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Another dent in SAP image

INVOLVEMENT in politics is not new for the South African police. For many years they have had to enforce apartheid laws, but since February 1990 there have been some attempts to de-politicise the police force.

Early last year President FW de Klerk told senior police officers that he wanted the force â\200\234removed from the political realmâ\200\235.

Minister Adriaan Vlok, meanwhile, has insisted that the role of the SAP in the â\200\234Inkathagateâ\200\235 scandal was a product of a particular â\200\234eraâ\200\235 in South African politics and that the Security Police no longer play this sort of political role.

Despite recent restructuring of the SAP and official claims that the Security Branch has been disbanded, most of its structures remain intact, and there is evidence to suggest that monitoring of political organisations continues. The fact that funds were passed to Inkatha after President De Klerkâ\200\231s landmark speech in February 1990 also raises doubts about the role of the SAPâ\200\231s â\200\234intelligence armâ\200\231.

The involvement of the Secur-

ETIENNE MARAIS and JANINE RAUCH assess the effect of the Inkatha funding scandal on community policing

ity Branch in covert political

operations again raises the issue of control and accountability of the police force.

The present crisis has highlighted how little control can be exercised by Parliament over the SAP let alone by the majority of citizens who do not have the vote. It has also shown that selective relations between the police and the government create the potential for abuse of police powers.

Ironies

One of the ironies of policing is that it is the police force which is entrusted by society with the task of investigating crime, corruption and the abuse of power by government officials. In a democracy, one would expect the Rational police force to be investigating allegations of corruption or improper use of public funds on the part of elected politicians, rather than being involved in

such scandals themselves.

Our research indicates that most members of the police were dismayed by last week's revelations. In principle, members of the force, as taxpayers and civil servants, share the public's right to know the truth behind the scandal. In practice, they have genuine grievances about their levels of remuneration and are justly concerned about the amount of public money which is being diverted away from vital public services in support of particular political aims.

There are, no doubt, many policemen at all levels who have committed themselves to building a police force which genuinely serves all South African communities. This scandal will result

in serious programme of building good police-community relations. Suspicion about the political leanings of the police will jeopardise the SAP's ability to monitor and contain political conflict.

Good police-community relations are vital for effective law enforcement. This is because the

police rely largely on co-operation from the public to solve crimes. If the police are viewed negatively, their effectiveness and efficiency will be substantially decreased.

Inquiry

~ The key to police credibility, in this context, is neutrality.- The police can only demonstrate their neutrality if they become more open about their operations. The public has the right to know what its law enforcement agency is doing.

This is an opportune moment for a multi-party civilian inquiry into police partiality. It is also a chance for the SAP to begin afresh with a programme that will build public confidence in its ability to police the transition neutrally and effectively.

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THE National Party is set to accede to a key ANC demand for an interim government following revelations of Inkatha funding. Senior government members are

openly conceding their image has taken a massive knock from the â\200\234Inkathagateâ\200\235 revelations.

They expect that President FW de

Klerk will on Tuesday:

@Â® Come clean on all past government funding to so-called â\200\234moderateâ\200\235 black political groupings and announce an immediate end to all such funding;

@ Announce a dramatic scaling-down of all secret funding and reiterate that all future secret projects will be subject to Cabinet control;

@ Increase the powers of the auditor-general, and through him Parliament, to scrutinise remaining secret funds.

These steps, they hope, will go some way to restoring confidence in the negotiating process.

However, government members now believe that real confidence in the security forces will only be re-established once a multi-party conference agrees on mechanisms to ensure joint control and supervision of the police and military.

Government spokesmen still reject the term â\200\234interim governmentâ\200\235, favouring

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By MIKE ROBERTSON: Political Correspondent

instead â\200\234transitional arrangementsâ\200\235.

But, in the wake of the
â\200\234Inkatha-gateâ\200\235 crisis, the
kind of arrangements they
are envisaging as neces-
sary to restore confidence
in the security forces
makes meanmgl&s the in-
sistence that there is a dif-
ference between the two
terms.

