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South African militants
pledge peace for vote

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa - A militant black group suspended its armed struggle Sunday, saying it wanted to ensure peace for the country's first multiracial election.

Clarence Makwetu, president of the Pan Africanist Congress, also said his organization was negotiating with the govern-

' _ment on joining a national

peacekeeping force and a transitional administrative body.

Pan Africanist guerrillas have been linked to attacks on whites and police, including the Dec. 30 machine-gun attack on a Cape Town pub in which four people were killed. Members of the group's youth wing are charged in the death of Amy Biehl, a white American scholar, last August.

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Pan Africanist Congress lays

â\200\230Radicals call
â\200\230halt to armed
struggle in
South Africa

By Alec Russall In Johannesburg

THE Pan Africanist Con-
gress is to suspend its 32-
year armed struggle and will
take part in South Africa's
elections,
president said yesterday.

Mr Clarence Makwetu said
the Azanian People's Libera-
tion Army (APLA), the
movementâ\200\231s armed wing,

which has been accused of a
&palg of attacks on whites,
will abide by the decision.

While questions remain
about the Congress's influ-
ence over the armed units,
the suspension could be cru-
cial in ensuring peace before
and after the elections,

Mr Hernus Kriel, Law and
Order Minister, welcomed
the decision, saying: It is
high time the PAC and
APLA realised that violence
and democracy do not mix.
You cannot achieve democ-
racy through violence."

The African National Con-
gress, which halted its armed
struggle in 1990, hailed an
â\200\234important developmentâ\200\235

But the black-conscious-

â\200\230Ness movement, the Azanian

People's Organisation, said:
â\200\234It is unfortunate the PAC
has become the victim of
pressure inside and outside
the country''

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which Âclaimed re spunsib.ht)
for last month's attack on a
mainly white bar in Cape

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Town in which four pesple
dicd, declared 1994 the 'year
of the great offensiveâ\200\231 Its
potential to disrupt the peace
process far outweighs its
national support

Announcing the decigion
in Johannesburg, Mr Malk:
wetu said the APLA would
hit back if attacked, a refer-
ence to October's raid by the
security forces on a sus-
pected APLA base in the
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Mr Makwetu, who hclÃ©\td
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said the armed wing would
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the Transitional Fxecutive
Council, the multi-party
body working with the
National Parly government
until the April election
Talks are to continue with
theÂ© government on an
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Despite concerns that ren
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regard the development,
there is little doubt the Con-
gress has committed itself to
the electoral process. In two
weeks, it is to publicise a
campaign manifesto and
issue a list of candidates

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that stemmed from a *â\200\230com-
mitment to peace and free
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Observers said the Con-
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had become obsolete as the
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THE radical Pan Africanist Congress is suspending its guerrilla campaign in South Africa conditionally and will register as a political party to contest the all-race general election on April 27. Clarence Makwetn, the PAC president said in Johannesburg that orders to halt the armed struggle were being issued by leaders of the Azanian Peopleâ\200\231s Liberation Army. the PACâ\200\231s armed wing. to cadres throughout the country. However, the congress reserved the right to defend the African people and he called on the government to grant amnesty to guerrillas held in prison or living in exile. Mr Makwetn also said that the PAC would not take part in the Transitional Executive Council at this stage. The announcement followed a crisis meeting of the PAC senior leadership on Saturday. The most critical issue facing

them was the declaration by Tanzania barring the PAC and the APLA. which has headquarters in Dar es Salaam, from using the country to plot hostile action against South Africa. For decades, Tanzania has been the PAC's staunchest supporter.

The decision opens the way for the APLA to be integrated into South Africaâ\200\231s new national defence force alongside the African National Congress's armed wing. Umkhonto we Sizwe, and the armies of the independent black homelands. The APLA claims a strength of between 5,000 and 10,000.

Meanwhile. It was reported yesterday that a shadowy far-right group. the Boer Republican Army. had issued death threats against three Cabinet ministers and also General Constand Viljoen, leader of the Afrikaner Volksfront

A government spokesman said letters in Afrikaans and a small plastic bag containing a piece of what was believed to be plastic explosive had been sent to Roelf Meier. the Constitutional Development Minister, and Leom Wessels, the Manpower Minister. the government's chief negotiators at the constitutional talks, as well as Hernus Knel the hardline Law and Order Minister.

