

MASS MEETING



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Too many people sacrificed too much for our democracy. We owe it to them to defend the democratic spaces they opened up in 1994. We call on everyone in South Africa to unite and defend Parliament against these attacks.

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