Progress

Proposals are being
worked on to ensure:

Â® Effective joint control
of the executive rather the
mere broadening of Cabi-
net membership that has
been proposed in the past;

Â® The appointment of
members of the ANC and
other opposition parties to
key positions in the public
service, the police and the
military. -

Underpinning this will
be the standing commis-
sion on violence, and re-

gional peace secretariats.

Despite the â\200\234Inkatha-
gateâ\200\235 crisis, the church
peace initiative has contin-
ued to make considerable
progress.

Representatives of all
major political parties in-
volved in the process met
this week and are reported
to be close to finalising
agreements on codes of
conduct for police and poli-
tical parties.

The working committee
dealing with socio-econom-
ic upliftment has still some
way to go before complet-
ing its report, but there is
general agreement that by
September it should be pos-
sible to convene another
peace summit at which all
political parties could pub-
licly endorse the agree-
ments.

As the â\200\234Inkatha-gateâ\200\235
scandal unfolded this week,
President De Klerk is un-
derstood to have held

a ees after
Inkathaâ\200\224gate scandal
forces him to decision

ministers and officials in-
volved in the control of se-
cret funds.

Government members
said they expected Mr De
Klerk to follow on Foreign
Minister Pik Bothaâ\200\231s rev-
elation that more than
R100-million was given to
anti-Swapo parties in
Namibia by making a
clean breast of funding to
internal political organisa-
tions.

Repeal

He is expected to defend
this funding on the grounds
that the situation in which
South Africa found itself
prior to February 2 last
year demanded special
measures.

However, as these cir-
cumstances have changed,
government members ex-
pect him to announce the
dramatic scaling down of
secret projects.

Mr Botha alluded to this |

on the TV programme
Agenda when he said that
he had operated secret
funds in terms of legisla-
_tion passed in Parliament.
â\200\234Maybe we should repeal
the Bill. We should change
the law in view of the
changed circumstances. It
is just possible President
De Klerk might think in
this direction.â\200\235

He also said that Presi-
dent De Klerk would look

at widening the powers of
the auditor-general to en-
able him to report more
fully on secret accounts.

Moraluty

At the moment the audi-
tor-generalâ\200\231s ability to re-
port on secret funds is limi-

ted to the extent that the Minister of Finance, in consultation with the State President and the auditor-general, may determine.

In other developments:

• Democratic Party Justice spokesman Dave Dalling said yesterday that the auditor-general was limited to reporting that proper procedures were followed in dispensing special funds.

Claims by Mr Botha and Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok that the auditor-general's auditing of funds that went to Inkatha

government

and its union affiliate Uwusa was proof that no taxpayers' money was wasted were an attempt at obfuscation, Mr Dalling said.

The auditor-general has no power to audit the books of the recipients, in this case those of Inkatha and Uwusa, he said. The integrity of such an audit is clearly, therefore, less than perfect. It is outside the scope of his duty to comment, report or pass judgment on the morality or otherwise of the disposition of money in any specific case.

• Conservative Party leader Andries Treurnicht announced yesterday that he had laid the government's funding of Inkatha, Uwusa and Namibian political parties before the advocate-general.

Probe

The advocate-general is empowered to investigate suspected improper spending of public money.

Dr Treurnicht said he had asked the advocate-general, whose office was established after the Information Scandal, to investigate all covert projects

funded with public money
since 1986.

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Acheson tells
Coetzee: I was
offered cash

to murder you

Jeremy Brooks and
Peta Thornycroft

LONDON: Two former hit-men, enemies despite a common past in South Africa's notorious hit squads, came face-to-face in England this week.

Killer cops Dirk Coetzee and Donald Acheson shook hands after a strained and angry 20-minute discussion in the Sunday Tribune's London office.

Mr Acheson, deported last year while awaiting trial for the murder of Anton Lubowsky in Namibia, had just told Mr Coetzee he had been ordered last year to spy on him in Britain, and eventually kill him.

An hour earlier the former CCB operative had stepped, tired and upset, off a plane at Heathrow. It was the end of a fruitless journey to his former home and girl-friend in Johannesburg.

Security officers who had met him at Jan Smuts turned him around on to the next flight back to Britain.

