

THE CITIZEN

COMMENT

â\200\230Ridiculous

IT is ridiculous to suggest, as the ANC is doing, that State President De Klerk was involved, directly or indirectly, in the Boipatong massacre.

It is not in his nature to seek or encourage bloodshed; he is a man of peace, a man of conscience, a man of reform.

Boipatong, in fact, has been an absolute nightmare for him and his government.

Up to Boipatong, Mr De Klerk had the high ground.

His trips abroad, including the most recent one to Japan, had established his reputation

- as a true reformist and a man who had the will and ability to transform this country into a true democracy.

Internationally, Mr De Klerk was : overshadowing ANC president Nelson Mandela. At home, Mr Mandela had begun to make blunders like attacking Mr De Klerk publicly at Codesa I, and continuing to call for sanctions when one country after another re-

sumed trade and diplomatic links.

His message, â\200\234Keep sanctions until we tell you you can lift themâ\200\235, had fallen flat, since it appeared to be mean,. self-scrvng and out-LT et

Why not trade with a country that had abandoned apartheid and was moving to a non-

- racial democracy?

Why not, indeed.

Mr De Klerk was now being received with â\200\230open arms in the capitals of the world â\200\224even Russiaâ\200\224 and Mr Mandelaâ\200\231s star was waning.

At home, too, Mr De Klerk had not put a foot wrong.

When he was attacked by Mr Mandela and other ANC leaders who accused him of complicity in violence, he never replied in kind.

His steadfast pursuit of a negotiated settlement through Codesa demonstrated his com-

' mitment to negotlatlon ;

His great triumph in the referendum showed an overwhelming number of White South Africans were on his side.

Everything was going so well for Mr

De Klerk that he appeared to be not only an astute politician but a political genius.

'Mr De Klerk had outfoxed Mr Mandela and

the ANC and the initiative was now in his

own hands.

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contrast the ANC had done little right
sanctions campaign was no longer accept-

3 able overseas; there was less and less enthusiasm for street marches and protests;
- Blacks, like Whites, wanted an end to violence

and the ANC was clearly involved in some of the violence wracking the country.

~ Mass action was supposed to rally the Blacks, behind the ANC, but Day One saw only

80 000 people taking part in Soweto Day rally

~ . lies across the country, as against the million expected, and some of the scheduled rallies

did not even take place. -

Boipatong changed everything overnight.

At last the ANC had a stick with which to beat Mr De Klerk.

It set up a campaign here and abroad to put the blame 'on Mr De Klerk and his government. Doors open to South Africa began to

close.

Countries like Sweden announced they would delay the lifting of sanctions; anti-apartheid groups and caucuses in Europe and the United States were given a new lease on life.

As a result of the ANC's calls for the re-imposition of the sports moratorium, countries that were willing to resume tours to South Africa, as in the case of rugby, began to have second thoughts.

- From being on the attack, Mr De Klerk and

~_his government were on the defensive.
- Boipatong, to put it quite bluntly (and we say
this without in any way minimising the trage-
~ dy of the massacre) was like manna from
heaven for the ANC.

It now had the most effective weapon against
the government that it had had since Mr
Mandelaâ\200\231s release.

Neither Mr De Klerk nor the government
could have sanctioned Boipatong because,
besides anything else, it would have been
madness to do so.

We do not say the ANC had anything to do
with Boipatong, 'but it is the only one to gain
from it.

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'MONDAYâ\200\231S â\200\234day of
â\200\234mourningâ\200\235 for the victims
{of Biopatong massacre
| will be marked by a fune-
ral service in the Vaal

area where a stayaway

other areas by locally or-
ganised prayers, lunch-
time commemoration ser-
vices and demonstrations.

â\200\230No-work-no-pay threat

to stayaway on Mon

Citizen Reporter :

â\200\230THE majority of em-
ployers will maintain a
policy of no work, no pay
if employees stay away
from work on Monday to
mourn the victimsÂ@of the
massacre in Boipatong.
The local business
mood is fast reaching the
â\200\234had enoughâ\200\235 stage,
according to the Johan-
" pesburg Chamber of
Commerce and Industryâ\200\231s
(JCCI's) Mass Action
Monitor.

â\200\234We feel deep sympa-
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support an hour of solida-

rity, or an hour of prayer,
or some similar event; but |

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we will adopt a no-work-

no-pay policy in the event of stayaways,â\200\235 was the general feeling among businessmen.

â\200\234Business feels overwhelming sympathy for the victims of the violence, both White and

Black, and many busi-

nessmen support the fact that unnecessary needs to be mourned,â\200\235 said spokesman, Mr Rick Beattie.

Similarly, the Afrikaanse Handelsinstituut (AHI) said: â\200\234Any mass action that results in the loss of productivity, negative .economic consequences and loss of human lives is strongly condemned.

â\200\234If this day results in stayaway actions, the AHI suggests that the policy of no-work-no-pay

_should be implemented,â\200\235 a statement said.

The chairman of the Suid-Afrikaanse kamer, Mr Hennie Wihan, said that requests to stay away on Monday had to be viewed with great consideration, because there was a great deal of emotion which could easily result in destructive and violent actions.

