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FINAL CELEBRATION OF THE CENTENARY OF BHAMBATHA POLL TAX UPRISING

The Public and the media are invited to attend the final celebration of the Bhambatha Poll Tax Uprising, highlighting what has come to be known as the Maphumulo Poll Tax Protest.

Since the beginning of the year South Africa has been swept by the Bhambatha fever that was felt across the international borders.

KwaZulu-Natal and indeed the whole of South Africa have seen leaders of our country, President Thabo Mbeki, Premier Sibusiso Ndebele, His Majesty King Goodwill Zwelithiniz kaBhekuzulu, Prince Mangosuthu Buthelezi and ANC Deputy President Jacob Zuma together celebrating the reinstatement of Inkosi Bhambatha KamaNcinza Zondi who was deposed by the Natal Colonial Administration.

The Bhambatha Centenary celebrations have been held in Greytown, Richmond and Inkandla and now the celebrations will be held in KwaMaphumulo. The aim of these commemorative events is to revive the memory of icons such as Inkosi Bhambatha kamaNcinza Zondi. It is also about taking heritage debate to the people by allowing them to identify who their heroes so that they start valuing themselves.

The Maphumulo event will be the final leg of Bhambatha Centenary events. It also comes in the aftermath of the Satyagraha Centenary Celebrations which is part of the Government's national heritage programme and which saw the visit of Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh to South Africa and KwaZulu-Natal last weekend.

The Celebration of the Maphumulo Poll Tax Uprising will take at:

Venue: Sixheni Sports Grounds, Mthandeni area at Maphumulo

Time: 9am

Date: Saturday, 14 October 2006

South African renowned artists Bambatha, Mfiliseni Magubane, Bhekumuzi Luthuli, Tizozo, Professor and many more will provide entertainment throughout the event.

Watch press and listen to radios for more information and transport details:

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