

Malema attacks the mining industry

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Antoine de Ras, The Star

On film: ANCYL president Julius Malema appears in the documentary *Mining for Change: A Story of South African Mining*.

ANC Youth League president Julius Malema, who had to explain his controversial declaration in which he cast white farmers as “criminals” during a meeting last week, may land in hot water again when a documentary due to be screened in cinemas next week shows the leader likening mining company owners to car thieves.

A new local documentary engineered to make a case for the nationalisation of the mining industry called *Mining for Change: A Story of South African Mining*, presents studio footage of Malema reiterating the idea that white business owners are thieves.

“They have stolen the minerals, they have stolen the land, they have stolen our mines, they want to control everything. They have stolen our freedom. Hence those who came before us stood up and demanded their right to vote that which was stolen. They have stolen everything. Now it is our time to demand that which has been stolen from us,” he observes in the documentary, which is directed by author and columnist Eric Miyeni and Navan Chetty.

The documentary was made last year and also features Cyril Ramaphosa, who says nationalisation of the mining industry could cost the government in excess of two trillion rand.

Malema responds by suggesting that mining companies needn’t be compensated.

“Why should I pay for what I own? This is mine. We are not going to buy what has been stolen from us. It’s like when a person steals my car and I report (it) to the police and they find this car in Soweto with new mag wheels and a leather seat and it’s now looking very nice and then I say this is my car. This man (the thief) has put lots of investment, the mag wheels and what-what, you have to pay him back before you get this car? Logically this is incorrect.

“The Freedom Charter does not say you must pay to transfer the mineral wealth of the country into the hands of the people.

“It says we shall transfer. Shall in the ANC means must.”

Malema did, however, concede that foreign companies could still be permitted a stake in the mining industry – as long as they provided the equipment.

“I am prepared to share that (mining rights) with you, it doesn’t matter whether you are in South Africa. You bring your machines and all the necessary equipment and extract the mineral, which I own. I am not coming there as a person who is just bringing a jacket. I am coming with something, precious minerals, and you are bringing equipment.”

Cinemagoers will be able to view Malema delivering his pronouncements on the mining industry when Mining for Change: A Story of South African Mining opens at the Encounters documentary film festival in Cape Town and Joburg on Thursday.

Malema has also been accused of driving white voters away from the ANC.

But yesterday at the KwaZulu-Natal ANCYL provincial general congress at the Durban City Hall, Malema rubbished the claims, Sapa reports.

“I never drove them away. They have never voted for us,” he said.

ANC secretary general Gwede Mantashe conceded soon after the May 18 local government elections that there were communities which would be “switched off” by ANC leaders’ comments which “appeared racist”.

Malema said whites had not voted for Mandela even when he was involved in reconciliation.

The ANC also never won the ward where Mandela’s home was situated in Joburg.

The ward was predominantly white.

“They never voted for Mandela in 1994 and they never voted for Thabo Mbeki,” he said.

Malema said on Saturday there were people who had been funded by big corporates to remove youth league leaders who supported the nationalisation of mines.

Malema, who is reportedly seeking a second term as the youth league president, is the driving force behind a move to nationalise South African mines.

“They have gone to these people (big business) and said, fund us to remove these people who want to nationalise mines,” he said.

ANCYL members needed to be aware of people who were funded by big businesses because they undermined the struggle, he said.

According to media reports, Gauteng chairman Lebogang Maile will challenge Malema for the presidency at the congress. - Mary Corrigan

Comments

Jeffrey, wrote

05:48pm on 6 June 2011

Verbal diarrhoea Blahblahblah There is a lot of good stuff that happens, why not publish some of it? Everybody is sick and tired of listening to this idiot. He does not know is a** from his elbow.

Fester, wrote

05:33pm on 6 June 2011

its not over till the 'fat boy" sings. People , educated people with intellect, know what he is after this "fat boy", he is now talking about "his" wealth not the majority. Its all about him, his ideas of grandeur know no bounds. Its a little Hitler and Idi Amin rolled into one. A dangerous combination. What gets me is how he is allowed free reign, not one good man amongst the ANC to say "STOP. NO MORE". To late, you have created a monster.