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individual companies whether employees should be allowed to at-

tend or take any time off

work.

Requests by Eskom workers to attend the funerals will be considered, but in-house prayer meetings have been arranged for Monday, a spokesman said

â\200\234Eskom is committed to peace in South Africa. We wish to express our abhorrence at the devastating violence which has claimed the lives of our youngest and our best,â\200\235 said Mr Bongani Khumalo.

The Steel and Engineering Industries Federation of South Africa (Seifsa) said in a statement that it did not support the calls from some trade unions for a stayaway or for factories to close on Monday.

â\200\234Seifsa believes that the day of mourning should be respected and that individual companies should try to accommodate any reasonable request.â\200\235.

Although a national stayaway has not been called for the day; State President De Klerk has said that government employees would be given time off to attend the services and he further urged employers in the private sector to consider similar arrangements.

Mr De Klerk also asked that all church services and religious gatherings tomorrow focus on the consolation of those who had suffered as a result of violence and on the need for reconciliation and peace.

The ANC/Cosatu/SACP alliance, which called for a stayaway only in the Vaal Triangle, asked businessmen to respect the day of mourning.

The alliance also said that those unable to attend the funeral should express solidarity with the Boipatong people by engaging in memorial ser-

-vices and work stoppages.

The South African Council of Churches (SACC) has asked all churches to hold services on Monday as well as to ring church bells at noon.

The Biopatong funeral service will start with the arrival of the coffins and families of the victims at the Boipatong Stadium about 8.30 am. It will last several hours before the burial at the nearby Sharpeville cemetery.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu will give a sermon at the stadium before the burial. 3

The manager of labour |

ness (Sacob), Mr Gerrie
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~~Saturday 27 June 1992

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CAPE TOWN. â\200\224 A
group of ANC
â\200\230Womenâ\200\231s League
(ANCWL) members
are due to appear in

court on Monday after

allegedly climbing the

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Three of the women
chained themselves to-
gether to one of the pil-
lars on the Company Gar-
den side of the parliamen-
tary complex, facing Gov-
ernment Avenue.

Cleaners using chemi-
cal paint-removers soon
had the steps and pillars
of the historic â\200\230old Cape

Parliament buxldxng, later

the Senate, returned to its
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~ This facade of the Cape
Parliament - - is popular
with visiting tourists and
photographers The fa-
cade seen in televised re-
ports of Parliament is on
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complex. i

EncouragedÃ@&y about
200 chanting women, the
group of eight women
climbed over the wrought
iron fence around the

complex at about 7.15 am
and flung plastic bags filled with red paint on the

walls and steps. This apparently related to posters stating: 'Boipatong' '224
Another Bloodbath' '235.

Ms Nomatyala Hanga-
na, secretary of the
ANCWL nailed a large
poster of the Freedom
Charter to the door of the
old Cape Parliament.

Later, ANC spokesman
Mr Willie Hofmeyer
said this was done to

'commemorate the anniversary
of the first

'people's Parliament at
Kliptown'.

Police arrested the

women. They were subsequently released on R50
bail and warned to appear
in court on Monday.
Those arrested were

- Ms Hanga and her two
'predecessors, Ms- Made' '224-' '230-
lein Fullard, Ms Louis

Naude, Ms Tozama .
Mlanden Ms Cordy Ra-

caza, Ms Malitsatsi Maba,
Ms Pat Matolengwe
and Ms Nombuleto Kotsi.

At about 2 pm, there
was a second demonstration aimed at Parliament,
where a group of about
500 singing people carrying
banners arrived at the
Parliament Street gates to
the complex, but were diverted to the Plein Street
entrance to Tuynhuys

There a senior police
officer received a set of
demands from them.

Their posters included

'wanted' posters bearing
pictures of State President De Klerk, numerous
demands for wage increase, support for striking
medical workers,

Communist banners and a
number of trade union
banners and posters.

This demonstration

took place without inci-
dent. 4

Later, the ANC in the
Western Cape praised the
ANCWL members for
their actions.

The action marks the
beginning of a new phase
in our mass campaign for
democracy, said Dr
Alan Boesak, ANC chair-
man in the Western Cape.

We will be taking
more determined action
to bring to an end apart-
heid and its violence once
and for all.

Dr Boesak said the
ANC was convinced there
could be no peace in
South Africa until inde-
pendent monitoring and
joint control of the secur-
ity forces was in place.

We therefore de-
mand, once again, that
the appropriate structures; +
be put in place with im-
mediate effect, he said

Guard: Ex-counterinsurgents
participated in massacre

By TOM COHEN

Associated Press

' PRETORIA, South Africa â\200\224 A
security guard told a government
commission Friday that police
who once served in a counter-
insurgency unit accused of atroci-
ties participated in last week's
massacre of at least 39 black South
Africans.

The testimony by the guard,
Mandla Mngomezulu, supported
claims by the African National
Congress that police have insti-
gated some of the township war-
fare that has claimed 8,000 black
lives in three years.

