

Winnie Mandela states her own case

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So far, the attention has been stoked by the damning allegations made against her. Katiza Cebekhulu, the main witness and a former member of MUFC, told the commission how, in 1989, he saw her stab 14-year old activist Stompie Seipei, whom she accused of being a police spy.

Cebekhulu also made these allegations in a book published in October by British journalist Fred Bridgland titled "Katiza's Journey: Beneath the Surface of South Africa's Shame."

However Cebekhulu's testimony clashed with that of former MUFC coach Jerry Richardson who, through his lawyer, confessed to the murder and that of two other youths, Lolo Sono and Siboniso Shabalala. John Morgan, Madikizela-Mandela's former driver, told the commission she was the first to slap Seipei at her home on Dec. 29, 1988.

"I lied about some of these things in court in order to save Winnie, who was my boss," Morgan said. "I decided to lie myself. We were not told to lie specifically by anyone. I want to tell the truth now because it is no use to me to lie anymore."

Courts at the time found Madikizela-Mandela guilty of kidnapping Seipei and sentenced her to a \$3,000 fine.

A visibly angered Xoliswa Fhlati, who served time for the kidnapping, told the TRC it was Madikizela-Mandela who caused the death of Seipei "and messed up all our lives."

"My hands are not dripping with the blood of the innocent African children," Fhlati said. "I went to prison for her (Madikizela-Mandela), she was very much ungrateful." She also admitted to lying in court during Madikizela-Mandela's trial. "I was protecting my leader. That was our culture, to protect our leaders."

McDonald's goes to Gantt group

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visionary businessman who was on the cutting edge of his time. Before his death in 1995, he conceived, built, nurtured and expanded a number of businesses in the Beatties Ford Road Corridor. These businesses became the anchor of black business development in Northwest Charlotte.

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The new owners said the cafeteria's interior will be modernized, with a new seating layout, furnishings and increased capacity, from 150 to 250 seats.

A smaller banquet/meeting room will be redone to accommodate 150 seats. The kitchen and serving area will also be renovated to accommodate an expanded menu.

A canopied walkway, new lighting and signs will be added to the exterior of the building.

The hotel will be refurbished inside and out, with upgrades to the lobby, public areas and guest rooms.

Eunice McDonald will be hired as a consultant during the ownership transition, the new owners said.

ine a mine dump near Johannesburg where she said the bodies of four youths were dumped by Madikizela-Mandela and the MUFC.

There are contradictions in the evidence of the witnesses that Madikizela-Mandela may use in her favor, but other witnesses could prove damaging.

"If, for example, Albertina Sisulu testifies and what she says goes against Winnie then people would rather believe Albertina than Winnie," says Lodge. Sisulu is the wife of former ANC deputy president Walter Sisulu.

Madikizela-Mandela has charged that the purpose of the hearings is to demonize her in the wake of her nomination by the ANC Women's League as its candidate for the deputy presidency of the party, which is to elect its top officials this month.

There are fears within the ANC that the party's favorite for that post, Jacob Zuma, might lose to Madikizela-Mandela who, in a recent exclusive interview with the Star, lashed out at both the ANC and the commission.

"You are no longer sure whether the enemy is still just the third force alone when you see certain things happening in



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Winnie Madikizela-Mandela is sworn in to testify in Johannesburg last week at a Truth and Reconciliation Commission hearing.

the country, when you see the TRC, when you see Desmond Tutu hugging Pik Botha, when he walks into the TRC and actually applauds and thanks the perpetrators of the brutality and atrocities," Madikizela-Mandela said.

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