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ANC using hit squads, says IFP

DURBAN. — Intensifying military-style attacks on Inkatha Freedom Party supporters and assassinations of tribal and IFP leaders in Natal since August had triggered a sinister new phase of covert ANC hit-squad operations in the province, according to Inkatha spokesman, Ed Tillet.

This allegation and others of increased activity by Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK) in Natal is contained in an eight-page special report compiled by Mr Tillet in

support of the IFP's demand for the disbanding of MK.

The ANC has rejected the report and described it as a careful-

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ly calculated propaganda effort.

In his report, Mr Tillet outlines several recent attacks on IFP supporters in Natal. He says 55 IFP members have been killed in a spate of attacks since August.

Despite evidence of a "distinctive pattern of genocide emerging in Natal and the purging of IFP support" in some areas, the statistics have failed to stir global or even domestic public outrage, says Mr Tillet.

He claims the elimination of IFP leaders does not reflect a random "ad hoc" pattern of violence, but rather the African National Congress/SA Communist Party alliance's agenda to broaden its power base by paralysing the IFP and rendering it politically impotent.

Outlining the most recent massacres, the report says the modus operandi of some of the attacks — lightning mobility, co-ordinated preci-

sion, and rapid exit — indicate a high degree of professionalism and sophistication — "the trademark of MK combat".

Of major significance is the use of counterfeit security force uniforms and police appointment cards. This is a strategy employed by MK, which has dual functions, Mr Tillet alleges.

By posing as security force members, the assailants surreptitiously gain the confidence of those targeted for assassination and bogus uniforms are a useful propaganda tool to discredit the security forces and exonerate the ANC from involvement.

This strategy also undermines confidence in the security forces, the neutral role is questioned and they are mistrusted. This ultimately leads to anarchy and a total breakdown in law and order.

Focusing on MK, Mr Tillet reiterates the IFP's allegation that Transkei is being used

as a springboard for cross-border incursions by ANC soldiers into Natal.

He alleges members of the Transkei Defence Force are reportedly training MK cadres and trafficking illegal arms into Natal, leading to the upsurge in violence in the Midlands and South Coast.

MK hitsquads then eliminate key or leading IFP leaders.

The most disturbing element of this strategy, says Mr Tillet, is the marginalisation of traditional leaders with the ultimate aim of destroying tribal authorities.

A rural destabilisation programme is also used to sabotage the IFP's power base in rural Natal. To this end, the report alleges youths are strategically deployed in these communities. Through politicisation, intimidation and other strategies, they ultimately break the affected communities' threshold.

"Demoralised and drained, the community

resignedly succumbs to its impending fate."

After this process, all resistance to the ANC is brutally crushed.

Mr Tillet says the government appears to be reluctant to act against MK.

"The IFP demands the immediate and unconditional disarming and demobilisation of MK cadres, surrender of the MK arsenal, and the disbanding of MK as a precondition to peace."

ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus says the ANC rejects the report as "nonsense and Ed Tillet's flight of anti-ANC fancy".

"By its own admission, the report is compiled with the intention of supporting the IFP's demand for the disbanding of MK. This intention makes the report tendentious by definition."

Mr Niehaus says the document totally fails to provide evidence that MK is an obstacle to peace. —Sapa.

Bombs in police car

BISHO. — Two Russian-made limpet mines were control-detonated yesterday after being removed from a Ciskeian police vehicle in Mdantsane near East London.

A mini-limpet containing 400 grams of explosives and a larger 1,2 kg mine were removed from the vehicle outside the NU1 Police Station in Mdantsane. — Sapa

IFP request to carry weapons in Jhb refused

POLICE yesterday turned down an application by the Inkatha Freedom Party for its supporters to carry weapons during a protest march in Johannesburg today.

"Participants in the march will commit a crime if they are in possession of traditional weapons during the march," Witwatersrand regional commissioner Major-General Gerrit Erasmus said in a statement.