Freddie, wrote

04:04pm on 6 June 2011

Since when does the "Freedom" Charter supercede the Constitution? All this idiot can do is misquote an outdated irrelevant 50 year old document. The FC was drawn up when communism was thought to be a viable option, this has been severally dicredited, but the fool cannot even see that.

Lion, wrote

02:31pm on 6 June 2011

Can legally say that the "whites" stole the mines and land in south africa and not creat a global problem specifically in Austrailia, USA and Canada where most of the indigenous people where killed. Can he show proof that that was land that was owned and inhabited. And what about the Khoi that lived here before that and were driven down to the cape. How does one prove by law that the "whites" stole the land if all humans originate from africa!

Lady K, wrote

02:19pm on 6 June 2011

Ok, Malema, you want your mines... take them as they started out, have the current mines shut down and remove all equipment and current passages and you can start from scratch. Secondly is there not a suicidal person out there that is willing to help out the country... instead of going alone, go out as a hero.

Deon Olivier, wrote

02:05pm on 6 June 2011

Will the remaining white people in SA please leave. But before you do poison your livestock, burn your house down, and destroy the crops and plough 20 year lifespan weedkiller into the ground. Let malema eat dust and sh*t minerals

REALIST, wrote

11:41am on 6 June 2011

This oke needs to be institutionalised.URGENTLY.

G-Man, wrote

11:06am on 6 June 2011

This should be the best comedy of the year!

Mugaab, wrote

10:30am on 6 June 2011

Look how he stresses the point "its mine" not ours but "mine" This guy has been playing with his dinky toys to long. One would have thought that the anc youth had caught up to the 21st century what with all news channels, internet etc and will have realised by now that everybody has the right to pursue their legitimate dream and not have a freeloader like Joeliaas getting on board. This just causes resentment and strife.

Charlie Sheen, wrote

10:08am on 6 June 2011

"Why mus I pay for something I own?" - What exactly is he referring to here? What papers does he have, that states that he owns anything that does not have his name on it? Is he referring to his ancestors? Well, what proof does he have that they owned anything? They lived in the bushmountains, the Voortrekkers wanted to buy ground from them fairly, but they killed the Voortrekkers after they fulfilled their part of the bargain. AFter that, well Slag van Bloed rivier - where they finally got beaten up and only due to their own backstabbing, hostile attitudes. So you tell me, did we take the land from them because we're evil, or did we take the land from them since they didn't want to reason and attacked us? It's their own fault they're where they are today, and only since they can't construct their own infrastructure to support themselves, with their only solution being that of taking from others.

Anonymous, wrote

08:31am on 6 June 2011

I think that this debate must be started in the country with a view to realising some sort of nationalisation. The reason for the debate is to make sure that the proceeds does not fall into the hands of thieves and charlatans. I do not trust the Malemas but I think that the issue on the table must be pursued.

Ringmaster, wrote

06:57am on 6 June 2011

"they have stolen our mines" illustrates his ignorance. "They financed and created the mines" is more like it. Keep going Juju, and keep investors out of the country. You will only shut up once all non-politicians are equally poor.

blah blah, wrote

06:16am on 6 June 2011

I wish he'd explain what he means when he says whites have stolen the minerals, the land etc. when nobody owned the minerals, the land when the settler got here. You can only steal something when someone owns it. Blacks did not own anything when the settler got here, in fact they didn't even know about the so called "minerals" so what is this idiot talking about? Besides the minerals, what land is he talking about? Blacks didn't own any land - just because they happened to be squatting on a piece of land when the settler found them doesn't mean that they owned the land. This whole thing of blacks feeling entitled to the land and minerals is a farce. In fact blacks didn't have any use for the minerals so how can they be minerals to them? White man finds the minerals, white man has a use for the minerals and now they say the white man is a thief? Ha ha ha...the minerals were lying around here way before the white man got here and blacks saw no use for them so they should shut up!!

Anonymous, wrote

05:59am on 6 June 2011

A fine example why Africa requires a paternalistic approach. A boy like this is a danger to the poor people he is supposed to represent. Shame, I suppose each peoples get the leader they deserve, but I fear South Africans deserve better.

jaaycee, wrote

01:23am on 6 June 2011

Malema hit the nail on the head, "this is mine", he is not calling for nationalisation on behalf of the people but on behalf of himself, his family and friends

Smarks, wrote

11:40pm on 5 June 2011

Ju-Ju, when you start grade 0 let the rest of SA know. so that maybe we can understand your lunacy... grow up...

