



The American Embassy in Pretoria yesterday unveiled a bust of civil rights leader MARTIN LUTHER KING at the embassy's new premises. The sculptor of the memorial is ZENOS FRUDAKIS (left) with US ambassador, Mr EDWARD PERKINS.

Blacks must close ranks says Mabuza

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THE Chief Minister of KaNgwane, Dr Enos Mabuza, yesterday called on Blacks to close ranks against the South African Government.

Speaking in Pretoria, Dr Mabuza said authentic Black leaders refused to negotiate with the government because they did not want to compromise their principles.

Dr Mabuza was the guest speaker at a dedication ceremony for a Martin Luther King memorial at the site where the new American Embassy is to be built in Pretoria.

Dr Mabuza said there were many parallels between the America of Dr King's time and the South Africa of today.

He said in both countries there was a struggle

for justice and freedom.

Dr King hated discrimination and his response to it was to mobilise his own community in a non-violent confrontation.

"He rejected violence as a means of releasing the oppressed," said Dr Mabuza.

However, he said,

there was a fundamental difference between the two countries, and that was that American Blacks had the constitution of their country on their side.

"In our own country, where our own Black resistance groups have been active since 1912, we do not have the protection of a constitution," he said.