" But the black police officer
Mngomezulu cited as his source
later told the same government
commission the guard had fabri-

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cated the story to help the ANC.
Meanwhile, a high South African
police official said Friday police
have concluded that 200 to 300
inhabitants of a migrant workers
hostel, motivated by revenge, were

responsible for the massacre in-

Boipatong.

Six hostel residents have been
arrested, and other arrests are
pending, said the police commis-
sioner, Gen. Johan van der Merwe.

Van der Merwe also denied
press reports alleging that mem-
bers of a former Namibian coun-
terinsurgency unit, Koevoet, now
used in police anti-criminal activi-
ties in South Africa, were involved
in the massacre.

The police conclusion confirms
the charge of Boipatong residents

that Zulu hostel inmates had car-
ried out the attack during the night
of June 17. The police deny the

charge that police officers and vehicles helped the attackers.

But Friday, Mngomezulu told the judicial commission that police officers based at the Greenside " coal mine were transported to Boipatong and participated.

Mngomezulu, a security guard at the mine and member of the ANC-allied National Union of Mineworkers, said one of the officers, former Koevoet member Jeremiah Shikongo, told him he went to Boipatong the night of the attack. Shikongo denied it.

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The Washington Post contributed to this article.

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FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN
IN JOHANNESBURG

AN APPARENT direct link
between the South African
police and last week's miassa-
cre at Boipatong, in which
more than 40 civilians were
killed, was yesterday revealed
in evidence to the commisgion
enquiring inw the current
violence. .

Awe Mngomezulu told the
commission. - under Justice
Richard Goldstone, that he
had spoken to a formcr mem-
"ber of the KoÃvoet (â\200\230Cruw-
barâ\200\235) force who is based, with
other former members ol the
force, at the Greenside col-
liery in the eastern Transvaal.

The Kucvuxt unit uscd to e
part of the police counter-
insurgency operation in Na-

mibia. The former members.

living in thc hostel are now
cemployed by the South Afr-

can police force. _
Mr Mngomezulu zaid he

had been told by his friend
that he and a party of the
other former members of the

unit based at the colliery had -

gone (o Boipatong on June
17, the night of the slaughter.
The owners of the mine have
admitted that the former
Koevoet members are housed
in a hostcl lcased by the South
Alrnican police.

Mr Mngomczuly, a sec-
urity guard at the colliery,

said he had befriended the

former Kocvoet member, who
had told him that he did not

take part in any shooting but
looked after the minibus in
which the former Koevoet
members had travelled.

His friend said he had been
threatened with death because
he had not taken part in the
shootings, and had asked him
to inform officials of the National
Union of Mineworkers and of the
African National Congress about
the killings.

The Goldstone commission
was tipped off by the ANC
about the presence of the unit
of former Kocvoet members,
and officers of the commission
raided the mine hostel on
Wednesday. They discovered
44 former members of the

Pastor's griet: Arggh_ish() [] Desmond Tutu mourning the dead of Boipatong
at a service in St George's Anglican cathedral, Cape Town

unit, mostly Namibians or
Angolans but all with South
African papers, and also
found a cache of rifles in the
quarters of the two white offi-
cers commanding them,

Relatives of the victims of -

the Boipatong massacre have
insisted from the start that
the police were involved in the
killings, and have spoken of
mysterious white men being

present. Although the evi-
dence to the commission (s

. hearsay, It is the first outside

support for their allegations.
Richard [lattingh, counsel

for the law and order ministry
at the commission hearing,
conceded that the men were
former members of the Koe-
voet force, and that they were
employees of the South Afri-

can police, although not actu-
ally policemen. He denied
that they had been involved in
any kind of violence at Boi-
patong. and said they were

employed to combat such crimes as stock theft and theft of telephone cables,

Another curiosity about the story is that Colonel Henk Heslinga, a senior police officer attached to the Goldstone commission and in charge of the raid on the mining, was himself at one time a member of the Koevoet force and disqualifies himself from taking further part in the raid once he discovered who the men were.

General Johan van der Merwe, the commissioner of police, later decried the use of

the commission for what t

said was anti-police propaganda. He said that poli

investigations had produced no evidence of Koozvinet involvement in the massacre.

The South African government has announced that Monday, the day of the funerals of the Boipatong victims will be a holiday for employees of the government, and President de Klerk has urged private businesses also to give their workforces the day off. This is standard procedure even in Third World countries when the opposition calls for a day of action, as the ANC and its allies have, but [it] said to be the first time that such a tactic has been used in South Africa.