Mr Acheson told Mr Coetzee his deportation last year was a front for another assignment. He was offered money, he says, to find where the former police captain was hiding, harass him, and eventually kill him.

He said he had turned the offer down.

Mr Acheson has been unemployed since his deporta-

Face-to-face: Coetzee and Acheson meet in London.

tion.

Originally he had been eager to meet Mr Coetzee. But after being quizzed by him, a white-faced Mr Acheson eventually said: "I don't want to say any more. I want to get out of here."

Mr Coetzee exploded: "This is the kind of low-class scum the CCB recruited.

"If you want to do anything to expose them, come out with the facts. Don't try to hide behind them. Decide what you're going to do - open up, or run all your life?"

Peppering his language with four-letter words, he added: "Get back to your people, if you can.

"Just give them this one message for me: Coetzee came into this world naturally, and he intends to leave it naturally."

Mr Coetzee has already survived one assassination attempt, when a .booby-trapped Walkman radio was misdirected through the post and exploded, killing the wrong man last year.

The ANC has kept Mr Coetzee and his two sons on the move in London, chang-

ing flats continually. Recently a white intruder was seen standing on the sill of their third-floor bedroom window.

Eighteen months ago either man could have instinctively killed the other simply to survive.

Today they are uneasy allies united against a former employer. The South African security forces, Mr Coetzee says, "used, abused, and then spat on us".

Mr Acheson says he was

â\200\234set upâ\200\235 by CCB colleagues
for the shooting of Anton Lu-
bowsky. But he admits to ac- |
cepting another contract, to
gun down Namibian journal-
ist Gwen Lister, who was
â\200\234making a nuisance of her-
selfâ\200\235.

Mr Coetzee admits to in-
volvement in several mur-
ders, including that of Grif-
fiths Mxenge, a radical Dur-
ban lawyer.

Mr Acheson said: â\200\234I'm de-
termined to get back there. If
I go to Swaziland or Lesotho
and live there, they canâ\200\231t stop
me. Then itâ\200\231s only a short hop
across the border.

â\200\234I'm just tired of running
all the time.â\200\235

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AWBâ\200\231s uniforms
donâ\200\231t pass muster

THE SADF is to investi%ate the possibility that scores *
of AWB members are breaking the law by wearing
official SADF-issue military gear and insignia as part
of their AWB uniforms.

This week the Witwatersrand AWB chief, â\200\234Generalâ\200\235
Johann â\200\234Hagar the Horribleâ\200\235 Thompson, 38, appeared
in the Germiston magistrateâ\200\231s court on charges of -
public violence s; g SA Army Parachute Battalion
wings on a j::ket:
which also bore a badge
depicting the old Transvaal
â\200\234Vierkleurâ\200\235 flag.

When approached for.
comment â\200\234Generalâ\200\235 Thomp- |
son claimed he was entitled
to wear Parabat wings
but admitted he had not
undergone official training.

â\200\234I trained in the bush to
jump with some Bushmen I
lived with on the border,â\200\235 he
said, before hurriedly
removing the jacket.

The SADF is in the

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An SADF spokesman said Wears Parabat wings
â\200\234Generalâ\200\235 Thompson, as well as several other AWB
supporters who gathered at the court daily this week,
were breaching Article 115 of the Defence Act by
wearing parachute wings and official SADF browns as

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MOVIE beauty Michelle

. Pfeiffer has won the role
" to Hollywood 'l'a.dykiller

Warren Beatty.
First choice Annette
Bening had to drop out

FORMER Miss America

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. Church and will attend its -
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l will also speak at other

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part of their khaki and cerise AWB uniform.

Abduction a
drunken joke

A POLICE hunt for the

â\200\234abductorsâ\200\235 of a man
who was driven around
while locked in the boot
of his car for more than
15 hours was called off
after the man confessed
it had all been a prank.
Mr Johannes du Preez
of Despatch told police on
Thursday he had been
abducted while leaving a
cafe in Uitenhage after
buying cigarettes.

Members of the Port

Elizabeth murder and
robbery unit flew to Cape

Town to track down the
alleged abductors.

