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Let's make today a day to remember – and let's do so peacefully

The Save South Africa campaign calls on all involved in today's national shutdown – and other protests against President Jacob Zuma -- to ensure their actions are peaceful and disciplined.

Today is a landmark in our struggle against state capture, and we must make sure it is a day we can all be proud of.

Peaceful protest got us this far, and it is essential that we maintain our dignity and act in a way that continues to win over new supporters. We must also respect the rights of those who choose not to get involved, and allow them to continue with their daily lives.

Given past experience, we should also be vigilant about the possibility of agent provocateurs trying to tarnish our protests. We must expose them, and refuse to be provoked.

We also urge all political parties to call for restraint from their members, and to ensure that today is a resounding success for peaceful protest and people's power.

We expect a massive turnout at SaveSA and FutureSA marches and rallies in Cape Town and Johannesburg today, as well as in other parts of the country, as more and more South Africans rally against the continued rule of President Jacob Zuma.

We urge all South Africans to observe the national shutdown – wherever they are – between 12h00 and 14h00.

We draw the attention of employers and workers to the statement by Business Leadership South Africa earlier this week, encouraging its members to “give employees who wish to participate in the protest an opportunity to do so”, and their view that workers who wish to participate in protests should have “no loss of income or benefits, and without the need to apply for leave”.

We also make a final appeal to Members of Parliament to heed the wishes of the people and vote Zuma out of office this afternoon. He has no place in a South Africa that is focused on addressing inequality, ensuring social justice and building a nation based on integrity and good governance.

Today, we must show Zuma that South Africa has no confidence in him, whether inside Parliament or outside.

More than ever before, we are committed to finally ridding South Africa of all involved in state capture, and to begin the process of reclaiming our country from the crooks and looters who are gathered around Zuma.

These are the dying days of the Zuma project. We must ensure it marks a new era for all South Africans who care about their country, and who want to Save South Africa.