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De Klerkâ\200\231s -
mock trial
criticised

: Dy LAKELA KAUNDA
_ and MARY PAPAYYA

AN ANC mock trial at which Prosldent F.W.
de Klerk was â\200\234sentenced to deathâ\200\235 yester-
day hag been sharply criticised by deputy
Justiceâ\200\231 Minister Danie Schutte, who re-
quested an urg}fm meeting of the executive
â\200\230committee of the National Peace Accord to
discuss the malter. GRgt
â\200\230 In-a'letter to National Peace Committee
â\200\234 chalmrman John }jall Schutte said: â\200\234A coffin
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: ANC members yesterduy declared Market
.8quare â\200\234Freedom Squareâ\200\235 and uniformed
members of the armed wing Mkhoato we
Sizwe hoisted an ANC flag at the NPA head-
quarters; after burning a cardboard â\200\234cof-
finâ\200\235 representing Do Kierk.
" The crowd had just finished a â\200\234people's
-assemblyâ\200\235 where a number of â\200\234lawsâ\200\235 wore
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â\200\230annjyergary of the adoption of the ANC's
â\200\230Freedom Charter, In 1955,
* De'Klerk was declared a â\200\234dangerous
criminal wanted for apartheid crimes" by
the ecrowd and he and the government were
"sÃ@ntenced to deathâ\200\235. Longmarket Street
Â¢came to â\200\230a'standstill as the crowd marched
towards Natalla, set the coffin alight and
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.+ The asspbmly passed a â\200\234lawâ\200\235 that the Â¢ity
5 g surroundings should be governed by a
4 i -raclal democratic council, and that
"Â\$AP.units such as the Riot Unit and the
â\200\230security branch should be disbanded. The
crowd called for the resignation of three
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'Midlands Inkatha leaders were described
4% 'most .dangerous criminals, not to be
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Â¢iMid)ands deputy chairman Reggle Ha-
debeialso read s list of allegations of â\200\234com-
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,David:Ntombela; during which the crowd
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THE South African Government remained committed to seeking a negotiated political settlement for the country, â\200\230â\200\234and is anxious for this to come on track again as rapidly as possibleâ\200\235, Mr Roelf Meyer, Minister of Constitutional Development, said yesterday.

He was responding to a 7000-word memorandum by the African National Congress to the government on the crisis facing the negotiation process, following the ANC's withdrawal from bilateral and Codesa negotiation.

Mr Meyer said the government would make a thorough study of the memorandum and, in an attempt to get negotiations on course, would make a comprehensive memorandum available before the end of next week.

â\200\234The government does not intend to cling to power, and therefore wishes to bring a transitional constitution into being through peaceful negotiation as soon as possible,â\200\235 Mr Meyer added.

Besides the matters raised in the ANCâ\200\231s mem-

orandum, there were also numerous obstacles that would be addressed from

the government's side.

In the memorandum to the government, ANC president Nelson Mandela said the Boipatong massacre could have been prevented if the Police, Iscor management and

the Goldstone Commis-

sion had acted immediately on representations by the Vaal community about dangers posed by the KwaMadala Hostel.

Mr Mandela repeated his accusation of State and security force complicity in the violence, which has led to the current deadlock in the negotiations process. :

He singled out South African Defence Force detachments composed of foreign nationals as being problematic.

The Boipatong massacre last week Wednesday was a tragic culmination of policies and practices followed by the National Party Government, Mr Mandela alleged.

Ministerial Defences of the Police and the government's failure to act against Boipatong's KwaMadala Hostel made government collusion an inescapable conclusion.

It is your government

the government to acknowledge and recognise the centrality of apartheid with regard to the issue of violence could no longer be ignored.

He accused the government of using millions of

taxpayers' rands to foster.

political rivalry between the IFP and the ANC, charging that the Inkatha-gate scandal was proof of its complicity and bias.

Mr Mandela based some of his accusations of the government's complicity in the violence on submissions by the firm of attorneys, Nicholls, Cambanis, Koopasammy and Pillay, which said that:

“Since the massacre at the night vigil in Sebokeng in January 1991, where 38 people were killed, there have been ongoing incidents of violence in the Vaal area.

“These incidents were characterised by the fact that they are random insofar as they are perpetrated against residents of the Vaal townships in an indiscriminate manner.

“During the course of 1991 and 1992 it became apparent that the perpetrators of these attacks were living in the KwaMadala Hostel situated in the Iscor compound in the Vaal Triangle.*

Mr Mandela reaffirmed the ANC's organisation's commitment to negotiations.

“Commitment to a negotiated resolution of the conflict in our country which would bring about democracy, peace and justice.” :

Mr Mandela charged that the government's refusal to accept a negotiated settlement had compelled the organisation's National executive committee to review the current negotiations process.

“The ANC had no option but to break off bilateral and Codesa negotiations.”

“The response and practical steps taken by President De Klerk's government to the ANC demands will play a critical role in determining the di-

rection and speed with which bona fide negotiations can take place,â\200\235 Mr Mandela said.

The ANC president appealed to the United Nations Security Council to convene as a matter of urgency and to take measures which would help stop the violence â\200\224 Sapa.

which legalised the carrying of dangerous weapons under the pretext of their being cultural weapons in 1990.Â¢

The majority of deaths and injuries had been caused by cultural weapons, he alleged.

Mr Mandela questioned what he considered the failure of a formidable police to arrest people involved in the massacre.

Castigating President De Klerk for blaming violence on the rivalry between the ANC and the IFP, he said the failure of

THE National Union of Mineworkers yesterday suspended wage negotiations with the Chamber of Mines over Gold Fields' accommodation of former members of the counter-in-

surgency unit, Koevoet.

