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BOIPATONG residents had refused to give statementl to the police on the recent mmme because of "profound mistrust of the police and security forces". the Goldstone Commission wt. told yesterday.

In e strongly warded memorandum pteeettted to the commission on the frat day of the inquiry into the Botpetortg muucre, African National C0rrgreu PWV chairmen Tokyo Sexwele else said it was hot "the hertd thet disem-bowelled the eine-month ptelrtertt women that day" but the forces behind the attack which should be empheeteed. rtemely the potiu end the state.

Pruenr at the sitting we: the fomet chiefjttetim of Indie. P maeti. epe' eieuy appointed fOt the inquiry. NW in attendance wetr. e Brltleh expert on policing. Dr Peter Weddingtort and two members of the London Metrropolitan Police. Commander Tom uidlew end Detective Superintendent David Don. Sexwele streeeed thet itwu rtot ANC policy to dissuade people from submit-ting eutements to the police.

Deecrt'bin; the Weep and dangerous explosive eager emort; the residents", Sexwale explained how President N de Kieth had been labelled "the butcher of Boipetortg" during his ream "insert-sittve" visit to the lewnehip. This. he said. we: heceuee De Klerk trad legal-e iaedthewryirtgoftredtttoml weapons. Counsel (at the commission Johart du Toit, said: "But we ate not look-ing into that," to which Justice Goldstone tnterceded: "But with respect Du Toit. I underetertd Mr Sexwete'e depth of feeling end he should be allowed to continue." Sexwele said residents were IIIIO crit-tent of the commission's inability to ensure thet steps were taken on its find-ings end recommendations carried through.

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To date, the police have rrtetteged to obteih. mote stetemehts front kweMedele hostel dwellers - about 400 - then from wettme end Ot wil-rteuee of the massacre.

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forces wete Involved end that they
tamponed hostel residents to end from
the township were unfounded
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by the police unambiguously pointed to
the residents of the ltwaMedele hwel es
the perpetrators of the attack; '
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the police hed print knowledge of the
attack and that they dieprled reeithrrts
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allow the attackers eeeeeee to the area.
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group of men wearing white heedbends
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