

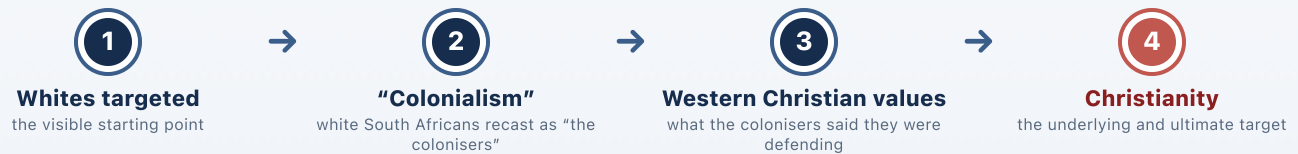
Connect the dots: 100 years of a communist agenda against orthodox biblical Christians.

Communist Party (1921) → National Democratic Revolution ("NDR") → 2026 Version 1.0.12 · Updated 3 August 2026

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THE DOTS, CONNECTED

Who is really being targeted – and why it is not, in the end, about race



Non-white South Africans – black, coloured and Indian – who may hold the same conservative, orthodox Christian views have taken on the "colonial" values that the communistic agenda condemns, and are therefore caught in the same net. **This is religious persecution – and not about race or colour.**

1921

THE ROOTS – THE COMMUNIST PARTY IS FOUNDED, AND MOSCOW AIMS IT AT THE ANC

EVENT

Communist Party of South Africa (CPSA) founded – 1921

The founding conference of the Communist Party of South Africa took place in **Cape Town, 30 July – 1 August 1921**. Banned in 1950, it reconstituted underground as the South African Communist Party (SACP) in 1953.

Founding conference, Cape Town, 30 July – 1 August 1921 · SA History Online, "History of the South African Communist Party"

Source: SA History Online – CPSA founded, 1921 ↗

EVENT

Moscow aims the Communists at the African National Congress (ANC) 1928

Following the 6th Congress of the Communist International (Comintern) in 1928, its **Executive Committee (ECCI)** – the Soviet-run world body – adopted the **"Native Republic" thesis**, directing the Communist Party of South Africa towards a **strategy of working through the African National Congress (ANC)**, a nationalist movement which was originally founded in **1912**, to fight for *"an independent native South African republic... as a stage towards a workers' and peasants' republic"* – a structure that was later formalised by their alliance under the National Democratic Revolution (NDR) in 1969.

Comintern, "Resolution on the South African Question" (1928) · SA History Online: "The CPSA and the Communist International", "African National Congress (ANC)" · ANC official history (anc1912.org.za)

Source: Comintern 1928 resolution ↗

Source: SAHO – CPSA & the Comintern ↗

Source: SAHO – ANC founded, 1912 ↗

AGENDA

The long game begins

The 1928 Soviet directive hardened, over decades, into permanent fusion between the **SACP** and **ANC**, with Marxist-Leninist ideology embedded in the liberation movement. The SACP would co-author the **ANC's** strategy documents for decades to come – and still does.

THE DOCTRINAL ROOT – MARX & ENGELS, 1847–48

*The ideology embedded in 1921 carries two founding aims – the abolition of private property **and** the disappearance of all religion:*

"The theory of the Communists may be summed up in the single sentence: Abolition of private property."

"[Communism] ... makes all existing religions superfluous and brings about their disappearance."

The first of these – abolishing property – runs through every later document, from the Freedom Charter's nationalisation to the SACP's "abolition of private ownership of the means of production." The second – the disappearance of religion – is the aim that matters here: a doctrine that treats the end of religion as a stage of progress which will make religion subservient to the State, or else abolish it – with God, in effect, removed as the highest authority.

Karl Marx & Friedrich Engels, *The Communist Manifesto* (1848), §II · Friedrich Engels, *Principles of Communism* (1847), Q23

Source: *Communist Manifesto*, 1848 ↗

Source: *Principles of Communism*, 1847 ↗

EVENT

Freedom Charter adopted

Adopted by the Congress of the People – the ANC and its Congress Alliance partners – at Kliptown, 26 June 1955. A communist-influenced document that became the foundational policy of the liberation movement.

Source: Freedom Charter, 1955 ↗

THEIR OWN WORDS

Core communist policies embedded

Two core communist ideals embedded in the Freedom Charter from the start: "The mineral wealth... shall be transferred to the ownership of the people as a whole," and "The land shall be shared among those who work it."

Freedom Charter · 26 Jun 1955

Source: Freedom Charter, 1955 ↗

THE EXPLICIT GOAL, IN THEIR OWN PROGRAMME

"...abolishing private ownership of the main means of production..."

*The Freedom Charter used softer language – "transferred to the ownership of the people" – but the SACP's own programme named the real goal. The Road to South African Freedom (1962) set out to end capitalism by "**abolishing private ownership of the main means of production and placing them under public ownership.**" The Path to Power (1989) repeated it – to "**abolish private ownership of the means of production and all forms of oppression.**"*

SACP, "The Road to South African Freedom" (1962) & "The Path to Power" (1989)

Source: SACP, Road to SA Freedom, 1962 ↗

Source: SACP, The Path to Power, 1989 ↗

WHAT WAS BEING TARGETED

Private ownership & economic freedom

State ownership of the means of production. The Charter became the template that every subsequent ANC government document would reference.

Source: Freedom Charter, 1955 ↗

DOCTRINE

"Colonialism of a Special Type" (CST) adopted as SACP doctrine adopted 1962

The SACP's 1962 programme defines white South Africa as an *internal* colonial power – "colonialism of a special type": unlike classic colonialism, the coloniser never departs for a mother country but stays as a permanent settler, ruling from within. Because the settler order it targets cast **itself** as the defender of "Western Christian values" – the Afrikaner government's own self-justifying term, written into its own Constitution – the doctrine reclassifies these as **colonial structures to be dismantled**. CST is the theoretical root of the National Democratic Revolution adopted seven years later.

Constitution Act 110 of 1983 – "Christian values and civilized norms" ↗

Constitution Act 32 of 1961, s.2 – "sovereignty and guidance of Almighty God" ↗

TRC Final Report, Vol. 1, p.17 ↗

Source: SACP, Road to SA Freedom, 1962 ↗

SACP, "THE ROAD TO SOUTH AFRICAN FREEDOM"**The Afrikaner nationalist movement: "always corrupted by white chauvinism"****1962 – explicit naming**

The 1962 programme uses "white" as both label and accusation – "White ruling class," "White domination," "White chauvinism" – naming the Afrikaner nationalist movement as the vehicle of colonial power inside South Africa's borders, "always corrupted by White chauvinism." The programme then absorbs the Afrikaner's own self-description and turns it into a target. The programme collapses three identities into one – white, Afrikaner, and self-declared defender of Western Christian values. Dismantling "white colonialism" therefore means dismantling Western Christian values – the programme's own stated logic, not an incidental consequence.

Source: SACP, Road to SA Freedom, 1962, §5 p.26 ↗

THE PRESENT-DAY VOCABULARY

"Decolonisation," enacted as "transformation"

The movement's **own word** for dismantling the West's Christian inheritance is "**transformation.**" The ANC's standing programme of "**Radical Economic Transformation**" and the constitutional duty of "transformation" are the operative, self-applied terms under which Western institutions and the public place of Christianity are restructured – persecution re-described as progress. The same logic resurfaces in the SACP's 1989 programme and in today's "decolonise" agenda.

Source: SACP, The Path to Power, 1989 ↗

THEIR OWN WORDS – SACP, 1962**The target reaches "everywhere, from the schoolroom to international opinion."**

The doctrine sets out to overturn the entire inherited cultural order of the settler society – its schools, its institutions, its self-understanding – as "colonial."

SACP, "The Road to South African Freedom" (1962), §"Colonialism of a Special Type"

Source: SACP, Road to SA Freedom, 1962 ↗

THE EXTENSION – FROM RACE TO VALUES

The chain ends at Christianity – every orthodox biblical Christian is a target, regardless of colour

The doctrine's target is a *value system*, not a skin colour. It *begins* with race, but it does not *end* there: once white society is branded "colonial," the logic extends automatically – a Black or Coloured South African who holds to biblical Christianity – who meets in an unregistered home church, holds Scripture as final authority, refuses state licensing of faith – has, in the programme's own reasoning, taken on the values of the coloniser. They are not allies of the revolution; they are obstacles to it – Christian values are diametrically opposed to socialism and stand in its way. The laws that follow are race-neutral in application – the COVID worship bans, the Hate Speech Act and the Commission for the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Cultural, Religious and Linguistic Communities – the CRL Rights Commission (CRL) – registration regime fall on **every** orthodox biblical Christian. The CRL's own Section 22 chair resigned over the body's hostility toward "entire sectors of Christianity, particularly Pentecostal and Charismatic churches" – congregations that are overwhelmingly Black – and COVID enforcement fell, in the exhibit's words, "against every colour." Race is the mechanism; but the target is every orthodox biblical Christian. Apartheid was a grave injustice and rightly abolished. But dismantling Christianity under the banner of "decolonisation" is not justice for a racial wrong – it is the persecution of a religion in apartheid's name.

Source: SACP, Road to SA Freedom, 1962 ↗

EVENT

NDR adopted at Morogoro

The ANC formally adopts the National Democratic Revolution as its strategic framework – explicitly framed – in the SACP's own words – as "the most direct route to socialism," to be carried out incrementally over decades.

Source: [ANC Strategy & Tactics, Morogoro 1969 ↗](#)

Source: [SACP, The Path to Power, 1989 ↗](#)

THE DESIGN IS IMPORTED, NOT HOMEGROWN

The two-stage revolution is Soviet – Leninist doctrine

The staged design – a national-democratic revolution first, socialism second – is **Leninist doctrine**, imported from the Soviet Union – the theory of revolution in colonial countries. The SACP wrote both "Colonialism of a Special Type" (1962) and the NDR as a **Moscow-aligned party, its cadres trained in the Soviet Union**.

