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By David Greybe

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â\200\234It is a very sad day,â\200\234 said Government negotiator and Minister of Local Government Dr Tertuius Deipor as he stood among a group of heavily-armed security force members.

A Sapa correspondent has confirmed that scores of demonstrators have occupied the Negotiating Council on the first i-\202oor.

Negotiators have iett the chamber and the police are powertess to contain the protest.

Demonstrators also sprayâ\200\224painted slogans such as â\200\234NP'.' with the P in the form of the hammer and sickle insignia.

The council at 9.46am was still occupied by the demonstrators who were joined by the Conservative Party senior negotiator Mr Tom Langley.

The protesters had taken the seats Usuaiiy occupied by the negotiators and the media.

"We will negotiate on their behalf," a uniformed AWB member told..Sapa.

The leaders of the- protest. including Conservative Party leader Dr Ferdi Hartzenberg and AWB leader Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche arrived to applause at 9.48am in the council chambers.

They are expected to address their supporters in the council chamber;

They said earlier they had appointed their own negotiating committee \ consisting of among other Dr Hartzenberg. General Constand Viljoen, Mr Terre'Blanche and Mr Cor de Jager.

AWB supporters will not teave WTC until ordered by their

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Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging ieadar Eugene Terre'Blanche told his supporters occupying the negotiating oomail chambers at the World Trade Centre, outside Johannesburg, on Friday that they would not leave the venue until they were told to do so by their leaders.

The instructions to do so would come from Atrikaner Volksfront leader General Constend Viljoen.

Meanwhile, Conservative Party delegation member Mr Torn Langley was to meet other negotiators tater on Friday morning to discuss the impasse arising from the violent protest at the negotiations conference.

Mr Terre'Blanche said the rightwing leaders were currently in discussions with senior police officials to ensure no arrests were effected.

"We've all got addresses -- we're not souatters,â\200\234 said the AWB ieadar. However. a Sapa reporter says there has been dissenting voices about the manner of the protest.

A retired teacher, who confirmed he was a rightwinger, expressed his disgust with the way the AWB had acted eariier on Friday.

"T his is just not on. People can get kiiied here. it is fine to voice your opposition to the way things are going in this country. but this was taking it too far,â\200\234 the eiderly man said, referring to the smashing through the entrance of the centre by protesters in an armoured vehicle.

AVF members forcefully occupy WTC

By Guy Rogers

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Afrikaner Volksfront members forcefully occupied the multiparty negotiating council chamber at the World Trade Centre in Kempton Park

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A large phatanx of security forces watched from an upper tier tn the  
foyer. but took no action.

AWB : ember Piet Bruwer said that driving the truck into the building  
had not been ptanned. "It was just a crowd anger."

He said he wasn't scared of the security forces. â\200\235They shoot rubber  
bullets at the blacks. They won't shoot us.â\200\234

Rightwingers leave negotiation council chamber

By Stpke de Vries and David Greybe

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More than 400 rightwingere began teaving the negotiating council  
chamber at the World Trade Centre shortly after 11am on Friday after  
successful negotiations between their leaders and democracy  
negotiators over a siege of the venue.

Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging leader Eugene Terreâ\200\231Blanche ordered his  
fottowers out of the chamber, saying he had been given the assurance  
none would be arrested as long as they behaved in an orderly manner.

The instruction came after Atrikaner Volkstront leader General  
Constand Vttjoen, Conservative Party leader Ferdi Hartzenberg and  
others met negotiations and security officials to discuss the violent  
siege of the building earlier in the day.

Mr Terre'Blanche told his supporters to teave the chamber and regroup  
outside the building where small delegations would be altowed inside  
to present protest memorandums. demanding "selfâ\200\224determtnation tor  
the Afrikaner peopleâ\200\235.

Meanwhile, African National Congress secretary general CyrÃ@t  
Ramaphosa and other multiparty negotiators were "safe" in the World  
Trade Centre. after the rightwingers had earlier launched the most  
violent protest yet seen at the democracy negotiations centre.

"They are safe. but for obvious reasons I can't tell you where exactly  
they are," a Government soorce told Sapa at 11.45am.

â\200\234I saw them three minutes ago," Democratic Party national chairman

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Coiin Eglin, also a delegate at the taiks. said a few minutes earlier.

