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Government briefs Vance delegation

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PRETORIA — UN envoy Cyrus Vance spent all of yesterday at the Union Buildings being briefed by a full panel of Ministers involved in the negotiations.

Meanwhile the Vance delegation, which is rapidly becoming the focus of the negotiations process, has been inundated with requests for meetings from organisations, including two unnamed right-wing groups.

Vance and three advisers met President F W de Klerk and several foreign affairs and constitutional development officials early yesterday morning.

A lunch with De Klerk developed into an extended working session.

Also present were Foreign Minister Pik Botha, Public Enterprises Minister Dawie de Villiers, Justice Minister Kobic Coetsee, Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel and Constitutional Development Minister Roelf Meyer.

Vance, accompanied by UN Secretary General staff member Virendra Dayal and UN political affairs department members Hisham Omayad and Shola Omoregie, also met Finance Minister Derek Keys and Health Minister Rina Venter.

No official government comment followed the discussions, although it is understood that no concrete proposals for a physical UN presence in SA were discussed.

Government sources said yesterday they gained the impression that Vance intended to discuss the SA situation in broad terms

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before coming to a conclusion about any possible UN involvement.

Vance made it clear that the measures envisaged in the UN resolution were positive. The resolution calls for the special representative to recommend measures which would assist in ending violence and encourage negotiations.

The discussions included an exchange of ideas on the SA economy.

There are increasing indications that possible UN involvement in SA will be more modest than has been suggested, particularly because of the UN's unhappy experiences in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Although this was not directly discussed yesterday, the former Yugoslavian states, which Vance visited recently, have involved the UN in a seemingly intractable and expensive commitment.

Vance will meet the ANC, the PAC and Inkatha today and members of the Goldstone commission tomorrow.

Our Durban correspondent reports that PAC president Clarence Makwetu warned yesterday that any attempt by Vance to revive Codesa would be futile and would be rejected out of hand by the PAC.

Makwetu told an Idasa forum: "Our message to Vance is that negotiations should be held at a neutral venue and must be conducted under the chairmanship of a neutral person."

findings until the report was officially released, but the impression gained by the BBC was that SAP activity was "less a conspiracy and more a crisis of organisation at the highest level".

Goldstone told the BBC in an interview yesterday the initial findings do not amount to a final verdict. He said the issues raised would be investigated.

"There is only one main item on the commission's agenda — to expose the truth if that makes any party uncomfortable so be it," he said.

be piled together — making it impossible to link individuals to their weapons.

But police efforts were also "frustrated" by township residents' unwillingness to cooperate with the police — apparently at the behest of the ANC, said the BBC.

In what was described as a "badly handled investigation", the BBC reported that the SAP "seemed unable or unwilling to establish what action was taken by whom with what result". They were neither trained nor equipped for the task.

Yesterday, a spokesman for Waddington said he had been asked not talk about his

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64 die in political unrest

SIXTY-four people were killed and 45 injured in political violence in the week ending July 21, the Human Rights Commission said yesterday.

Most of those killed — 45 — died in the PWV. A further 18 people died in Natal, and one person was killed in the western Cape. In the previous week, 50 people died and 92 were injured, Sapa reports.

The HRC's weekly bulletin focused on the 1 235 arrests recorded from July 15 to July 21, the most in a seven-day period for the past two years. All but four of the arrests were related to demonstrations.

The commission also noted that 18 PWV townships had been declared unrest areas.

In Durban, one of SA's most wanted criminals and four other men were shot dead in a shootout with police at Isipingo last night.

Two policemen were injured when handgrenades were hurled at them.

The wanted man is believed to have been responsible for murdering several policemen.

In Cape Town yesterday five policemen were shot and wounded while on patrol in Khayelitsha. One man was arrested shortly after the incident and police confiscated a fire-arm and a handgrenade.

Gunmen opened fire with automatic firearms and hurled grenades at the 12-man internal stability division patrol.

Three of the attackers were injured when police returned fire, but managed to escape.

The wounded policemen are in a satisfactory condition in No 2 Military Hospital, Wynberg.

WILSON ZWANE reports that a meeting aimed at reconciling Kwa-Madala hostel dwellers with residents of Vaal triangle townships fell through yesterday when Numsa representatives failed to turn up.

The meeting was to have been between representatives of Inkatha and the ANC/SACP/Cosatu alliance, and was agreed upon on Tuesday when the alliance's delegation visited the hostel.

'Boipatong report raps police'

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of manpower, "which allowed the massacre to be perpetrated unhindered".

The police are accused of relying on "forceful suppression" instead of negotiations with community leaders, and criticised for having no contingency plan to deal with emergencies such as Boipatong. More than 40 people died in the attack, which resulted in the suspension of talks between government and the ANC.

Goldstone was also requested by government to evaluate the police investigation of the massacre. The task was handed to Waddington, of Reading University, and two British police officers.

Waddington's findings disclosed yesterday that police allowed attack weapons to

LONDON — The Boipatong report commissioned by Judge Richard Goldstone will say the SAP failed to prevent the massacre because of a shortage of manpower, the BBC reports.

The report, compiled by British academic Peter Waddington and two Metropolitan police officers, will be published today. Goldstone says the report on the June 17 killings was leaked to the BBC.

It is believed to contain "a catalogue of shortcomings and failures" in the police planning and command, but provides no evidence that the SAP was directly involved in the attack.

Goldstone yesterday appealed to all parties to refrain from commenting on the leaked report until today, Sapa reports.

The most damning evidence cited yesterday by the BBC was the unavailability

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General strikes to go ahead

Saccola and Cosatu fail to sign accord

SACCOLA and Cosatu failed to reach agreement last night on their planned charter and programme for peace, democracy and economic restructuring.

