

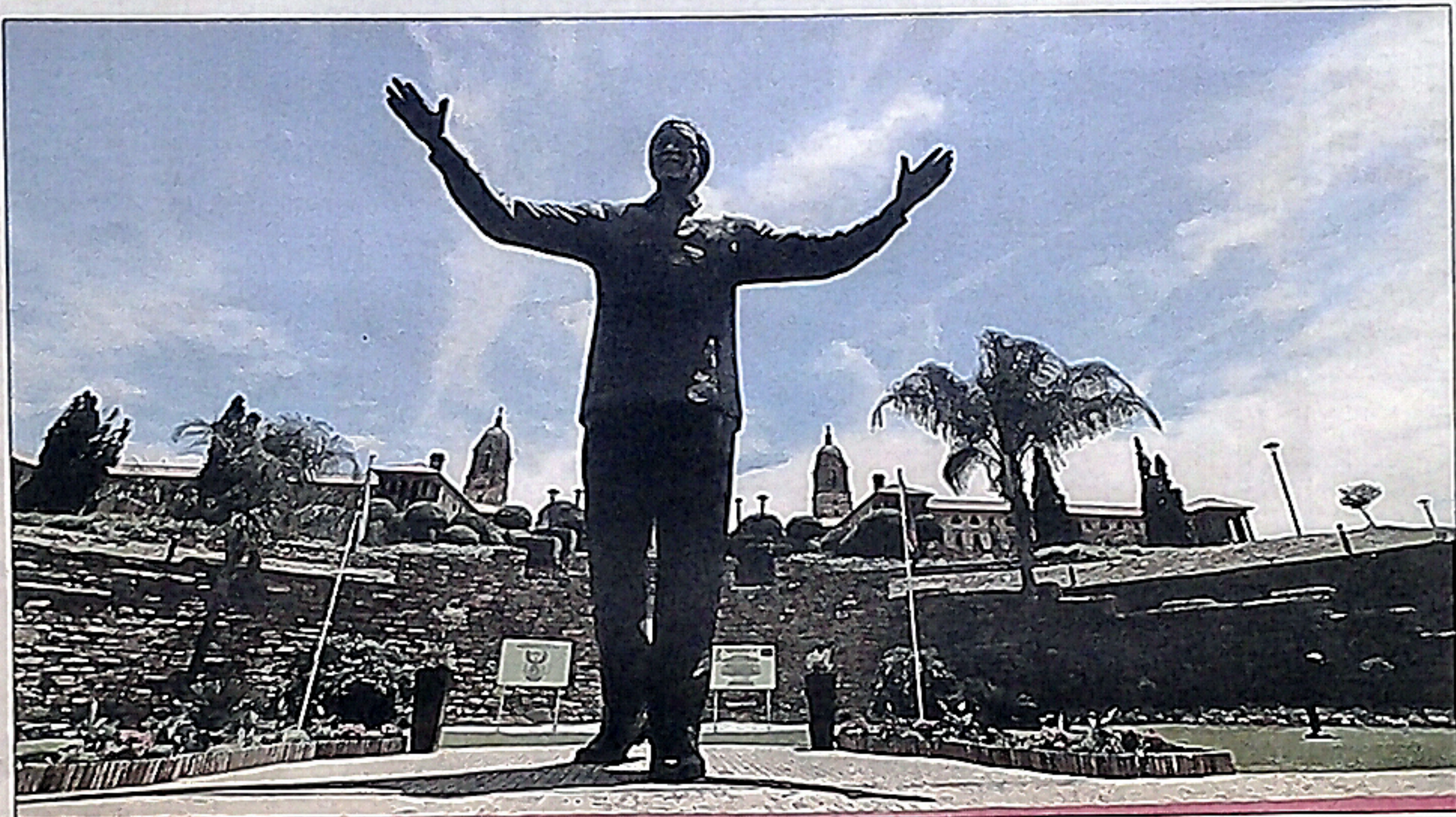
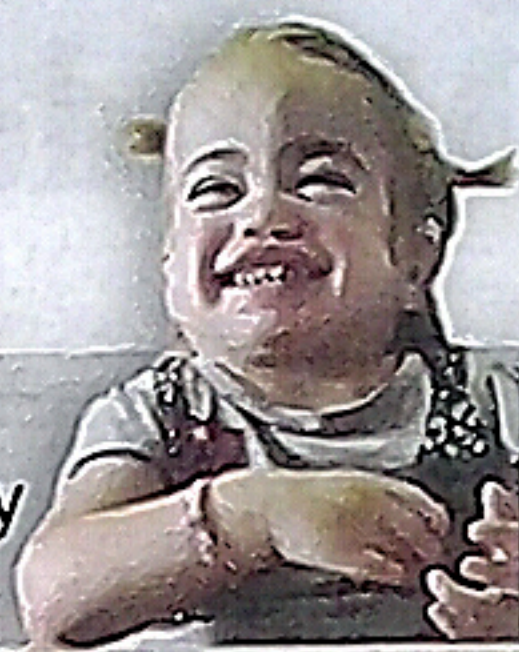
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MONUMENTAL FIGURE: The 9m bronze statue of Nelson Mandela that was unveiled at the Union Buildings yesterday ● Full story on Page 2

