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Parliament won't probe Mbete's Gold Fields BEE deal

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Baleka Mbete, has been cleared of any any wrongdoing by Parliament after allegations of her receiving a bribe from Gold Fields was put to Parliament by UDM leader, Bantu Holomisa. (Oupa Nkosi, M&G)

(<http://mg.co.za/article/2014-11-13-parliament-clears-mbete-in-gold-fields-shares>)

The joint committee on ethics and members' interests did not investigate whether Baleka Mbete breached the code of conduct for assembly and council members regarding her BEE share deal with Gold Fields, because she wasn't an MP at the time (in 2010).

Co-chairperson of the ethics committee, Aumsen Singh, confirmed to the *Mail & Guardian* on Wednesday evening that the committee did not investigate the actual allegation against Mbete because it was out of the committee's jurisdiction.

"It is out of our jurisdiction because she was not an MP, and we cannot investigate something that happened in 2010 before the committee was established," he added.

Previously, the ethics committee, under the leadership of ANC veteran Ben Turok would brief journalists on its investigations and findings, but this time around such a briefing was not held, and the committee's processes could not be interrogated.

- **Read the ethics committee's full statement**

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The United Democratic Movement's Bantu Holomisa, who requested the committee to investigate Mbete last month, told the *M&G* that he is now taking the matter to public protector Thuli Madonsela for a thorough investigation.

#BalekaMustGo (<https://twitter.com/hashtag/BalekaMustGo?src=hash>): As promised.#UDM (<https://twitter.com/hashtag/UDM?src=hash>) has,few minutes ago,requested the #PublicProtector (<https://twitter.com/hashtag/PublicProtector?src=hash>) to investigate#Baleka's... <http://t.co/Rgp6ryf791> (<http://t.co/Rgp6ryf791>)
— Bantu Holomisa (@BantuHolomisa) November 13, 2014
(<https://twitter.com/BantuHolomisa/status/532821366958223362>)

Holomisa wanted the ethics committee to consider allegations that Mbete may have improperly acquired shares in Gold Fields. He also wanted clarity on whether or not Mbete received two salaries – the lifetime salary from when she was the deputy president of the republic, and a salary from her current position as the speaker of the National Assembly.

The committee also confirmed, in a statement, that Mbete had disclosed her financial interests in Rich Cove Investment as required in terms of the joint rules of Parliament. On the matter of receiving two salaries, the committee was satisfied that Mbete, who confirmed this in writing, was receiving only one salary.

No surprise

"I'm not surprised, as you know who is dominating the committee. But no one will complain and say we didn't follow the procedures.

"Even in my original letter, I did say if they don't have the powers to deal with the matter, I will refer it to the public protector, whom I'm sure will have more powers and can subpoena anybody," Holomisa said. "That's where we are heading to now," he added.

The *M&G* reported in September 2013 that US investigators found that a R25-million share handout to Mbete constituted corruption by Gold Fields, which then buried those findings.

- **Read Investigators: 'Gold Fields bribed Mbete'** (<http://mg.co.za/article/2013-09-06-00-investigators-gold-fields-bribed-mbete/>)

The New York law firm found that the share allocation to Mbete, who is the ANC's national chairperson, constituted bribery. The law firm, which was commissioned by Gold Fields itself, found that the South African mining house had hugely increased Mbete's cut in a contentious 2010 empowerment deal in response to an alleged threat by her representative.

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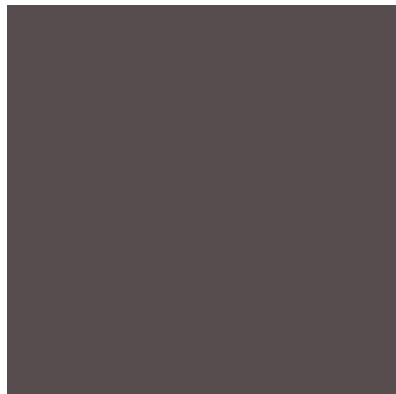
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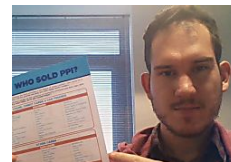
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esona • 2 years ago

The General is our last hope in exposing such naked corruption. Of course we have become accustomed to the ruling party denialists. It's getting to the point that due to most being connected or tainted with corruption, then the next one accused has expectations of being

exonerated with the famous line: "others have done the same why should I be blamed alone" - in this dark hour in our country, unless the President leads by example, let us forget the so called fight against corruption by government and earlier promises during election time and so called fight against corruption

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Louise Cook • 2 years ago

Leave it to the Hawks to investigate. It's a clear bribe - US regulatory authorities have already pinpointed it as such. Greed! No honour.