SACP, "The Road to South African Freedom" (1962) & "The Path to Power" (1989) · [SA History Online](#), "The USSR and the Anti-Apartheid Struggle"

Source: [SACP, The Path to Power, 1989 ↗](#)

THEIR OWN WORDS – SACP, "THE PATH TO POWER" 1989

"The most direct route to socialism... and ultimately communism."

The NDR is the staged, decades-long road to full socialism, completed in phases.

SACP, "The Path to Power" (1989), §"The NDR and the Transition to Socialism," p.33

Source: [SACP, The Path to Power, 1989 ↗](#)

EVENT

Tripartite Alliance formalised

1990

ANC + SACP + COSATU (Congress of South African Trade Unions) officially constitute the Tripartite Alliance upon unbanning. The SACP is not merely an influence – it is a formal governing partner. By a 1987 US State Department estimate, at least half the ANC's national executive were known or suspected SACP members; senior figures, including Mandela, held dual SACP membership. The Alliance becomes the vehicle through which the NDR is executed from inside the State.

Source: [SA History Online – SACP & the Tripartite Alliance ↗](#)

Source: [SACP, The Path to Power, 1989 ↗](#)

Source: [CIA – The ANC's Communist Ties \(1986\) ↗](#)

MANDELA'S OWN WORDS

"How to be a Good Communist"

Mandela authored this document as an SACP Central Committee member. The SACP later confirmed his leadership role in its own records.

Nelson Mandela, handwritten manuscript (62 pp., Croxley pad) · seized at Liliesleaf, Rivonia, 1963 · State exhibit, Rivonia Trial (State v. Mandela & Others) · NMF/NIA Archive, Collection 163

Source: [SACP's 2013 confirmation – Mandela on its Central Committee ↗](#)

EVENT

Slovo defends Marxism

1990

SACP chair Joe Slovo publishes "Has Socialism Failed?" – defending Marxism "within the framework of democracy" even as the USSR collapses. The agenda survives the Cold War's end.

Source: [Joe Slovo – Has Socialism Failed? \(1990\) ↗](#)

WHAT WAS BEING TARGETED

The 1996 constitutional order – a 30-year plan to remake it

The NDR is a multi-phase strategy: a first political phase (securing state power), then a socio-economic phase, with socialism and ultimately communism as the declared destination. Interventions from the first phase are then "ratcheted up, often sharply." The ANC frames it as the strategic tasks of "the next thirty years."

Source: [IRR – What is the NDR? ↗](#)

Source: [ANC, The Second Transition \(2012\) ↗](#)

THE ANC'S OWN INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATION

The ANC is a longstanding member of the Socialist International

The destination is not only written in the ANC's own documents – it is declared by the company the party keeps. The Socialist International is the worldwide association of socialist and social-democratic parties, and the ANC is listed on its member roll. **This is not a characterisation by the party's opponents – it is its own chosen affiliation.**

Socialist International · official member roll (ANC listed)

Source: [Socialist International member list ↗](#)

CONTINUITY OF THE AGENDA

The NDR was never abandoned – it is reaffirmed at every ANC conference, and every year in its January 8th Statement

1969 → 2025

The ANC formally re-adopts the National Democratic Revolution at every National Conference – 1969 Morogoro · 1997 Mafikeng · 2007 Polokwane · 2012 Mangaung ("second, radical phase") · 2017 Nasrec · 2022 (55th, Resolution 1) – and recommits to it annually in its January 8th Statement.

January 2025 – now governing only in a coalition, the ANC stated plainly: "The strategic task of advancing the National Democratic Revolution does not change year after year."

January 2026 – a year on, the statement went further, tying the NDR to the Constitution itself, which it said "advances the objectives of the National Democratic Revolution."

And this is not the ANC alone: the SACP's own **current programme – The South African Road to Socialism** (adopted at its 13th National Congress, 2012) – restates "Colonialism of a Special Type" and the National Democratic Revolution as live, present-day doctrine.

ANC 55th Conf. Strategy & Tactics (2022), Res. 1 · ANC January 8th Statement (2025), p.12 · ANC January 8th Statement (2026)

Source: [ANC, Jan 8 Statement 2025 ↗](#)

Source: [ANC, Jan 8 Statement 2026 ↗](#)

Source: [ANC 55th Conf., 2022 \(Res.1\) ↗](#)

Source: [ANC S&T, 2017 ↗](#)

Source: [SACP, SA Road to Socialism \(2012\) ↗](#)

1986–89

DECLASSIFIED US INTELLIGENCE – CIA REPORTS CONFIRM THE SACP'S GRIP ON ANC LEADERSHIP

CIA SNIE 73-86 · US State Dept §509 Report

US INTELLIGENCE

CIA Special National Intelligence Estimate: the SACP-ANC alliance is real, old, and enduring

CIA · July 1986

The CIA's own SNIE 73-86 – "*The African National Congress of South Africa: Organization, Communist Ties, and Short-Term Prospects*" (declassified 2013) – traces the Party's ties to the ANC back to the 1920s, formalised in the 1969 alliance, and assesses they would continue. This alliance, described in this chronology, is concretely confirmed by US intelligence.

Source: CIA SNIE 73-86, 1986 (FOIA) ↗

US STATE DEPARTMENT

"Roughly half" of the ANC's governing committee were "known or suspected" Communist Party members

1987 · §509 Report to Congress

Mandated by §509 of the Comprehensive Anti-Apartheid Act, the State Department reported that roughly half of the ANC's ~30-member National Executive Committee were known or suspected SACP members – while cautioning the SACP was "only one element, although a very important one," of the ANC coalition.

US State Dept., "Communist Influence in South Africa" (1987); reported in *The Washington Post*, 10 Jan 1987.

Source: US State Dept §509 Report, 1987 (WaPo) ↗

Source: CIA – ANC's Communist Ties (1986) ↗

WHY IT MATTERS

Not a fringe claim – a documented US-government assessment

the precise claim

Scholars still debate whether the SACP controlled the ANC or merely shared its leadership; this chronology claims only what the declassified record shows – heavy SACP representation in, and authorship of strategy for, the ANC. That penetration is what carried the SACP's Colonialism-of-a-Special-Type doctrine into government policy after 1994.

Source: CIA SNIE 73-86, 1986 (FOIA) ↗

1994

ANC TO POWER – DE-CHRISTIANISATION OF STATE INSTITUTIONS BEGINS

Christian Science Monitor, Jun 1994 · Government Gazette 25459 · 1996 Constitution

EVENT

Christian prayer removed from Parliament

1994

The daily Christian prayer that had opened every parliamentary session is abolished. Speaker Frene Ginwala replaces it with a minute of silence. (*Christian Science Monitor*, Jun 1994.)

Source: Christian Science Monitor, 1994 ↗

EVENT

The Constitution's opening invocation of God dropped

1996

Every prior constitution – 1961, 1983 and the 1993 interim – opened "In humble submission to Almighty God," placing God as the authority over the State. The 1996 Constitution drops that opening invocation and begins instead "We, the people of South Africa..." Its preamble still closes with a national blessing ("May God protect our people... God bless South Africa," in all official languages).

Source: SA Constitution preambles 1961–1996 ↗

LAW

Equality Act §8(d)

2000

Religious practice that "impairs the dignity of women" or "undermines equality between women and men" is declared unlawful, enforceable through a statutory Equality Court.

Source: Equality Act No. 4 of 2000 ↗

WHAT WAS BEING TARGETED – THE DE-CHRISTIANISATION SEQUENCE**The public square, the conscience, the school**

These initial, sequential steps start to methodically remove Christianity from each sphere of public life – the legislature, the Constitution, religious practices, the school system.

EXTERNAL WESTERN PRESS

US press noted Parliament prayer removal within weeks

June 1994

The *Christian Science Monitor* reported the abolition of Parliamentary Christian prayer within weeks of the ANC taking power.

Source: Christian Science Monitor, June 1994 ↗

US STATE DEPT

US government formally recorded the de-Christianisation steps

International Religious Freedom (IRF) Reports 2004–2007

The 2004 IRF Report documents the policy change in 2003 regarding religion in education as follows: "*The Government does not allow 'religious instruction,' or advocating the tenets of a particular faith, in public schools.*" The 2007 report noted: "*The Constitution is deliberately religion-neutral.*" The 2003 restriction applied to public schools; by 2024 the Basic Education Laws Amendment (BELA) Act extends the state's reach over the curriculum to home and independent education.

Source: US State Dept IRF 2007 ↗

1997–2003

THE TRANSFORMATION ERA – EDUCATION AND THE ECONOMY REMADE

Curriculum 2005 / NCS · Employment Equity Act 1998 · B-BBEE Act 2003 · van Oostrum 2001

EVENT

Christian education abolished – what was removed 2003

Minister Kader Asmal's National Policy on Religion and Education – determined under the National Education Policy Act 27 of 1996 – ends Christian National Education. "Religious Instruction may not be part of the formal school programme." (Government Gazette 25459, 12 Sept 2003.)

Source: Religion-in-Education Policy, 2003 ↗

EVENT

Curriculum 2005 / OBE → the National Curriculum Statement – what replaced it 1997–2002

Education Minister Prof. S.M.E. Bengu announces Curriculum 2005 / Outcomes-Based Education (1997); it becomes the National Curriculum Statement – the first post-apartheid school curriculum, applied to every child.