Mr Ramaphoe and the other negettetore were whisked away from the negotiating council chamber after more then 1000 angry demonstrators poured into the centre when an armouredâ\200\231 security vehicte ploughed its way through the plate giaes entrance.

The first inkling of what might occur took place shortly etter 9am when security force members scattered es the armoured vehicle drove through the boom gates at the conference centre, halted brieĩ-\202y several centimetres from the venue's doors and then rammed through the glass frontage.

Shards of 91333 were strewn about as the armoured vehicle rammed through the five metre high entrance.

The vehicle then edged forward slowly into the foyer of the WTC as dozens of protesters followed through.

The armoured vehicle, once through. was quickly covered with flag waving demonstrators on the roof. it eventually halted at the foot of the escalator leading to the negotiating council chamber on the top floor of the two storey WTC.

Hundreds of demonstrators then poured into the centre, occupying the negotiating council chambers.

Asked to comment on the chaotic situation at the World Trade Centre.

the source said: "The Government is saying nothing at this stage."

Senior Government negotiator and Minister of Constitutional Development Roelf Meyer is understood to be with Mr Ramaphosa, SA Communist Party chairman Joe Steve and other negotiators in the building.

Asked to comment on the demonstration on his arrivat at the World Trade Centre on Friday morning at about 8.30am, Mr Ramaphosa said:

â\200\234They are involved in a desperate attempt to hotd on to what they had already lost, because what they were eeltisrziy holding on to now belongs to all of us including them.â\200\234

"it is a very sad day," Government negotiator and Minister of Local

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had burst into the centre with the vehicle.

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In a tater address to the throng outside the World Trade Centre. the  
AWB leader said what had happened 2\* the conference venue on Friday  
morning was entirely â\200\234the fault of the Government".

"We will not recognise peace under the reign of communism.â\200\234 he told  
more than 15000 AVF supporters.

Mr Terreâ\200\230Btanche was speaking via a public address system.

Earlier black Reuters newsmen Rich Mkhondo was assaulted by AWB  
members.

A BBC news team was also threatened by btack-clad Aquita members.

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By David Greybe

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The Atrikaner Volkstront demonstrators who occupied the World Trade  
Centre on Friday agreed to leave after top-level crisis talks between  
Government ministers and protest leaders, 3 Government source said.  
The source said Constitutional Devetopmemt Minister Roelf Meyer and  
Public Entreprises Minister Dawie de Vitliers had held talks with AVF  
teadere. .

The AVF delegation included Conservative Party leader Ferdi  
Hartezenberg. General Constand Viljoen, Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging  
leader Eugene Terre'Btanche and CP chief negotiator Tom Langtey.  
The meeting took place behind closed doors in the Government ofï-\20lces  
next door to the negotiating council chamber which was occupied by the  
r-ightwing protesters.

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The Government source said the agreement by the AVF leaders to instruct their supporters to leave the building came after the two sides agreed on the handing over of a protest memorandum.

The AVF had originally insisted that it address the 26-pgsrty negotiating council, while the ceunctl had. on Thursday atreaoy decided against that.

The council was only prepared to eltow a smelt AVF delegation into the World Trade Centre to hand over the memorandum.

It was also agreed that none of the demonstrators would be arrested.

The source said the feeling among the Government and National Party negotiating delegations was that â\200\234no-one can hold this process to hostageâ\200\234.

"Where do we draw the line," the source asked, "What if the Pan Africanist Congress decides next it wants to protest here?â\200\234

The managing director of the Work: Trade Centre complex, Mr Neels Swart, issued instructions for the â\200\234messed upâ\200\234 negotiating council chamber to be cleaned up after after AVF demonstrators telt the building.

The protesters spray-painted "eie votk eie landâ\200\234 on one of the walls, took participants' name plates and broke glasses.

The Government source did not rule out the possibility that the negotiating council would reconvene on Friday.

"On cannot defend the indefensible," commented Ciskei chief negotiator Mickey Webb, who had been holed up with some other delegates in the Press room nearby.

Mr Terreâ\200\231Btanche left the building after the meeting with the Government and addressed the estimated 1500-strong crowd before returning to hand over the memorandum.