The - move by the union came amid reports that ex-Koevoet members discovered by the Goldstone Commission at Gold Fields's Greenside Colliery, near Witbank, were allegedly involved in the Baipatong massacre. (A police witness has de-

nied this.)

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Num president James Motlatsi told a Press conference that the 22-man negotiating team also walked out of the sixth round of talks over Gold Fields' refusal to grant workers time off on Monday to

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mourn the 41 people massacred at Boipatong. &

I, as president of this

. union, felt we should suspend the wage negotiations for this year until June 29, he said.

There is no use continuing with the negotia-

tions while one member of the - Chamber of

. Mines is engaged in kill-

ing our people.

The 300 000-member

union would reconsider
its position after report-
ing back to its mem-

! bership on the develop-

' ment.

Posters
around Numâ\200\231s offices

' yesterday called for the
nationalisation of Gold
Fields.

Chamber of Mines
president Bobby God-
sell said he had assured
union negotiators at

- yesterdayâ\200\231s meeting of
the mining industryâ\200\231s

pinned

unequivocal opposition
to violence.

â\200\234The mining industry
has a categorical and
clear policy with regard
to acts of violence in
South African society
and condemns the per-
petrators of violence
from every quarter,â\200\235
Mr Godsell said in a
statement.

With regard to the
Greenside Colliery, the
Chamber had written to
the Goldstone Commis-
sion yesterday offering
its full support in the
commissionâ\200\231s inquiry
into the activities of the
police unitâ\200\235 housed on
the companyâ\200\231s property.

â\200\234Until the commis-
sion has made a finding
on this issue, we believe
it would be both im-
proper and unhelpful
for the chamber or any
other party to arrive- at
judgments or conclu-
sions about this - mat-
ter.â\200\235

NUM secretary-gen-

eral, Marcel Golding,
said, however: â\200\234Our
union is tired of com-
mitments. We want con-
crete action to be
taken.â\200\235

On Thursday, the union accused Gold Fields of attempting to sabotage negotiations by refusing to join a profit-sharing scheme.

The scheme has been accepted by four other mining houses. .

A. NUM spokesman said a dispute was looming in the gold industry over Gold Fields and Anglovaal's alleged refusal to be party to the agreement.

Goldfields said that although the manager of its Greenside colliery had made an arrangement to accommodate some police for crime fighting purposes, Gold Fields itself was not aware police were staying at the site.

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of the KwaMadala
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_ Hostel dwellers
â\200\234 Were involved
â\200\224 police chief,

involved in the killings,
Police Commissioner
Johan van der Merwe,
told a news conference
in Pretoria yesterday.

There was no evidence
whatsoever which indi-
cated the involvement of
former Koevoet mem.-
bers.

â\200\234 I am convinced that
the SA Police will be able
to prove that claims of ex-
Koevoet involvement in
the Boipatong incident
are flagrant lies aimed at
discrediting the SA Poli-
ce, â\200\235 Gen Van der Merwe
said.

Police had serious ob-
jections to the fact that
certain people and news-

papers had wused the
Goldstone Commission
proceedings for what

were anti-SAP propagan-
da purposes. 4

He had taken note of
Some newspaper reports
saying evidence put be-
fore the commissign indi-
cated members of the
SAP Crime InveÃstigation
Service Support Unit â\200\224
Stationed at Rooiberg and
referred to as Koevoet â\200\224

were involved in the Boi-

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patong massacre.
He said the modus op-
. erandi of the commission
was that preliminary in-
â\200\230vestigations took place

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with a view to determin-
ing the parameters of the
| . investigation, he said.

â\200\234During the prelimi-
nary phase, only evi-
dence-in-chief is heard
~and no cross-questioning

is allowed. This can result

in untested evidence be-
ing placed before the
commission. Such un-
tested evidence is then
presented as fact and in a
one-sided fashion by cer-
tain newspapers.â\200\235
Because of unbalanced
reporting on the commis-
â\200\234sion_ proceedings in the
past, he had instfucted
legal representatives- of
the SAP to request the
chairman of the sub-com-
' mittee investigating the
massacre to first hear all
the evidence before it was
made public.

Although the request
was refused, the chairman
did request the Press to
publish a balanced ver-
sion of the viewpoints of
the various parties in-
volved.

â\200\234An additional reason
for my request was that
the SAPâ\200\231s preliminary in-

;vestigation into the Boi-

patong incident was mak-

ing good progress (and)
had produced evidence of
how the massacre unfolded and that certain
residents of KwaMadala
Hostel were involved.

â\200\234I wish to emphasise
that the police investigation
has produced no evidence
whatsoever which
might indicate the involvement
of former Koe-

voet members in the Boi-

patong incident.â\200\235

About 200 experienced
detectives and two members
of the - Attorney-
Generalâ\200\231s office were sifting
through the evidence.

Initial indications were
that between 200 and 300
residents of the KwaMadala
Hostel were involved, although
there were no indications that
a political party â\200\234or
organisation had planned the
massacre. :

Six people had already
been arrested and indications
were that a number of others
would also be arrested. Weapons
seized at the hostel also appeared
to have been used in the killings.