Source: White Paper on Education and Training (1995) ↗

THEIR OWN WORDS

The architects tie it to the liberation movement

Minister Bengu's signed foreword to the 1995 *White Paper on Education and Training*: the new system serves "our new democracy, and our Reconstruction and Development Programme" – "it cannot be business as usual." Minister Kader Asmal (Tirisano, 2000): the 1994 settlement was "the victory of our liberation movement."

Source: Bengu foreword, Government Gazette 16312 (1995) ↗

WHAT WAS BEING TARGETED – THE CHRISTIAN CHILD'S CONSCIENCE

A curriculum-design analyst's warning (2001)

Curriculum-design analyst L.J. van Oostrum (MA Curriculum Science) and the Pestalozzi Trust (2001) warned the NCS compels children "to adopt values from other cultures and religions" and to treat all religions as equal – the religious values taught being those "selected by government ... sanitised." They called it "control over the inner soul of every child by using the executive power of the state."

Source: van Oostrum / Pestalozzi Trust, 2001 ↗

LAW

BEE – the economy remade by race

1998–2003

The **Employment Equity Act (No. 55 of 1998)** and the **Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act (No. 53 of 2003)** weight hiring, ownership and procurement by race. For Christians who hold that God is "no respecter of persons" (Acts 10:34) and will not employ or dismiss by colour, this **compels discrimination against conscience** – the same conflict the 2022 Employment Equity Amendment later sharpens into binding quotas and heavy fines.

Source: Employment Equity Act 1998 · B-BBEE Act 2003 ↗

2012

SECOND / "RADICAL" PHASE OF THE NDR – THE CONSTRAINTS REMOVED

ANC, "The Second Transition?" (2012) · CRL & SAHRC 2015–18

EVENT

The "second transition" announced 2012

ANC head of policy Jeff Radebe presents the "second transition" – the ANC's stated shift from political to economic transformation. The 1994 negotiated settlement, in his framing, was "appropriate for political emancipation" but "inadequate and inappropriate" for the economic phase now to come.

Source: ANC, "The Second Transition?" (2012) ↗

THEIR OWN WORDS

"Our first transition ... has proven inadequate and inappropriate for our social and economic transformation phase."

Jeff Radebe, 2012

The 1994 settlement – "political emancipation" – is recast as inadequate: a constraint to move beyond, not a celebrated achievement.

Jeff Radebe, ANC head of policy – presenting "The Second Transition?", March 2012

Source: ANC, "The Second Transition?" (2012) ↗

Commentary – Daily Maverick (2012) ↗

EVENT

CRL Chair appointed; churches summoned 2015

Thoko Mkhwanazi-Xaluva appointed CRL Chairperson. The Commission randomly sampled religious institutions and **summoned them** – on its own account the summons was "a legal instrument, which was meant to ensure compliance" – interviewing **more than 85 religious leaders**. Begins the push for state regulation of religion.

CRL Rights Commission, "Report on the Commercialisation of Religion and Abuse of People's Belief Systems" (2017) – the Commission's own account

Source: CRL's own report, 2017 ↗

EVENT

RET & CRL "Commercialisation" report 2017

Zuma's "Radical Economic Transformation" (RET) programme. CRL publishes its "Commercialisation of Religion" report – the first systematic case for state intervention in church affairs.

Source: CRL Commercialisation of Religion report, 2017 (full text) ↗

ANC OFFICIAL

"We will crush any individual who stands in the way of nation building"

April 2017

ANC Ekurhuleni Mayor Mzwandile Masina, with Finance Minister Malusi Gigaba present, warned at the Chris Hani memorial lecture: "It is very important that we send a very very strong warning that... we will crush any individual who stands in the way of the project of nation building and social cohesion in South Africa." He added: "those that sided with you in 1994, they won't be here in five years" and "we are many, this is not a threat... it might be very very rough." Four complainants filed formal SAHRC hate speech complaints. Masina signed a settlement agreement April 2018. He faced no ANC disciplinary action.

Mzwandile Masina · ANC Mayor of Ekurhuleni · Chris Hani Memorial Lecture, Boksburg Civic Centre, 10 April 2017

Source: News24 · 10 Apr 2017 ↗

SAHRC Settlement · Apr 2018 ↗

WHAT WAS BEING TARGETED

The Bill of Rights itself

The constitutional protections for property, religion, and expression that had been concessions in 1994 are now re-framed as obstacles to "transformation."

ACCELERATION – the pace shifts from years to months



2020

COVID – FORCE DEPLOYED AGAINST WORSHIP; THE GOVERNMENT'S CHARACTER REVEALED

Minister Cele / gov.za · IPID

EVENT

Worship banned by regulation

2020

Levels 5 & 4 banned all in-person worship; Levels 3 & 2 capped attendance at 50 regardless of congregation size and explicitly prohibited singing, baptism and the Lord's Supper – up to 6 months' jail.

Source: COVID Enforcement Exhibit ↗

EVENT

Rubber bullets & stun grenades on a church

Jan 2021

Sebokeng: ~250 congregants; police deployed rubber bullets and stun grenades. Three leaders (aged 47, 62, 69) arrested.

Source: COVID Enforcement Exhibit ↗

EVENT

Pastors and congregants arrested for holding services

April 2020

Across the country, worship itself was the offence. In Limpopo a pastor, his wife and eight members were arrested mid-service; a KwaZulu-Natal pastor was arrested over a 150-person service in Nongoma; and an Eastern Cape preacher was arrested in Elliotdale. Christians were criminalised under the Disaster Management Act for the act of gathering to worship.

Source: Pastor & congregants arrested – SowetanLive, 20 Apr 2020 ↗

Source: Nongoma pastor arrested – IOL (2020) ↗

Source: Elliotdale preacher arrested – TimesLive (2020) ↗

EVENT

465,098 arrested

2020–21

Lockdown arrests under the Disaster Management Act reached **465,098 by 29 June 2021** (Minister Cele, SAnews) – up from 298,252 by August 2020. Reportedly among the highest of any country – more, it was reported, than even the Philippines under Duterte; most for gathering breaches, the same category as church services.

Source: Minister Cele – SAnews (gov.za), 29 Jun 2021 ↗

Source: COVID Enforcement Exhibit ↗

MINISTER CELE – 14 AUG 2020 CRIME-STATS BRIEFING

~300,000 citizens left facing criminal records

At his Q1 crime-statistics briefing, Police Minister Cele said the 298,252 people arrested under the disaster-management regulations would probably emerge with criminal records – adding that it was "not the aim" to criminalise South Africans. The same gathering offences that fell on worshippers; the records followed regardless.

Minister Bheki Cele – Q1 2020/21 crime-statistics briefing, 14 Aug 2020 (reported: The Citizen, EWN)

Source: Cele briefing – The Citizen, 14 Aug 2020 ↗

Source: COVID Enforcement Exhibit ↗

THE SAME FORCE, OFF THE LEASH

115 deaths in custody during the lockdown – Amnesty's own count

The machinery that criminalised worship operated without restraint. In six lockdown weeks (25 March–5 May 2020) the state's own watchdog, the Independent Police Investigative Directorate, received **828 complaints** against police – up 200 on the prior year: 589 assaults, 32 deaths from police action, 16 deaths in custody, 25 reports of torture and eight rapes. Across the lockdown overall, Amnesty International's written 2020/21 report states that at least **115 people died in police custody**. The US State Department found police used "lethal and excessive force, including torture." Around **76,000 soldiers and police** were deployed; after lockdown killings the North Gauteng High Court ordered the state to issue use-of-force guidelines respecting human rights.

Source: US State Dept Human Rights Report 2020 ↗

Source: Amnesty International 2020/21 ↗

Source: Khosa judgment (ZAGPPHC 147, 2020) ↗

A STATE THAT CANNOT PROTECT THOSE IN ITS HANDS

"Harsh and life-threatening" – and deaths dressed as "natural causes"

Prison conditions are "harsh and life-threatening" – overcrowding, poor sanitation, inadequate medical care, tuberculosis and inmate-on-inmate rape. The Department of Correctional Services required doctors to sign inmate-death reports specifically "to lessen the incidence of deaths caused by neglect being reported as due to natural causes." The state does not reliably protect those held in its custody.

Source: US State Dept Human Rights Report 2020 ↗

Source: DCS Annual Report 2023/24 ↗

WHAT WAS BEING TARGETED

Assembly, communion, baptism – the core acts of Christianity

COVID regulations did not merely restrict gatherings. They specifically banned certain acts which are specific to orthodox, biblical Christianity: religious assembling, collective singing, baptism, the Lord's Supper. Force was used to enforce these regulations regardless of skin colour.

 [Source: COVID Enforcement Exhibit ↗](#)

WAS NONE OF THIS CHALLENGED?

