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Launch details – in Johannesburg, Pretoria and Cape Town – of new updated edition of *People's War* book – IRR

The people's war that gave the ANC the 'state power' it needed to implement its Soviet-inspired national democratic revolution (NDR) is analysed in an updated and abridged edition of *People's War: New Light on the Struggle for South Africa* by Dr Anthea Jeffery, Head of Policy Research at the Institute of Race Relations (IRR).

This new book is to be launched in Johannesburg on 4 June, in Pretoria on 6 June and in Cape Town on 13 June.

The NDR, which aims to take the country by incremental steps from a free market to a socialist and then communist system, is the key reason the country is doing so badly in so many spheres. But the NDR – which is the second part of a two-stage revolution – is hard to grasp without a sound understanding of the first stage: the people's war waged by the ANC from 1984 to 1994.

The truth about the people's war has long been consigned to George Orwell's 'memory hole', while struggle myths abound. Few South Africans know about the ANC's visit to communist Vietnam in 1978 to learn the formula for people's war, or

how that formula was applied to destroy the ANC's black rivals in the Black Consciousness movement and the IFP. Few know that the tripling of the 'kill' rate in the early 1990s was not the work of the 'third force', but was instead orchestrated by the ANC with the help of the 13 000 Umkhonto fighters it was able to bring back under the cover of the negotiations process.

Anthea Jeffery's penetrating analysis of the people's war has been abridged and updated, and now includes a brief synopsis of the NDR to date. Anthea will provide further insights into the book – and its importance in understanding the past, the present, and the future – at each of the launches identified below. Further comments will be provided by former Azapo president Ishmael Mkhabela and IRR policy fellow and former chief executive John Kane-Berman, while IRR CEO Frans Cronje will host the proceedings.

Details of the launch events in Johannesburg, Pretoria and Cape Town are:

Johannesburg:

Venue: Exclusive Books, Hyde Park

Date: Tuesday 4 June 2019

Time: 18h00 for 18h30

Speakers: Ishmael Mkhabela, former Azapo president; John Kane-Berman, IRR policy fellow and former chief executive; and Anthea Jeffery, IRR Head of Policy Research, with IRR CEO Frans Cronje as host.

Pretoria:

Venue: Exclusive Books, Menlyn, Pretoria

Date: Thursday 6 June 2019

Time: 18h00 for 18h30

Speakers: Ishmael Mkhabela, former Azapo president; John Kane-Berman, IRR policy fellow and former chief executive; and Anthea Jeffery, IRR Head of Policy Research; with IRR CEO Frans Cronje as host.

Cape Town:

Venue: Exclusive Books, V& A Waterfront, Cape Town

Date: Thursday 13 June 2019

Time: 18h00 for 18h30

Speakers: Ishmael Mkhabela, former Azapo president; Anthea Jeffery, IRR Head of Policy Research; and Frans Cronje, IRR CEO.

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