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out, as had been reported
on a number of occasions,
that they were at present
deployed for - normal
crime combating duties.
The unit had already
made major contribution

to the prevention and |

solving of crimes.

The base where the |

unit was housed was not a
secret base, and the
people were used for
crime prevention in cases
such as stock theft and the
theft of copper wiring be-
longing to the Post Of-
fice.

On the day of the
massacre, some members
of the unit were at their
base while others were
deployed at a place where
copper wire had been sto-

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BOI PATON

A POLICEMAN yesterday denied a claim that he had admitted his unit took part in the worst township massacre of South Africa's apartheid reform era. Jeremiah Sekongu, a

member of a South African Police squad composed mainly of Namibians, told a judicial inquiry that the allegation by a mine security guard that

he had admitted that his unit took part in a June 17 massacre at Boipatong of 45 people was false.

Sekongu, a Namibian, told the Goldstone commission of inquiry into violence, that he knew nothing about the story.

"I am not a politician. I am a soldier ... I just do police work."

The commission, investigating township unrest, was conducting the second

day of an extraordinary

session into African National Congress charges that the unit was

National

involved in general township

violence around Johannesburg.

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inquiry earlier yesterday

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Policeman denies guard's claim

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Several soldiers stood watch over proceedings outside while scores of policemen - hovered around the building earlier yesterday afternoon.

In an emotionally-charged opening address the ANC's regional chair-Jeff Radebe condemned the government

of talking peace while waging war.

The security forces, particularly the KwaZulu police were strongly condemned.

There were cries of approval when Mr Ndebele, in his address later, told the gathering that he had learned that the SA Police were to withdraw from townships policed by the KZP.

Mr Radebe earlier told the crowd '7'

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that a terrorist base had been identified, the full might of the South African military "would be unleashed against it. Often, such targets were suburban houses in far-flung foreign cities. They were bombed and blitzed with complete ruthlessness and relative precision. Acting upon necessarily untested information, commandos stormed buildings from Gaborone to Mbabane, Maputo to Harare. These were extreme but not unusual cases. The circumstantial

IN THE 1980s, if it was so much as suspected

evidence against the occupants was considered

to be so grave they were believed to be somehow connected with the killing of South African civilians that they were fair game. They were killed even before questioning, if necessary.

Within the country it was not necessary to use aircraft, but the tactics were no less effective: dawn raids, detentions and brilliant detective work saw to it that the attrition rate for ANC guerillas was remarkably high.

But now, in the 1990s, something has changed in the modus operandi of these security forces that were once held in awe and fear around the world. ,

There is overwhelming circumstantial evi--

dence that certain clearly identifiable hostels in townships here at home are being used as bases for terrorism terrorism, that is, in its proper sense of violence and coercion against civilians. In terms of body counts, this terrorism is of a scale never before experienced in this country.

Again and again, inmates are linked directly by eyewitnesses to massacres of mind-numbing

proportions. The Independent Board of Inquiry estimates that between July 1990 (when the township carnage began in earnest in the Trans-

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vaal) and April this year, a minimum of 261
attacks on township dwellers was launched
from some 15 hostels. At least 10 of these at-
tacks, claiming 50 lives, came from Boipatongâ\200\231s

â\200\230KwaMadala hostel. This was before the latest
and ghastliest bloodbath.

Again and again, huge arms caches are found
inside. Media reports alone show that in the
same 22-month period, the following weapons
were confiscated from hostels: 58 AK-47s, nine
revolvers, 18 pistols, 361 rounds of ammunition,
and â\200\234truckloadsâ\200\235 of knives, spears and the like.

But in the case of the hostels, the response of
the security forces is strictly-by-the-book, gen-
tlemanly, even diffident. Police spokesmen ex-
plain that their men are holding â\200\234discussionsâ\200\235
with the occupants of the latest hostel named as

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a fortress and billet for bloodshed.

There is â\200\234some resistanceâ\200\235 from the inmates,
they say by way of explanation for their ex-
traordinarily sensitive behaviour. They go out of
their way to return weapons which they say |
they have ascertained were not used to commit
crimes. It is as if Rambo has suddenly wurned
into PC Plod. i

Savage murderers must be quite pleasantly
surprised to discover that they can, en masse,
hack, gouge and shoot dozens of civilians to
death and expect to get away with it. '

If they enjoyed the experience, they will prob-
ably be keen to repeat it and â\200\224 given that the
chances of punishment seem demonstrably to be
so low â\200\224 will encourage others to join in the
fun. Out there, there must by now be hundreds
of veterans of such brave campaigns â\200\224 enough
to form a society and swop reminiscences of
massacre techniques.

Now there is tremendous surprise and an-
guish in the land at the fact that negotiations at
Codesa have temporarily broken down. The

" reaction is hopelessly naive. What is being

sought at Codesa is a peaceful negotiated settle-
ment â\200\224 an alternative to bloodshed. Instead,
since negotiations started, there is less peace

than ever before, and more bloodshed.