It was – and for worship itself, the courts delivered nothing

De Beer · Esau · [FOR SA](#) · [DA v COGTA](#)

The lockdown regulations were challenged. The High Court struck them down on 2 June 2020 – ten weeks in – then suspended its own order for fourteen days so the Minister could rewrite them. The Supreme Court of Appeal reversed that ruling on 1 July 2021, on how the case had been pleaded; the regulations stood. Two days before it ruled, the police minister put the arrest count at **465,098**. And when the churches themselves brought the direct challenge – Freedom of Religion SA and others, asking why worship was banned outright while casinos, cinemas, gyms and restaurants stayed open – the High Court refused to rule on the merits: on 13 December 2021 it held the regulations were "executive policy" not open to review, and dismissed the case as **moot** because the ban had by then been lifted. **The one head-on challenge to the worship ban produced no judgment at all.** The Constitutional Court settled the underlying question only on 27 February 2026 – almost six years on – upholding the Act's emergency power and calling judicial review "an effective remedy"; one justice dissented, holding the section deficient for want of parliamentary oversight. Judicial review is real. It is also retrospective – and for worship it delivered nothing while the ban was in force: **the executive acts first, and is corrected – if at all – years after the fact.**

De Beer & Others v Minister of Cooperative Governance & Traditional Affairs [2020] ZAGPPHC 184 (2 Jun 2020) · Minister of COGTA v De Beer [2021] ZASCA 95 (1 Jul 2021) · Esau & Others v Minister of COGTA [2021] ZASCA 9 (28 Jan 2021) · Freedom of Religion SA & Others v Minister of COGTA [2021] ZAGPJHC 866 (13 Dec 2021) · Democratic Alliance v Minister of COGTA [2026] ZACC 8 (27 Feb 2026) · arrest figure: Minister Cele, SAnews, 29 Jun 2021

 [Source: De Beer – High Court, 2 Jun 2020 ↗](#)

 [Source: De Beer – SCA, 1 Jul 2021 ↗](#)

 [Source: Esau – SCA, 28 Jan 2021 ↗](#)

 [Source: FOR SA v COGTA – High Court, 13 Dec 2021 ↗](#)

 [Source: DA v COGTA – ConCourt, 27 Feb 2026 ↗](#)

2023–26

THE LEGISLATIVE WAVE – FIVE LAWS IN TWO YEARS; THE APPARATUS NOW VIRTUALLY COMPLETE

All signed into law; see penalties below

ANC OFFICIAL DOCTRINE

"Resistance to transformation must be crushed by the combined force of the people and the democratic state."

December 2022

The [ANC's 55th National Conference](#) – its supreme decision-making body – adopted this as binding party doctrine in *Strategy & Tactics* §8, one year before the legislative wave began. "Resistance to transformation" is broad enough to encompass any institution – including a church – that declines to conform to the [NDR agenda](#). The state itself (police, courts, regulations) is named as the instrument of enforcement. Not the rhetoric of one official: official doctrine.

[ANC 55th National Conference · Strategy & Tactics, December 2022, Page 6 §8](#)

 [Source: ANC S&T 2022, §8 \(on file\) ↗](#)

LAW

Hate Speech Act

Signed 6 May 2024

Criminalises communication promoting "hatred" on 18 grounds including religion. "Hatred" is undefined. Up to 5 years' imprisonment. Freedom of Religion South Africa ([FOR SA](#)): little protection for traditional biblical convictions.

 [Source: Hate Speech Act 16 of 2023 \(full text\) ↗](#)

LAW

NHI Act

Signed 15 May 2024

State healthcare monopoly under the National Health Insurance ([NHI](#)). Private cover for [NHI](#)-covered services prohibited once implemented. No alternative permitted.

 [Source: NHI Act 20 of 2023 \(full text\) ↗](#)

LAW

BELA Act

Signed 13 Sep 2024

Basic Education Laws Amendment ([BELA](#)) – compulsory homeschool registration; curriculum subject to state approval; "best interests" veto. Up to 12 months' imprisonment. Registration deniable at an official's discretion.

 [Source: BELA Act 32 of 2024 \(full text\) ↗](#)

LAW

Employment Equity Amendment

In force 1 Jan 2025

Binding racial quotas across 18 sectors. Minister prescribes workforce composition. R1.5m–R2.7m fines or 2–10% of turnover. Exclusion from all government contracts.

 [Source: Employment Equity Amendment Act 4 of 2022 \(full text\) ↗](#)

 [Source: Sectoral targets gazette \(18 sectors\), 2025 ↗](#)

LAW

Expropriation Act

Assented 23 Jan 2025

The Act authorises nil compensation for **land** in defined cases – unused, abandoned, or held only for speculative gain – where a court deems it "just and equitable." The prior constitutional amendment to explicitly authorise nil compensation failed in Parliament (2021); this Act enables it by statute. The expropriation **power reaches all property**, not only land; expropriation is effected by administrative notice, with courts deciding disputed compensation. Applicants contend this effectively weakens the section 25 property safeguard.

 [Source: Expropriation Act 13 of 2024 \(full text\) ↗](#)

THE CRL: CHRISTIANITY TARGETED BY NAME

The Chair's own words name the specific target – and reveal the compliant architecture built to enforce it

CRL CHAIR – VERIFIED

"This thing called Christianity needs to be regulated. This thing called Christianity."

BBC (~Feb 2016) · [Zambian Observer \(8 Sept 2025\)](#)

"We are saying this thing called Christianity needs to be regulated as well." Her reasoning: "We've found that other religions such as Islam and the Jewish religion are systematised for disciplinary codes and monitoring – but Christianity, because of its volatility in terms of anyone being able to start up their own church, we feel there is a need for regulation." The dismissive phrase "this thing called" – repeated for emphasis – treats Christianity as a management problem, not a constitutionally protected identity. Islam and Judaism are already regulated; Christianity is the specific gap to be closed.

Thoko Mkhwanazi-Xaluva · [CRL Chair](#) · BBC interview, ~Feb 2016 (Whisper-verified transcript); extended quote: [Zambian Observer](#), 8 Sept 2025

 [Source: BBC transcript \(verified\)](#) ↗

CRL CHAIR – THE ADMISSION

Her own figure: "only 5%... doing the wrong thing" – used to regulate the 95%
same BBC interview

Asked why the CRL doesn't simply act against the actual offenders, the Chair conceded: "What we discovered in terms of the random sample... it's maybe only 5% of people who are doing the wrong thing" – then, in the same breath: "This thing called Christianity needs to be regulated." A 5% problem, by her own count, is the justification for licensing the entire Christian sector. The interviewer's challenge – "Why don't they just go straight to that person and stop calling everybody as if everybody is breaking the law?" – goes unanswered.

Thoko Mkhwanazi-Xaluva · [CRL Chair](#) · BBC "This Thing Called Christianity" (Whisper-verified transcript)

 [Source: BBC transcript \(verified\)](#) ↗

CRL CHAIR – SECTION 22 LAUNCH

"For now we are focusing on the Christian family."

Oct 2, 2025 · [verified](#)

*"We gather here to launch what we call a Section 22 Committee for Christians... I should stress that we'll be going to other religions after this. **For now we are focusing on the Christian family.**" The Christian sector is named as the first target.*

Thoko Mkhwanazi-Xaluva · Section 22 launch keynote · Rhema Bible Church, Johannesburg, 2 Oct 2025

 [Source: Section 22 launch transcript](#) ↗

REGULATORY PUSH

CRL Registration Framework

Section 22 launched Oct 2025

Section 22 Committee formally launched 2 October 2025. A draft self-regulatory framework creates a state-linked peer-review council with investigative, disciplinary and sanctions powers. Its anti-cult framing echoes China's state-controlled "patriotic associations" model. Chair re-appointed December 2024 for a further five years.

 [Source: CRL Self-Regulatory Framework \(2025\)](#) ↗

 [Source: CRL Section 22 launch statement \(2025\)](#) ↗

 [Source: Bitter Winter – CRL/China parallel \(2025\)](#) ↗

ROADMAP TO LEGISLATION

The framework is scheduled to reach Parliament in 2027

2026–2027

The Section 22 Committee's own timetable carries the Christian-sector framework from consultation to legislation: provincial hearings run through 2026 – KwaZulu-Natal (June), Eastern Cape (July) – and conclude in the **Northern Cape in April 2027. A national summit in Johannesburg** then synthesises the inputs and "finalise[s] the document to the CRL Rights Commission **and Parliament**." The Chair has named the destination plainly: *"there must be a Council for the religious sector, which will then mean there must be an Act [of Parliament], and a Council formed out of that Act."*

[CRL Section 22 consultation schedule, reported Jun–Jul 2026 \(The Post, 1 Jul 2026; The Witness, 28 Jun 2026\); Mkhwanazi-Xaluva · SABC News, 2 Apr 2026](#)

SECTION 22 COMMITTEE – WHO IS INSIDE

Eight umbrella bodies hold the 19 committee seats – independent evangelicals excluded

Oct 2025

On camera at the October 2025 launch: **ZCC · SACC · TEASA · Rhema Bible Church · CAIC · Great Commission · Shembe / Nazareth Baptist · Moral Regeneration Movement**. All are large, named, hierarchical, and state-legible. The committee chair claimed they represent "over 45 million Christians."

Excluded from the launch: **FOR SA, IFCC, Assemblies of God, Apostolic Faith Mission, Full Gospel Church** – the independent evangelical sector. Unregistered independent Christians – with no institutional name, no umbrella body that represents them, and no clergy to licence – are the structural opposite of every body on the committee. The framework is designed by, and for, churches the state can already reach.

[MDNtv Section 22 launch video, 6 Oct 2025](#)

THE COMPLIANCE TEST – COVID 2020–2022

Every Section 22 member complied; ZCC exceeded the law by two days

ZCC cancelled its annual Easter pilgrimage to Moria on 13 March 2020 – two days before the National State of Disaster was declared. President Ramaphosa personally led a ministerial delegation to Moria to thank the bishops. **ZCC** stayed closed when Level 3 permitted gatherings; branches reopened only with proof of vaccination or PCR test, no singing, and 45-minute service caps. **SACC**: "caution and openness" – full compliance. **Rhema**: full compliance and remote services. The state is building its regulatory architecture from these same compliant bodies. Christians who meet in homes or unregistered meeting rooms – with no hierarchy or compliance channels – cannot participate in this cooperative framework even if willing.

[Sowetan, 17 Mar 2020 · TimesLive, 22 May 2021](#)

 [Source: COVID Enforcement Exhibit](#) ↗

THE STATE'S PREFERRED CHRISTIANITY

The state accepts a Decolonised Christianity – it targets the Western orthodox form

[ZCC & Shembe](#)

South Africa is majority-Christian by identity; the persecution at issue concerns *orthodox biblical Christianity* – not every body that uses Christian language.

