

## Bust of Martin Luther King unveiled



Ambassador Edward Perkins with US sculptor Zenos Frudakis at yesterday's unveiling of the bust of Martin Luther King in Pretoria.

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PRETORIA — US Ambassador Edward Perkins yesterday unveiled a bronze bust of Martin Luther King Junior and said King's non-violent civil rights movement held "some lessons" for SA.

Perkins said he did not "tend to equate" SA and the US, "but searching for non-violent solutions is probably something worth thinking about" in SA.

Perkins and Zenos Frudakis, a Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, sculptor who made the bust, unveiled King's image under a tent on a bushy plot where a new US embassy is to be built. The 125 onlookers included South African anti-apartheid campaigners and a low-level representative from the SA Foreign Affairs Ministry.

KaNgwane chief minister Enos Mabuza said the conditions of racial separateness were strikingly parallel in SA now and in the US when King was active. A big difference, Mabuza said, was that the US Constitution protected individual rights, but SA laws "protect white privilege and white-minority rule". — Sapa.