ANC snubs ANCYL

'SHOCKED': Party rejects call for KZN reshuffle

SKHUMBUZO MIYA

THE African National Congress in KwaZulu-Natal has rejected a resolution by its youth wing in the province that two MECs must step down because they have failed to develop specific youth empowerment programmes within their departments.

The call was one of the resolutions taken during ANC Youth League's provincial general council (PGC), which was held at the Edgewood campus of the University of KwaZulu-Natal in Pinetown at the weekend.

ThePGC voiced the youth league's dissatisfaction with the MEC for Social Development, Meshack Radebe, and MEC for Public Works and Human Settlements Praggie Govender.

It called for a reshuffle of the provincial cabinet, especially of these two portfolios.

In a statement, Sihle Zikalala, the ANC provincial secretary, said yesterday that "the ANC noted with great shock and dismay pronouncements by the ANCYL".

"It is very unfortunate that the ANCYL has decided to go public about the names of other leaders without good cause and substance.

"We would have expected the ANCL to approach the ANC leadership internally in this regard before making such public pronouncements."

Zikalala pointed out that it is the ANC that appoints MECs, and as it stands, the ANC still has confidence in all MECs of the ANC-led provincial government.

"The ANC has repeatedly called on all its members to refrain from public smears and character assassination of its leaders and members.

"We warn the ANCYL to ensure that it uses internal proper channels to address their concerns," Zikalala added.

At the time of going to print no ANCYL leader in the province was available to comment on Zikalala's statement.

BEE: COSATU

Pupils swap classroom

THARUNA DEVCHAND

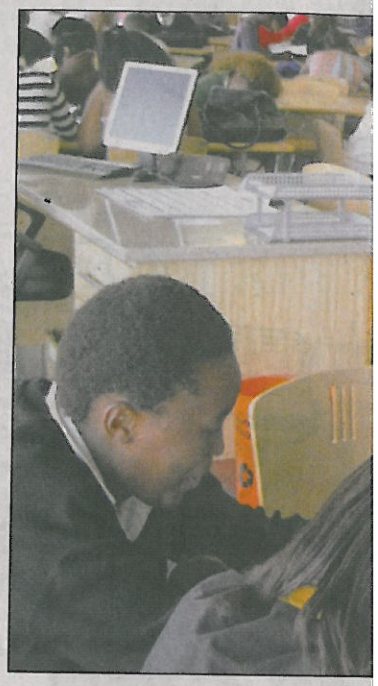
MANY schoolchildren in Pietermaritzburg are studying in local libraries, minimising the impact of the public servants'strike on their futures.

Said a Russell High matriculant who asked not to be named, "It is up to us to study. It is our future and we can't blame the government.

"Whether there is a strike or not, we have to do something. At the end of the day, we have to get our matric."

Despite the policy that allows pupils in only after 1 pm, libraries have opened their doors to them earlier, giving them access to study guides, textbooks and other resources.

"Most scholars have taken the opportunity to study in the libraries," said Mandla Ntombela, acting head of the Msunduzi Municipal Library. "It offers a



Pupils studying at the Bessie He

FILM TALK: BOLLYWOOD STAR IN KZN

ESTELLE SINKINS

BOLLYWOOD legend Rishi Kapoor will visit KwaZulu-Natal in September as part of the fourth Shared History — The Indian Experience Festival.

He will be discussing the Indian film genre in two "In Conversation" sessions in Durban on September 18 and Pietermaritzburg on September 19, before he heads to Johannesburg to take part in a film retrospective on September 20.

His visit to PMB has been organised by Dr Navin Dayanand of Daymed Private Hospital and Koushik Maharaj of Mediacomsa, and forms part of the city's celebrations of the 150th anniversary of the arrival of Indians in SA.

The Shared History Festival gets under way tomorrow with the launch of the exhibition "Where The Streets Have No Name", at the Durban Art Gallery. Festival-goers also have the chance to see Ronnie Govender's *At the Edge and Other Cato Manor Stories*, starring Jailoshini Naidoo; the world music of Mrigya at the Durban City Hall; *Swan Lake* performed in Indian classical dance style at The Playhouse; and a performance by mandolin maestro U. Shrinivas with the KZN Philharmonic Orchestra, in the Durban City Hall.

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Time: 17h30
Venue: The Docklands Hotel, Corner Mahatma Gandhi and Point Road (The Point Waterfront)
Guest Speaker – Lucilla Booyzen (Fashion entrepreneur