



BLACK FIRST LAND FIRST MOVEMENT
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Executive Mayor
City of Tshwane
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Dear Cllr Williams

STOP THE HARASSMENT: LET DJO BANKUNA RUN HIS FOOD GARDENS

Black First Land First (BLF) is a Black Consciousness, Pan Afrikanist movement which embraces a Sankarist leadership ethos.

Djo Bankuna, a Tshwane resident who has set up a cabbage garden through which feeds the needy, has been threatened with arrest by Tshwane metro police at the behest of the Tshwane metro.

BLF calls on the Tshwane metro and its police department to stop the harassment of Djo Bankuna. Tshwane metro is interested in only growing flowers and grass. People eat vegetables, not flowers and grass. The government is failing dismally to respond to the food security needs of our people.

Black people in South Africa are hungry and generally lack a regular food supply. Our manifesto on food security calls for an harmonious relationship between people and nature that puts people before profits, encourages people to produce their own food, and promotes "greening the nation with food", amongst other things. Our people are currently being violently denied their right to produce their own food in the interests of profits.

Tshwane Metro should instead of harassing the poor and destitute, put in place a new paradigm of agriculture which puts people before profits and is driven by environmental justice.

BLF believes it's unethical and evil to prevent the hungry from setting up gardens to produce food. Djo Bankuna must be left alone. The Tshwane metro must address the problem of hunger in Tshwane and stop protecting the over-fed.

Should Tshwane metro fail to respond and act positively, BLF shall mobilise society for direct action to resolve this issue.

Sincerely

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