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No SA visa for Helene Passtoors

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CAPE TOWN. — Ms Helene Passtoors, the Belgian citizen deported in 1989 after being imprisoned for high treason, will not be allowed back into the country for the present, Mr Gene Louw, Minister of Home Affairs, announced yesterday.

Mr Louw said that during April, Ms Passtoors submitted an application to the South African Embassy in Brussels for a visa, in order to visit South Africa for three weeks.

The application was received by the Department of Home Affairs on April 24, and was submitted to Mr Louw for consideration on May 6.

In a statement yesterday, Mr Louw said Ms Passtoors was found guilty on May 15, 1986 of high treason and subsequently sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment.

"After serving approximately three years of her prison sentence, she formally undertook on May 8, 1989 totally to renounce violence and never to return to South Africa or any neighbouring country.

"She was then deported from South Africa on May 10, 1989.

"Incidentally, she tore up the undertaking in public on her arrival at the airport in Brussels.

"I have, after careful consideration of all the facts at my disposal, decided that a visit by Ms Passtoors is not opportune," said Mr Louw.

Pinochet to visit SA on arms mission

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COMMANDER of the
Chilean army and former

president, General Augusto Pinochet, is expected to visit a number

of countries, including South Africa, in the near future in connection with arms purchases.

Chile is among countries where Armscor has held extensive weapons exhibitions in the past.

Purpose

A Ministry of Defence spokesman said last night that the purpose of Gen Pinochet's visit was to investigate possible arms purchases, and that in this regard he had apparently been in contact with a number of private arms manufacturers.

Although as yet no appointment had been set for a possible meeting with the Minister of Defence, General Magnus Malan, it was certain that such a meeting would be arranged, should and when Gen Pinochet arrived.

Armscor

He would also be certain to visit Armscor.

This was in line with the normal courtesies extended to foreign visitors of importance, and the spokesman underlined the importance of South African arms sales to foreign countries.

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Malan 'in Seychelles deals'

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LONDON — Former Seychelles president Sir James Mancham yesterday claimed that SA Defence Minister Magnus Malan had opened secret dealings with the island's Marxist government.

Mancham, ousted in a coup 14 years ago, ended years of silence to warn that SA would suffer damaging consequences from "dealing with Marxist thugs".

He said he had evidence that Malan visited the Seychelles on March 29. He said there was also good evidence of previous secret visits by Malan.

He alleged that on one visit, Malan met the island's Marxist President Albert Rene to pay "millions of dollars" for the release of mercenaries captured after the abortive 1981 coup led by Col Mike Hoare.

Our political staff reports that Malan yesterday denied the allegations.

He confirmed he had met Rene in March this year during a private visit but that this had been the first time they had met.

They had discussed landing rights and Malan had referred him to the "appropriate South African authorities" as this matter fell beyond his responsibility.

There was "no substance at all" to the allegation that he was involved or instrumental in paying money for the release of mercenaries.

"My wife and I visited Seychelles in March for a few days on a private occasion, as we did last year. I can recommend the Seychelles for a relaxing few days in quietness," he said.

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Exiles' committee to seek world aid for repatriation

AN international donors' conference aimed at raising funds for repatriating SA exiles will take place within the next six weeks.

The conference will be discussed by a high-powered SA delegation which will visit the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) next week.

The delegation is likely to include representatives of the ANC and PAC as well as the National Co-ordinating Committee for the Repatriation of SA Exiles (NCCR).

NCCR executive committee member Frank Chikane said yesterday the committee had decided not to wait for government and the UNHCR to come to a decision on the international body's involvement in the repatriation of 40 000 exiles.

"We are sending a team to work out the details which determine what role the UNHCR will be playing," Chikane said.

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"We should not wait for the government to come to an agreement with the UNHCR. We must do our preparations now.

"We have decided to go ahead with raising funds. We need to be able to say to donors what money we will need regardless of UNHCR involvement.

"After our discussions next week we will arrive at a figure," he said.

Perturbed

Meanwhile, relations between government and the UNHCR appear to have deteriorated.

Government sources have said government is perturbed by certain UNHCR statements that are seen to be in breach of agreements between the two bodies.

Negotiations between government

and the UNHCR have deadlocked over the issue of amnesty. The UNHCR wants government to grant a blanket amnesty to all returnees.

Sapa-Reuter reports from Geneva that the UNHCR is pressing SA to move faster in its negotiations.

"I fear we are losing momentum in these negotiations," said UNHCR spokesman Sadako Ogata.

The UNHCR said government sent a message on May 3 saying that clauses on amnesty in a draft agreement were unacceptable.

Pretoria has asked that the UNHCR, in countries without SA representation, distribute and collect forms on which refugees list offences for which they seek indemnity. UNHCR officials say this would be contrary to UN practice.

"As far as I know there is no possibility of our becoming involved in collecting and distributing these forms," one official said.

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