But the search was
called off on Friday after
Mr Du Preez confessed
the â\200\234abductorsâ\200\235 were his
friends, â\200\234playing the fool
after a drinking spreeâ\200\235.

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- Dr Kennedy

â\200\234turns Mr Hide

THE career of Senator

Edward Kennedyâ\200\231s doc- Â°

tor nephew is under re-
newed threat because he
has gone absent without
leave from his hospital.

William Kennedy
S;nith, 30, faces a charge
. of raping a young mother
~ at the famxfy mansion in
' Florida. He has not been
' seen at the New Mexico
' hospital for two weeks.
He is due to stand trial
~ in a Palm Beach court on

August 5.

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after discovering she was
pregnant by her boy-
friend. ;

Michelle beat hopefuls

Madonna, Cher and Sean |
- Young for the plum part

of the feline crimebuster
in the R285-million

sequel to Batman.
She will earn about
. R8-million for her part,
which features a steamy
seduction scene with the
| caped crusader, played
by Michael Keaton.
| Pfeiffer, 33, said: â\200\234I'm
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WHETHER Chief Mango-
suthu Buthelezi did or did
not know about the
R250 000 is not the point.

Only a fool would re-
fuse such a vast sum
handed to him on a plate.
For years, the ANC has
been abusing untold mil-
lions of overseas taxpay-
ers's money.

Instead of buying beds

and food for its people it
spent the money on wea-
pons to kill, private
armies, luxurious travel
and accommodation.

Ask the ANC for a
statement of account and
what guarantee the
ple of South Africa have
that our tax money will
be used differently and
you will find it cannot

throw a single stone.

As for the government
â\200\224 what respect and trust
does it expect?

The Treasury can,
without qualm, afford to
give away millions of our
hard-earned money (ask
it for a statement of
account over the years)
and tax the core of our

existence, such as food,
medical services and
medicines, to find more
money to give away.

Prosperity starts at
home and the sooner the
government gives some-
thing back to its people
the sooner we will have
contentment, peace and
tranquillity.

The Weekly Mail has

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A fool and his m

not emerged as the hero
in this controversy.

Democratic or not, its
handling of the situation
has cost the image of SA
more millions than we
can imagine. Surely a
more diplomatic ap-
proach could have been
found?

I quote the following
saying to all political and
other high-ranking
leaders: "It is better to
keep your mouth shut and
be thought a fool than to
open it and prove it be-
yond a doubt." SONJA
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THE PAPER FOR THE PEOPLE

Time to expose
all the secrets

UTH AFRICANS have been
hurt in different ways by the
Inkatha funding affair, but it
becomes increasingly clear that

the peace process, although bent and
battered, is by no means broken.

All political factions met this week
in a church-sponsored peace meeting
and made good progress in establish-
ing codes of conduct for political par-
ties and the security forces. The ANC
and the government, meanwhile,
continue planning for multi-party
talks later this year. The roll-back of
sanctions has faltered, it is true, but
there is no sign it has been reversed.

It would be easy, then, to dismiss
the latest brouhaha as merely a col-
ourful, but incensequential, interlude
in the more mundane business of
building a new South African society.
This is unwise. There are deep
wounds here which have to be cauter-
ised before the society can again
move ahead.

The onus for beginning the process
of rehabilitation falls largely on
President FW de Klerk and his
administration.

RIDICULOUS

It is they, after all, who have to
account for the secret funding of poli-
tical pals and proxies to oppose the
ANC (Foreign Minister Pik Botha's
suggestion that it was anything less
is too ridiculous to be taken seriously
by intelligent people). It is they who
have to explain how, yet again, a
secretly funded project ran out of
effective financial control. It is they
who have to justify the deceit and
evasions whenever questions have
been raised about this secret funding,
even in the so-called 'new era'.

Mr Botha observes that it is easy
now, in the summer, to forget the
bitterness of the winter. Perhaps the

transition would have been made easier if, for once, the National Party had been able to shake itself free from its own tradition of secrecy, deceit and bribery. What is needed now is openness â\200\224 both in explaining the past and laying the foundations for the future.

