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ANC DEFENDS MAHLAKU AGAINST PLANNED SMEAR CAMPAIGN

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The Weekly can reveal that a handful of political misfits masquerading as ANCYL members, who are also believed to be aligned to the anarchist Regime Change faction of the ruling party, are planning to march to the Metsimaholo Local Municipality offices to demand executive mayor Brutus Mahlaku's resignation.

A reliable source within the gang, who insisted on anonymity for fear of reprisal, told The Weekly that they had been mobilised to disrupt the meeting that Mahlaku held with the community of ward nine last week at Iketsetseng Technical School in Zamdela.

According to the source, the instigators of this march include individuals who incited the protests against the merger of the Ngwathe and Metsimaholo local municipalities earlier this year.

The Weekly heard that the planned protest is designed to culminate in the attack and vandalism of vehicles of workers who live in Parys, which is Magashule's hometown. It is expected that Mahlaku will be accused of poor leadership and be blamed for the attachment of the council's property by the sheriff.

Similar accusations were making the rounds last month during a South African Municipal Workers Union (Samwu) stay away.

However, the ANC in the Fezile Dabi Region has reaffirmed its confidence in Mahlaku as executive mayor of the Metsimaholo Local Municipality which consists of Sasolburg, Oranjeville, Vaal Park and Deneysville.

According to the secretary of the region, Moshe Tladi, Mahlaku represents the interests of the ANC as its deployee and he is so far on track. He reiterated that Mahlaku is not going anywhere.

Tladi added that the ANC had deployed Mahlaku to the position to lead the community and he is still supported to continue with his trusted leadership in the ANC-led council of Metsimaholo.

On the issue of the seized municipality assets, Tladi has previously pointed it was the responsibility of the municipality administrators to ensure that all service providers are paid on time and not the mayor.

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