



**REBUILDING SOUTH AFRICA  
TALKING POINTS  
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***We are better together. Let us work to rebuild South Africa.***

- It is time to rise from the ashes in a united front to rebuild our country from the devastation.
- We call on all South Africans to join hands and lend a helping hand in our national effort to rebuild.
- Together we can come back stronger. Our nation's unyielding spirit gives us hope and with which we can rebuild our future together.
- This is the same spirit that helped us reconcile our differences and make a break from the oppressive apartheid regime.
- As a people we have performed the miracle before, we made the transition from apartheid to peace and democracy
- Government cannot do this alone. We need all citizens to assist in the task of rebuilding our nation.
- Let us turn this upheaval into an opportunity build better than before and show our spirit of resilience.

***Every action no matter how small can play a role in rebuilding our nation.***

- Now is the time to come together as one and support fellow countrymen and women who have lost so much.
- Every action count, do something today for someone in your community to help rebuild South Africa.
- We can restore our nation by helping one person at a time. Every action we take has a knock-on effect, which will soon snowball into rebuilding our nation.
- Every South African has the opportunity to do their bit by doing something small that will make a difference.
- Let us help by doing something for our community for the better, and in doing so build a nation movement for good.
- We call on community formations, NGOs and faith-based organisations to help ensure that the destitute, and needy are provided with basic necessities.

***Government is working with the private sector to ensure a sufficient supply of food and fuel.***

- There is no need to panic or stockpile. Government together with the private sector is working to restore our nation's supply chain.
- Stakeholders in the agriculture value chain have committed to work together with government in responding to the challenges related to the food supply chain.

- We have sufficient food supplies in the country and the immediate problem in supply chains in KwaZulu-Natal are receiving urgent attention
- We have adopted temporary regulations that allow suppliers of basic foods, fuel, medicine and emergency clean-up products to share information.
- It allows for a coordinated approach among suppliers to fill shortages or supply a specific area where there is a demand.
- There are sufficient petroleum products on hand and government is now working to secure its movement.
- The inspiring words of Nelson Mandela that “when people are determined they can overcome anything,” emboldens our efforts to meet the needs of our people.

***Let’s show up to #CleanUpSA and build the South Africa we want.***

- Thank you to all those who volunteered to #CleanUpSA from the damage caused by public violence.
- Seeing people from all walks of life coming together to #CleanUpSA engenders a sense of community.
- It is through this united front that we can build stronger communities and stronger societies.
- This is the time to pull together and help get businesses closer to our communities working and running again.
- We need everyone in the country to play their part in rebuilding the country.
- Everyone can do something to rebuild South Africa today. You can:
  - ✓ Start or join a #CleanUpSA in your area.
  - ✓ Donate food to those in need.
  - ✓ Help your neighbours.
  - ✓ Support causes you care about.
  - ✓ Support local businesses and help keep jobs in your area.

***Our fight is against criminality and not each other.***

- The rise in racial tensions in some communities is a cause of great concern.
- Government condemns community members targeting other racial groups and fuelling racial tensions.
- This behaviour will further divide us when we should be united in the fight against the destruction of property.
- Targeting or blaming other races gives those who are trying to sow discord through public violence the upper hand.
- Discrimination based on the colour of one’s skin goes against the very ethos on which our country was founded.
- The Constitution is our guide towards eradicating the divisions and injustices of the past such as racism.
- We must stand as one people against violence and in our commitment to peace and to the rule of law.
- Let us all reject discrimination, violence and chaos, so that can move forward to build our country.
- South Africa belongs to all who live in it and we are united in our diversity.

### ***We are restoring law and order.***

- The restoration of law and order is largely due to increased deployment of SANDF, SAPS and metro police members in potential “hotspots”.
- It is also due to the collaboration between the public through structures such as Community Police Forums and by working with law enforcement agencies.
- Law enforcements agencies have now fully reopened the N3 toll route between Cedara in KwaZulu-Natal and Heidelberg in Gauteng.
- Plans are underway to deploy 25 000 soldiers in KwaZulu-Natal and Gauteng, and thousands of boots are already on the ground.

### ***Those who seek to divide us will fail.***

- These past few days have shown that South Africans are determined to fight for our democracy and freedom.
- We have seen how the people of our nation have risen to the occasion by rejecting division and protecting our democracy as immortalised by the words of former President Nelson Mandela:

*“It is not our diversity which divides us; it is not our ethnicity, or religion or culture that divides us. Since we have achieved our freedom, there can only be one division amongst us: between those who cherish democracy and those who do not.”*

- We saw good people across our nation stand up as one to assist in preventing anarchy, looting and violence.
- We saw the best of our nation, as people and communities reached out a helping hand to one another.
- Government is working with our social partners and community formations to defend our democracy.

### ***Report online abuse and threats!***

- You are not powerless against online threats and abuse.
- Report any threatening or abusive posts to the police.
- Contact Crime Stop on 08600 10111 to anonymously report criminal activities.
- If you feel you are in immediate danger call your local police station or the 10 111 emergency number.
- Capture a screenshot of the post, and make sure you identify the person or user involved.
- You can take action to protect yourself from threats and abuse.
  - On Facebook, unfriend, block and report the person.
  - On Twitter unfollow, block and report the Tweet by clicking on the “more options” icon on each Tweet.
  - Change your Twitter settings so you just see what you want and avoid as much as possible “low quality” interactions.
  - On Instagram, make your account private and block unwelcome followers.
  - You can stop receiving WhatsApp messages, calls and status updates from certain contacts by blocking them.
  - You can also report problematic content to WhatsApp.
- Let us continue to be mindful about what we post and share online.