

Global Day of Action - September 19, 2006

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Save Lives:

Accredit clinics to become HIV treatment sites

Provide prevention treatment, prevention and care in prisons

Every month the TAC will march and protest around specific themes until South Africa achieves health for all, an end to health apartheid. On Tuesday, September 19, 2006 the TAC convened a People's Parliament in Cape Town to address the urgent needs of the South African health system. It is intolerable that over 800 people die of AIDS and over 1000 people are newly infected with HIV in South Africa daily. Around 2000 people marched from Kaizergracht Street and gathered in front of Parliament's gates, carrying 110 cardboard crosses that symbolized the 110 deaths that occurred from HIV/AIDS in Westville Prison last year. TAC supporters listened to a great host of speakers and faced chairs that were set up for MPs, most of which were occupied by members of the Democratic Alliance, African Christian Democratic Party, Independent Democrats, Inkatha Freedom Party and Ben Turok from the ANC. The march coincided with a Correctional Services Portfolio Committee meeting and a memorandum was handed over to committee chairperson Dennis Bloom. [view pictures](#)

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At exactly 2:00pm on September 19, 2006, the Delhi Network of Positive People, India held a small peaceful protest in front of the South African Embassy. The police initially tried to disperse the protesters, but they made it clear that it was a peaceful demonstration aimed to seek the High Commissioner's acknowledgment and receipt of their memorandum, which stated solidarity with the TAC and all their comrades in South Africa. After many hours of waited along with cops and security guards and learning that the High Commissioner was out of town, the Counselor came out to receive the memo of demand assuring them that he would deliver the message. The DNP+ explained their protest and that the President of South Africa must sack Manto, who promotes Garlic/Lemon instead of ARVs to the millions of people in South Africa living with HIV. The Councilor assured the protestors that he will relay the message to the High Commissioner. All parties, including the police were quite nice and cooperative.

Thank you to everyone who supported this action. We look forward to seeing more in the upcoming months. [view pictures](#)

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