Picture: MOELETSI MABE

Heir-apparent Mandla arrives at Qunu — to find locks changed

Mandelas at war

SABELO SKITI
and SIMPIWE PILISO

FOUR days before Nelson Mandela's funeral, relatives muscled in and pushed out his "heir-apparent" — Mandla Mandela — from the family's homestead in Qunu, Eastern Cape.

The Times has established that locks were changed at Nelson Mandela's Tuscan-style home shortly after his eldest daughter, Makaziwe Mandela, 59, arrived on Thursday.

Attempts by Mandela's widow, Graça Machel, and George Bizos, a close family friend and top human rights lawyer, to quell the feud over the Nobel peace laureate's estate have repeatedly failed.

Since Mandela's death on December 5 it has emerged that: ● Water and lights at Mandla's house on the Mandela estate were disconnected late on Saturday. The

occupants, including Mandla, had no water when they awoke on Sunday.

● Makaziwe had told Mandla, 39, that he must remove his cattle, pigs and dogs from the homestead.

● Relatives, politicians and religious leaders aligned to Mandla were sidelined and refused accreditation for Sunday's funeral.

● Traditional family rituals, scheduled to be held in Mvezo, where Mandla is Madiba clan chief, were cancelled; and

● In a deliberate snub, no transport to the funeral was provided for Mandla's mother, Ntulusapho, or for her sister. They were brought to the funeral after a member of the family sent an SMS to Mandla telling him of the situation. Ntulusapho was in tears, according to a witness.

A further outbreak of hostilities is expected over Mandla's will, the contents of which have not been

made public.

"In due course, there will be public statements and the contents of the will be published," said Bizos.

"But don't press either members of the family or any of us to tell you what is in the will. It's a sacred document."

Makaziwe, who is said to wield great influence in the family, oversaw the family's preparations for Mandela's funeral.

Those aligned to Mandla refused accreditation for funeral

Sources close to the family said some of Mandela's relatives found that the locks had been changed at the Qunu homestead when they arrived on Friday.

Mandla had been standing vigil at his grandfather's coffin at the Union Buildings, in Pretoria, while the body lay in state for three days. He escorted the coffin to Qunu on Saturday. He had been in Gauteng since Mandela's death.

"His access and free rein in the house were limited," said a source.

Mandla and Makaziwe have been involved in a public spat over the control of Mandela's legacy and leadership of the fractured family.

Mandla and his lawyer and royal adviser, Matthew Goniwe, refused to comment on the events leading up to the funeral and the feud that threatens to rip the family apart.

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Not a single boo as Zuma holds forth

SIPHO MASOMBUKA and
OLEBOGENO MOLATLHWA

THE unveiling of a towering statue of Nelson Mandela in Pretoria yesterday presented President Jacob Zuma with an opportunity to recover from the embarrassment of being booed in front of world leaders and a global TV audience at Madiba's memorial service.

The ceremony yesterday, on the grounds of the Union Buildings, had the hallmarks of a carefully stage-managed affair.

In sharp contrast to the memorial service at the FNB Stadium last Tuesday, at which Zuma was booed at least five times, the crowd greeted him with cheers yesterday.

Some 1 500 people, mostly in ANC regalia, vigorously chanted Zuma's name as he entered a marquee at the event.

Gauteng premier Nomvula Mokonyane and Minister in the

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