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## Zuma hurting HIV/AIDS drive, says opposition

**JOHANNESBURG:** South African opposition parties accused President Jacob Zuma of a cavalier attitude to safe sex that is hurting the HIV/AIDS campaign after news that a woman not one of his wives had had his 20th child.

The main opposition party, the Democratic Alliance (DA), said Zuma, 68, was sending the wrong message to South Africans, among the world's worst sufferers from HIV/AIDS.

"There are some people who may argue that Jacob Zuma's sex life is a matter of private morality or 'culture', but this is not so. His personal behaviour has profound public consequences," DA leader Helen Zille said in a statement yesterday.

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**HELEN ZILLE**

At least 5.7 million South Africans are infected with HIV and AIDS kills an estimated 1,000 people a day.

The African Christian Democratic Party (ACDP) said Zuma was undermining the government's drive to persuade people to practise safe sex to combat HIV/AIDS.

"... his conduct undermines his own government's message on HIV/AIDS, because they are talking about safe sex and the president is continuing without using condoms. He is undermining the message of his government," said ACDP leader Kenneth Meshoe.

A source close to Zuma said the president, a traditionalist who practises polygamy and has three wives, had acknowledged in a legal document being the father of a child with Sonono Khoza, 39.

Her father is Irvin Khoza who heads the local organising committee for the 2010 World Cup. She gave birth to a girl in October. — Reuters