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Sir / Madam

## '24 – hour protection for officials' not true

Your story on Page 2 published in The Witness dated 4 June 2008 titled: *"Bodyguards for Dundee councilors"* and the sub-title accompanying it; *"Murder: 24 hour protection for officials after IFP man gunned down,"* carries a lot of unanswered questions as to from whence the writer received this information. There are a lot of unfounded and contradictory statements that the writer refers to which are grossly misleading like your titles.

First of all the story refers to Endumeni Municipality, the tensions within the municipality surfacing from the recent killing of Cllr Peter Nxele but I wonder where does the position of the Umzinyathi District Municipality's Municipal Manager feature here.

Furthermore, I am not aware of any tension or infighting within the IFP ranks particularly in Endumeni or anywhere else. If the councilors from Endumeni municipality (which is autonomous of course) fear for their lives due to the recent killing, they have every right to sort protection.

I do not see any reason for your writer to tout the IFP as the source of the problems within that municipality.

Yours  
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