If the National Party government wants to be taken seriously in the approaching multi-party talks, it is going to have to allay the very real suspicions of the ANC that De Klerk has merely refined Mr PW Bothaâ\200\231s discredited double agenda of talk and thump. Much rides on President De Klerkâ\200\231s statement on Tuesday.

FIREBRANDS

The ANC, unlike the SA Communist Party, has so far responded to the revelations in a sober and measured way, made all the more remarkable when one considers how desperately out-paced it has been by the De Klerk administration up to now. Its leaders must continue restraining the firebrands within their ranks who want to use Inkatha-gate to sabotage peace talks. The ANC might also consider setting an example of the openness it so vigorously demand from others by disclosing exactly who funds its operations.

Yet it is Inkatha, the Zulu-based organisation, which has suffered most grievously from the revelations and it is here where the greatest dangers might well lie. There may be a temptation by some of the hot-heads to retreat to the citadels of Ulundi and the hostels and from there attempt to make up through brigandage and violence what they have lost in credibility. Inkathaâ\200\231s leaders must be strong enough to resist the temptation.

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HEN all the dust surrounding the Inkatha-
government political scandal has settled.

there will still be a country called South

Africa (ur Azania?) crying out for a clean,
efficient and democratic government.

That is why it is important not to lose sight of the
possible repercussions this debacle might have on the
process of political transition currently under way and
how it will affect the relations between the two main
players in that process â\200\224 the government and the
African National Congress.

There is no doubt that the government has seriously
dented its image in this scandal and it is doubtful that
it will ever fully and convincingly recover the ground
it has lost. The government was caught doing exactly

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We should not lose sight of the
possible repercussions of this
debacle, writes DR OSCAR
DHLOMO, of the Institute for
Multi-Party Democracy.

what the ANC had always accused it of doing â\200\224 un-
dermining the ANC by boosting and funding parties
opposed to it. [t now appears that the seminal contri-
bution of the security police in this regard was to
strenuously block any attempts at reconciliation be-
tween Inkatha and the ANC, and in this they have so
far succeeded admirably.

What is even more tragic, however, is that the gov-
ernment has destroyed whatever mutual trust was be-
ginning to emerge between itself and the ANC. South
Africa was doing very well in this regard shortly after
February 2, 1990, when Nelson Mandela came out of
27 years of incarceration and declared that President
FW de Klerk was a man of integrity. Mandela reci-
procated by leading the ANC into the Groote Schuur
and Pretoria talks which produced two historical

minutes that were supposed to guide the process of removing obstacles impeding negotiations.

We have now reached the moment of truth and that is no one can still seriously challenge the demand

for a jointly managed process of political transition which will do away with the present practice where the government is managing the process single-handedly. If there was any doubt in anybody's mind about this, the government by its conduct has helped to remove that doubt. The ANC calls this joint management an "interim government". The government has no specific name for it although it has indicated its willingness to include key political players in government during the period of transition.

Discussions between the ANC and the government (which must emphasise should not be abandoned because of this scandal) must now centre around the question of how this joint management of political transi-

â\200\230Traveller discover

RECENTLY visited Canada and Britain and was surprised at how disillusioned ordinary â\200\230people and business people there are 'with the African National Congress. Only the Canadian government and Canadian TV media were not disillusioned â\200\224 the latter gave one-sided reports in news which could only embarrass the South African government. ~

I was informed that when the ANC was unbanned there was a lot of optimism because a new era was dawning in South Africa. A

The main reasons for the disillusion

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Communist Party-sponsored trip to the United States and the evasiveness of ANC leadersâ\200\231 affirmation of their belief in God.

People spoke of how Marxist governments in Africa had reduced their countries to poverty, starvation and bankruptcy after independence.

I was also informed that the Canadian government gave Mr Mandela a warm reception but that he was snubbed by the Canadian business community.

In Britain there were similar but

had worked in Africa spoke of an economic demise after a â\200\234takeoverâ\200\235 here. A prizewinning letter in the Daily Star

criticised Winnie Mandela for showing off designer outfits while her black brethren are supposedly less well off.

