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# Mandela to meet Major for talks

CAPE TOWN. — ANC Deputy President, Mr Nelson Mandela, is to visit Japan and Britain this month. He is expected to meet with British Prime Minister John Major, an ANC spokesperson. Ms Gill Marcus, said yesterday.

Mr Mandela (72), would leave South Africa on April 19 for Japan, then travel to Britain.

She did not know how long Mr Mandela would stay in either country, but said the trip was expected to last about a week.

A spokesman for No 10 Downing Street confirmed yesterday that Mr

Mandela and Mr Major would hold talks towards the end of the month.

No specific details or a date for the meeting were available yet, he added.

President F W de Klerk is scheduled to meet Mr Major on April 22 during his visit to Britain, Denmark and Iceland.

Whitehall officials yes-

terday dismissed the possibility of Mr De Klerk and Mr Mandela holding a unique joint meeting with the British Prime Minister to discuss latest developments towards constitutional negotiations in South Africa.

Britain has called for easing sanctions imposed against South Africa to protest the apartheid policy of racial segregation and White dominance.

The ANC has opposed the lifting of sanctions, saying foreign countries should continue pressuring South Africa to change until apartheid has been completely eliminated.

Mr De Klerk's government has proposed the elimination of all remaining apartheid laws and held talks with the ANC on setting up negotiations to end White minority rule.

Under apartheid, South Africa's Whites control the government and economy, while the Blacks have no national voting rights. — Sapa-AP.

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## Police confirm arrest of returning exiles

POLICE confirmed yesterday the arrest and interrogation of two African National Congress (ANC) members seized at Jan Smuts Airport on their return from exile.

The ANC said on Tuesday Mr Japie Maphalala and Mr George Khashu were "kidnapped" on March 28 when the second batch of ANC activists returned.

In a statement, police confirmed Mr Maphalala had appeared in court on a charge of murder. They

said he had failed to appear in court in 1984 and a warrant for his arrest had been pending.

Mr Khashu was questioned at the Vryburg police station in connection with criminal offences committed in 1985. He was driven home by police after the interrogation, the statement said.

Police also confirmed the detention of Mr Morgan Mothungwani.

But the SAP denied the alleged harassment of another returning exile. Mr

Josiah Sangweni at his home.

Police also said they objected to the wording of ANC statements when its members were involved in cases being handled by police.

"Legitimate police action is usually referred to as 'attacks' or 'assaults', visits to its members are referred to as 'harassment' and in this latest statement, a lawful arrest is referred to as 'kidnapping', the police statement said: — Sapa.

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### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### SA govt is blamed

FRONTLINE states' and Nigeria's foreign ministers, and ANC and PAC representatives, hold the SA government directly responsible for most of the continued escalation of violence in SA, a statement says.

In a communique released yesterday after a one-day meeting in Gaborone on Tuesday, the foreign ministers demanded government take urgent practical steps to end it immediately.

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# SADF trying to weaken us: ANC

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THE ANC yesterday accused the SADF of conducting an intensive propaganda campaign on behalf of President De Klerk's National Party in a bid to discredit and weaken the ANC, mainly in Lebowa.

The ANC Northern Transvaal Region claimed the SADF had engaged in a leaflet campaign, secret deals with local chiefs, harassment of ANC members and "mini-states of

emergency" in Lebowa, all against the ANC.

"The ANC is concerned that, as the process of removing obstacles to free political activity might be unfolding in other areas of the country ... the SADF is entrenching itself in the villages and is engaged in a campaign to make the work of the ANC virtually impossible.

"We are alarmed by the fact that, while the SADF portrays itself as an apolitical force, it is acting as a propaganda

tool of the National Party in an intensive campaign to discredit and weaken the ANC," the statement charged.

"What the SADF is involved in forms part of a broader strategy of the National Party desperately (trying) to gain a foothold in the rural areas.

"Quite clearly, if this strategy fails, as it surely will, these forces might try to foment violence among the people as they have so devastatingly done in other areas of the country.

Responding to the allegations, a spokesman for the SADF Far Northern Transvaal Command said it had a "regional protection concept" for the area which had been cleared by the Lebowa Government.