The two churches that set the compliance standard – [ZCC](#) and the Nazareth Baptist / Shembe Church – are both African Independent Churches that developed within African cultural and traditional religious frameworks: [ZCC](#) through healing practices, prophecy, **ancestor veneration** and a distinctly African communal spirituality; Shembe through Zulu traditional dress, music, **ancestor veneration**, and the veneration of its founder as a prophet. Neither holds the Western doctrinal positions the CRL framework targets – Scripture as final authority, a male-only lay ministry, no state-licensed clergy, no institutional registration. President Ramaphosa personally attended [ZCC](#)'s Moria Easter gathering to thank its bishops for COVID compliance. Religion in general is not the target. One specific Christianity is – orthodox, Western-rooted, Scripturally defined, and beyond the state's institutional reach – **the very Western values the NDR's "decolonisation" treats as colonial**. This is doctrinal, not racial – the orthodox Christians most exposed include Black Pentecostal and Charismatic believers; the CRL's own Section 22 chair resigned over hostility to those very sectors. The same logic operates in China, where the state-sanctioned Three-Self churches are tolerated while unregistered "house churches" are raided and their leaders arrested: submit to the state body, or be persecuted.

South African academic literature on African Independent Churches · Sowetan, 17 Mar 2020 · MDNtv Section 22 launch, 6 Oct 2025

 [Source: China state-control-of-religion model ↗](#)

CRL CHAIR

"It's not business as usual in churches anymore."

November 2025

"Parliament must pass the relevant regulation... your church has to be registered, secondly, you should be registered and vetted." – re-asserting the full agenda, post re-appointment.

[CRL](#) Chairperson Mkhwanazi-Xaluva · November 2025

CRL CHAIR – ON CAMERA, VERIFIED TRANSCRIPT

"You have to be registered or else you'll go to jail... irrespective of your calling."

"Will definitely do that irrespective of your calling." – asked whether someone with a genuine calling from God would still be prevented from ministry without a state licence. Confirmed: yes.

[Thoko Mkhwanazi-Xaluva · SACD documentary transcript 01:21, 27:05, 27:41](#)

 [Source: SACD documentary transcript ↗](#)

SECTION 22 COMMITTEE CHAIR – INSIDER RESIGNATION

"Predetermined agenda of State control of religion... personal hostility toward particular Christian faith and traditions."

January 2026

The [CRL](#)'s own appointed Section 22 Committee chair resigned: "The existence of which is being used as a front to disguise a predetermined agenda of State control of religion, driven in part by personal hostility toward particular Christian faith and traditions." He also alleged private meetings between the [CRL](#) Chair and selected members, and that "entire sectors of Christianity, particularly Pentecostal and Charismatic churches, were treated with open suspicion and hostility."

Rev. Prof. Musa Xulu · Mail & Guardian, 16 Jan 2026

SECTION 22 CHAIR – SWORN AFFIDAVIT

The State's security services allegedly enter the picture: "...how dangerous it becomes when ideological disagreement is treated as a security problem."

15 May 2026

*Months after resigning, the same chair swore an affidavit: on **14 May 2026** he was contacted by a person claiming to act for the **National Intelligence Agency / State Security Agency**, and that Christian bodies opposing the [CRL](#) – including [FOR SA](#) and the [SA Church Defenders](#) – had allegedly been referred to the State's security structures for investigation and surveillance. He noted that the 2024–2028 National Security Strategy reportedly treats the "mushrooming of charismatic churches" as a national-security concern. (Sworn allegation; the deponent states he cannot independently verify the caller's identity.)*

Rev. Prof. Musa Xulu · sworn affidavit 15 May & press statement 17 May 2026

 [Source: Xulu sworn affidavit ↗](#)

WHAT WAS BEING TARGETED – THE COMPLETE PICTURE

Every sphere of Christian life: speech · healthcare · education · employment · property · church

In three years, the SA government enacted laws that together criminalise: preaching biblical convictions (Hate Speech Act), homeschooling children in the faith ([BELA](#)), hiring according to conscience (Employment Equity), holding property (Expropriation Act). The final move – now in progress – is to criminalise any unregistered church or religious practice ([CRL](#) framework). Together, these would complete the 100-year programme.

US RECOGNITION – THE PERSECUTION, FORMALLY RECOGNISED ABROAD

What the United States government has already said and done in response

US IRF RECORD

US State Dept IRF Report 2023

Released Jun 2024

Official US record confirms SA's religious registration bill and notes opposition from [FOR SA](#), [SACBC](#), and [IIRF](#). The first formal US government documentation of the [CRL](#)'s regulatory push against Christianity.

 [Source: US State Dept IRF Report 2023 ↗](#)

US RECOGNITION

E.O. 14204 – "Mission South Africa" Feb 2025

Refugee program launched Feb 2025 (E.O. 14204). First 59 Afrikaners at Dulles, 12 May 2025. **Separately**, 67,000+ South Africans registered interest via **SACCUSA** (the SA Chamber of Commerce in the USA, a private body) – its list handed to the U.S. Embassy.

 [Source: U.S. Presidential statement \(E.O. 14204\) ↗](#)

 [Source: SACCUSA 67,000 registrations \(BusinessTech\) ↗](#)

US RECOGNITION

Trump's Statement on Communism and SA

Nov 2025

Presidential declaration explicitly recognising the communist nature of the SA regime. Anti-Communism Week proclamation issued.

 [Source: U.S. Presidential statement \(E.O. 14204\) ↗](#)

US RECOGNITION

State Dept – SA doxing of US officials 2025

Official statement documenting the SA government's doxing and harassment of American officials. SA government's own DIRCO statement (Oct 2025) provides contrast.

 [Source: State Dept – SA doxing of US officials ↗](#)

US RECOGNITION

"An unforeseen emergency refugee situation now exists... grave humanitarian concerns."

May 21, 2026 – Emergency Presidential Determination No. 2026-14

President Trump declared a refugee emergency under §207(b) of the INA, raising the FY2026 ceiling from 7,500 to **17,500** (10,000 additional slots). Grounds stated: *"recent increases in the incitement of racially motivated violence"* by SA government officials and *"new disruptions of United States Refugee Admissions Program operations in South Africa."* Admission of South Africans declared *"justified by the grave humanitarian concerns and is otherwise in the national interest."* Published: Federal Register, 27 May 2026.

Presidential Determination No. 2026-14 · Federal Register Vol. 91, 27 May 2026

 [Source: Presidential Determination 2026-14 \(Federal Register\) ↗](#)

US RECOGNITION

"All Communist Countries attack Religions violently... in particular, Christianity – they will close your churches"

26 June 2026 – President Trump, Faith & Freedom Coalition

Addressing the Faith & Freedom Coalition (and on Truth Social, 25–26 June 2026), President Trump stated that *"these ruthless Communists will attack all Religions but, in particular, Christianity – they always do... All Communist Countries attack Religions violently,"* and warned that under communism *"they will close your churches."* He pledged to *"defend Christians and all Americans of faith"* and to protect persecuted Christians **worldwide** – *"I am saving Christians throughout the World, even though we are not in those various Countries"* (citing recent US action over the killing of Christians in Nigeria). The pattern he describes – a communist programme that **closes and controls churches** – matches the **SACP**-driven National Democratic Revolution and its **CRL** registration regime in South Africa. The **CRL** has itself cited the Rwanda church-closure model.

The White House – Remarks at the Faith & Freedom Coalition's 2026 Policy Conference, 26 Jun 2026; Truth Social, 25–26 Jun 2026 (reported by Christian Post, Al Jazeera)

 [Source: White House – Faith & Freedom remarks \(26 Jun 2026\) ↗](#)

 [Source: Full transcript \(Roll Call / Factbase\) ↗](#)

SA GOVERNMENT'S OWN WORDS

"...a serious mischaracterisation that carries significant legal consequences for individuals"

DIRCO, 31 October 2025

Responding to the U.S. refugee programme, South Africa's own foreign ministry (DIRCO) drew *"a critical distinction between voluntary migration and refugee asylum,"* and warned that casting such a departure as refugee protection *"is a serious mischaracterisation that carries significant legal consequences for individuals and undermines international protection systems."* The government thereby puts its own citizens on notice that seeking refuge abroad carries legal risk.

Department of International Relations & Cooperation (DIRCO) – "Statement on the US Special Refugee Programme," 31 October 2025

 [Source: DIRCO statement \(31 Oct 2025\) ↗](#)

CABINET MINISTER

"Treasonous acts cannot be left unpunished."

Parliament, 14 May 2025

Active government treason investigation confirmed by Communications Minister Khumbudzo Ntshavheni – targeting AfriForum and Solidarity for supplying information about South Africa to the US government. An orthodox biblical Christian who provides information to the U.S. government faces the same legal climate. *Ntshavheni · IOL, 14 May 2025*

SA MEDIA FRAMING

US/European religious influence cast as "a risk and a threat" 2025

"The religious right influences from places like the US and Europe have really posed a risk and a threat to... constitutional rights... here in South Africa." – said on the **CRL** Chair's own broadcast panel. US-linked religious influence is publicly framed as hostile foreign interference. This is the public climate in which an appeal to US religious-freedom bodies would be received.

*Pontsho Pilane · journalist, on a panel with **CRL** Chair Mkhwanazi-Xaluva*

 [Source: CRL-panel interview transcript ↗](#)

THE STRUCTURAL TRAP

Seeking refuge = the act of treason

2025–present

The uMkhonto weSizwe (MK) Party charged AfriForum with treason (10 Feb 2025) for informing the US government. Mayibuye Mandela filed treason against the individual refugees themselves (12 Jun 2025). To seek protection abroad, Christians fleeing persecution must testify to foreign officials about SA conditions – the exact act SA now criminalises as treason.

