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Bangizwe Fanie Nkosi from the Eastern Transvaal is an exile in Tanzania. In a letter addressed to the ANC president, secretary general and to various regional offices of the organisation he tells of his plight. Sowetan has obtained a copy of the letter. Today we publish excerpts from it because it illustrates one part of the exile problem. The ANC's response to Inkosi's allegations is also published today.

I Bangizwe Fanie Nkosi, hereby formally present to you this letter smuggled out of the Tanzanian/ANC cells in Mazimbu, and I shall not dwell so much into 'the pros and cons of what happened.

My point of contention is that I do not want to be incarcerated by the ANC as a liberation movement. I left South Africa to escape such actions. It is even worse here because the people in charge are completely ignorant of the proper procedures to follow. Now that repatriation is approaching I feel very much insecure because the community used to be my best security. Right now anything is done because of personal grudges. I also do not have access to our currently unreliable legal protection due to the high rate of bribery (which is) the order of the day.

Time is a lot of people's calculated and organised anarchy going on here by our "Big Sharks". They, by virtue of the powers vested in them by the ANC, simply manipulate such rights to frustrate the already frustrated exiles. As I have said before, anything may happen to me due to the fact that I do not want to co-operate at this point in time. The possible answer to accountability, will be either that I was released or I had defected or deserted. My fear is that only the intestines of this earth shall know my whereabouts. Enough is enough, I want to be home like other exiles. . i

No more police cell delays.
Down with petty corruption.
Yours in the struggle.

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Ms Gill Marcus of the ANC is department of information enquiries with this statement: "With regard to the letter you asked us to comment on,

sent. to you by Bangizwe Fanie Nkosi from Mazimbu, we have obtained the following report from our chief representative in Tanzania, Manala Manzini.

iiNkosi was, together with another person, a tinancc officer at the Vocational Training Centre in Dakawa. A certain sum of money was unaccounted for and he disappeared only to be arrested by the Tanzanian authorities at the Zambian border. iiNkosi was returned to the ANC in Dar es Salaam. Hc has never been arrested by the ANC. is not presently under detention. and at present he is deployed as an education officer in Mazimbu.

iiThc other finance officer has accused Nkosi of being implicated in the missing money."

Spotlight on jailed spies

THE return of 32 South African Government spies after their release by the African National Congress has put the spotlight on the fate of at least six other SA agents still held in a Zimbabwean prison.

Among them are SADF, operatives alleged to have been involved in an attempt to assassinate former ANC president Mr Oliver Tambo in September 1987.

l The ANCis announcement on Friday that it had released all people held or Political Staff imprisoned by' the organisation raised questions about the fate of the prisoners in Zimbabwe.

Officials in Pretoria, Harare and the ANC were tightlipped on Saturday about this thorny issue.

A Foreign Affairs Department spokesman in Pretoria said no information was available and suggested the ANC and the International Red Cross may throw more light on the matter.

Sources say there are indications there may be more releases before the end of this year.

A negotiated release of the prisoners in Zimbabwe is believed to be possible - especially in the light of the release in November last year of convicted South African spy Odile Harington.

0 Harington (30) was jailed in Harare on November 27 1987 for spying on the ANC. She was freed and

flown home last November following years of effort - orthodox and unorthodox - by South African officials to win her release.

Five alleged agents for South Africa, who appeared in a court in Zimbabwe, were named as Kevin Woods. Barry and Guy Bawden, Michael Smith and Philip Conway. All five were arrested following a bomb explosion in January 1988 outside an African National Congress house in Bulawayo in which a man was killed.

Woods, Smith and Conway are under sentence of death.

A sixth man. Rory Macguire, was found guilty of failing to report the presence of South African commandos and of aiding their operations inside Zimbabwe.

Another agent, Denis Beahan, was sentenced to life imprisonment for his part in an aborted 1988 attempt to spring the agents from jail.

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