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Magnus lashes out at Mandela for ducking talks

By Keith Abendroth

THE Minister of Defence, General Magnus Malan, strongly criticised ANC deputy-president Nelson Mandela at the weekend for continuing to side-step talking to Zulu leader Dr Mangosuthu Buthelezi in a bid to stop the spiral of anarchy.

In a hard-hitting address, interpreted as clearly questioning the sincerity of Mr Mandela to end the violence, General Malan also made it clear that the Defence Force had not "gone soft on security", as was being

claimed in some political quarters.

The SADF, he said, regarded unrest, violence and intimidation as the country's Enemy Number One — and its role was as important as ever, particularly as a stabilising force.

Addressing a colours parade at Voortrekkerhoogte of the Pretoria-based Group 15 commando units, General Malan stressed the multi-racial nature of the SADF; made it clear that there was no room for an "alternative army" which would only be the extension of a political party; condemned the "shocking unrest" in the country and slammed Mrs Winnie Mandela and Mr Chris Hani, ANC MK military wing commander, for continuing to promote the "armed struggle".

He said the impression was growing that the ANC was unable to "get its house in order", and hit at "leaders who try to hide behind transparent excuses for not entering into discussions with their political opponents".

The Defence Force, he said, was made up of people from all race

groups in the country, selected according to ability — 43 percent White, 33 percent Brown and 24 percent Black.

He said that within days of the signing of the Pretoria Minute, in which the ANC had sworn violence, the spiral of violence had increased.

"In many cases, too many, the deed has not followed the word. Parties which should be partners in South Africa's future have still not abandoned violence," said General Malan.

In fact, Mr Mandela himself had said in a TV discussion on August 12 that "mass action" would continue and blamed "so-called State violence" for the country's problems.

Then, on the following Thursday, SA Council of Churches general secretary Rev Frank Chikane had directly blamed the SA Police.

Since the Pretoria Minute a number of ANC spokesmen had made statements which were in direct contrast with the agreement and among the ringleaders were Mrs Mandela and Mr Chris Hani.

At the same time, said General Malan, there was proof that infiltration and the caching of weapons was continuing — a result of Operation Vula, which started in 1987.

The commitment of the SADF to end the violence and the counter-action now being taken by the security forces should be proof for everyone that the government was not "soft on security", as was claimed in certain party circles.

And, said General Malan, the claim from within the ANC that its MK military wing had to be kept in readiness in case the negotiation process failed was "empty and invalid".

He said: "It has never been the terrorist operations of the ANC which played the decisive role which led to dialogue."

He concluded: "What is needed most of all is that the various parties end the violence, that they enforce discipline and establish trust."

"And if they don't want to, or can't, the impression could mount that they do not care if South Africa descends into anarchy."

ANC's reaction shocks Vlok

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LAW and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok has expressed astonishment at the ANC's dissatisfaction with the declaration of 27 magisterial districts as unrest areas.

Vlok noted that ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela had, on several occasions, accused the Government of not using the powers it had to put an end to the unrest.

Media

He said there was an essential difference between the declaration of areas of unrest and the declaration of a State of Emergency.

When he announced at a Friday news conference the measures to stop violence in black residential areas, Vlok said the news-gathering activities of the media would not be curbed. He called on the media not to increase violence through their actions in unrest areas, however.

The Commissioner of Police, Gen Johan van der Merwe, also assured the media that they would not be removed from unrest areas if they merely observed events.

Vlok at the weekend invoked security legislation effectively creating mini states of emergency in 27 black townships and banning the carrying of firearms and other dangerous weapons in certain circumstances.

He also pledged to "drastically increase" the number of SA Police and Defence Force members in the areas affected.

The effect of declaring 27 unrest areas under Section 5 (a) of the Public Safety Act is to allow authorities there wide powers to suppress unrest through, for example, detentions, curfews and confiscations.

Affected

The order, which affects all east and west rand townships, is valid for three months unless renewed or rescinded.

The townships affected are: Soweto, Meadowlands, Diepkloof, Dobsonville, Wattville,

Daveyton, Katlehong, Tokoza, Tembisa, KwaThema, Duduza, Balfour's black residential area, Greylingstad's black residential area, Botleg, Ratanda, Vosloorus, Tsakane, Alexandra, Sharpeville, Sebokeng, Evaton, Bophelong, Boipatong, Mohlakeng, Bekkersdal, Kagiso and Munsieville.

The weapons legislation banned the carrying of firearms and other dangerous weapons such as knives, axes, pangas, knouts, spears, petrol bombs and forks at gatherings - Sapa

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Harry Gwala warns of full scale war

By Farouk Chothia

AFRICAN National Congress (ANC) Natal Midlands convener Harry Gwala has warned of full-scale war if the state does not exert its influence to end the carnage in Natal and the Transvaal.

