

Toward a: National *Afrikan* People's Parliament

'People Empowered for Self-Determination!'

'Taking Responsibility, Effecting Solutions!'

EMERGENCY MEETING

(30th Mosiah [Aug] 2011)

Terms of Reference

1. The following are the '**Terms of Reference**' for the upcoming, follow up Emergency 'working' Meeting, scheduled for 30th Mosiah (Aug) 2011.
2. This meeting is a designated 'Working Meeting' and is therefore not a meeting for general discussions per se. Thus, the purpose of the meeting is to draw on the action points arising from the previous meeting (19th August 2011) and any further points, to formulate and implement a 'programme of action' in response to the government's reckless, draconian, kneejerk reaction to the recent uprisings. The meeting should therefore address:
 - a. What are the issues of concern?
 - b. What needs to be done?
 - c. How can/should it be done?
 - d. Who can/will do it?
 - e. When can/should it be done by (ie timeframes)?
3. This is therefore not a meeting for long speeches and general discussions - a necessary process which was undertaken at the previous meeting and served its purpose. We all must now turn our attention to devising a robust, comprehensive and systematic programme of action and work with the organisers and the Chair to ensure that we accomplish this.
4. **NB.** At the previous meeting (19th Aug) the following were agreed:
 - a. That we should adopt the resolution passed at a meeting of the International People's Democratic Uhuru Movement (InPDUM) on 15th August 2011.
 - b. That we should adopt the statement presented by Bro Ldr Mbandaka to the said previous emergency meeting.
 - c. That the panel of legal experts and professionals who addressed the meeting will work together towards formulating a body under the auspices of the NAPP, to be on tap providing legal advice and support for our community when needed, especially in times of national crises.
 - d. That we should seek to link up and coordinate our efforts with other groups and campaigns concerned with the same issues.
5. The primary issues which were identified and for which we need to devise a programme of action are:

- a. **The unlawful killing of Mark Duggan:** the need to keep his name and the demand for truth and justice alive; especially in light of the apparent government and media cover up. **NB.** It would be appropriate to make contact with his family (**NB.** Yet another young Afrikan (Black) man, Jacob Michael (25), has died at the hands of the police in Widnes, Cheshire. Eye witness accounts suggest he was battered to death in an unprovoked and unwarranted assault by 11 officers).
- b. **Violations of law and human rights:** ie the states reckless, draconian kneejerk reaction; including, inappropriate, emotive signals from the Prime Minister (PM) to the police and the courts, resulting in arbitrary arrests (incl reports of harassment and brutality) and the round the clock, fast track court proceedings, inordinate custodial sentences; also evictions from council houses; (questions as to the legality of the police deliberately allowing [almost encouraging] ‘crimes’ to happen and then prosecuting the suspects).
- c. **Proper legal defence and protection for victims:** the need to identify the victims and ensure they are getting proper legal defence and support in court and that the safety and wellbeing of those incarcerated are being monitored, as much as possible. We need also to ascertain what percentage or how many of the ‘suspects’ are Afrikan (This might be legally possible under the ‘Freedom of Information Act’ or the ‘Equality Act’).
- d. **A vicious, racist media offensive:** racialising the ‘rioters,’ ‘looters’ and ‘arsonists’; demonising, criminalising and pathologising the Afrikan community and culture (espially our young people); incitement to racial hatred and racial violence eg 1) the BBC/David Starky xenophobia; portraying ‘Blacks’ as menaces, whites as good Samaritans and Asians as protecting their properties; charactering the killing of the Birmingham 3 as due to ongoing Asian-Afrikan conflict (legal advice required re: concerns of racial incitement).
- e. **Agent Provocateurs:** reports of agitators inciting young activists to loot and commit arson, while the police stand back and watch in a ‘hands-off, stand back and let events unfold’ operational policy, as reportedly instructed from chain of command; wide spread feelings that there is something sinister about this (suspicions of an Hegelian dialectics conspiracy – **CRISIS** orchestrated by governments to manipulate public **PANIC** and a call for a predetermined (draconian) **SOLUTION**).
- f. **Finance and resources:** the question of how our operations will be financed and resourced.

6. Further Points

Contact has been made with A Tottenham community campaign, involving community leader, Stafford Scott and Pastor Nims Obunge, who are connected with the family of Bro Mark Duggan and who were involved in the vigil/protest outside Tottenham police station (6th Aug). Their document entitled ‘Emergency Meeting of Tottenham Concerned Residents &

Supporters – 10th August 2011,' has been availed to us and will be circulated at our upcoming follow up Emergency Meeting (30th Aug).