Anonymous, wrote

10:02pm on 5 June 2011

Viva juju viva!!! These people have taken advantage of our kindness 4 2long its about time we take back what's rightfully ours!!! Africa 4 Africans

Owen Williams, wrote

09:33pm on 5 June 2011

The wrong person saying the right thing.

Anonymous, wrote

09:31pm on 5 June 2011

Interesting this guy trying to portray himself as a leader when he never takes a practice stance on any issue. He seems to be very good at trying to criticize but even then it is only an emotion based appeal and he never has a single fact to back up his statements.

Anonymous, wrote

08:34pm on 5 June 2011

" South Africa is the only country in the world where affirmative action is in the favour of the majority who has complete political control. The fact that the political majority requires affirmative action to protect them against a 9% minority group is testament to a complete failure on their part to build their own wealth making structures, such that their only solution is to take it from others." London Times

hunter, wrote

07:47pm on 5 June 2011

Malema is not going to run mines.People shall share wealth of this country.Why should other people go deep down mines others benefit from golf course?We want our share finish and klaar!

Karshmel, wrote

07:16pm on 5 June 2011

And I quote : "You bring your machines and all the necessary equipment and extract the mineral, which I own. I am not coming there as a person who is just bringing a jacket. I am coming with something, precious minerals, and you are bringing equipment."; that's a good strategy to make the mining companies pay out, but could they not pay every month INTO EVERY SA CITIZEN'S BANK ACCT, AND NOT JUST TO O-N-E SINGLE BANK ACCT?. I say this because Former President Nelson Mandela told us that SA belongs to ALL WHO LIVE IN IT (in other words SA belongs to all citizens). So I expect the mining companies to pay about say R500 per month to each and every person who has a Green Barcoded SA ID Book, since the country belongs to us all. And if the country belongs to all who live in it, THEN THE MINERAL WEALTH ALSO BELONGS TO ALL SA CITIZENS. How about that?. So the mining companies will be paying out 50millionxR500 per month as long as they operating here which is fair. What is R250 million per month if it will be given equally to all citizens of SA?. Anybody with better ideas?

Anonymous, wrote

06:48pm on 5 June 2011

What chance does South Africa have if a man like that would have his way? It would be a disaster if many South Africans agree with him out of ignorance because it sounds good.

Anonymous, wrote

06:42pm on 5 June 2011

Way to go Malema - open your mouth to change feet.

Anonymous, wrote

06:34pm on 5 June 2011

Magube is another fine example...since he visited there to get ideas.

Anonymous, wrote

06:23pm on 5 June 2011

Malema's assertion about mineral rights is very interesting. Does a nation own access to minerals or does a nation outright legally own minerals in the ground? Do you own a mineral while it is still in the ground, or do you own it when you make a legal claim on it? For pseudo-religious Zuma, does God own this planet and we as tenants are meant to look after it or is completely ours to do as we please? For

example the Cullinan diamond, was it owned by the people of RSA or the owner of the mine? Now that it is a Crown Jewel of England, must the UK return it since it was stolen goods according to Malema's argument and the Archbishop of Canterbury, Tutu's former boss, is an accessory to theft. Maybe Zuma and Tutu should tell the queen and archbishop to return it, since it was stolen from the people of South Africa.

Anonymous, wrote

06:21pm on 5 June 2011

Um, actually Ju-Ju I voted for the ANC way back in 1994! I am very much a white South African. I respected Madiba and what he stood for and his vision for this country. But people like you give the ANC a bad name and certainly make me think more about who I want to vote for!

Anonymous, wrote

06:16pm on 5 June 2011

The state won't retrench employees whilst white managers continue to receive lump bonuses, share options and exuberant salaries. Nationalise the mines

peter, wrote

05:59pm on 5 June 2011

What is Zumas garden boy smoking he must go back to school This garbage that he litters the ashames even is own race.But carry on with education level .Yoy aredoing well

Claudio, wrote

05:41pm on 5 June 2011

Aurora is a good example of what is likely to happen when schoolboy Malema runs the mines