Gwala said: 'We want peace. We want to negotiate. But if people come to us with axes, R1 rifles and pangas: Woe unto them - we'll fight!'

He said it took two parties to make peace - not one.

'We have put down arms. They (the regime) must do the same. If they still attack us, if the violence continues, then to hell with peace. We'll get peace through defending our rights.'

Gwala was speaking to about 10 000 people in central Pietermaritzburg on Saturday soon after they had marched to the police station to hand a memorandum demanding that the state end the

killings.

Turning his attention to ANC national executive committee members John Nkandimeng, Jacob Zuma and Gertrude Shope - Gwala said: 'Go take our message to De Klerk.'

Before Gwala's speech, Nkandimeng and Shope made passionate pleas for the 'senseless killings' to stop.

Gwala replied that this message should be directed 'to Ulundi - the cause of the bloodshed.'

He said the ZP must be disbanded and its commissioner, Brigadier Jac Buchner must be 'thrown out - pensioned.'

'Vlok (Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok) took him out of the security branch and put him there,' Gwala said.

Gwala said a meeting between ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela and Inkatha president Gatsha Buthelezi will not bring

about peace.

'De Klerk, Margaret Thatcher and George Bush are saying that if Mandela and Buthelezi shake hands, the bloodshed will stop. Mandela just came out of prison. He declared no war. I'm not sure why Mandela should stop the war.'

'For as long as there are warlords and hit squads, the bloodshed won't stop,' Gwala said.

Placing the spotlight on those who have accused him of churning out rhetoric and 'emotional speeches,' Gwala charged: 'We'll show them this is not rhetoric. We'll seize power. They drink whisky in their houses. We drink mahewu.'

Gwala's fiery speech overshadowed a day which ought to have belonged to Natal's women.

The march was organised by the ANC Women's League and led by Albertina Sisulu, Gertrude Shope and Winnie Mandela.

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SB's foxed by Umkhonto commander

New African 27/8/90

UMKHONTO weSizwe (MK) commander Sphiwe Nyanda (40) was a sophisticated master of disguise, evading the police for two years as he went about building the African National Congress's (ANC) underground as part of Operation Vula.

Wigs, spectacles, false passports and identity documents presented to the Durban regional court last week by prosecutor, Peter Blomkamp, showed that Nyanda changed his name and appearance to avoid detention.

Nyanda was Abdul Bashir Moosa: youthful-looking, clean-shaven and bespectacled; born in South Africa on July 28, 1961; 1,6m tall; brown eyes.

He was also Ray Peterson: distinguished-looking, bearded, moustached and bespectacled; born in South Africa on August 10, 1945; 1,8m tall; brown eyes.

Lecturer

Another identity was that of Dennis More: serious-looking, balding, bespectacled, bearded and moustached; born in Maseru on August 8, 1947; 1,8m tall; a university lecturer whose country of residence is Lesotho; brown eyes.

He also became Richard O'Reilly: youthful looking, wearing spectacles, clean shaven and curly hair; born in South Africa on August 19, 1952; 1,8m tall; brown eyes.

In mid-July, Nyanda's life in the underground world came to an end when police detained him at a roadblock in Johannesburg.

Nyanda was a big fish, being

an MK commander. He is also suspected to be on the internal wing of the ANC's Presidents Committee (PC) - the body which oversees Operation Vula.

Another member of the PC's internal wing, ANC National Executive Committee (NEC) member, Mac Maharaj, is in detention, and a warrant of arrest has been issued for the third, Ronnie Kasrils.

According to an ANC source, Nyanda came close to be elected onto the NEC in 1985 at the Kabwe consultative conference because of the support he commands in the military camps.

However, he was not elected because it was felt he was 'more useful in the field.'

Seized documents which Blomkamp revealed in court, showed that the ANC has a sophisticated and well-organised underground.

Within the country, ANC operatives had computer equipment - including modems and tape recorders - enabling them to communicate with their comrades across the globe to make arrangements on, among others, arms pick up points and finances.

Ultra-violet pens for invisible writing were another form of communication.

Communication was carried out in coded form. For example, 'Lucy's place' was Amsterdam and 'Jessy' was Johannesburg.

One document outlined how Carl - the codename for Nyanda - should meet a new courier who was an air hostess travelling from

Amsterdam to Johannesburg.

The documents said: 'Our new courier from Lucy's place is visiting Jessy on Tues 12 Dec (leaves Lucy's on 9th). If you don't want to resend the above and msgs then put the whole lot on a disk to send back with her. Important that she's been met on 12th as this is her first time & she made special effort to get dates changed for us. Will you (or someone) be able to make it? Pls advise immediately via TV as we have only this week to prepare things.'