7. At their meetings of Wednesday, 25th and Thursday 26th August 2011, attended by members of the COC, the following action points were agreed which we should consider adopting:
 - a. Letters of protest to be sent to the PM, the Local MP and the local Leader of the council. We should consider adding to the list, the Home Secretary, the Mayor of London, the Attorney General, Director of BBC, Ofcom, etc. We might also consider writing to all Afrikan MPs (which might have been suggested at the last meeting), as well as the Equalities and Human Rights Commission, the Runnymede Trust, the Institute of Race Relations and Liberty.
 - b. Leafleting young people in areas in Tottenham with a 'bus card' bearing snapshots of legal advice as to their rights if stopped and searched or arrested by the police; as well as just giving them general advice and encouragement; a sample of the bus card will be available at the meeting. *
 - c. Hold a massive vigil at the spot where Bro Mark was gunned down by the police (we could invite the families of the recent victims (and others) of 'Black deaths in custody' to join us – this would be powerful).
 - d. A documentary should be done to record our own narrative of the uprisings, but to also challenge the misinformation and misrepresentations in the British media. *A local group known as 'Haringey Black Independent Advisory Group' will be meeting with Tottenham police to register the community's outrage at the killing of Mark Duggan and the poor treatment of his family and the community as a whole; and will be reporting back to the community.
 - e. **NB.** We are expecting some members of the said Tottenham campaign to join us on Tuesday (30th Aug).
8. The meeting should also consider supporting calls for:
 - a. A public Enquiry into the uprisings (Leader of the Opposition).
 - b. A People's Enquiry into the uprisings (Prof Gus John).
9. Our legal advisers have been approached with a request to prepare a synopsis of the points and principles of law and of human rights which we fear are being flouted and abused by the state. This would help to crystallise the layperson's understanding of the issues, including our information to the public, as well as form the basis of any letter of protest. Hopefully this will be available for our follow up Emergency Meeting.
10. A list of some of the major Afrikan media outlet (franchised or otherwise) and leading media personalities is attached to this document for ease of reference (though it is not exhaustive).
11. It is suggested that the most effective way to proceed might be for the gathering to break off into smaller focused groups (or working circles) to develop the action points into an effective programme and to then report back to the larger forum for ratification. The groups should then

work through the questions outlined in paragraph 2: a-e. The recommended group categories are:

- a. **Legal campaign** (to establish and expose the violations of law and human rights abuses; the legality of the hands-off policy of the police and issue of racial discrimination and incitement to hatred and violence by the media.).
- b. **Political campaign** (to raise public awareness, mobilise public support, mount pressure on the state and ensure the safety and ultimate release of our young people).
- c. **The Media Campaign** (to develop an effective media offensive [including a documentary], via Afrikan media outlets, primarily, to counter the assault of the British media and promote the views of our community). **NB.** We need our best media minds on the case.
- d. **Finance** (How to finance/fund and resource the foregoing – contributions from individuals, business, fundraising, celebrities, etc).

12. Whilst responding to this acute national crisis, it is important that we do not lose sight of our primary agenda and the momentum gained in progressing towards establishing the **NATIONAL AFRIKAN PEOPLE'S PARLIAMENT**.

13. In context, it is suggested that at the beginning of the agenda we should read the general proposals containing the 'Concept, Aims and Objectives and Operational Principles,' endorsed at the Black People's Day of Action, Review Meeting of 30th April 2011, as well as the recommendations endorsed at the National Assembly – Towards a **NATIONAL AFRIKAN PEOPLE'S PARLIAMENT** of 30th July 2011.

14. It is also suggested that the nominated coordinators of the NAPP interim subcommittees should be identified early in the meeting and that time be allowed thereafter for brothers and sisters to indicate which subcommittee, if any, they wish to serve in.

15. Anyone volunteering themselves to serve in this campaign or the parliament as a whole must do so with a serious commitment to working for our people. A 'Here today, gone tomorrow' approach will not yield us any meaningful accomplishments. Only persistent dedication and devotion and our faith in the Divine, will ensure that we will succeed.

16. In light of the business nature of this meeting, it does not seem advisable that it should be streamed live on the net.

Unite, Organise Now or Perish!
Rise, You Mighty People!

Bro Ldr Mbandaka
(On behalf of the Central Organising Committee)