TimesLive · Newsweek · IOL



Now →

THE SHORTCUT – CIVIL UNREST COULD LET THEM IMPOSE ALL OF THIS OVERNIGHT, WITHOUT THE **CRL BILL EVER BECOMING LAW**

Forward-looking risk analysis · grounded in the 2020 precedent

THE GAP THEY STILL HAVE TO CLOSE

The **CRL** church-registration regime is not yet law – the slow route is still incomplete

*For all five laws already passed, the final move – compulsory church registration and vetting – still depends on the **CRL** framework completing a slow legislative and regulatory path that can be challenged in court. That is the one lever the churches still have. **An emergency removes it.***

THE TRIGGER

Civil unrest is escalating – and 2021 showed how fast it can detonate 2021 precedent → 2025–26 escalation

The July 2021 unrest killed more than 350 people in days – the worst violence since apartheid. Since then: fatal service-delivery protests (Diepkloof, 2025), new waves of xenophobic violence (May 2026), a collapsing power grid, and contested 2026 elections. Risk analysts forecast a "disruptive 2026." A single large detonation is the pretext an emergency needs.

 [Source: HRW World Report 2026 – South Africa ↗](#)

THE MECHANISM

Emergency powers let the executive rule by regulation – no Act of Parliament required Constitution s37 · Disaster Management Act

Under a State of Emergency (Constitution s37) or a declared national disaster (Disaster Management Act), the executive can criminalise gatherings, worship and movement by regulation, overnight, without passing a single new law. Several rights may be suspended for the duration. And the courts are no brake in real time: the 2020 challenge took fifteen months to resolve, and the regulations stood throughout (see the COVID epoch above).

WHY THIS IS NOT SPECULATION – IT HAS ALREADY HAPPENED ONCE

COVID was the dress rehearsal: worship banned overnight, 465,098 arrested – under emergency regulation, with no church law on the books

From March 2020, under the Disaster Management Act, the SA government banned assembling, singing, baptism and the Lord's Supper, and arrested 465,098 people by June 2021 – **without the CRL Bill, or any church law, ever passing**. The same emergency machinery that did this for "public health" could be turned on the churches for "public order" the moment unrest provides the pretext. The slow legislative route and the fast emergency route converge on the same end-state – and the fast one needs no Act of Parliament, no court's permission, and no warning.

 **Source: COVID Enforcement Exhibit** ↗

WHY NOW – THE US GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY DECLARED THE EMERGENCY

Presidential Determination No. 2026-14: "An unforeseen emergency refugee situation now exists... grave humanitarian concerns."

On 21 May 2026, President Trump formally declared a refugee emergency under §207(b) of the INA – raising the South Africa ceiling from 7,500 to **17,500** overnight. The stated grounds were "recent increases in the incitement of racially motivated violence" by SA government officials and "new disruptions of United States Refugee Admissions Program operations." The President concluded admission was "justified by the grave humanitarian concerns and is otherwise in the national interest." **The emergency this community faces overlaps with the broader emergency the US government declared.**

Presidential Determination No. 2026-14 · Federal Register Vol. 91, 27 May 2026

 **Source: Presidential Determination 2026-14 (Federal Register)** ↗

THE NEXUS – CLOSING VISE

Every Christian distinctive practice meets a specific law · penalties escalate card by card to treason

Read down: each card steps inward · the penalty badge darkens with every card · cards 8 and 9 at the vise's throat

EQUALITY ACT §8(d)
2000

Religious practice that "undermines equality between women and men"

Male ministry & headship (1 Tim 2:12; 1 Cor 14:34)

EQUALITY COURT – church must justify its doctrine to the State

COVID WORSHIP REGULATIONS
2020

Gatherings, singing, baptism, Lord's Supper – banned by law

Assembling & "this do in remembrance of me" (1 Cor 11:24–25)

UP TO 6 MONTHS' JAIL · 465,098 arrested · rubber bullets used

HATE SPEECH ACT
Signed 6 May 2024

Communication on 18 grounds incl. religion; "hatred" undefined

Sharing our faith; stating Scripture's convictions publicly

UP TO 5 YEARS' IMPRISONMENT

NHI ACT
Signed 15 May 2024

Private healthcare: state monopoly eliminates private cover

Stewardship of our bodies (1 Cor 6:19–20); care of our own

PRIVATE COVER PROHIBITED – no alternative lawfully permitted

BELA ACT
Signed 13 Sep 2024

Homeschooling: compulsory registration; "best interests" veto

Teaching our children the faith (Deut 6:7; Eph 6:4)

UP TO 12 MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT · deniable at official's discretion

EMPLOYMENT EQUITY AMENDMENT
In force 1 Jan 2025

Binding racial quotas across 18 sectors set by the Minister

Hiring without respect of persons (Acts 10:34)

R1.5M–R2.7M OR 2–10% TURNOVER · barred from government contracts

EXPROPRIATION ACT
Assented 23 Jan 2025

Property of any kind, for "public interest"

Our homes and the halls we meet in

NIL COMPENSATION – seizure with zero payment, by court order

CRL REGISTRATION FRAMEWORK
Section 22 launched Oct 2, 2025

Every church & practitioner: register, be licensed, submit to state oversight

THE FINAL CARD: we take no name, register with no state, license no clergy, own no arbiter of doctrine but Christ

"REGISTERED OR ELSE YOU'LL GO TO JAIL... IRRESPECTIVE OF YOUR CALLING" – CRL Chair, on camera

THE TREASON CLIMATE
2025 – present

Those who seek refuge or speak to the U.S. government are branded traitors – charges filed against the individual refugees themselves

Seeking protection: even seeking protection abroad carries risk in the current political climate

TREASON · ARREST ON ARRIVAL – "treasonous acts cannot be left unpunished" · Min. Ntshavheni, May 2025

"Five laws, one direction – and the last is aimed at any Christian who would live in separation. Under this regime, such communities cannot lawfully exist. They need protection now."

The apparatus to criminalise our community is virtually complete.

South Africa's constitution protects religious freedom on paper – this entire apparatus operates beneath it.

Substantiation – law-by-law mapping · treason record · verified quotes · Rwanda model

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THE DOCTRINE THAT NEVER CHANGED – FIXED GOAL, FLEXIBLE TACTICS · 1969 → 2017

1969 ↗

1997 ↗

2012 ↗

2017 ↗

Mind map ↗

The ANC's foundational *Strategy & Tactics* documents – revised conference after conference – hold one thing constant for nearly half a century: the **strategic goal (the National Democratic Revolution) never changes; only the tactics do**. In their own words, by era:

"This strategic aim must govern every aspect of the conduct of our struggle – whether it be the formulation of policy or the creation of structures."

ANC Strategy & Tactics · Morogoro Conference, 1969

"Our strategy is the creation of a united, non-racial, non-sexist and democratic society. In pursuit of this objective, we shall, at each given moment, creatively adopt tactics..."

ANC Strategy & Tactics · 1997

"This is where the line should be drawn between strategy – the ultimate goal; and tactics – the methods and actions that respond to changing immediate circumstances... But such tactics should be informed by our commitment to the strategic goal."

ANC Strategy & Tactics · 2012 (¶31) & 2017 (¶41–42)

Why it only ever advances – the Overton Window. Fixed goal, flexible tactics is the engine of gradualism: the end-state is never argued directly – the boundary of the "acceptable" is moved one step at a time, until what was once unthinkable (the state licensing who may preach) becomes policy. Each law in the wave looks reasonable on its own; the window is what shifts. (*Analytical framing – the quotes above are the ANC's own, primary and unedited.*)

1 · LAW-BY-LAW MAPPING

Mind map ↗

The Law	Date	What it targets	Christian practice it strikes	Penalty	Status & source
Equality Act §8(d)	2000	Religious practice that "undermines equality between women and men"	Male ministry & headship (1 Tim 2:12)	Equality Court; church bears legal burden	In force.
COVID Worship Regulations	2020–22	Worship, singing, baptism, Lord's Supper – banned	Assembly; breaking of bread; baptism	Up to 6 months' jail; 411k arrested	Repealed. Demonstrates enforcement will. Encl. 3.
Hate Speech Act	Signed 6 May 2024	Communication on 18 grounds; "hatred" undefined	Preaching; biblical convictions on sexuality/gender	Up to 5 years' imprisonment	Enacted; not yet in force (no commencement proclamation; regs in draft). Government Gazette 50652.
NHI Act	Signed 15 May 2024	State healthcare monopoly; private cover eliminated	Stewardship of our bodies (1 Cor 6:19–20)	Private cover prohibited when implemented	Suspended by court order Feb 2026. ConCourt May 2026.
BELA Act	Signed 13 Sep 2024	Homeschooling; compulsory registration; "best interests" override	Teaching children in the faith (Deut 6:7)	Up to 12 months' imprisonment	Fully in force. HSLDA.
Employment Equity Amendment	1 Jan 2025	Racial quotas across 18 sectors	Hiring without respect of persons (Acts 10:34)	R1.5m–R2.7m or 2–10% turnover; no govt contracts	In force. DA challenge pending.
Expropriation Act	Assented 23 Jan 2025	Any property for "public interest"; nil compensation	Our homes, meeting halls, businesses, intellectual property	Nil compensation by court order	Assented; unproclaimed. Challenges pending.
CRL Registration Framework	Section 22 launched Oct 2, 2025	Mandatory church registration; state-issued pastor licence	We take no name, register with no state	"Jail... irrespective of your calling" – Chair, on camera	Pursuing via Section 22 Cttee. FOR SA: "unconstitutional."
Treason climate	Feb 2025–present	Seeking refuge or speaking to US government	Writing to officials; going to Washington in person	Criminal treason; arrest on arrival	MK Party 10 Feb 2025; Mandela 12 Jun 2025; Ntshavheni May 2025.