The Afrikaans-language Rapport yes-

terday carried photographs of a secret training camp on the border of Natal and

Orange Free State provinces, showing white instructors training blacks dressed in brown combat fatigues and armed

with automatic rifles. The paper alleged that right-wing whites were training Zulus to defend members of the Inkatha Freedom Party against possible action by the ANC or the government.

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' Radical blacks renounce armed struggle

BY RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

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guerrilla amnesty

Proposal viewed as â\200\230treasonâ\200\231

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[FP opposition to plans to Te-
duce the number of Internal
Stability Unit members in
East Rand flashpoints â\200\224 and
replace them with SADF
troops â\200\224 grew yesterday with
two senior IFP Transvaal
leaders strongly criticising the
move.

TP M7 and Transvaal chief
co-ordinator Hennie Bekker
went so â\200\230ar as to say the pro-
posal to reduce the ISU's East
Rand presence would be view-
ed by his party as treason
(verreë) and the â\200\234final abd-
ication of the National Party
and Government to the ANC-
communist allianceâ\200\235.

He demanded a Govern-
ment-FP meeting to discuss
the issue.

Another senior IFP Trans-
vaal member, Thembe Khoza,
said: â\200\234The FP has
many complaints and
died after losing 10 of its
members in December. When
3000 bullets were fired at civ-
ilians in a single incident (in
Katlehong) "

People causing problems in
Katlehong were well-known

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INKATHA expresses
fury at the new
policing plan, while
the ANC says the
move is a step in the
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members of the ANC's armed
wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe
(MK), and its self-defence
units, he charged. â\200\234Why they
have not been arrested is not
understandable.â\200\235

Bekker said the P had al-
ready expressed serious res-

ervations about one-sided
tats between President de
Klerk and ANC leader Nelson
Mandela on the East Rand
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If troops had to be used on
the East Rand, the TP's plea
was that the unit responsible
for last years incident in
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Law and Order Ministry

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Kotze yesterday confirmed

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ANCYL likely to
keep its autonomy

M BY XAIZER NYATSUMBA
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

The ANC Youth League
(ANCYL) is likely to retain its
autonomy from the ANC, re-
serving the right to criticise
the parent body whenever a
need arose, according to dele-
gates attending the league's
18th national congress at the

! weekend.

The congress, which ends

" today, had to decide whether

the ANCYL's relationship with
the ANC needed to change
now that the ANC was three
months away from power, but
& commission dealing with the
issue suggested that the sta-
tus quo should remain.

This is likely to be unwel-
come news to the ANC leader-
ship, which had hoped the
ANCYL would see itself as an-
other part of the organisation.

Opening the congress at
Vista University on Friday,
Nelson Mandela said the
ANCYL had to stop being a
duplicate of the ANC" and
start attending to problems of
the youth, such as education,
Aids and drugs.

This and other issues will
be finalised by the congress's
plenary session before the
four-day congress ends today.

Meanwhile, soft-spoken

Lulu Johnson {29) was unani-
mously elected to succeed
Peter Mokaba as ANCYL pre.
sident

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Tolgoza residentsâ\200\231
return hits snag A

@ 3Y HAYLEY SCHONBORN
and HAPPY NKHOMA

Tokoza refugees could not re-
turn to their abandoned homes
on Saturday as part of the East
Rand clean-up campaign be-
cause the SADF refused to pro-
vide an escort.

ANC officials had hoped that
SADF personnel would escort
the refugees but were told that
this was the task of the SAP's
[nternal Stability Division (ISD).

But residents rejected the ISD.

Group 41 SADF public rela-
tions officer Somja Nel said the
SADF made it clear at two meet-
ings held last week â\200\224 with
members of the SAP and ANC â\200\224
that they would patrol Penduka
Section but not escort refugees.

Major Andries Greyling of the
SADF said â\200\234ampleâ\200\235 troops were

patrolling the area on Saturday.

He said troops began the patrol at 8am and by 10 am were in Penduka Section.

The refugees are ANC members, So we cannot escort them

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because the IFP will object and say we are not neutral. It is the police's job, Grevling added

The ANC, SADF and SAP are expected to meet this week arrange another date for the homecoming

Tokoza ANC executive Mbor-
geni Radebe said that although the IFP had given the clean-up campaign its blessing, there were "people on the ground who want to frustrate the process". -
B Police recovered five bodies with stab, gunshot or burh wounds in Katlehong and Tokoza on Saturday.

