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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Members

Due to the lack of clarity regarding what is and is not permissible under the present State of Emergency, we have been unable to send out our regular newsletter for over 3 months now. However, the astounding court judgements have now given us some leeway concerning what we can or cannot print. We will also be holding a forum meeting in the coming week. This forum meeting will address the topic "THE RIGHT TO KNOW!"

FORUM MEETING:

This forum aims to provide some insight into the current South African realities, which goes beyond the curtain of censorship imposed by the Bureau for Information. Our speakers include:

MENAN DU PLESSIS, who recently won the Sanlam Young Artist Award's literary prize (with Njabulo Ndebele) for her first novel "A State of Fear". She is currently a teaching assistant and PhD student at UCT.

Our second speaker is a person centrally involved in extra-parliamentary organisations who will provide us with a first hand account of the effect the State of Emergency has had on organisations and people.

DATE: Wednesday 10 September

TIME: 8.15 pm

VENUE: Albion Centre. Hatfield Road, Gardens.

STATE OF EMERGENCY UPDATE.

A second State of Emergency was imposed on the 12th June 1986, this one being far more restrictive and repressive than the previous one. Since then over 12000 people have been detained according to the estimates of the PFP Unrest Monitoring Committee. Minister Le Grange has recently released two lists of detainees, one of 8500 names and one of 786 names. According to the Bureau for Information, there have been 221 "unrest" deaths since the start of the emergency. These figures do not include the deaths in the "Independent Homelands", those classified as "Black on Black violence", those caused by the actions of vigilante groups or people mysteriously "missing".