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STATEMENT ON THE CLOSURE OF OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

The Young Communist League of South Africa (YCLSA) in Linda Jabane District, which we characterized as the City of Exploitation, has learnt with great disdain that Meta, the company that owns Facebook and WhatsApp, has unilaterally deleted our Facebook off the face of this world.

As much as this angers us, this unilateral decision by Meta proves that "media freedom" in a capitalist society, that is, a society where a small minority owns and controls everything incl. media, is a sham to deceive the oppressed classes. So long as the oppressed have the "freedom" to say that which does not threaten the capitalist order, then their freedom of speech is guaranteed, but the moment that they start saying things that threaten the privileged position of the capitalists, then that freedom is taken away!

That is the essence of capitalist media in a capitalist society such as ours!

This is not a lament, but an exposure of how the South African political space (incl. social media platforms) is rigged in favour of the capitalist class. It is for this reason that the working class must build and support their own independent media platforms, platforms that must be owned and controlled by the oppressed classes themselves in order to preserve their own means of communication. It is clear, as proven during the election campaign, that the predominantly capitalist media space will not allow a genuinely revolutionary perspective to be brought to the attention of the toiling masses, the working class youth in particular! They fear that if the youth fully embrace communism, their capitalist party will come to an abrupt end, which is why we must not retreat, but intensify our ideological offensive and win over the overwhelming youth to the side of communism.

Only in that way can we overthrow the capitalists and raise the working class to the position of being the ruling class! Let the capitalists tremble at the upcoming communist revolution, we have nothing to lose but our chains!

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