Roetf Meyer criticises WTC action

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The uncivilised actions. attacks on delegates and other innocent people and damaging of property and cars by rightâ\200\224wingere at the World Trade Centre on Friday bordered on barbarism, Constitutional Development Minister Roelf Meyer and Public Entrepreneur Minister Di; râ\200\231lie de Villiers said.

"The Government and National Party is now more determined than ever to proceed and succeed with negotiations. This incident illustrates the danger that radicalists pose to the process of peaceful change,â\200\234 they said in a joint statement.

â\200\235The Conservative Party warned yesterday 0? a civil war. This action at the World Trade Centre illustrates clearly that. they have now embarked on a road that can only lead to unlimited hatred and tension.

â\200\234They have started a battle which they cannot win.

â\200\234This incident is not representative of the way Afrikaners feel and act. it is a small minority fringe group trying to exploit the situation to create an image of power.

"These uncivilised actions of attacks on delegates and other innocent people, damaging of property and motor cars. borders on barbarism."

SACP statement on the WTC incident

JOHANNESBURG June 25 Sapa

The rightwingers' armed seizure of the World Trade Centre on Friday morning was an attempted coup and the perpetrators should be arrested and charged with high treason, the South African Communist Party said. in a statement. the SACP said the majority of South Africans would not stand by if the attempted coup was not crushed and it delegates to multiparty negotiations were harmed.

â\200\234For far too long the Government has tolerated armed demonstrations by the ultraâ\200\224right. We also condemn the South African Police's 3a., .tii-\202g failure to prevent this action.â\200\234

Once more the police had handled the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging with kid gloves, the statement added.

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De Klerk on WTC incident

CAPE TOWN June 25 Sapa .

The bitter fruits of inciting statements made by prominent spokesmen  
of the Conservative Party and the Afrikaner Volksfront were now being  
reaped, State President F W de Klerk said on Friday.

"It is the duty of the CP leadership to ensure its followers are properly  
disciplined," he said when interviewed for reaction to the rightâ\200\224wlng  
armed seizure of World Trade Centre multiparty negotiations venue on  
Friday morning.

Giving the assurance that the Government was in control of the  
situation. Mr de Klerk appealed to all political leaders to act  
responsibly and not to make further inciting statements.

"There is a grave danger of racial conflict at grassroots level. We must  
all make a contribution to prevent further conflict. No organisation  
should take the law into its own hands. That would be looking for  
further trouble.â\200\234 '

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Multiparty talks will go ahead

By David Greybe

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Multiparty talks will go ahead at the World Trade Centre on Friday  
afternoon in spite of the Afrikaner Volkstront's armed occupation of  
the building earlier in the day.

"The negotiating council is going ahead, that I can tell you,â\200\234 Dr Theuns  
Eloft, executive director of the Consultative Business Movement which '  
runs the administrative side of the negotiations process, told Sapa.

"There isâ\200\231no way in which we will not hold today's scheduled  
negotiating council meeting,â\200\234 he said.

The process could not be "hijacked" by any group or party, a Government  
source said earlier.

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Dr Eloff added that the 10-member planning committee, which generally ensures the smooth functioning of the negotiations process, would be meeting as soon as possible to organise the resumptten talks.

The day's proceedings were aborted when hundreds of AVF protesters most armed and uniformed. smashed through the glass entrance 01' r World TradeCentre on Friday morning and occupied the building, including the negotiating chamber, in protest against the talks process. De Klerk says MultiParty talks should proceed

CAPE TOWN June 25 Sapa

Multiparty negotiations should now, much more than ever, focus on reaching an agreement that can contribute to ending the violence, State President F W de Klerk said on Friday.

Commenting on the right wing's armed occupation of the World Trade Centre negotiations venue at Kempton Park on Friday morning. Mr de Kterk said: "We can expect this to have a negative impact. However, it all the negotiators react in a responsible manner, it may bring a new commitment to negotiations. After all. it is the only way to secure and ensure peace."

He said there were elements in Scuth Africa that had underestimated the right wing.

â\200\234We have gone out of our way to ensure that the right wing politicians also take part in the negotiations. We also continue to have bilateral talks with the Conservative Party.

â\200\234It was our initiative that put the points on the agenda which the CP wanted to be discussed -- and are being discussed.