The ANC/Cosatu/SACP alliance said it would go ahead with its plans for a general strike from August 3.

Cosatu said last night the failure of Saccola to get a mandate for the charter came "as a shock and disappointment to all South Africans determined to resolve the crisis facing the country".

Cosatu general secretary Jay Naidoo said employers had thrown away a historic opportunity. This was echoed by the ANC, which said the business committee had missed the chance to join millions of fellow South Africans in concrete actions for democracy.

CHARLIE PRETZLIK reports that Saccola said in a statement after the meeting that the failure to agree on an accord stemmed from an inability to reach agreement on a total shutdown of all sectors of the economy, including the public sector.

Saccola said the deal did not fail because of a political impasse, but because of economic problems associated with the mass action.

"Saccola remains of the view that it and Cosatu have established a basis for future dialogue on these issues and certainly does not regret the time and effort that was put into an attempt to reach this agreement," the statement said.

Naidoo said Cosatu had tried to act jointly with business to ensure a speedy and effective political transition. He said al-

Cosatu wanted August 3 to be a voluntary nationwide closure including all enterprises and the public sector, with workers being paid for the day.

Saccola wanted employers and unions to decide together at local and regional level how to mark the day. It also ruled out the possibility that employers outside its ranks — including the public sector — could be asked to support the day.

And it felt the decision by its own members should be voluntary and could range from shutting down and paying workers to a "no work, no pay, no discipline" approach where there was no shutdown.

Saccola felt there was no chance of a total shutdown. It also wanted guarantees from Cosatu it would undertake not to damage the economy in any mass actions and to abide by guidelines on demonstrations laid down by the international panel reporting to the Goldstone commission.

Saccola was also concerned that no party political speeches be made at any rallies convened on August 3 — including all speakers refraining from attacking the government.

ALAN FINE reports that employer sources said last night Saccola's consultations with constituents had demonstrated there was strong resistance in many areas to a 24-hour shutdown of industry.



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though employers supported democracy in the referendum, they "are in fact supporting the government's attempts to cling on to power".

Cosatu was still committed to the draft charter and called on employers to publicly commit themselves to the charter and to actively demonstrate their support for it during the week of action.

The general strike will take the form of a national stayaway on August 3 and 4 with the occupation of city centres and strategic points on August 5. This effectively means that a three-day general strike is on the cards.

On August 6 and 7, workplace-based protests are planned. And on August 8 — a Saturday — big rallies will be held.

Saccola and Cosatu were aiming to reach agreement on a document which included plans for "organising and calling on all South Africans to observe August 3" as a day of peace and democracy.

It was understood by both parties during the talks that this involved some form of voluntary shutdown to enable workers and employers to observe the day — in exchange for Cosatu calling off its general strike programme.

But by the time Cosatu and Saccola went into the talks last night, with fresh mandates from their respective constituencies, significant differences were apparent in the detail of the understanding that carried the negotiations so far.

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This was due to several factors. Some employers opposed the deal in principle. Others operated in industries where round-the-clock operations were the norm and necessary for technical reasons. For some businesses, including many marginal mines, the cost of a shutdown could have endangered the business's survival.

It was pointed out, further, that Cosatu was by no means representative throughout the economy. There was no reason at all for firms whose employees were not part of Cosatu, and who might oppose the proposed action, to participate.

In this light Saccola was able to meet the proposal in a limited sense. At most, it could offer recognition of August 3 only in symbolic terms with no undertaking of a shutdown.

Sapa reports from Ulundi that Inkatha president Mangosuthu Buthelezi said yesterday business should not become involved in Cosatu's stayaway action.

"Appeasement is not going to assist. If there must be showdowns, let there be showdowns because they will come anyway," Buthelezi told a group of businessmen, including Chamber of Mines president Bobby Godsell and Seifsa executive director Brian Angus.

Buthelezi said the businessmen had requested a meeting with him.

Mass action campaign jams retail outlets

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than two hours to highlight the ANC's demand for the release of political prisoners.

ANC PWV spokesman Ronnie Mamoepe said ANC Women's League regional secretary-general Lindivie Maseko led the action at Chicks, OK Bazaars and Pick 'n Pay in protest at food prices.

A Pick 'n Pay spokesman said people entered the store, filled up baskets and trolleys with goods and came to the tills where their purchases were rung up.

"They then refused to pay, saying they did not have money," the spokesman said. Goods were then abandoned at the tills.

A Chicks spokesman confirmed that a similar incident occurred at the chain-store's outlet in central Johannesburg. No arrests were made in connection with protests at the chain stores.

A Correctional Services spokesman said Niehaus and Haneboom did not stage a sit-in at Pretoria Central. He said the ANC officials were on a visit to the prison when they asked the prison's commander to forward their memorandum of demands to the commissioner of prisons.

Niehaus said they had refused to leave the prison after visiting a prisoner until

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their petition had been faxed to the Commissioner of Prisons.

Meanwhile, people continued to be arrested on the Reef yesterday as they participated in sit-ins and other demonstrations at government buildings.

Mamoepe said 39 people were arrested for demonstrating outside the Rand Supreme Court building. ANC deputy president Walter Sisulu's wife Albertina and 12 other ANC/SACP/Cosatu alliance members who had occupied the court building were not arrested.

He said the 13 left the court after they had secured an appointment to see Witwatersrand Attorney-General Klaus von Liercs today to discuss the violence.

However, police said only 21 people were arrested for demonstrating outside the court.

The ANC PWV region yesterday said it had not planned to march on the Johannesburg's John Vorster Square yesterday to demand the release of political prisoners. A march on the police station and another on the Union Buildings would be held on Saturday, the organisation said.