The Government insists on retaining exclusive control of the security forces, and therefore retains the responsibility for maintaining the security of all South African citizens. It is failing utterly to do so. It has not even kept its months-

_ old, solemn promise to seal off the hostels.

Now, you try telling the bereaved of Boipateng why Codesa is such a jolly fine idea. They want to see some murderers convicted first.

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CAPE TOWN â\200\224 Nine members of the ANC Womenâ\200\231s League occupied Parliament early yesterday morning in an act of defiance against an institution that â\200\234symbolises the corrupt and discredited apartheid systemâ\200\235,

The women climbed over the railings surrounding Parliament at 7.30 am and the secretary of the League, Noma Tyala Hangana, nailed a copy of the Freedom Charter to the door of Parliament in commemoration of the 37th anniversary of the first peopleâ\200\231s parliament at Kliptown.

The women then daubed the pillars and steps of the building with red enamel paint symbolising the blood shed in Boipatong and other violence areas. Six of the women roped themselves together while three others chained themselves

Concessions

by CARMEL RICKARD
Durban Bureau

MASS action will continue even if the government makes concessions to the demands of the ANC and its allies, southern Natal regional secretary of Cosatu ThamiMohlomisaidyesterday. Speaking to more than 1000 people at the Durban Light Infantry Hall who were participating in a 'reople'a hssemblyâ\200\235, Mohlomi said that â\200\234promisesâ\200\235 from the government will not be accepied.

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to pillars.

.They started singing â\200\234We are

crying for our countryâ\200\235, and displayed banners proclaiming: â\200\234Boi: patong Another Buthelezi Bloodbathâ\200\235, â\200\234The Freedom Charter livesâ\200\235 and â\200\234Stop the Inkatha Bloodshedâ\200\235. â\200\230

Encouraged by a crowd of close on 200 in Government Avenue, the women continued singing and

shouting â\200\234Amandlaâ\200\235 and â\200\234Vivaâ\200\235 -

before policeman arrived with dogs at about 7.45 am.

. The women chanted: â\200\234We salute the people of Boipatongâ\200\235 and â\200\234You kill, we marchâ\200\235.

Police quickly removed the women who were tied together and bodily carried them away to waiting police vans, but it was some 15 minutes before the bolt cutters pitched. The chains of the

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â\200\234First we want full implementationâ\200\235 and until that stage is reached mass action will continue. Mohlomi was outlining proposals for the various stages of the mass action on which the ANC, SACP Cosatu and their allies had embarked.

Speaking of the second phase, a planned general strike, Mohlomi was acclaimed when he said workers should occupy the factories rather than stay at home.

â\200\234Everything must stand still,â\200\235 he said. â\200\234And afterwards we will know who is boss in this country,

stop mass actio

remaining three members ot{eZ

ANCWL were quickly cut through and the women bodily removed. -

An ANCWL statement said the League engaged in the protest in outrage and anger at the governmentâ\200\231s rejection of the perfectly reasonable calls for international monitoring of the violence and joint control of the security forcesâ\200\235 â\200\224 calls which have won broad support and have been endorsed and echoed by a wide range of organisations.

The ANC in the Western Cape
later saluted the actions of the
Women's League members and
endorsed its statement. °

The ANC said if the government

" had nothing to hide it would wel-

come such calls for international
monitoring and control of security

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(President F.W.) De Klerk or the
people. .

Mohlomi and other speakers sat
under posters of De Klerk and
various government and security
force officials, proclaiming they
were wanted criminals. . '

* A resolution distributed at the
meeting declared that the ;
people's assembly finds you and
your government guilty of serious
crimes against the SA people,
namely: murder, corruptioh,
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In a 7 000-word memorandum presented by LAKELA KAUNDA
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available before the end of next week.
Meanwhile, Foreign Affairs Minister Pik
Botha and Meyer will meet UN Secretary-
General Boutros Boutros-Ghali in Nigeria
at the weekend.
Sources said the meeting is scheduled for
today in the Nigerian capital Abuja. -
The ANC has firmly denied Mandela will
meet Botha in Nigeria, despite a statement
by Nigerian President Ibrahim Babangida,
current OAU chairman, that he is confident s
_Mandela and Botha will meet. 4 a8
" It was also reported that Commonwealth
â\200\230Secretary-General Emeka Anyaoku will
â\200\230hold talks on South Africa with Boutros-
Ghali and Mandela. â\200\224 Sapa-Reuter.

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The raid was carried
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asked by his employerâ\200\235

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Koevoet men â\200\224 who
were led by two white
officers â\200\224 always went
out at night and returned
in the early morning. He
said they took weapons
the barracks
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confiding in Mngomezulu-
He â\200\224 insisting that he
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Koevoet men carried
weapons.

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Security at Gold Fields,
told the Commission g

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the Commission will)
hear further evidence on
the Koevoet allegations_
on Monday.

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allegedly set up to kill him and former deputy attorney general Leori Langeveld by CARMEL RICKARD Gqozo ally, Mangwane Guzana. . said he does not know whether. Gqozo is Durban Bureau A Supreme Court inquest into the deaths aware that he has been gub; oenaed,.