I can only conclude from my visit that the ANC has credibility only for the uneducated masses of people within South Africa, African governments, and the Australian, Canadian and Scandinavian governments.

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were because of the links communists have

stronger sentiments. British people who

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ficers and other govern-
ment officials are work-
ing round the clock to
brief President FW de
Klerk on secret projects
before he addresses the
nation on Tuesday.

Facing the greatest crisis
of his tenure, he is expected
to announce measures to end
covert police and Defence
Force projects which are
being blamed for the continu-
ing violence.

Senior government sources
say that in doing so he will
seek to reassure the country
that he is in control and can
be trusted to handle the chan-
geover to a fair society.

And in a new turn in the
unfolding â\200\230â\200\234Inkathagateâ\200\235
scandal, Major Louis Botha,
the Durban security police-
man whose secret memoran-
dum proved government
funding of Inkatha, broke his
silence yesterday.

A statement was released
| on his behalf in which Major
Botha withdrew comments
made to his superiors in se-
cret documents claiming In-
katha president Dr Mangos-
uthu Buthelezi had thanked
him for police funding of two
Inkatha rallies.

Major Botha also withdrew

statements indicating that Dr Buthelezi had conducted extensive personal discussions with him concerning his fears over the future of Inkatha and the loyalty of some of his ministers.

At the end of a week of high drama punctuated by accusations of government political partisanship and Foreign Minister Pik Botha's television appearance facing the media the security policeman and Dr Buthelezi's personal assistant, Zakhele - Khumalo, who resigned this week, have been left to take

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Security man breaks

silence on Inkatha

Major Louis Botha

much of the blame for the funding mess. /

One outcome of the funding scandal, government officials disclosed, was that President De Klerk was likely to institute tighter control as well as a re-evaluation process of covert projects generally.

This will be done partially to meet the concerns of Western governments who are understood to be far more concerned about violence and claims about the SAP and SADF's role in it than the slush fund disclosures.

The sources said the NP would bear lasting scars, but claimed that multi-party talks were still on track and likely to start at the end of November.

No ministerial heads are expected to roll this week. Sources say they do not exclude the possibility that President De Klerk may sacrifice Law and Order Minis-

ter Adriaan Vlok in the next'

three months. But they predict he and Defence Minister

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Magnus â\200\230Malan may go only

. when Mr De Klerk announces
â\200\230his negotiating team. {80

r De Klerkâ\200\231s response
this Tuesday to the slush fund
scandal is probably the biggest
challenge of his career since
he came to power.

However, he is not expected
to buckle or apologise.

Major Botha in his statement
yesterday, which wasâ\200\231
cleared by the Commissioner
of Police, takes the blame for
causing great embarrassment
to Dr Buthelezi â\200\224 and
Pretoria.

Major Botha said he never
discussed the matter of funding
with Chief Buthelezi.

â\200\234In this regard I communicated
with his personal assistant,
Mr MZ Khumalo. Mr Khumalo
thanked me for the funds. I
deduced that he was speaking
on behalf of the Chief Minister.
After Mr Khumaloâ\200\231s
resignation, I realised this
deduction was incorrect.â\200\235

Major Botha also stated he
wanted to correct the impression
that Chief Buthelezi â\200\234
took me into his confidence
regarding his political support
and leadership problemsâ\200\235.

â\200\234From 1986 to 1991 I was
a bodyguard of the Chief Minister
during official functions in
Natal. From my discussions
with him I have, as is apparent
from the memorandum, drawn
certain conclusions regarding
the political problems surrounding
the Chief Minister and Inkatha.
I had no intention of creating
the impression that Chief
Minister Buthelezi had briefed
me personally and

exclusively on these mat-
ters.â\200\235 :

The police have refused to
make Major Botha available
for questioning by the media.

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ONE of the 24 guns
bought on behalf of
nkatha members by
1 Pietermaritzburg
security policeman
three years ago has
since been identified
as the murder weap-
on in 10 allegedly pol-
itically motivated
killings. At least one
of the others was
connected to yet an-
other murder trial.
This and other star-
tling evidence is expect-
ed to be revealed this
week if Natal attorney

general Mike Imber de-

cides to prosecute the se-

Tribune Reporter

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curity policemen in con-
nection with the pur-
chase.

