamental reality of our interdependence as the people of Africa.

I call upon those behind these shameful and criminal acts to stop! Nothing can justify it. The law enforcement agencies must and will respond with the requisite measures against anyone found to be involved in these attacks.

Furthermore, I would like to thank all members of the public, as well as political and community leaders, who have joined calls for the immediate ending of these attacks. In particular, I would like to thank those who have lent a helping hand to the victims by, among others, offering shelter, clothes and food. They have demonstrated a true South African spirit. Let us all work together to make it impossible for the few criminals in our midst to realise their inhumane objectives.

Everything possible will be done to bring the perpetrators to book.

Already, more than 220 alleged perpetrators have been arrested...

I am confident that the police will soon make significant breakthroughs in getting to the root of this anarchy."

XENOPHOBIA

■ Keep foreigners in camps or deport them to keep the peace.
■ These criminals don't respect their own country; how can they respect foreigners? They are an embarrassment to the human race.
■ First foreign Africans, then Asians. Who is next? – **Andrew**
■ What is happening to human beings of foreign nationality is a show of frustration by people.
– **Busisiwe Mphuthi**
■ Winnie Madikizela-Mandela must just shut her big mouth talking about criminals when she is one herself. The ANC and the government are all talk and no action. We will act until they sort



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out this mess.

■ As a citizen of SA, I am sick and tired of illegal foreigners because they commit crime and the police fail to arrest them because there are no fingerprint records of them.
■ The words illiterate, stupid,

uneducated and evil fail to describe the idiots who are committing these crimes in Alex. South Africa, will it always take Madiba or Winnie to awaken your conscience? Shame on you! African countries hosted many from SA

during apartheid, and looked after them very well.

■ South Africans doing this are stupid and don't know their own history. Most of our political leaders and others who went into exile in other African countries were cared for. Now that they need us, we push them away in the worst possible way. – **Disappointed South African**

■ I weep for Africa. People act on the reasoning of colonised minds! Sies! After all we have been through, what have we become?
■ I am ashamed to be a South African today. This behaviour is a disgrace – and this from people who suffered under apartheid.

XENOPHOBIC VIOLENCE

■ Where are the politicians to stop this violence? Where is Jacob Zuma? These barbarians are singing his song. Is the ANC so divided that they cannot manage the monster they have bred? – **Lorna Jacklin**
■ I note with interest that the South African cowards have not taken on the real problem – the Nigerians who run the drug cartels and the sex trade. South Africans know they will get a good hiding. They are petrified of the Nigerian immigrants!
– **Laverne**
■ There is no country without foreigners. Illiteracy also is the cause of this problem. Locals cannot just sit and wait for the government to do everything for them. Where are they when foreigners wake up in the morning to look for jobs?
■ Thanks again, South Africans. Just pray that what happened in Zimbabwe does not happen here. May the Lord forgive you and Robert Mugabe for the people you have slaughtered. – **FM Sib'ukhulu**

■ Mr Mbeki, if you don't act now, you are sure to lose the 2010 World Cup. Wake up before we wake you up. – **Shaun Mngomeni**

■ Why don't you wait for Madiba to die, than burning him while he is still alive? I can imagine how he feels. This barbaric approach is more than just xenophobia.

– **Khayakazi Ndamase**
■ Learn a xenophobic lesson from the prosperous Qatar, where 75% of the population are foreigners.

– **Antony**
■ The government needs to take responsibility here, as in every other fiasco that has visited us. Madiba, your legacy is being unravelled. The present government has failed all the people – South Africans and foreigners alike, as well as the rest of Africa. Are we now going to be known as the nation who messed up a golden opportunity? I no longer see the strength of character in our rainbow nation. It's so sad.

XENOPHOBIC VIOLENCE

■ I am appalled at the Madam & Eve cartoon strip in your newspaper today. It is truly unfunny, considering the current turmoil in our townships. How can you allow such a trivial look at such heinous crimes being perpetrated? Please retract the cartoon or at least issue an apology. It is truly in bad taste, shame on the creators! Not amused. – **Adrian Jacobs**

■ Who is instigating this? From where? And why? I had hoped that my children would never know what a "necklace" looks like. It's like I'm back in Grahamstown in 1982.