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dahduh • 2 years ago

From the parliamentary code of conduct:

2.4. A Member must adhere to the following:

- 2.4.1 Selflessness;
- 2.4.2 Integrity;
- 2.4.3 Objectivity;
- 2.4.4 Openness;
- 2.4.5 Honesty;
- 2.4.6 Leadership.

Holomisa didn't have to go as far as Goldfields to find grounds finding Mbete in breach of the code of conduct; she managed to violate all of the last four only today. But with regard to point 2, the full text is:



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2.4.2 Integrity: steadfastly avoid placing themselves under any financial or other obligation to any outside individual or organization where this creates a conflict or potential conflict of interest with his or her role as a Member

The allegation is that Mbete "threatened to scuttle" the Goldfield deal by preventing issue of a license; and that she consequently now has a vested interest in an entity that is subject to regulation, over which Mbete has influence. So, "conflict or potential conflict of interest". 2.4.2 makes no limitation as to when that conflict arose, only that it is present, even putting aside the - criminal? - interference in public administration.

Mbete is a contemptible piece of work, a good accessory to Zuma.

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Muks • 2 years ago

All this shenanigans tell us that parliament is not working for our benefit. I understand democracy is winner takes all. I don't have the answer but if you have committees made up of predominantly ANC members; then their views will reflect those of Luthuli House; finish and klaar. They will not hang one of their own to dry. It has taken Hon, J. Malema to bring this to the fore. The DP played along all this time; like puppets on a string; not willing to shake the boat as this will compromise their salaries. I don't like the EFF; but they have made their point and made it well. Thanks Juju.

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Evans S Mazi • 2 years ago

How long are these thugs going to be allowed to go on with their deception, duplicity, double-dealing, fraud, fraudulence, misconduct, lawbreaking. We know that most people who vote for the ANC aren't educated. Are they actively taking advantage of this?

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Gareth Griffiths • 2 years ago

Just reminder y'all that once a teller of untruths, always a teller of untruths:

In April 1997, Mbete was found to have received an improperly issued driver's license but not charged with any wrongdoing. This after investigators uncover widespread corruption in Mpumalanga regional driving license testing centers, where licenses are being issued in exchange for bribes. Mbete said that she had been "too busy" to stand in queues. Source: Wikipedia - <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/B...>

Indeed, the rot goes back many years.

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Klaus Muller → Gareth Griffiths • 2 years ago

A "white" Police man lost his job, if memory serves me right

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YardySA . • 2 years ago

Gold Fields mining licence has always been under controversy! Again self enriching politicians and yet SARS has a cheek to advertise to public that they are closing in on undisclosed earnings and inflated expenses!!!!!! SARS you are looking the wrong way!!!

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Still-puzzled → YardySA . • 2 years ago

Right! They won't look at the cadres whom the revenue is being collected for.

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Marc • 2 years ago

After Travel Gate she should have never been allowed to continue in politics as she had already displayed a complete lack of ethics, but then a corrupt and immoral attitude seems to be a prerequisite for membership of ZANC.

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Izoh • 2 years ago

Yes we hate corrupt leaders who are selling the assets of the country over the pittance that they single-hardly got however it takes two to tango

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Musa KamaShobane • 2 years ago

What a shame on our democracy. Corruption unabated

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Parliament has become the ANC's clearing house. It has become a circus with Mbete the leading clown.

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**Bill McKimm** • 2 years ago

The ANC doesn't know the difference between Oversight and Overlook.

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**philosophoraptor** • 2 years ago

Parliament = Rubber Stamp.

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**Bobby** • 2 years ago

Every ethical South African should expose the ANC and rid this country of this corrupt cadres. We are tired of this sh*t

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**Sarel Botha** • 2 years ago

The ANC has done this, misusing their parliamentary majority.

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**Maurizio Odello** • 2 years ago

Only ANC members of parliament cleared this crook. Take her to a court of law and let the legal system decide.

Given the track record of the present ANC there is a 100% chance that this woman is guilty.

Meanwhile also investigate if she does now have a VALID DRIVERS LICENCE or if she is still using the fake one she obtained a few years ago.

On the drivers licence saga alone this woman should have been forbidden to hold any public office.

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**Marc** → Maurizio Odello • 2 years ago

You forgot her involvement in Travel Gate too.

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**1Zoo1** • 2 years ago

Surprise!

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**Duncan** • 2 years ago

What a glorious waste of time.....

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**zamboon** • 2 years ago

Man, this lot are so squeaky clean, teflon wont stick. I think even the dominee is embarrassed at just what righteous, upstanding citizens the wANCers cadres are.

