

ANC EXPELS EIGHT COUNCILLORS

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Eight councillors from three municipalities, mainly from the southern Free State, were expelled from the ANC, the party said on Tuesday.

African National Congress provincial secretary Sibongile Besane said the councillors had been expelled after it was found they had actively campaigned for other political parties in their areas.

Among those expelled were Ditaba May, the Speaker of the Kopanong local municipality (Trompsburg, Fauresmith) and Queen Malgas, who had done duty as mayor and Speaker at the Letsemeng local municipality (Koffiefontein, Petrusburg).

The other ANC councillors who were expelled were: Marcia Tafane of the Xhariep district municipality (southern Free State), Pinky Plaatjie of the Mohokare municipality (Zastron, Smithfield), Maria Mothupi of the Kopanong municipality and Dr Van Graan, Molefi Molusi and Mahadi Raditlhare of the Letsemeng municipality.

These expulsions followed the ANC's disciplinary actions against the former mayor of Kopanong, Vuyisile Jonas, and the mayor of the Xhariep district municipality, Magazine Peterson, who were also expelled.

Another ANC member, Mike Moitse (Kopanong municipality), resigned recently.

Besane said the members were expelled after due disciplinary procedures had been followed.

He said the provincial executive committee of the ANC was confident that, after the changes, the Xhariep district and all local municipalities in the area were back on a strong footing.

"For far too long have people abused their positions of deployment to pursue selfish personal and political agendas at the expense of serving the people," Besane said.

He said the party was giving "immediate attention" to senior municipal managers in the region who "abused their positions and municipal resources" to victimise municipal employees.

"They pursue wrong personal and political agendas. They too will face the full might of the ANC," said Besane. - Sapa

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