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#FEESMUSTFALL: UNIVERSITY INTEDICTS A VIOLATION OF STUDENT RIGHTS

As a response to the on-going protests against fees increases, Stellenbosch University and the University of Cape Town have filed interdicts that effectively suppress the rights of students to protest and quell their freedom of assembly. The FXI condemns the universities' reaction as a violation of the student rights – a desperate attempt to silence students.

The interdicts have not resulted in any alleviation of the crisis, but have rather allowed an already volatile situation to exacerbate, while criminalising the legitimate exercise of the students' right to protest. Students have been arrested and detained, detracting from any constructive processes aimed at resolving the grievances. The universities should let students exercise their right to protest, as long as it is carried within legal limits.

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