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The latest report of the Goldstone Commission confirms what the ANC has both experienced and expressed ever since its unbanning in 1990.

The South African government has claimed to the world that it is prepared to accept a negotiated settlement. But simultaneously it conducted a vicious campaign - of misinformation and propaganda aimed at destroying the ANC.

In recent months it has become clear that the target of much of the propaganda has been MK. A particular aspect of this campaign was the much-repeated claim, made without any foundation, that MK elements don SADF uniforms before committing crimes and acts of violence.

Military Intelligence was joined in this campaign by both the police and the Inkatha Freedom Party. The police embarked upon completely unprofessional and partisan behaviour by widely publicising the political affiliation of those arrested, provided the y belonged to the ANC.

More serious is the infiltration of MK and self defence structures for the predetermined purpose of diverting them into criminal activity, deliberately compromising individuals where possible, and using information collected from this contrived involvement in crime to discredit the ANC.

In the Vaal and other areas some of these plans appear to have met with a measure of success. The revelations also bring into question the recent assassination of Andre De Villiers in Addo, Eastern Cape.

The ANC has long accepted the need for the extension of the Goldstone Commissions terms of reference so that it can investigate the security forces. Although the governmen t

expressed a willingness to co-operate in such an investigation, it has not moved on the matter, perhaps because it was waiting to pass the Further Indemnity Act. We are forced to ask: was that Act meant to protect those involved in such illegal activities? The ANC is still investigating which company supplied computers to the organisation and had links with Military Intelligence. It is clear that, despite protestations to the contrary

from the most senior level of government, the dirty war waged against the ANC from within the state and security apparatus continues unabated.

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The ANC demands the immediate full, public disclosure of all covert operations, and the public disbandment of CCB forces. Military Intelligence in particular should be subjected to intensive and thorough investigation regarding its role and funding of such covert operations, both inside South Afn'ca and in the neighbouring countries. This totally discredited government must make way for an elected Interim Government of National Unity. Only then will it be possible to really end the covert operations carried out, at taxpayers expense, by a corrupt and illegitimate government against not only a political opponent but against unarmed and defenceless citizens who want no more than their right to peace, stability and justice.

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