Nyanda gave details on how arms were smuggled into the country from Botswana on 'probably' about 10 occasions.

He said this was done in petrol tanks - which police found at one of the many houses he had rented - which were modified so as to carry a minimal amount of petrol. The rest of the space in the tank stored arms and ammunition.

Large sums of money appear to be involved in Operation Vula.

Printout

A computer print out from 'Theo' to 'Carl' said: 'I am attending the question of getting the funds from abroad and exchanging it. Presently, I am looking for 20 percent rate. But again I had left you with R110 000. Is this all finished? Police seizure of documents and the seizure of 80-odd activists countrywide, does not mean this is the end of Operation Vula. Blomkamp said '90 percent' of the activists in Nyanda's unit were 'untraceable'.

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Dhlomo: ANC blunders give Inkatha an edge

Witness Reporter

THE African National Congress had made strategic blunders which have enabled Inkatha to take the "moral high ground", former Inkatha secretary general Oscar Dhlomo has argued.

In a column published in a week-end newspaper, Dhlomo said the ANC had made a number of mistakes, including the decision to make the Natal violence a national issue by calling for country-wide protest marches and stayaways.

He argued there should be little surprise that the violence was "nationalised" in line with ANC strategy.

He criticised the decision to demand the dismantling of the "KwaZulu bantustan", while no call was made about other homelands. This opened the way for Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi to claim the ANC was singling out KwaZulu, and the Zulu people, for "vilification and humiliation".

The ANC had also shown no difficulty having talks with other homeland leaders, indicating inconsistency which can be interpreted as "anti-Zulu".

Dhlomo believed another blunder was the ANC's refusal to meet with Buthelezi on the grounds this would give the Inkatha leader "credibility".

"Inkatha leaders present themselves as more concerned about the violence. They lament the violence and spend less time blaming the other side and more talking about solutions.

"They have repeatedly stated they are prepared to meet ANC leaders any time and anywhere to talk about ending the violence."

He said that last week the KwaZulu Assembly decided to send a delegation to the Transvaal to diffuse the violence.

"They cannot lose. If they succeed they will receive our accolades. If they fail they can always blame their failure on the ANC's refusal to meet Inkatha.

"Buthelezi has skilfully utilised ANC blunders to his advantage. He is now able to claim, thanks to the ANC that anyone who demands the dismantling of the KwaZulu Government is challenging not only the Zulu nation but also the Zulu king."

Holomisa slams SA reports

MK, Transkei defence force 'do not plan merger' X

UMTATA — There was no substance to allegations that members of the ANC's armed wing Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK) were being integrated into the Transkei Defence Force (TDF), Transkei leader Major-General Bantu Holomisa said yesterday afternoon.

He said no formal ceasefire had been signed between the ANC and the SA Government but the Transkei still honoured its non-aggression pact with South Africa.

Holomisa denied allegations that he was suddenly expanding the TDF. He said that for the last three years the TDF had been accepting 500 recruits per year and "we have not changed this number". The recruitment figure is in line with the other homelands.

He added that the MK members which the media said were thronging Transkei towns were MK members who were recently released

from Transkei jails.

Holomisa said that if the SA Government had any concrete information that the TDF was busy integrating MK members then it should channel such information through the standing management committee which comprised members of the SADF and TDF rather than through the press.

"But instead what we have here is a calculated exercise to appease a certain audience, more especially an audience like the one which phoned SABC accusing news reader Mr John Bishop of wearing an ANC tie instead of one from Woolworths."

On the issue of ANC MK chief of staff Chris Hani's use of a helicopter belonging to the TDF, Holomisa said that while Hani was a guest of the Transkei Government, it was responsible for his security.

Holomisa also pointed out that

the SA Government had used TDF military transport in the past and even journalists had been ferried around from time to time.

"I think the SA Government should thank the Transkei Government for keeping Chris Hani in the Transkei as we have saved them from an embarrassment."

He said that "accusations that Mr Hani plans to overthrow the Government in South Africa are at the very least based on poor intelligence but could well be a malicious attempt by fifth columnists in the security forces of the South African Government to overturn the peace process."

He said Hani, an "asset" to the Transkei, had "restored respect for traditional leaders, and stopped the intimidation of business leaders" and had endorsed "Mr Mandela's call for discipline and school attendance". — Sapa.

Inkatha Youth call to 'spit on violence' X

by CARMEL RICKARD

THE Inkatha Youth Brigade has called for all black people to abandon their weapons and "spit on violence".