A man was found stabbed to death at the ZonK'iZizwe squatter camp. Two burnt bodies were found in Katlehong's Mogadi and Radebe sections.

The pullet-riddled body of a man was found in Mogedi.

Police came under fire while picking up a body in Katlehong. the SAP said. Sapa.

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Going 1o greet the king . . . Zulus rush from Nancetield Hostel, Johannesburg, this morning
to catch trains 1o Pretoria where their leader was to meet President de

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Mayhem in

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Hundreds of angry commuters who were unable to get to work said they objected to the intimidation which has accompanied today's stayaway call.

Long queues stretched at the Baragwanath 16X rank as commuters sought taxis to take them to Johannesburg.

Police surrounded the Union Buildings and the station with razor wire and warned commuters to keep away from the route

between the buildings and the station. Razor wire trucks were in position at every intersection.

About 10070 chanting supporters brandishing spears, knobkerries, assegais and shields. loitered on the grounds

in front of the Union Buildings.

Thousands of them wore IFP T-shirts and the Zulu songs being chanted were those heard at IFP rallies.

In townships around Johannesburg and the East Rand, police said workers were turned back on their way to work and their buses, minibuses and private vehicles were being hijacked and burnt.

SAP spokesman Lieutenant Deon Peens said taxis were stopped outside hostels, mainly in Katlehong, Tokoza and Daveyton. He said passengers were assaulted and shoved out of the taxis which were then taken into the hostel compounds to be used as transport to Pretoria.

Hospitals on the East Rand reported their casualty wards

Reef townships

were packed

Soweto police spokesman Major Herman Oosthuysen said a man was shot in the face when a gunman in the Dube hostel opened fire on commuters at the Dube Station below.

Commuters at the Nancefield station dived for cover early today as gunmen fired from a packed train as it pulled out.

Qosthuysen said the situation should improve as the day goes on as we have a lot of police out there maintaining a very high visibility.

But more violence is feared this evening as reports filtered through of young township residents preparing to gather at stations and taxi ranks to unleash their revenge on the returning marchers.

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MORE violence is
expected tonight
when the marchers
return from Pretoria

STAFF REPORTERS

Police reported widespread
destruction. violence and m-
imidation in townships
across the Reel today as
thousands of Zulu traditiona-
lists stayed away from work
and converged on Pretoria to
pay homage to the King

Violence and destruction as gulus head for Pretoria

the Union Building

Several people were report-
ed killed on the East Rand
and in Alexandra and reports
of violence spread right
across the city

The thousands of Zulus,
brandishing traditional weap-
ons, marched on the roads
past heavily armed police and
army troops to greet Xong
Goodwill Zwelidini as he ar-
rived for a meeting with Pre-

sident de Klerk.

They started gathering al-
most everywhere across the Keef at
dawn. In Pretoria, busloads of
people from Natal and Trans-
vaal country districts began
arriving early today.

Some of the armed march-
ers in Pretoria shouted "Ru-
zafa vMuntu" (Someone will
die) and nervous protesters.

By midday, at least 20,000
had arrived at the Union

Buildings many of them
from Natal while others came
from the Lowlands.
Hundreds of women were
seen carrying large yellow
buckets filled with home-
brewed beer on their heads.
They laid them down on the

grass at the Union Buildings.

and fed the brew of their
menfolk, some of whom were,
seen already stumbling.
The Inkatha Freedom Party

head office has distanced itself from the sinyaway, which
was called by the Transvaal-
based indigenous Transvaal IFP
leader Mhemba Khoza called
on Zulus last week to support
(he said) Bway.

Thousands of the marchers
in Pretoria and those man-
ning barricades and seen hijacking
vehicles were wearing
IFP T-shirts.

As reports of destruction

spread, so did those of killing
and intimidation.

In Vosloorus on the East
Rand, two men and 8 10-year-
old girl were murdered in a
car outside the Naror factory.
Another live man was shot and
dead nearby'.

A man was shot dead in
Katlehong and another
killed in death in Actonville.

Communists at the Davey-
Lun station were hired at by

Joel with AK-47s.

In Alexandra, north of Jo-
hannesburg, at least two peo-
ple were reported murdered
Police said seven juveniles and
several suspects were burnt
down as a group of marchers
moved through the township
from the Medala Hostel. Gun-
fire raged through the town-
ship throughout the morning

In Diepkloof, Soweto, hun-
dreds of marchers, many of
them wearing IFP T-shirts,
moved through the streets
closely followed by police.

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