



**SOCIALIST REVOLUTIONARY
WORKERS' PARTY**

SRWP CALLS FOR MUSICIAN MAMPINTSHA TO BE ARRESTED!

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The Socialist Revolutionary Workers Party (SRWP) is calling for the immediate arrest of Kwaito musician Mandla “Mampintsha” Maphumulo, who was caught on film allegedly assaulting female musician, Babes Wodumo. As the SRWP, we reject and abhor any form of oppressive behaviour, especially violence against women and children. We stand in solidarity with Babes Wodumo in her time of need.

We are also concerned about the health, safety and well-being of the young artist, Babes Wodumo, whose real name is Bongekile Simelane. She took a massive risk by recording the suffering which she is forced to endure as a result of her relationship with this man, which is why we are calling for him to be arrested immediately. The video is evidence that Mampintsha is violent and poses a danger to her, and to society in general, and therefore urgent steps must be taken to apprehend him.

The two artists have a personal and intimate partner relationship. She also works with him professionally and is part of his record label West Ink. This means her career is tied up with his recording label and therefore poses additional concerns to her well-being. The Capitalist system gives women very few choices and little to no support when faced with such a situation as Babes Wodumo has experienced.

Capitalism forces women into making terrible compromises. Abused women struggle to leave abusive relationships because they often depend on the abusive partner financially and emotionally. Whilst he is beating her with his fists, he is also battering her verbally and emotionally, shattering her self-esteem and making it impossible for her to leave. It is unfair to demand that a victim of physical abuse must leave her abusive partner, and yet, no financial or emotional support is given in order to substitute and aid this transition!

SRWP CALLS ON ALL RADIO STATION TO MUTE MAMPINTSHA!

We are also calling for all radio stations, and music channels to mute Mampintsha and not to play his music. Instead, they must actively seek out and support Babes Wodumo and her musical career. She must be supported financially so that it can be easier for her to start a new life, free from her abuser. This temporary measure will help her to start a new life and to get back on her feet.

Capitalism is a violent brutal system. It reproduces misery, poverty and inequality wherever it exists - conditions necessary for its survival as a system based on exploitation. It fools the unsuspecting public into believing that the misery created by it can be solved by individuals changing their behaviour. It promotes the lie that social problems can be treated as individual difficulties, caused by bad choices or poor genes, and it produces all manner of excuses to cover up for the failures of this system. When in reality, the greatest proponent of your success under this brutal system, is your race, your sex and fundamentally your class position.

Capitalism is a system which steeps into every fibre of our beings and into every aspect of our human relationships. Homophobia, xenophobia, racism and patriarchy are embedded in Capitalist ideology. Babes is a victim of violence and abuse. She is being exploited and oppressed by her lover. Her suffering is no coincidence, it is a reflection of the abusive, oppressive nature of the Capitalist system which is dominating all our lives. It is impossible to permanently change this state of affairs without a revolution to destroy the patriarchal structure that continues to oppress her, and all other women.

The destruction of Capitalism means we will be able to replace it with a more humane, caring system. A socialist society is one where all resources, economic, social and political are geared towards a better life for all humans, and not just for a few wealthy elites. In a Socialist society, women can develop into full and complete human beings without having to depend on 'blessers' or other oppressive practices in order to survive. They can freely make choices which are truly in their interests, without worrying about the economic burden caused by their decisions. In the words of Susan Rosenthal in her article, Capitalism, Alienation and Family:

“Replacing capitalism with a socialist society will change much more than the economy; it will change the people who create that social revolution, and it will change their relationships in ways we can only imagine. It will transform what it means to be human.”

We are a revolutionary working class formation and ultimately, we want a permanent solution which will end the suffering of all working class women. This can only happen through the total destruction of the Capitalist system, and the creation of a Socialist South Africa.

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