A police investigation

â\200\224 prompted when the -
purchase was revealed in
the murder trial of anIn-

katha. supporter in Jan-
uary this year â\200\224 found
evidence that in 1988 a
Pietermaritzburg-based
security policeman pur-
chased 24 ,38-special re-
volvers on behalf of Inka-
tha members.

One of the revolvers.

was subsequently identi-
fied as the murder weap-
, â\200\230trial
involving 10 politically-

motivated killings and
seven attempted mur-
ders. The accused, Inka-
tha member Petros
Ngcobo, was acquitted on

all charges after testify-
ing that he had lent the

~_gun to his brother, a noto-
â\200\230rious warlord, .during the

period in which the mur-
ders were committed.

The brother has since
died. ;

Mr Ngcoboâ\200\231s other
brother, Thulani, is being
charged separately for
one of the 10 murders,
that of Numsa shop stew
ard Jabu Ndlovu who
was assassinated in mid-
1989, only a few days
after addressing a Johan-
nesburg press conference
which strongly implicat-
ed Inkatha and the secu-
rity forces in the Natal
war. The case has yet to

. ~come to trial.

Another prominent
IFP member, Themba
Mtshali, was found guilty
in 1990 of the murder of
an ANC supporter in the |
Pietermaritzburg area;

. this killing was also com- |
â\200\230mitted with one of the

guns passed on by the se-
curity policeman in ques-
tion.

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It is unknown at this
stage whether the inves-
tigation docket submitted
to the Attorney General
directly implicates the
South African Police as
an organisation in the
purchase of the guns or
in the use to which they
were subseqgently put.

However, the security
policeman implicated

' has been the subject of a

number of irregularities
in the past. ;

Earlier this year the |

policeman was named as
the handler of confessed
former police death
squad agent Sipho Madla-
la, who in an affidavit
taken after he ap-
proached Pietermaritz-
burg newspaper the
Natal Witness, alleged
that, among other politic-
ally, motivated killings,
he had been involved in
the controversial assassi-
nation of ANC-linked tra-

ditional leader Chief

Mhlabunzima Maphumu-

lo of Magonqgo.

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According to Mr Mad-
lala, the assassination

the warrant officer
named in the guns for In-
katha scandal.

The policeman in ques-
tion has been neither sub-
jected to an internal in-
quiry nor suspended from |
duty. Nor, police spokes-
men said, had he been su-
spended in the light of
the docket presented to
the attorney general this
week.

They told the Sunday
Tribune no action had yet
been taken regarding
possible internal action,
but confirmed the mat-
ter has been fully inves-
tigated and the docket
has been handed to the
Attorney General,
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to get approval!\200\231

STARTLING claims about govern-
ment covert funding were made
this week with allegations that as
much as R5-million was channel-
led to Inkatha via an elaborate

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scheme through the Department of
Customs and Excise.

According to allegations made to
Sunday Tribune more than three
weeks ago, the money was passed
through the department\200\231s diesel re-

\200\234bate accounts and laundered by pri-
vate businessmen, who then handed
over the money in hard cash to In-
katha officials.

The claims were made by a for-

"mer Natal businessman, Mahomed
Badat, who left the country more
than a year ago after being sought
by police in connection with an al-
leged multi-million rand diesel
swindle.

In a signed statement sent to the

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Tribune this weekend from a hide-
\200\230away, Mr Badat claimed that he

and his company, Hazelmere Farm
Services, were used to convert gov-
ernment cheques into cash, which
he saw being handed over to Inka-
tha officials.

In a further development, the

African National Congress said this weekend that they had been aware
«for some time» about «laundering» of illegal government funds in the

~ Natal region.

Patrick Lekota, a member of «the

ANC's National Executive Committee, called for an immediate inves-

tigation into the claims and said the allegations were viewed in «a very serious light».