He also said IFP supporters travelling by train to the march would not be allowed to carry weapons.

The IFP is staging the march to police headquarters at John Vorster Square to protest against the recent agreement between the government

and the African National Congress that secured the release of scores of political prisoners.

"It must be emphasised that past experience has shown that protest marches of this nature, in the volatile climate which prevails at this time, have led to unnecessary violence and bloodshed," Gen Erasmus said.

"Permission is refused to participants of the march to be in possession of dangerous weapons while on their way to the march, should they make use of trains as a means of transport."

Gen Erasmus rejected the application in terms of notices gazetted in February and March prohibiting the carrying of dan-

gerous weapons during marches and at railway stations.

He said a KwaZulu representative had applied for permission to carry traditional weapons during the march.

It was clear from an IFP Press release that the march was a political gathering, and traditional weapons would therefore not be allowed, the regional commissioner said.

In addition to the prohibitions, Gen Erasmus called on other groups or people not participating in the march, not to provoke violence.

The ANC had expressed concern over plans by the IFP supporters to carry weapons during the march. — Sapa

IFP leader gunned down

THE leader of the Inkatha Freedom Party of Alexandra, Jotham Xaba (37), and IFP member Peter Mncube were gunned down on Thursday night in view of a SA Defence Force patrol, the IFP claimed yesterday.

Three other IFP members were wounded in the attack.

The SADF rejected the IFP claim of inaction by the patrol.

According to IFP spokesman, Mr Themba Khoza, the attack occurred about 8 pm in the IFP squatter area.

Shots were fired at IFP members from a minibus which had driven around in the area for some time.

Both Mr Xaba and Mr Mncube were killed instantly.

The three wounded were taken to the Alexandra Clinic and later transferred to an undisclosed hospital. Their condition was described as "critical".

"According to wit-

nesses, the minibus did not drive away, but continued to be driven around the area after the attack. The SADF patrol did not intervene.

"It was only when local residents attempted to stop the minibus and apprehend the killers that the SADF took some action," Mr Khoza said.

The attack brings to six the number of IFP members killed in Alexandra this week.
— Sapa.

ANC 'wants elections middle of next year'

DURBAN. — The African National Congress wants elections for a new government to take place in the middle of next year, says its secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa.

Addressing about 100 businessmen in Durban last night, he said: "There is nothing that stops this country from going to the polls by the middle of next year."

Once this date had been set, all South Africans could begin working towards finally ending apartheid. This would boost business confidence

and inspire everyone in the country.

Mr Ramaphosa said that during his recent round of talks with Constitutional Minister Roelf Meyer, ANC president Nelson Mandela told him the most important issue that should be discussed was the date of elections.

"He said we must set a date for elections and everything else will start falling into place."

Referring to the Record of Understanding, Mr Ramaphosa said that before this agreement South Africa had under-

gone its "darkest moments".

The climate had now been created for the ANC to be confident a meeting could take place with the government to resolve outstanding issues. This would open the way for multilateral negotiations.

The Record of Understanding had "ensured the ANC and government can prepare to meet together for a week or if necessary for two weeks in the bush to consider issues outstanding with a view to resolving South Africa's deadlock once and for all". — Sapa.

ANC accused of disregard for Accord

THE National Peace Committee has accused the African National Congress of showing a blatant disregard for the Peace Accord for "forgetting" to attend a hearing to adjudicate on charges its Youth League had contravened the Accord.

The Complaints Committee, at a hearing yesterday, found the ANC Youth League had transgressed provisions of the Accord by calling President De Klerk a murderer at a gathering on July 15 in Cape Town.

The committee also ruled the ANCYL had contravened the Accord by staging mock trials of figures including Mr De Klerk, Inkatha leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi and Foreign Minister Pik Botha at the rally.

The NPC ordered the ANCYL to "remedy" the contraventions by October 30 by either distancing itself from the incidents or by pledging to prevent such occurrences in the future.