■ Give the 2010 World Cup to another country now. Labour strikes, power problems, now this violence. What next? This is not the end of events which are going to mar the cup and embarrass South Africa.

■ Hateful crime disguised as xenophobic! We can't sit back, fold our arms and let madness wreak havoc in our country. Many great SA leaders were treated with utmost respect when they were in exile. This criminality has to stop. It's not xenophobia when you mug, rape, and steal from poverty-stricken people. It's utter disgrace and cowardice to our hard-earned freedom. How can we celebrate Africa Day this Saturday? – **Lawrence Mokoto**

■ Come on! Let's call it what it is. The systematic abuse and murder of people from neighbouring states is not xenophobia – it is racist tribalism. Shame on all South Africans.

■ To all our African brothers and sisters affected by these senseless acts of violence, we are sorry. Please forgive us for not doing enough to help you. – **H Adams**

■ Have these people no shame or conscience? Now they are even turning on fellow South Africans. What is the matter with you?

■ Reading about this violence has left me heartbroken. I am so ashamed that we as South Africans can act so atrociously.

– **Jens Jakobsen**
■ If they hate foreigners so much, why are they taking their valuables? They were supposed to let them leave with them.

■ The xenophobic attacks are disgraceful. Do they think foreigners really want to be away from their home country? No, they have been forced to leave by a brutal government – now they are forced to leave again. Have some compassion, show some mercy, children are suffering, people are dying. Where do they go from here? If Thabo Mbeki addressed the Zimbabwe crisis (yes, it is a crisis, Mr Mbeki) then those foreigners would go home voluntarily. Back to their homes and children they left behind.

XENOPHOBIA

■ Please clarify that the xenophobic attacks have not been happening in Reiger Park, but rather in the Ramaphosa informal settlement next to Reiger Park. In fact, the people shown in that picture are walking towards Reiger Park, where the community have been giving them refuge.
■ This is sick! Have South Africans forgotten where they come from? So much hatred! These are humans, irrespective of where they come from.
■ The government allowed all the foreigners to enter the country, now they cannot get them out. The people will help to get them out of the country. – **Nico L**
■ There are many South Africans living and working abroad too. What if they are also treated in the same manner?
■ President Thabo Mbeki, your time is up. You have no control over the country. We need true leaders, not failures.
– **Shannon Mngomeni**
■ Anyone who acts inhumanely towards another is unfit to include themselves among the only race that matters: the human race. – **Anja**
■ I was a member of the leading opposition party in Ethiopia and I am politically wanted by the ruling party there. That is why I fled to South Africa.

■ It's like we are living in the 1980s again. It is history repeating itself. And what about those who are married to foreigners? The police must act tougher.
■ I am amazed that your reporters still refer to the violence against foreigners in this country as xenophobia – it is not a phobia, it is hatred.

■ I feel humbled by the SA Police Service and the metro cops who are serving our African masses bravely. These people need our love and support. Their lives are at risk. Please urge politicians to visit these places and talk with their followers. Get the army in, as they are trained for such situations. – **Langi Malamba**

■ Can someone provide us with buses and goods trucks to get us back to Zimbabwe? It is better to be killed at home. Thank you South Africans!

■ SA is and will always be a part of Africa. Let's stop abusing fellow Africans. Let's not bite the hand that fed our exiles. We must pray that we don't find ourselves refugees one day. Will we run to the sea if our houses catch fire? – **Lucky Mokhoana**

■ These are the deeds of cowards, and the government must do something about this. These cowards make me feel ashamed to be South African. Shame on them!



Refer to the resource material and answer the questions that follow.

1. Discuss two ways in which xenophobia has manifested itself in South Africa.

(2)

The causes of the xenophobic attacks

2. Discuss some of the reasons given for the outbreak of the violence against foreigners.

Scarce resources i.e. housing, jobs, and services such as water, electricity and sanitation.

