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PRESS STATEMENT BY THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE R J GOLDSTONE, CHAIR-
MAN OF THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY REGARDING THE PREVENTION OF
PUBLIC VIOLENCE AND INTIMIDATION

1. The selection of personnel for the investigation units to be set up by the Commission has now been completed. At this stage the Commission will have available to it:

- (a) 9 practising attorneys;
- (b) 2 practising advocates;
- (c) 12 officers of the South African Police;
- (d) 3 officers of the South African Defence Force.

2. The attorneys, all senior members of the profession, have been nominated by the Association of Law Societies of South Africa and will be remunerated for time spent by them on Commission work by the Attorneys' Fidelity Fund. The attorneys and advocates will not be full-time members of the investigation units and will work with them as and when their services are required.

3. The names of the Officers of the South African Police were submitted for consideration by the Commission. The Commission has taken steps to ensure that all of the officers are suited for the work which will be required of them. The names of the officers of

the South African Defence Force will be released as soon as they become available.

4. When the UN observers become available they will be requested by the Commission to assess the activities of the investigation units.

5. Having regard to the very high level of violence in Natal, the Commission has decided that at the present time the highest concentration of its investigation unit personnel should be utilized in that Province.

6. The deployment of the personnel will be as follows:

6.1 Durban

SAP

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Lieut B Naidu

Det/WO Vilikazi

Det/Serg B R Mhlango

Det/Serg B P Mhlango

SADF - 1 officer still to be appointed

ATTORNEYS - Mr K C Hojem of Shepstone and Wylie
Mr D Pistorius of Garlick and Bousfield

6.2 Pietermaritzburg

SAP -- Maj F K Dutton
Det/Serg Z Sibisi
Det/Serg C B Nxumalo

SADF - One officer still to be appointed

ATTORNEYS - Mr O D Hart of Venn, Nemeth and Hart
Mr E van Rooyen of Van Rooyen and Forder

Major Dutton will be responsible for directing and co-ordinating both the Pietermaritzburg and Durban investigation units.

6.3 Johannesburg

- SAP - Col A F Eagar
2 officers still to be appointed
- SADF - One officer still to be appointed
- ADVOCATES - H Fabricius
W Sceales
- ATTORNEY - Mr P Botbiji of Molin, Aubrey, Botbiji
and Co

6.4 Cape Town

- SAP - 1 officer still to be appointed
- ATTORNEYS - Mr J F van Niekerk of Silberbauers
Mr N Tunbridge of Findlay and Tait
Mr M Hales of Syfret, Godlonton, Fuller
Moore

6.5 Port Elizabeth/East London

SAP - 1 officer still to be appointed

ATTORNEY - Mr D Geard of Padgens

7. The foregoing deployment will remain flexible and subject to change from time to time having regard to changing circumstances and the requirements and priorities of the Commission.

8.(a) The five investigation units will take their instructions from and will report only to the Commission.

(b) On behalf of the Commission they will investigate the phenomenon of public violence and intimidation in the Republic, the nature and causes thereof and the persons involved therein. They will also investigate any other matter which, in the opinion of the Commission is relevant to the foregoing.

(c) They will have accommodation in operation centres to be made available by the Department of Justice and which should be functionable by 1 October 1992.

9. In order to remove any misunderstanding it is emphasized that:

(a) The investigation units will not be criminal investigation teams and will not in that or any other respect usurp the

normal duties or work of the South African Police or the police forces of the self-governing territories;

- (b) Information obtained by the units which is or may be relevant to any criminal investigation, if appropriate, will be furnished by the Commission to the South African Police or, the relevant police force of a self-governing territory;
- (c) The information obtained by the units will be relevant as far as the Commission is concerned only in so far as it may enable it to carry out its main terms of reference which are to ascertain the causes of public violence and to recommend ways of curbing it;
- (d) The Commission does not make judgments which effect the liberty or property of any person. It makes recommendations to the State President in the light of its enquiries. The investigating teams do not give the Commission any new powers. They do, however, enable it to gather information more efficiently and quickly.
- (e) The use of practising lawyers and United Nations monitors will serve a two-fold purpose:
 - (i) To add to the expertise and efficiency of the teams;
 - and

(11) To add to the credibility and objectivity of the teams.

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