"This concept operates with the consent of the Lebowa Government and has the aim of protecting traditional authority and inhabitants. It is also to create a general feeling of security in the region," said the spokesman. — Sapa.

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Magnus says  
he will resign  
if need be

Political Staff

CAPE TOWN — Defence Minister Gen Magnus Malan indicated last night he would quit without hesitation if he proved to be an obstacle in the way of President F W de Klerk, the NP or the SADF.

Malan was speaking in an interview on SABC television news.

Earlier in Parliament, he disclosed that the SADF had fired 28 Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB) members — including its former head Col Joe Verster — who had not accepted their severance packages.

In the television interview he echoed comments made on Monday by Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok, who said he would resign if he stood in the way of negotiations.

Malan said he had been appointed to the Cabinet by De Klerk, and as such he was part of a team. If he stood in the way of that team he would resign.

In Parliament, Malan said he was ready to respond to the allegations surrounding the CCB. He had been waiting for the joint committee on public accounts report on the special defence fund, tabled three weeks ago, before replying.

He also disclosed that he would not be proceeding with proposed legislation that would have prevented the 28 CCB members from taking their case to court.

Malan said the SADF had laid a charge with the police over the disappearance of 11 CCB operational files. These files had a bearing on the R659 000 which the joint committee on public accounts found to be unauthorised.

He said Verster had also been summonsed to hand over those "assets, original contracts and files" which were needed for the completion of the administration and audit of CCB records.

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## Buthelezi gets a call from Mandela

TIM COHEN

ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela yesterday telephoned Inkatha Freedom Party president Mangosuthu Buthelezi to open the way for discussions on the sharp exchanges which had taken place between them recently, the ANC said yesterday.

An ANC statement described the telephone conversation as lengthy and cordial. It was initiated by Mandela, the statement said.

The conversation follows critical comments made by the ANC about the status of the Inkatha Freedom Party in its ultimatum to government in which it referred to Inkatha as a "minor" political player.

Both leaders agreed to lend their "immense personal authority" to ensuring that relations between the ANC and Inkatha were not disturbed by these developments, the ANC statement said.

Buthelezi said in a statement last night that relations between Inkatha and the ANC could be rectified only through the joint examination of the ANC's real intentions by both parties.

Buthelezi confirmed that he had dis-

An appendix to the ultimatum included examples of instances in which the ANC alleged that Inkatha had used violence, helped by the security forces, to infiltrate areas where it previously had no support.

Buthelezi was outraged by the comments, and warned that civil war could follow the ANC's ultimatum.

The ANC's statement said Mandela explained the purpose of the ANC's open letter, pointing out that it was directed at government inaction and not at Inkatha.

cussed the ANC's open letter with ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela yesterday. Inkatha's central committee would discuss the issue on Sunday, he said.

Meanwhile, Sapa reports that diplomats who attended Mandela's briefing of diplomats on Tuesday agreed the ANC should be assisted to help break the deadlock.

Diplomats saw a role for themselves in encouraging a meeting between Mandela and President F W de Klerk.

"The SADF has already instructed the State Attorney to summons all persons who are still in possession of state property and have not returned it," said Malan.

To remove further "sowing of suspicion" he said there were only four cases in which assets were still missing. One was the trawler in Durban and the others included office equipment, cars and attache cases.

He said the possibility existed that some of the 28 who had been fired would take the issue to court.

Malan also disclosed that the SADF had offered its assistance to former CCB members by applying for indemnity where it might be applicable. He pointed out that ANC members had been given indemnity

and "it is only right that our own people should be looked after" in this instance.

He lambasted those politicians and newspapers who had attacked him in what he felt was an unethical manner.

He said he could not discuss Operation Goldie — CCB projects undertaken inside SA — because its expenditure of R82 000 was the subject of a police investigation.

Referring to the other 10 CCB projects he said the Auditor-General, in his report on the organization's financing, had said that there was a "rebuttable assumption of unauthorisation" of the R537 000 involved. There were indications the total could be "considerably less" than R659 000.