"In the light of the

Youth League being a branch of the ANC which is the actual signatory of the Peace Accord, the ANC itself is also ordered to distance itself from the events," a statement said.

According to a statement issued by the NPC last night, the ANC said officials had "forgotten" to attend the hearing that followed complaints by the South African Government about the contraventions.

"The panel is extremely perturbed by the lack of co-operation from the ANC in not attending the hearing and at what appears to be a blatant disregard of the spirit, terms and provisions of the NPA."

At the rally in July, activists allegedly said "De Klerk is nothing else than a murderer, a murderer of our people".

They also said:

- "The purpose of the general strike is to hit the murderers of our people, De Klerk and his gang."

- (We will) "convene in the new South Africa Nuremberg trials to bring these murderers to trial before a real people's

court."

- "Security forces must stop to massacre and murder our people."

- "When they kill and massacre we will use our right to defend ourselves."

- "We will disregard the Peace Accord today."

According to the NPC, an attempt was made during the course of the day to burn the South African flag.

At the hearing, the panel of attorneys concluded that the Peace Accord had been transgressed. The panel's finding was also based on the fact that there was no evidence produced on behalf of the ANC to contradict the information presented yesterday.

"According to the provisions of clause 9.5.6. of the amended rules of the NPA, the panel ordered that the ANCYL remedy the breaches complained of, either by publicly distancing itself from the events complained of or by taking steps to prevent the recurrence thereof," the statement said. — Sapa.

Kaunda to arbitrate

Citizen Reporter

THE National Peace Committee yesterday announced that former Zambian Head of State, Dr Kenneth Kaunda, is to arrive in South Africa today to arbitrate in the complaint against the ANC by the IFP.

The NPA said the complaint related to alleged statements by Mr Nelson Mandela at the July meeting of the United Nations.

It said the participation of an arbi-

trator from outside South Africa had been requested by the IFP who had also agreed that a South African judge, Mr Justice G Kotze, should assist in the hearing.

The NPA said it was very eager to get the complaint resolved since a general meeting of all the National Peace Accord signatories depended on it.

The hearing is expected to start on Monday and the finding will be made available as soon as possible.

MA BERKA 17/10/92

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esincane ngiphawule ma-
qondana nomfundi wela-
kho esihlokweni esithi
"Ngabe ubandlululo lwa-
phela ngoFebruary, 1990
na?"

Kungasho ukuthi umfu-
shane ngokucabanga.

Embuzweni wakho woku-
kuthi yini banganivumeli
ukuthi nivule igatsha lenu
nina be-ANC KwaNo-

Inhlango yenu ayivuli
igatsha nje, kodwa isuke
ifuna lapho izokwakha
khona inqolobane yayo yo-
nke inhlobo yezikhali, ama-
AK-47.

Uma uyazilalela izinkulu-
mo zakhe ngabe awubuzan-
ga, ngoba ukuthi waxoshwa
yiphutha.

Wayishiya ngoba kungaseyona i-ANC yangempela kodwa sekungeyamakho-manisi, isinobukhomanisi nje kuphela.

Isibuswa ngoJoe Slovo
laba abangabufundanga nje
ubukhomanisi kodwa buku-
bona ngaphakathi emitha-
njeni yegazi.

inqubo yabo ubukhomanisi.

Buthi umuntu mlambise
ukuze ukwazi ukumseben-
zisa kunoma yibuphi ubu-
lwane nokonakala ofuna
ukumenzisa bona.

Uma usumlambisile um-
nike isibhamu nezinhlamvu
mahhala, kodwa ungamfu-
ndisi ukuzenzela esakhe,
athembele kuwena njalo aze
ayofa.

Ngimangele uma ngizwa
uthi kubuhlungu ngempela
kuwena uma uzwa umuntu
echapha omunye ngenhlam-
ba.

Ingani inhlamba yilona
limi lwenu uma niya noma
nibuya kumarally, nithuka
abaholi bonke abakhulu?