2.1 Housing:

(2)

2.2. Jobs:

(2)

2.3. Service delivery:

(2)

2.4.Zimbabwe crisis:

(2)

2.5. Have all townships and informal settlements been affected by the violence? Why do think this is so?

(2)

3. Mr Mbeki says that Africans are linked to one another by “history, culture, economics and ... destiny.”

Discuss how we are “linked” with regards to,

3.1. Cross border trading (economics):

(2)

3.2. Imported labour and skills (economics):

(2)

3.3. Political asylum (history):

(2)

3.4. Culture of Ubuntu:

(2)

4. Solutions to xenophobia in South Africa

In your opinion what are possible solutions (preventative measures) for the intolerance and violence against foreigners.

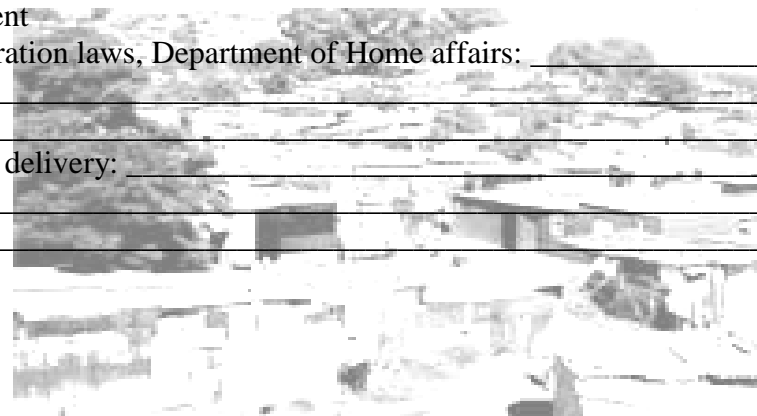
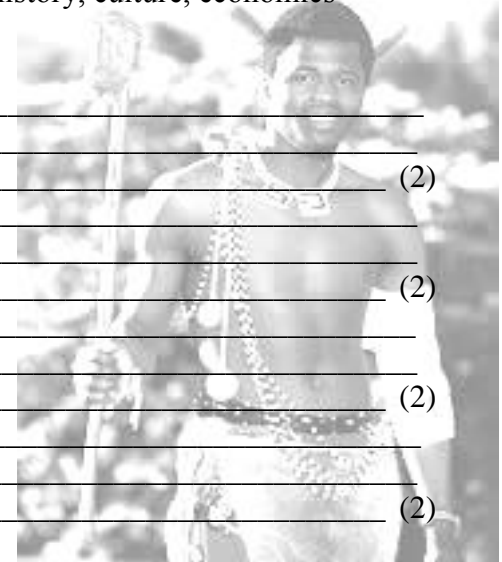
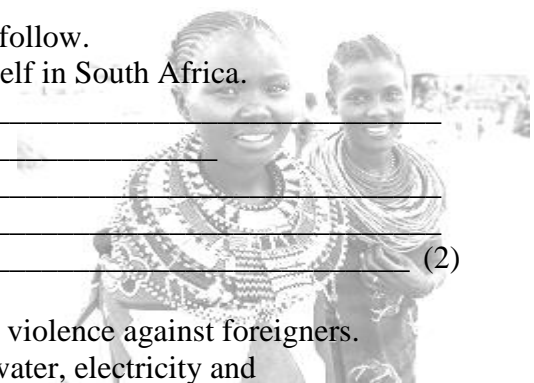
4.1 Government

4.1.1. Immigration laws, Department of Home affairs:

(2)

4.1.2. Service delivery:

(2)



4.1.3. Safety and security: _____
_____ (2)

4.1.4. Border control: _____
_____ (2)

4.1.5. Policy of "Quiet diplomacy" e.g. Zimbabwe crisis: _____
_____ (2)

4.1.6. Education: _____
_____ (2)

4.2 Business

4.2.1. Minimum wage: _____
_____ (2)

4.2.2. Employment of illegal immigrants: _____
_____ (2)

4.3 Non Governmental Organisations, Church groups: _____
_____ (2)

5. How can you personally promote a culture of non – violence in your school and community? _____
_____ (2)

6. How do celebration days like "Africa Day" contribute to promotion of non violence and tolerance? _____
_____ (2)

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7. Write your own SMS "feedback to The Star newspaper giving them your point of view regarding xenophobia. You may send your SMS at a cost of R1.

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