â\200\234it is important that a responsible man who served South Africa so well (Genera! Constand Viljoen, chairman of the Afrikaner Volkstront) should now take the lead."

Mr de Klerk said it was clear that the sewi-\201tv situation at the World Trade Centre should be reviewed as the venue "may become more of a target."

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"We are looking into it and will act hastily to ensure no repetition.â\200\234

Comri-\201ent on â\200\231ANC response to r meident

JOHANNESBURG June 25 Sapa

The African National Congress on Friday said it was outraged by the right wing attack and occupation of the World Trade Centre negotiating venue earlier in the day. calling the action a rental atE-ILCFâ\200\230  
On the most basic principles of democracy.

In a statement the ANC expressed concern about the lack of action by the South African Police and Defence Force, who allegedly had prior warning about the intentions of the protesters.

If the necessary action was taken, and enough forces mobilised at the World Trade Centre, the occupation would have been avoided, the  
or â\200\230misatlon charged.

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Those responsible for the â\200\234outrageous ac â\200\234 had to be arrested and charged immediately, the statement added.

ANC president Nelson Mandela is reportedly returning to Johannesburg for an urgent ANC National Working'Committtee meeting to review Friday morning's events.

â\200\234The ANC calls on our members. supporters and all the people of South Africa to remain calm and to act with restraint. Our actions must be directed at bringing the right wing criminals to book, while we safeguard the very important democratic gains that we have made through the negotiating process."

"Now is the time to ensure that we safeguard negotiations and democratic future for all in South Africa.â\200\234 the statement added.

"The ultra right wing, and the Atrikaner Volkstront. who occupied the World Trade Centre have now shown the world their true undemocratic, racist. neonacist colours."

All South Africans who want a peaceful and democratic future must ostracise the rightwingers for' the disruption of negotiation, the statement said.

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AVF demonstrators blockade entrance of WTC  
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Hundreds of Atri\*-<aner Votksfront demonstraigrs blocked the entrance  
to the World Trade Centre on Friday morning, security sources on the  
scene said.  
"There is chaos there,â\200\235 the source, in radio contact with his otticers at  
the entrance to the TC), told Sapa.  
"The demos have blocked the entrance. No one can move.â\200\234  
According to 90m; negotiators already at the. WTC, the blockade wax-Lsid  
make it difficult for the 26-party Negotiating Council -- whose  
members were due to meet on Friday -. to begin proceedings as  
scheduled because there was no quorum yet.  
Journalists arriving at the WTC attet 9am said they had to run a  
gauntlet of jeering rightwingers as they arrived.  
Their care were rocked by burly protesters and at least one journalist  
reported his car had been damaged.  
An SABC reporter, who is of Indian origin. said his car had been rocked  
and vandalised by the angry vrowd  
He said the windosreen wipers were ripped off and demonstrators used  
meta! objects. including car keys, to scratch his car paint.  
"I had to run a gauntlet out there,â\200\234 a ctearty upset reporter said.  
â\200\234\* think it is going to get even uglier later," an adviser to one of the  
negotiating parties, who arrived just after the radio reporter, added.  
Right Wingers occupy World Trade Centre  
JOHANNESBURG JUNE 25 SAPA  
Right wing demonstrators drove an armoured vehicle through the tront  
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Chanting â\200\234AWB,â\200\235 AWB,â\200\235 the protesters appeared intent on making th  
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way to the tOp i-\202oor of the World Trade Centre where the Negotiation  
Council premises are situated.  
" 'iâ\200\230here'e chaos here," said a Sapa reporter.  
There were no immediate reports or signs of injuries.  
Reporters said police had clearly lost control of the situation ...  
security force members were desperately trying to block access t e  
W iâ\200\230C top floor.  
Another Sapa correspondent said he saw dozens of rightwingers en the  
â\200\235top i-\202oor.  
They appeared intent on occupying the tioer.  
it was; not clear whether top ANC negotiators Cyril Ramaphoea and Joe  
Siovo were still in the building.  
The demonstrators had parked their armoured vehicle at the :35t at the  
eecaiaator which leads to the first floor where the Negotiatine t\_i-eunciï-\202  
site.  
A number of police armoured vehicles arrived through the back entrance  
of the World Trade Centre and heaviiy armed security force members  
were rushing towards the scene.  
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