In a resolution passed during the conference of the IYB in Ulundi this weekend, it was also decided that high profile mass action should be replaced by "organised politics".

They called for "less theatrical marches, less high media profile politics, blustering anger and contempt", and they "demanded" from ANC leader Nelson Mandela that he meet with Inkatha president Mangosuthu Buthelezi to "talk peace and act for peace thereafter".

The IYB also took strong exception to the ANC's demands for the KwaZulu Police force to be disbanded, saying they urged the KZP to continue their work of "creating the stability in which the ordinary people can exercise their democratic rights to choose their leader and their political organisations".

The Youth Brigade indicated their impatience with the coverage given by the media and in particular the SABC, to the ANC.

"We say... let there be fair hearings, let there be balanced reporting and let the media generally and particularly the SA television services, be balanced in the time they allocate to reporting on different black leaders and different black organisations and the frequency with which they do so."

They said the country was in effect in a pre-election phase and that if the SABC continued to allocate time in a biased way it would amount to interference in the elections.

In a final lengthy resolution on the South African National Students' Congress, Sansco, the Youth Brigade said the IYB was the "largest organisation

in the country" and was "committed to death in the pursuit of our objectives".

The IYB called on Sansco to "be ashamed of itself", for "pretending that Inkatha is the violent aggressor in Black South Africa when they themselves are the product of the ANC which called for the armed struggle, then for a people's war, then called for groups to seize arms by theft or any means".

They said when history was written Buthelezi would go down in history as "one of the greatest heroes of the past" while Sansco members would be seen as "ignoble adherents to foreign doctrines of violence who will be wasted in the mess of their faulty thinking."

They also slammed calls for Buthelezi to quit as chancellor of the University of Zululand, saying he held this position with a distinction "which no one else will ever equal".

In his presidential address Buthelezi told the IYB that after the violence had subsided people would remember who had caused it and there would be a flood of new members to Inkatha in reaction to the violence they had suffered because they did not observe stayaways.

He also denied that Inkatha was responsible for the violence in the Johannesburg and Reef areas, but hinted that he had the strength to have "routed" the ANC from every part of Natal.

"Every one of you would know what the consequences would have been had I gone to Johannesburg, rallied the people and ordered them to Natal... we would have marched across the Pietermaritzburg Area routing out every ANC and UDF vestige of strength. I have said 'no'. Defence is one thing, I have said, but to adopt violence is another thing."

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Vigilantes wear ANC shirts to attack residents

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By Vusi Ngema

THE wearing of African National Congress (ANC) T-shirts is part of a new strategy Inkatha vigilantes are using to entice youths for attacks, according to reports by residents of Northern Natal.

The strategy, according to observers, is part of an intensified recruitment drive that was seen as a build-up to the Inkatha Youth Brigade congress at the week end.

Last week saw the hacking and chopping to death of Siyabonga Mthembu, a pupil from Matshana and the son of the Ziphozonke High School principal, in the aftermath of an Inkatha meeting at the same school last Sunday.

Residents of Matshana were reportedly forced out of their houses and herded to the meeting, where they were allegedly forced to pay R5 as a joining fee. Mthembu was chopped to death when he refused to pay and was declared dead on arrival at the Ngwelezane Hospital.

The strategy of wearing ANC T-shirts took place near the Ngwelezane shopping complex when Inkatha youths wearing 'Viva Mandela' T-shirts began to toy-toy near the Khombindlela High School, which is perceived to be an 'ANC school.' When students approached the crowd, pangas were drawn and the students were chased away.

The latest incidents of forced recruitment seem to be more naked and concerted. At Mangwe High school teachers were confronted by a group of armed men who

accused them of failing to isolate 'ANC children' and of actively supporting them.

In a related incident S Mthembu - the principal of Ziphozonke High School and the father of Siyabonga Mthembu - was visited by local councilors and told that the death of his son was 'just the beginning'.

The councilors involved could not be reached for comment. Mthembu is being accused of being lenient towards 'ANC students' and of using the school as a 'nest for them.'

At Mashanana High school at a place called Manzamnyama near Mthunzini, several armed youngsters are said to visit the school regularly, telling students that the school belongs to Inkatha members only.

'The problem is that we are not allowed to arm ourselves for defence. We are not even to be seen in groups or to meet and speak while Inkatha students are allowed to carry weapons freely. We can only go to school if parents and Inkatha leaders bring order to school,' one student said.

The seriousness of the violence has prompted a meeting between the ANC, Cosatu, Inkatha, the local Chamber of Commerce and police representatives.

Spokespersons for all the groups declined to reveal the content of the meeting to the press.

At the time of going to press police had not responded to allegations that they had proved uncooperative in the incidents that took place in the region last week.