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**1_nam_man** • 2 years ago

So whats new?

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**Guest** • 2 years ago

Again, it's the ANC absolving a cadre, not parliament. This circus act is so boring I want to cry.

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**Johann C Brits** → Guest • 2 years ago

My thoughts exactly!! The only change I would make to your comment would be to write "anc"! They do not deserve the respect of writing it with caps!!

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**Working class** • 2 years ago

The dream to see ANC extinct is a long time ago White people and its White-dominated media fairy wish, we do not budge...

Black, Green and Gold... till we die. ASIJKI!!!

Viva collective leadership of the ANC viva!!! Viva ANC branches viva!!! Viva Jacob Zuma viva!!!

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**Hlambamanzi** → Working class • 2 years ago

Which class are you working for? Looks like you are hooked on serving the class of professional thieves and fraudsters. You seem to be brain dead already, there is no need for you to emphasize "till we die."

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**YardySA** . → Working class • 2 years ago

Did you get Gold Field shares too?

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**miket** → Working class • 2 years ago

"...till we die..." ?? Hmm, now THERE's a thought.....

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**Will Granzier** → Working class • 2 years ago

Uhhhhh Its not yours to rape and pillage bud... No matter what your skin tone.... But then again, VIVA corruption and stealing the poors cash VIVA..... VIVA to more looting VIVA.... Just don't shout AMANDLA - Cause I don't think you quite know "where to "

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**Geoff Coles** → Working class • 2 years ago

No-name working class!! Not the guts to give his / her actual name. People like that are part of the problem.

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**Heinrich** → Working class • 2 years ago

Spoken like a true ANC brainwashee or deployee.
Parasites for life ! Furk SA ! Furk the poor !

Viva Arrogance !
Viva Nepotism !
Viva Corruption !

Viva Ancification !

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**Alan Kennedy** → Working class • 2 years ago

Ms Mbete giving you an income from her dividends?

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**Rod Baker** → Working class • 2 years ago

Aah, and out pops the race card. It was only a matter of time.

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**Tokolosh Nkosi** • 2 years ago

The ANC is rotten at the top! They won't be able to stay out of jail forever!

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**Div Dav** • 2 years ago

"It said that Mbete was not an MP when she acquired the shares and that the Code of Conduct specifically applied to MPs..". Phew! Thank god for that. So, integrity, honesty, fitness and propriety only apply if you're an MP (and even then, it seems that's applied on a very selective basis). If you're not an MP, then it's no problem. No "Code of Conduct" need apply. OK, got it! If you're an MP (especially an ANC one), there's always an out. For that they deserve an enormous amount of credit. I can just see the questionable governments around the world standing up and applauding every day they read a SA newspaper.

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**Lynne Correia** → Div Dav • 2 years ago

Don't you know that when you become an ANC MP you are anointed with special holiness...

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**franklois1** → Lynne Correia • 2 years ago

They should all be anointed with the Ebola virus!

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**HerFk** • 2 years ago

Why are you surprised? They cleared JZ too; what is good for the gander must be good for the goose too.

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**Musa KamaShobane** → HerFk • 2 years ago

Abuse of majority @HerFk

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**Teresa Williams** • 2 years ago

Of course they cleared her. I don't know how these people can look at themselves in the mirror each morning - they ought to be ashamed. They have no conscience, no morals, no ethics. They're a disgrace.

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**Toni** → Teresa Williams • 2 years ago

They are the ANC.. need I say more

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**Oopssorrymybad** • 2 years ago

Well... I'm shocked...

(where is that sarcasm emoticon when you need it?)

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**Bottervlieg** → Oopssorrymybad • 2 years ago

Maybe this one for disgust :-/

Cannot post emoticons here

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**Geoff Coles** • 2 years ago

I tend to agree with the Americans on Mbete. Being 'absolved' by a Parliamentary Committee dominated by ANC are hardly going to condemn Mbete as Speaker, Chairperson of ANC and 'director' of an empowerment company most probably unknown to almost everyone. Goldfields too have not seen the end of things!

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**Rod Baker** • 2 years ago

As Holomisa says, it's no surprise Mbete was cleared because the ANC stacks any committee with its own party hacks, and their prime duty is to protect any ANC member 'in good standing' who comes before it.

As such, these so-called committees of inquiry are a complete waste of time and 9 times out of 10, should be equipped with brush and buckets of whitewash.

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**Samora Bikwani** • 2 years ago

had the anc puppets found her guilty, the dish would have ran away with the spoon

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**Evans S Mazi** → Samora Bikwani • 2 years ago

No-one is ever guilty within the ANC cabal of thieves. Doing right by the country, the people

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