Ngiyanidabukela, ngini-
zwela ubuhlungu nina be-
ANC uma benishaya bani-
dabulele ama T-shirt enu
abamatekisi KwaNongoma.
Mhlawumbi...

Mhlawumbe nisuke

niwaduna njalo ngoba engi-
ye ngikubone ezindaweni
lapho kukhona nina niyawa-
qhwaga niwafune amatekisi
uma kunamarally enu, nise-
benzise ukwesabisa.

Kodwa yazi naku umehluko. Lapho kukhona nina ngokuvama uma kuqhamuka umuntu egqoke okwe-Nkatha yazi ukuthi lowomuntu akasekho.

Kuphuma wonke umuntu
ngisho ingane nayo yonke
inhlobo yesikhali ubhushu,
umbese, isibhamu, ivolovo-
lo nama-AK-47 kuzobulawa
lomuntu ngoba nje egqoke
okweNkatha.

Uma uthi ngiqamba ama-
nga faka noma yini yeNka-
tha uhambe lapha eYideni
sibone ukuthi uyophuma
yini ngale kuDambuza Road
usaphila.

Ngisho nemoto ebiza Kwa-
Zulu ayifunwa lapha, iya-
shaywa ishiswe. Kuningi
engingakutshela ngakho

ngalenghlano yakho nje-
ngoba ukhathaz ekile nje.
Nina nginibeka kuNkulu-
nkulu njalo ngezenzo zenu.
B Mthabane

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The nailing of F.W. de Klerk

FROM OUR SOUTH AFRICA CORRESPONDENT

THREE months ago a document published by the South African Communist Party urged party loyalists to "nail" President F.W. de Klerk. Its exhortation is already superfluous. Lately Mr de Klerk seems to have been rather good at nailing himself. By common consent his standing at home is lower than at any time since he started his presidency three years ago.

The immediate cause of his difficulties is last month's agreement with Nelson Mandela, under which the African National Congress agreed to resume talks on a new constitution. Many people in the National Party feel that Mr Mandela outmanoeuvred Mr de Klerk. The inclusion of killers and criminals in the latest batch of "political" prisoners freed at the ANC's behest was a particular cause of anger. One Afrikaans newspaper, *Rapport*, described the National Party's mood at a recent congress in the Cape as one of "revolt".

Some of Mr de Klerk's troubles are the result of his own mistakes. To pacify Mr Mandela, Mr de Klerk has promised to fence and police some Zulu migrant workers' hostels and to ban the carrying of Zulu "traditional" weapons such as spears and clubs. Had he done these things promptly in April, when they were called for by the independent Goldstone Commission, they would have looked less like a surrender to Mr Mandela. That might even have prevented Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, of the mainly Zulu Inkatha Freedom Party,

from quitting the talks in a huff.

Another mistake was to leave the last round of formal constitutional negotiations in the hands of a deputy minister, Tertius Delport. A more senior man might have been able to hold the ANC to its offer that the promised constituent assembly, which is supposed to be elected by a colour-blind popular vote, would have to muster a 70% majority for most constitutional proposals. The ANC has since withdrawn the offer on the ground that the threshold is too high.

Not long ago Mr de Klerk could reasonably hope to win enough black votes to form a blocking coalition inside this assembly, alongside Mr Buthelezi and others. Now he has lost the trust both of Mr Buthelezi and of the many blacks who see a government hand in the recent massacres at Boipatong and Bisho. He is in no hurry for elections.

In a speech to Parliament on October 12th Mr de Klerk, on the defensive, seemed keener to reassure doubting supporters than to move negotiations forward. The assembly, he said, would have no "blank cheque", but would have to devise a constitution within agreed "principles", such as strong regional government and executive power-sharing. He also now says that the ANC cannot be a partner in government until it purges itself of "radicals" and becomes a properly registered political party. Clever. The latter would automatically deprive the ANC of an annual 40m rand (\$14m) of aid from Sweden.

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