«We have no reason to disbelieve

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R15-m to Inkath

Mr Badat, but we have decided to give the events some time in order to accumulate more information and evidence,» said Mr Lekota.

The ANC has asked Mr Badat for

more information about the «ille-

gally attained state funds» used to «fund illegal and violent activities» in the Natal region.

In his statement, Mr Badat said

he was «personally duped» to channel at least R15-million in cash to Inkatha since 1989 and was aware that the scheme had been in operation at least two years before that.

He named a Pietermaritzburg attorney as being the mastermind be-

hind the scheme.

«The mode of operation was that

ent of Customs regis-

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tered, qualified, approved and paid large sums of money to non-exis-

tent companies. The names, physi-

a «claims

cal addresses and directors of these

companies do not exist,» said Mr

Badat. '

«I am being made a scapegoat

for a government-sanctioned clan-

destine conspiracy," said Mr Badat.
When approached by the Tribune

~ three weeks ago, the Inkatha Free-

dom Party dubbed the allegations
a complete fabrication and while
police confirmed that they were in-
vestigating a diesel fraud swindle,
they denied that there were any
links to covert funding of Inkatha.
IFP spokesperson, Ms Suzanne'

Vos, dismissed the allegations with |

the contempt they deserved and
said the IFP knew nothing about
funds from the Department of Cus-
toms and Excise.

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HAVANA: African National Congress president Mr Nelson Mandela publicly praised communist-ruled Cuba on Friday and threatened the South African government with the "power of the people" if it dragged its feet over reforms to end apartheid.

In a tough speech on the second day of a visit to Cuba, Mr Mandela also repeated a call for the formation of a national unity government in South Africa and elections to form a constituent assembly.

Referring to a growing scandal in South Africa over secret government funding for the ANC's black political opponents, Mr Mandela accused the white-minority government of using its powers to harass and try to weaken his anti-apartheid organisation.

"We warn them that if they do not listen, we will have to use our power to convince them," he said.

"That power is the power of the people," he added.

Cuban leader Fidel Castro slaps ANC leader Nelson Mandela

the Order of Jose Marti medal on him.

Mandela threatens SA Govt with the power of the people

Mr Mandela was speaking at a rally in Matanzas, 100 km east of Havana, after being decorated by Cuban president Fidel Castro with Cuba's highest award, the

Order of Jose Marti.

The ANC leader said the South African government of President FW De Klerk wanted to remain in power during the process of transition away from apartheid to a non-racial society.

â\200\234That cannot be allowed to happen,â\200\235 he said.

Mr Mandela also heaped praise on communist-ruled Cuba, saying its 32 years of revolution offered a lesson to South Africans to fight for freedom or death.

â\200\234The most important lesson that you have for us is that no matter what difficulties you are under, there can be no surrender. It is a case of freedom or death,â\200\235 he said.

Mr Mandela was the guest of honour at national celebrations to mark the 38th anniversary of an abortive guerrilla attack led by Mr Castro against an army barracks that was the prelude to the 1959 Cuban revolution.

Wearing a Cuban â\200\234guayaberaâ\200\235 (an embroidered shirt), Mr Mandelaâ\200\231 hailed â\200\230â\200\234revolutionary Cuba, internationalist Cuba, the country that has done so much for the peoples of Africaâ\200\235.

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â\200\234You are with us,â\200\235 the ANC leader told Mr Castro, saying both the ANC and the ruling Cuban Communist Party had fought for the oppressed masses of their countries.

But he attacked what he said was the obsession of the ANCâ\200\231s critics to link his organisation with the South African Com-

munist Party.

â\200\234The ANC is not a communist party but a wide-based liberation movement,â\200\235 Mr Mandela said.

He praised what he said were Cubaâ\200\231s advances in health, educa-

" tion and science in its 32 years of revolution.

â\200\234We have admired the sacrifices of the Cuban people in maintaining their sovereignty in the face of imperialist- or- chestratedÂ® campaigns,â\200\235 Mr Mandela said.

â\200\234We too want to control our own destiny.â\200\235

The ANC leader also criticised the US govern-

. ment. for-lifting federal

sanctions against South Africa..+ Sapa-Reuter