

Minister Nzimande unveils Comrade Mzala artwork and writings

12 April 2016 - The historical documents of the avid reader and Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK) freedom fighter Jabulani Nxumalo are now available in the public domain.

At the unveiling and presentation of the documents of Comrade Mzala, as he was better known, the Minister of Higher Education and Training, Dr Blade Nzimande, said his writings such as Apartheid Crisis, Political Strategy for People`s Power, Military Strategy for People`s War and Writing South African History will find their way to the bookshop shelves.

The Mzala Nxumalo Centre, which was established in July 2015, in Pietermaritzburg, KwaZulu–Natal, intends to use his work to champion research, publication, public participation and mentoring of young researchers and students.

The National Skills Fund, a Department of Higher Education and Training entity, will provide grants over a three-year period to assist interns who hold a master`s degree to enable them to research and up-skill themselves and combat rising unemployment rate.

Mzala, who was born to teacher parents, and became a student political activist at the age 15, was described by his friends as intellectual, writer, brave soldier, negotiator, debater and independent thinker “unafraid to differ sharply with leaders or ordinary comrades”.

“His life is an inspiration to young academic and intellectuals who are committed to honest intellectual endeavour and vigorous research,” said his family.