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Feature of unrest is
ANC, Inkatha rivalry

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POLITICAL rivalry between Inkatha and the ANC was a common factor in recent violence in Alexandra, Soweto and the Vaal Triangle, the Goldstone commission has concluded from preliminary inquiries.

The commission would now concentrate on probing claims that thousands of people had been forced to flee from their homes during the fighting.

It would look into whether such people should be compensated for their loss, Judge R J Goldstone, chairman of the inquiry into public violence and intimidation, said yesterday.

In view of what had been established about ANC/Inkatha rivalry, Goldstone said his commission had decided no good purpose would be served by hearing many weeks of disputed evidence on the issue — and on police conduct during the violence.

The judge gave the assurance that adequate policing was still receiving the commission's attention, and that its Thokoza committee had been studying ANC/Inkatha rivalry.

"The commission has decided that what does require urgent investigation are the allegations that violence (in Alexandra, Soweto and the Vaal Triangle) has resulted in the displacement of thousands of people."

A special committee had been appointed to establish the facts.

The committee would also consider whether people were legally or morally entitled to compensation for damages as a result of being forced to leave their homes.

FW disclaims role
in 'planning crimes'

Involved in the allegations pending the outcome of the inquiry, De Klerk said he could not prejudice the outcome of the legal process.

He countered DP calls for a full-scale judicial commission of inquiry into alleged security force excesses in the 1980s by saying the reopening of the inquiry under eastern Cape Judge President N W Zietsman was the most appropriate course of action. De Klerk did not, however, rule out the possibility of a judicial commission of inquiry at a later stage, should this be necessary.

CAPE TOWN — The eastern Cape attorney-general had been given full access to all relevant information — classified or not — to assist with the inquiry into the deaths of three eastern Cape activists, President P W de Klerk said yesterday. During a special parliamentary debate on the role — if any — of the State Security Council in ordering the assassinations of Matthew Goniwe, Fort Calat, and Mbulele Goniwe, De Klerk insisted that neither he nor his colleagues were present at any council meetings where crimes were planned.

The Cabinet had also not been involved in any such discussions. Responding to a call by DP MP Peter Gastrow for the suspension of the officers

Thorny issue of regionalism resolved

Push to clear
final hurdle
at Codesa

CODESA negotiators will make a last-ditch attempt today to reach agreement on how a future constitution-making body should reach its decisions.

Significant progress was made yesterday on narrowing the gap between government and ANC positions, on the eve of Codesa II.

By late yesterday one key issue was outstanding: the percentage required to agree on a new constitution.

Other crucial issues, including the termination of the ANC's armed struggle and government's insistence on a two-chamber legislature, were virtually resolved.

ANC international affairs director Thabo Mbeki told a news briefing in Johannesburg last night that he expected Parliament to start legislating for the establishment of the first phase of interim government before it went into recess next month.

He said the first phase structure, the transitional executive council and its subsidiary councils dealing with aspects of government, should be in place by July.

Also yesterday, Codesa's working group 2 resolved the thorny issue of regionalism, agreeing that all adults would effectively have two votes, one for a regional and one for a national representative. It was agreed that this clause would be entrenched and that the drafters of a new constitution would have no alternative but to include it in a new constitution.

The group could not, however, agree on whether the new constitution should be passed by a two-thirds or a 75% majority.

"The principal question is the issue of decision-making in the constitution-making body," he said. The ANC had accepted that in special circumstances, such as possible amendments to a bill of rights, decisions would have to be taken by a larger than two-thirds majority used for other decisions. The ANC was anxious that the principle of majority rule was not annulled by too high a majority being required for decisions.

Mbeki said the ANC had tried to take

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although the parties were prepared to agree that a bill of rights be passed by a 75% majority.

Government Codesa spokesman Tertius Delpoit said the nature of the difference still to be resolved entailed more than a dispute about percentages. An acceptable package for how a new constitution would be drawn up was still to be negotiated.

