

# Peace plan put to three key players

GOVERNMENT, the ANC and Inkatha today will consider a historic draft peace accord that could be adopted at a national peace convention planned for early next month.

If accepted, and sources close to the church-business initiative are confident that it will be, the accord will provide rules for future political competition and help end SA's spiral of political violence.

If the agreement proves a success, the mechanisms used to set it up could help to get all-party talks going.

The accord is the result of two months of behind-the-scenes meetings between the three parties.

It provides for a permanent peace secretariat, which would include political representatives and specialised negotiators. It is intended to be a statutory body, although this has yet to be finalised.

It would link up with the proposed standing judicial commission on violence and intimidation proposed by President F W de Klerk in mid-June, a source close to the process said yesterday. The exact nature of the link is still being discussed but it is expected that it would be the chief enforcement mechanism of the peace code.

A secondary multiparty committee will also be discussed today. This would be made up largely of church, business and political leaders, and would keep a watching brief on the peace process. It would also be charged with bringing the process back on track in the event of breakdowns.

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The monitoring body could also form the basis of a multiparty conference, expected to be initiated in October.

A church source said yesterday agreement had already been reached on codes of conduct for security forces and political parties, as well as a code of implementation. The draft peace accord is an amalgam of the separate codes.

It has been drafted and backed in principle by senior figures among SA's three major political groupings, among them Cabinet Ministers. Yesterday it was being considered by the political parties, which will make their views known at today's meeting.

The peace accord provides for peace committees at national, regional and local level. Copies of the accord have been forwarded to non-participating political parties, among them Azapo, the PAC and the CP. All of the latter will be invited to take part in the convention, which could be attended by up to 300 political, church and business leaders.

The accord includes mechanisms to deter participants from engaging in disruptive political action. Anyone issuing an inflammatory political statement, for example, could be compelled to apologise publicly. In a similar vein, parties would confer with one another on potentially explosive public protests.

## Govt may restrict, but not ban, private armies

PRETORIA — Government could restrict the actions of private armies if they aimed to usurp the functions of the police and the Defence Force. Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok said yesterday.

However, government was not considering banning private armies outright.

Vlok said he was not at liberty to clear up conflicting reports on whether government or the State Security Council had discussed the issue of private armies in depth this week, since the council's deliberations were confidential.

Other government sources yesterday said they could not envisage government clamping down on private armies. It could not act against groups without acting against Umkhonto we Sizwe, and it could not act against Umkhonto without torpedoing the shaky negotiation process.

TANIA LEVY reports that the AWB will hold a full military funeral in the western Transvaal town of Orkney this afternoon for one of its three members killed in last week's Ventersdorp clash.

And on Friday night, CP leader Andries

Treurnicht will address a memorial service in Ventersdorp for the three men.

An AWB spokesman said members would attend the funeral of Jacobus Conradie today in full uniform. A private funeral would be held at 11am in the Randfontein City Hall for Andries Badenhorst, who died after being hit by a minibus taxi during Friday's clashes, while Gerhard Koen would be buried at the Schoongesigt Farm near Bloemhof.

The AWB yesterday sent an urgent fax to F W de Klerk, confirming certain rules about right-wingers' attendance at NP meetings agreed to by Transvaal NP leader Barend du Plessis. The NP was also asked to urgently arrange another public meeting at Ventersdorp.

AWB leader Eugene Terre-Blanche confirmed in his fax that the speakers would be given the right to speak without interference, and that the audience would be allowed to attend without interference.

A spokesman at the President's office said he could not comment as they had not yet received the fax. — Sapa.

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It also provides for a more rapid judicial process in terms of which political killers would be brought to justice quickly.

There are no formal plans to involve the church-business initiative in helping set up multiparty talks, although the Constitutional Development Department has been drawn in to assist with secretarial and logistical arrangements for the peace convention.

Government sources would not comment on the peace process yesterday as it had reached a critical stage. They did say, however, that progress made in talks between the parties augured well for the

success of future constitutional talks.

The church source agreed with this, saying: "It has been an encouraging process so far. One might think that the church-business alliance might be the catalyst to keep the political process going."

The peace process was initiated by church and business leaders after a government-backed peace summit in May failed to attract politicians from the left.

Among the negotiators who have been involved in the peace meetings are Inkatha national chairman Frank Mdlalose, Deputy Law and Order Minister Johan Scheepers and ANC national executive committee member Aziz Pahad.



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