2 · TREASON RECORD – THREE CONFIRMED INCIDENTS

Mind map ↗

10 February 2025

MK Party (3rd-largest in Parliament) filed criminal treason against AfriForum – for "misleading the U.S." leading to E.O. 14204.

[The Citizen · M&G, Feb 2025 ↗](#)

12 June 2025

Mayibuye Mandela (Nelson Mandela's great-grandson) filed treason charges against **the individual Afrikaner refugees themselves**, plus AfriForum and Solidarity. Called for Trump to deport them.

[Newsweek, Jun 2025 ↗](#)

May 2025

Minister Ntshavheni confirmed in Parliament that both AfriForum and Solidarity face a **government treason investigation**: "Treasonous acts cannot be left unpunished."

[IOL, 14 May 2025 ↗](#)

3 · VERIFIED QUOTES

[Source documents ↗](#)[Mind map ↗](#)

On regulating Christianity

"If someone tells you that God was talking to me, tell them to go to the psychiatric ward."

CRL, Chair Mkhwanazi-Xaluva · [JOY! News, 3 Oct 2025 ↗](#)

"...This thing called Christianity needs to be regulated." / "...this thing has been allowed to go on for [too long]."

BBC (ACDP-cited) / Newzroom Afrika, Apr 2025

"You have to be registered or else you'll go to jail... irrespective of your calling."

SACD documentary transcript 01:21, 27:05, 27:41 [Source: SACD documentary transcript ↗](#)

"For now we are focusing on the Christian family."

CRL, Chair Mkhwanazi-Xaluva · Section 22 launch transcript, 2 Oct 2025

On the revolution's goal – fixed strategy, flexible tactics

"The mineral wealth... shall be transferred to the ownership of the people as a whole."

Freedom Charter · 26 Jun 1955

"Our first transition ... has proven inadequate and inappropriate for our social and economic transformation phase."

Jeff Radebe · ANC head of policy · 2012

"...tactics that are suitable for the specific conditions under which we operate. But such tactics should be informed by our commitment to the strategic goal."

ANC Strategy & Tactics 2017, ¶42

"Resistance to transformation must be crushed by the combined force of the people and the democratic state."

ANC 55th National Conference · Strategy & Tactics 2022, Res. 1

"The ANC must learn from communist China or die from corruption."

Gwede Mantashe · ANC National Chairperson · 2021

"...abolishing private ownership of the main means of production..."

SACP · The Path to Power (1989)

4 · THE MODEL – WHAT THE

CRL IS COPYING, AND THE
REGIMES THE

ANC CHOSE TO FOLLOW
(ENCL. 2, 4)

[Model exhibit ↗](#)[NDR sources ↗](#)[Mind map ↗](#)

What happened when Rwanda regulated religion:

- **Rwanda 2018:** Over **7,700 churches** closed in a single weekend; 2,000+ unregistered churches forced to close; by Aug 2024, over **9,800 prayer houses + 7,000 "illegal" churches** shut – Pres. Kagame: "a den of bandits"
- **Angola Nov 2018–May 2019:** ~2,308 places of worship closed as Communist-aligned government enforced registration laws
- Both models: theology degree required; house-church & open-air preaching banned; state "patriotic associations" – Bitter Winter compares to China

Significance: The CRL Chair has confirmed the Commission is studying other countries that already regulate religion and favours compulsory "umbrella-body" registration; religious-freedom analysts – FOR SA foremost – identify Rwanda as the leading model. Christians who take no institutional name – no hierarchy, no registered institution, no state-approved clergy – would be among the first affected.

The regimes the ANC chose to copy – the same states that crush independent churches:

- **Vietnam:** the 1978 ANC delegation to Hanoi produced the **Green Book (1979)**, rebuilding ANC strategy on the Vietnamese revolution. *Vietnam's 2018 Law on Belief & Religion punishes unregistered churches.*
- **Soviet Union:** the source of the **NDR / two-stage theory**; SACP 1962 & Path to Power 1989 hail "the world socialist system." *The original state-control-of-religion model.*
- **Cuba:** Mandela in Havana, 1991 – "Long live comrade Fidel Castro!"; Castro drew the biggest ovation of any guest at Mandela's 1994 inauguration; **imported** via the Mandela–Castro medical brigades. *Cuba's Communist Party licenses religion; unregistered membership is a crime.*
- **China (CCP):** a **2008 ANC–CCP cadre-training MoU**; the ANC leadership school modelled on the CCP's CELAP academy; Gwede Mantashe (2021): the ANC must "learn from communist China or die from corruption." China's "Sinicization": register with the state church or be illegal.

The loop: the regimes the ANC and SACP most admire – USSR, Cuba, Vietnam, China – are the same one-party states that force churches to **register or be illegal**. The CRL is building the same system; the party driving it is openly schooled in the very governments that built it.

Sources: [Green Book 1979 \(Vietnam\) ↗](#) [SACP: Path to Power \(USSR\) ↗](#) [Mandela in Cuba, 1991 ↗](#) [ANC–CCP training, Brookings \(China\) ↗](#)

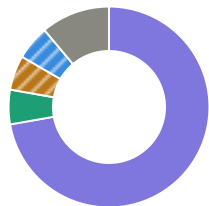
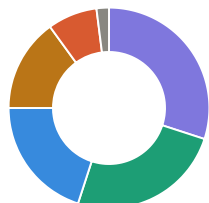
[NDR sources ↗](#)[Launch roll-call ↗](#)[CRL statement ↗](#)

4B · THE SECTION 22 COMMITTEE – AND WHY “SOUTH AFRICA IS A CHRISTIAN COUNTRY” MISSES IT

Full roster ↗

Mind map ↗

South Africa is nominally Christian – ~82% by identity ([US State Department 2023 IRF Report](#), citing Boston University's 2020 World Religion Database) – but the conflict is not with every church that bears the Christian name. The state tolerates and empowers churches that are hierarchical, registered, culturally integrated and state-cooperative. The pressure falls on **believers who hold to orthodox biblical Christianity**: Scripture as final authority, no mixing of other traditions into the faith, no state licence over ministry, no surrender of conscience. This is not a Black-versus-white church dispute. Many of the Christians most exposed to the CRL's hostility are **Black Pentecostal and Charismatic believers**; the CRL's own Section 22 chair resigned over hostility to those very sectors. The line is doctrinal and institutional, not racial. *Eight umbrella bodies hold the seats; constituted as 19 (Oct 2025) under founding chair Prof. Xulu. Xulu resigned Jan 2026 (→ whistle-blower); the committee's original Evangelical Alliance member, Rev Dr John Maloma, was elevated to chair (deputy Lizwi Ncwane, Nazareth) – leaving 18 current members. The CRL has not published a revised roster. All COVID-compliant.*

Member body	Seats	What it holds / incorporates	What it did during COVID	The Section 22 Committee vs the Christian Sector
Nazareth Baptist (Shembe)	9	African Initiated Church; documented (SAHO/scholarly): <i>ancestor veneration</i> , veneration of founder Isaiah Shembe as a prophet, Zulu ritual	All factions stayed closed; refused to reopen when legally permitted	18-member committee (exact) · sector = illustrative estimate (Census 2022 + Pew) Who sits on the committee  ■ AIC 13 ■ Pent./Charismatic 1 ■ Evangelical 1 – repudiated ■ Ecumenical 1 – distanced ■ Network / civic 2 South Africa's Christian sector  ■ AIC ~30% ■ Pent./Charismatic ~25% ■ Mainline ~20% ■ Evangelical ~15% ■ Catholic ~8% ■ Other ~2% 13 of 18 seats AIC vs ~30% of the sector; the two hatched (mainstream) seats are repudiated/distanced by their own bodies.
Zion Christian Church (ZCC)	3	SA's largest church; African Initiated Church; documented (SAHO/scholarly): <i>ancestor veneration</i> , prophecy and healing as doctrine	Closed before the law required; refused Level 3 reopening; bishops publicly vaccinated	
SA Council of Churches (SACC)	1	Ecumenical mainline body. Its rep Madlala was the "original nominee" – but the SACC has publicly distanced itself , approaching the regulations "with caution"	Helped <i>design</i> the compliance framework; "first to call for a lockdown"	
Evangelical Alliance (TEASA)	1	Evangelical alliance (~4.4m). Its rep Maloma now chairs – yet major member denominations (Apostolic Faith Mission, Assemblies of God, Full Gospel) formally repudiated TEASA's participation	Published its own compliance guidelines; required compliance officers	
Council of African Independent Churches (CAIC)	1	Umbrella for African-Independent churches – many incorporating traditional, non-scriptural elements	Complied throughout the lockdown	
The Great Commission (W. Cape)	1	Ministers' network – registered, state-cooperative	Complied; no record of defiance	
Moral Regeneration Movement (MRM)	1	ANC-aligned civic body – not a church; aligns churches with party doctrine	Compliance never in question	
Rhema Bible Church	1	Charismatic megachurch (McCauley) – mainstream doctrine; tolerated as state-cooperative	Closed immediately; stayed shut 7 weeks past reopening; hosted the launch	
Founding chair · Prof. Rev. Musa Xulu	–	Founding Section 22 Chairperson – seat now vacant	Resigned 15 Jan 2026 → whistle-blower (sworn affidavit); chair role passed to Maloma, an original EASA member	
TOTAL	18	18 current members (constituted as 19; founding chair Xulu's seat vacant since his resignation) · all COVID-compliant · 13 of 18 African Independent Churches (Shembe 9 · ZCC 3 · CAIC) – 12 of them (Shembe & ZCC) documented with ancestor veneration · independent-evangelical & traditional churches excluded		

By contrast, orthodox biblical Christianity – Scripture as final authority, **no mixing of other traditions into the faith**, no state licence over ministry, no surrender of conscience – has **no seat**. The committee is built from churches the state can register and work with; the believers who cannot submit their doctrine or worship to state control are the ones under pressure.