Working group chairman and Labour Party delegate Mylie Richards expressed confidence that the group's assignment would be completed today. No other parties expressed fears that Codesa II would be delayed.

Earlier in the day, government negotiators told a briefing that the issue of whether SA would be a unitary or federal state was central to further progress at Codesa. Chief government negotiator Dawie de Villiers said government and other Codesa parties wanted assurances that regional powers would not be removed by a majority in a constitution-making body.

Outgoing Defence Minister Roelf Meyer told the briefing that government and the ANC were close to an agreement in bilateral discussions on the future of SA's armed forces, including the ANC's armed wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe.

The ANC agreed yesterday in a two-chamber interim legislature — a national chamber and a regionally composed chamber. Mbeki said there was not yet agreement on how the second chamber would be constituted.

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into account the concerns of regional parties. He said the decision-making issue would have to be resolved at Codesa II if agreement was not reached before then.

The ANC expected the issue of political prisoners to be resolved at Codesa II.

□ Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi will not be attending Codesa II, according to the list of delegates submitted by Inkatha. The delegation will once again be headed by Frank Mdlalose.

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Church leaders to quiz FW on govt's hand in violence

CHURCH leaders, including SA Council of Churches (SACC) general secretary Frank Chikane, will meet President F W de Klerk next week to discuss political violence and government's alleged involvement in it.

Church leaders requested the meeting with De Klerk and Law and Order Minister Hennis Kriel on April 28 — days after they had convened an emergency summit of black political organisations on violence.

An SACC spokesman said yesterday the meeting would be held in Cape Town next Friday.

He said although the meeting was not about recent allegations that government had planned the killings of its opponents, church leaders were expected to raise the matter as "it has something to do with violence".

Meanwhile the Rustenburg committee of the National Conference of Churches in SA has called for prayer on June 3 to end violence.

The committee said it hoped employees and employers would agree on a total work stoppage from 11am to 2pm.

The Human Rights Commission (HRC) said yesterday 41 people had died and 44 were injured in violence countrywide in the week ending on Tuesday.

The commission said the figures were lower than the previous week, when 48

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deaths and 60 injuries were recorded.

Our Durban correspondent reports that the eight-member OAU delegation monitoring violence arrived in Durban yesterday and were immediately locked in an hour-long meeting at Louis Botha Airport with regional ANC leaders.

The OAU dignitaries later flew in a helicopter to Ulundi to see Inkatha president Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

The delegation, which arrived in SA on Sunday, has had discussions with the ANC, PAC and Azapo, and also with SAP and SADF representatives. It was led by Nigerian ambassador to the OAU and Ethiopia, Chief Segun Olusola.

OAU executive secretary and delegation member Mamadou Kane said the group's main mission was to try to help accelerate negotiations and see how best to help arrest the political violence.

□ The policeman accused of assaulting and raping a 17-year-old girl this week in Kaitleng on the East Rand had still not been arrested, police said yesterday.

A Witwatersrand police spokesman said it was not necessary to arrest a suspect if he was unlikely to disappear. Full investigations were still being conducted.

**ANC raises political prisoners issue**

THE issue of political prisoners needs to be resolved before Codesa Two, which is only a day away. African National Congress spokesman, Thabo Mbeki said yesterday evening.

"There continue to be hundreds who need to be released and this is a matter which needs to be resolved before Codesa Two," he said at a Johannesburg Press briefing.

"There are bilateral discussions between the government and the ANC and hopefully these will produce results by Codesa Two."

He added it was essential the length of the negotiation process should not be indeter-

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minate and that interim government structures should be in place by July.

"By the time the present Parliament goes into recess in June, there should be legislation to enable the structures to be put in place."

Although Codesa negotiators have agreed there should be interim governmental structures, they have not yet agreed on when they should be implemented.

Another issue to be addressed was how long a constitution-making body should sit to draw up a new constitution.

"All these issues should be discussed at Codesa Two, so that the process doesn't become indeterminate. Codesa Two must address time frames." — Supn.