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## Special Message

2012 has been a year filled with challenges. As a small community paper, we worked hard to bring you news from he community as well as other news of national interest.

We hope that you will enjoy this edition as much as we had the pleasure of putting it together.

We trust that next year will find us all in good health and ready to take on 2013.

Prophets of Doomsday, have created a lot of havoc around the globe, predicting that the world will end in December. This led to tragic killing of kids in the US by a youth, an incident we condemn.

The ANC held a successful 53rd Conference, and we have the pleasure of bringing you snippets from the event which we hope you will enjoy reading.

Lastly, I want to wish all the Grade 12 success and hope that the results which will be released early in January 2013 will make each one happy.

To all our advertisers, readers, printers/Middleburg Observer, I want to thank you for supporting our dream to produce a local paper in our community.

Thank You  
Editor



## Zuma o kgethwa gape go ba moetapele wa ANC

**President:** Jacob Zuma 2983  
Kgalema Motlanthe 994

**DP:** Cyril Ramaphosa 3018  
Mathews Phosa 478  
Tokyo Sexwale 463

**Chairperson:** Baleka Mbete 3010  
Thandi Modise 939

**SG:** Gwede Mantashe 3058

Fikile Mbalula 905

**DSG:** Jesse Duarte – uncontested  
**TG:** Zweli Mkhize 2988  
Paul Mashatile 961

## New leadership tasked with Unity.

By: Ramatamo wa matamong.

Almost every speaker at ANC national conference in Mangaung spoke highly about unity as a requirement and ultimate goal in achieving aims and objectives of this 100 year old liberation movement, hence the conference's theme 'Unity in Action Towards Socio-Economic Freedom'. Since and prior Polokwane 2007, ANC has been marred by allegations of factionalism and materialism, that it has lost a direction and deviated from its mandate of ensuring a better life for all. These remarks featured strongly in Secretary General Report during the opening of the conference on Sunday:

"Factionalism has also led to the virtual collapse of discipline in the structures of the ANC. The disruption of ANC meetings and gatherings is becoming a norm", says Gwede Mantashe who was successfully re-elected for the second term as ANC Secretary General. He said these and other related challenges will require a new National Executive Committee to pay an attention to, as they constitute a threat to the unity of the movement.

"The road to Polokwane was full of divisions and turbulence. It was necessary therefore that we begin healing the organisation and working for



outvoted: Former ANC Deputy President Kgalema Motlanthe

Kgalema Motlanthe declined nomination to position of ANC Deputy President. He also declined nomination to the NEC. Cyril Ramaphosa, received majority votes, ousting Tokyo Sexwale and Mathews Phosa in the position of ANC Deputy President

unity immediately after the conference", says Jacob Zuma in his political report.

"Other alien tendencies to be eliminated from the movement as part of renewal is the negative lobbying for positions which includes smear campaigns in the media as well as gossip and rumour-mongering about one another", he says.

Former Deputy President of the ANC and who also declined nomination to NEC, in his farewell speech Kgalema Motlanthe touched on unity as well. "I wish you strength and wisdom in uniting ANC and its leagues, the alliance and most important of



Landside victory: ANC Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa

all, all South Africans," Motlanthe said. He said the ANC is the epitome of democracy and its needs to champion this course in South Africa and the world over. On the second day of the conference ANC delegates elected their top six leaders who are highly criticised as Zuma camp as follows: Jacob Zuma as the President and followed by Cyril Ramaphosa as his Deputy. Gwede Mantashe retained his position as Secretary General and is joined by Jesse Duarte as his Deputy. Treasurer General is Dr. Zweli Mkhize while Baleka Mbete was re-elected as the National Chairperson. The top six elections will be followed by NEC elections where 80 additional members will be elected.

## ANC top six



**Mopresidente:**  
Jacob Zuma



**Motlatsapresidente:**  
Cyril Ramaphosa



**Mongwaledi pharephare:**  
Gwede Mantashe



**MotlatSamongwaledi:**  
Jesse Duarte



**Motshwaramatlotlo:**  
Zweli Mkhize



**Modulasetulo:**  
Baleka Mbete