

Hate complaint lodged against Sasco

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Johannesburg - AfriForum Youth on Wednesday lodged a charge of hate speech against the SA Students Congress (Sasco), for putting up contentious posters for a student council election at a university in Cape Town.

"The poster is racist, xenophobic and inciting," AfriForum Youth chairperson Ernst Roets said in a statement.

"Since the matter could not be resolved by talks, AfriForum Youth is left with no other option but to take it to the next level... to lodge a charge with the SA Human Rights Commission in Johannesburg," he said.

A hate speech charge was laid on Tuesday for the use of potentially derogatory terms - "One Boer one bullet" and "Blacks only organisation (strictly South Africans)" - in the poster.

The youth body had sent a letter to Sasco president Mbulelo Mandlana after receiving complaints about the posters put up at the Cape Peninsula University of Technology.

The letter asked Mandlana whether the poster was a reflection of its policy and if not, to distance itself from the wording and take action against the students involved.

Roets said Mandlana apparently then railed against AfriForum Youth during a media conference in response.

Sasco could not be reached for comment.

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