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Today, at dawn, the Pretoria regime carried out a cold-blooded murder. Three members of the African National Congress, combatants of Umkhonto We Sizwe, Simon Mogoerane, Jerry Mosololi and Thabo Motaung, are dead. In flagrant and deliberate violation of International Law, Botha and his accessaries joined together to kill these prisoners of war. This cabal, which has no regard for the most elementary notions of human decency, carried out its crime despite appeals by our people, by Governments and representatives of millions of people throughout the world. The African National Congress hereby extends its heartfelt condolences to the families of the Martyred heroes and commends them for their steadfastness in defence of what their loved ones stood for . We salute the International Community which raised its voice in a noble effort to save the lives of these patriots. We hail our own people who stood by their sons to the last second of their lives. We lower our flags to the eternal memory of our departed comrades, who have perished bocause they dared to fight for the National emancipation of their people, for democracy, non-racialism and peace. At the very end of their brief but heroic lives, they chose to die with honour rather than to demean themselves with craven pleas to their captors. Their example and their sacrifice must and will, for us, serve as a call to battle. The apartheid regime of terror has done its will. Through struggle, the will of the people of South Africa, with the ANC and Umkhonto We Sizwe at their head, shall prevail in the not too distant future. The perpetrators of this latest crime will be brought to book. Farewell dear comrades. The cause for which you sacrificed will surely triumph.

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