Sources: on-camera delegate roll – CRL Section 22 launch (Encl. transcript 74), corroborated by Bitter Winter & The Cape Independent reporting; member organisations confirmed in the CRL launch statement (6 Oct 2025); per-body COVID compliance – COVID-Compliance research (Encl. 9); AIC classification – SAHO (ZCC) + Religions (MDPI) 2023.

5 · PRESIDENTIAL SACP AXIS – THE PRESIDENCY ITSELF AS AN NDR INSTRUMENT

Source documents ↗

Mind map ↗

Every president since 1994 has been an SACP member, a former member, or the SACP's closely aligned candidate. The ANC's own 1997 Strategy & Tactics: "ANC representatives must fulfil the mandate of the organisation in all centres of power, including the executive."

President	Term	SACP Status	Key evidence	Cabinet SACP members
Nelson Mandela	1994–1999	CENTRAL COMMITTEE	"was not only a member... but also a member of our Party's Central Committee" – SACP, 6 Dec 2013. Hidden for 51 years. Authored "How to be a Good Communist" (handwritten ms.). File ✓	~6 confirmed: Slovo (Housing), Kasrils (Defence), Tshwete (Safety), Mufamadi (Safety), Jordan (Posts), Naidoo (RDP) Pub. record
Thabo Mbeki	1999–2008	MEMBER IN EXILE	SACP member (London exile, late 1960s–1970s); resigned on SACP legalisation c.1990; maintained Tripartite Alliance as governing framework throughout. Pub. record	~4 confirmed: Kasrils (Water→Intelligence), Tshwete (Safety, d.2002), Nqakula (Safety), Jordan Pub. record
Kgalema Motlanthe	Sep 2008–May 2009	SACP SEC. GENERAL 1996–98	Served as SACP Secretary General before moving directly to ANC Secretary General (1997), then ANC Deputy President, then Acting State President. Pub. record	Inherited Mbeki cabinet intact; no reshuffle during caretaker term Pub. record
Jacob Zuma	2009–2018	SACP'S CHOSEN CANDIDATE	SACP's preferred candidate vs Mbeki at 2007 Polokwane. M&G (7 Jul 2015): "five out of its six top [SACP] leaders are deployed by the ANC in government." SACP later admitted Zuma was a "mistake." File ✓	5 of 6 SACP top leaders in cabinet: Nzimande (Higher Ed), Cronin (Dep. Public Works), Patel (Economic Dev.), Davies (Trade & Industry) File ✓
Cyril Ramaphosa	2018–present	PUBLICLY ALIGNED	Sang "I'm a Communist" at ANC conference (Dec 2017). SACP Red October rally (Nov 2017): "It is the aim of the SACP to build socialism today in preparation for the attainment of a communist world." File ✓	Nzimande (Higher Ed), Patel (Employment), Mantashe (Mineral Resources) continued. Signed Hate Speech Act, NHI, BELA, Expropriation Act – 2024–25. File ✓

[File ✓](#) confirmed from source documents on file · [Pub. record](#) confirmed public record (not in these files) · Primary files: SACP statement on Mandela (6 Dec 2013); M&G July 2015; Ramaphosa Clips & Transcripts; ANC Strategy & Tactics 1997.

6 · PEOPLE'S WAR – HOW THE MOVEMENT REMOVED OPPOSITION BEFORE (1984–94)

Background ↗

Mind map ↗

The "people's war" the ANC adopted from Vietnam (Green Book, 1979) was applied at home: the deliberate removal of anyone who would not conform to the revolution. Tactics below are documented by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission; the "people's war" framing follows A. Jeffery, *People's War* (2009).

1984–85 · The order

O.R. Tambo's call on Radio Freedom – "Make South Africa ungovernable" (ANC NEC, 25 Apr 1985). The Vietnamese "people's war" doctrine, now turned on the country itself.

[SAHO; ANC NEC 1985 ↗](#)

1985–90 · The method

State authority driven out; township councillors and police forced to resign as "collaborators"; "people's courts" imposed summary punishment – lashes, public humiliation, and **necklacing** (a burning tyre) of informers.

[TRC Report, Vol. 2 Ch. 4 ↗](#)

13 Apr 1986 · Endorsed at the top

Winnie Mandela, Munsieville: "...with our boxes of matches and our necklaces we shall liberate this country." TRC testimony: taken as permission to wipe out informers.

[TRC; SAPA, 28 Nov 1997 ↗](#)

The targets

Councillors, police, moderates – and rival movements, above all **Inkatha (IFP)**. The logic of a people's war: it **tolerates no neutral ground and no independent institution**.

[TRC ↗](#); A. Jeffery, *People's War* (contested)

Why this matters now – they have done it before. When this movement last set out to remove what stood in its way, it deliberately collapsed the order and eliminated those who would not conform. That is why the emergency-powers shortcut (Page 1) is not speculation – it is a **return to a proven method**: the same party now building a church-registration regime has shown it will make the country ungovernable to achieve its objectives.

7 · EDUCATION – THE CURRICULUM, AND WHO IS COMPELLED TO TEACH IT

White Paper 1995 ↗

Source notes ↗

Mind map ↗

The lineage, the initial curriculum change, and the BELA Act – how a state curriculum, compulsory by law, reaches the Christian child. The NCS critique is the *attributed* analysis of a named curriculum-design specialist (L.J. van Oostrum, MA Curriculum Science; Pestalozzi Trust, 2001); the architects' framing quotes are from their own signed government documents.

Background · 1955–1992 · the lineage

The Freedom Charter's education clause – *"the aim of education shall be to teach the youth to love their people and their culture"* – runs through **"People's Education for People's Power"** (Sisulu, NECC 1986: *"the education struggle is a political struggle"*) and the **National Education Policy Investigation** (NEPI, 1992), authored under Blade Nzimande, later SACP General Secretary.

[Freedom Charter; Sisulu 1986; Mathebula 2013 ↗](#)

The initial change · 1997–2002

Curriculum 2005 / OBE becomes the National Curriculum Statement. In their own signed words the architects tie it to the movement: Minister Bengu (1995 White Paper) – *"our new democracy, and our Reconstruction and Development Programme"*; Minister Asmal (2000) – *"the victory of our liberation movement."*

[Bengu, White Paper, Government Gazette 16312 \(1995\) ↗](#)

The warning · 2001 (attributed)

Curriculum–design analyst **L.J. van Oostrum** (MA Curriculum Science) and the **Pestalozzi Trust**: the NCS compels children *"to adopt values from other cultures and religions"* and to treat all faiths as equal – *"control over the inner soul of every child by using the executive power of the state."* For orthodox biblical Christians this is compulsion against conscience. Van Oostrum recalls that at a 1992 conference on transforming the education system, **SACP member and Marxist sociologist Prof. Harold Wolpe** reached *"the classic revolutionary conclusion that all existing structures had to be destroyed before the new society could be established"* – a statement, he notes, later "mysteriously omitted" from the published lecture.

[van Oostrum; Pestalozzi Trust, 2001 · Wolpe SACP: SAHO ↗](#)

The compulsion · BELA Act 2024

Schooling compulsory grade R–9 (cl. 3(1)); a parent who fails to send their child → **up to 12 months' imprisonment** (cl. 3(6)). Home education must be registered and *"comparable to the relevant national curriculum"* (cl. 51(2)(a)), assessed against the NCS standard (cl. 51(2)(b)); the Department **must decline** if not met (cl. 51(4)). Cl. 51(16): the Minister may make home–education rules **without Parliament**. June 2025's soft guidelines came from a DA minister – reversible by an **ANC/SACP** successor.

[Basic Education Laws Amendment Act, 2024 – cl. 3, 51 ↗](#)

The through-line. A curriculum built as an outworking of the liberation movement, which treats orthodox Christian conviction as one relativised option among many, is now – through the **BELA** Act – **compulsory for every child, enforced by criminal penalty**, with home education registrable at the Minister's discretion. The one refuge from a state-mandated curriculum is itself being closed.

Package enclosures:

[Encl. 2 ↗](#) [NDR](#) documentary evidence (Mar 2025) [Encl. 3 ↗](#) COVID enforcement – 411k arrests, worship bans, force on every colour [Encl. 4 ↗](#)

Rwanda model – 7,700 churches closed, theology degrees, evangelism bans

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ABBREVIATIONS – A KEY FOR READERS UNFAMILIAR WITH SOUTH AFRICAN TERMS

ANC – African National Congress

B-BBEE – Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment

BELA – Basic Education Laws Amendment Act

COSATU – Congress of South African Trade Unions

CPSA – Communist Party of South Africa (renamed SACP, 1953)

CRL – Cultural, Religious and Linguistic Rights Commission

CST – Colonialism of a Special Type

EE – Employment Equity

EFF – Economic Freedom Fighters

FOR SA – Freedom of Religion South Africa

IIRF – International Institute for Religious Freedom

IPID – Independent Police Investigative Directorate

MK – uMkhonto weSizwe (MK Party)

NCS – National Curriculum Statement

NDR – National Democratic Revolution

NHI – National Health Insurance

PEPUDA – Promotion of Equality and Prevention of Unfair Discrimination Act

RET – Radical Economic Transformation

SACBC – Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference

SACP – South African Communist Party

SANDF – South African National Defence Force

SAPS – South African Police Service

SNIE – Special National Intelligence Estimate

TRC – Truth and Reconciliation Commission

USCIRF – US Commission on International Religious Freedom

ZCC – Zion Christian Church