_ of Guzana and Sebe has heard evidence that It is also not clear whethes he will agree Ciskei head of state Oupa Gqozo has been Gqozo ordered Sebe gunned down after o testify. A decision by the head of state not ordered t i im to strip, to obey the Supreme. court could Spark a give evidence about claims he told his i ituti isis.â\200\231 troops to gun down a naked and unarmed Soon after the sh Charles Sebe.

his development could transform the than to arrest him. G , Sebe inquest into a constitutional crisis for subpoena, issued last week, was judicial kill ings of his two opponents Ciskei and for Gqozo, one of the National handed by Ciskei Supreme Court officials to If h Partyâ\200\231s alljes at Codesa. Sebe wielded â\202~nor- Gqozoâ\200\231s lawyers, It orde rs the head of state possibility of the Supreme court ruling that mous power in Ciskej before Gqozo's 1990 to appear when the inquest into Sebeâ\200\231s kil - he lied and he had indeed ordered the kil. - coup. He was shot jn January 1991 by Ciskei ling resumes in Bisho during August. How- ling of the two men. This in turn Ã©ould lead soldiers after he escaped from a road block eyer Gqozo is out of the country, and Ciskei t o murder charges against the Ciskej head.

qozo denies this is trye, about allegations he authorised the extra-

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JOHN PERLMAN, Chief Reporter

POLICE yesterday said they had evidence that the Boipatong massacre had been carried out by residents of KwaMadala hostel, from which weapons showing traces of ~ blood had been found, but rejected allegations that 3 unit of former Koevoet members had been involved in the atrocity.

At a press conference in Pretoria yes.

terday, the Commissioner of Pol)i'ce''

gtierierall Johan van der Merwe, said â\200\2343 T'y clear pictureâ\200\235 of what ha

at Boipatong had emerged. ppened_

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uncovered 276 spears, 44 bars and other dangerous weapons. Forensic tests had revealed traces

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them, more tests were to be carried out and further arrests would be made.)

A fÃ©w blocks away from | police headquar-

ters in Pretoria where Van der Merwe was ad-

Â«dressing the press, the Commission |

Goldstone was sitting to hear preliminary evidence of the

alleged involvement in |

the massacre by former
members of the Koevoet

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THE former Chief Justi- -
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vestigation into the re-
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by President de Klerk to
. have a jurist of â\200\234interna-
{tional reputê\200\235 involved

| in the proceedings.

Judge Goldstone said

| it was an honour for the

commission | to accept
,the appointment. He also
~announced the accep-
tance of Dr PAJ Wad-
â\200\234dington, director of
* criminal justice studies
of Reading University,
to help evaluate the po-
lice investigations of the
tragedy. .

Judge Goldstone noted
that this had been done
at the suggestion of the
SAP. Both Judge Bhag-
'wati and Waddington

| will be arriving in the -

country early in July.

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fied person of international re-

pute to the Goldstone Com-

mission will certainly add to its
prestige and influence overseas. But
what Mr Justice Goldstone needs more
than just added prestige is meaningful
muscle where it counts.

For example, the commission fine-

combs all available facts about the
clashes between Phola Park residents
and 32 Battalion, and recommends that
those troops be withdrawn from all
peacekeeping duties in South Africa.
However, Lieutenant-General George
Meiring responds by saying, in effect,
that he will do with 32 Battalion what he
chooses. This week the unit was still on
duty in Phola Park.

The Government's attitude is puz-
zling. Many commissions in the past
have inadvertently become laundromats
for some of its dirtier washing, yet when
it really counts they have not been given
proper detergents.

The Goldstone Commission has suc-
cessfully avoided this trap. The State
President, to his credit, has recognised
its value and sought to strengthen the
commission by suggesting that an inter-
national monitor be invited to join it.

But such international monitors must
not be used as substitutes for developing
and deepening due process of law and
inquiry. Their voices can certainly help
the search for justice in South Africa,
but they must not be allowed to become
a last resort. In the final analysis it
must be up to South Africans them-
selves. Everybody's priority should be to
push for an independent South African

commission with sufficient powers of subpoena and search to ensure that nothing is left unexamined, and power too to ensure that its findings are acted on and not reinterpreted to suit narrow political objectives.

The dead of Boipatong need to be respected, not avenged. That means using the impetus of public outrage to add planks to a new system of justice, and not relying solely on the deliberations of international delegations, however dignified and credible. The solution has to be found by the people who will live and die by them.

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THE first look by journalists inside Boipatongâ\200\231s KwaMadala hostel since last weekâ\200\231's massacre at the Vaal township did not reveal an armed fortress. KEN VERNON and JOE LOUW report.

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tel inmate may have triggered last Wednesdayâ\200\231s brutal
; massacre in Boipatong. : Âç
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i enter the dreaded hostel opposite Boipatong this week â\200\224 the
" first team of journalists to do so since the killing of more
than 40 people last week, allegedly by hostel residents.

During the visit it emerged that hostel dwellers â\200\224 mostly, but not
! exclusively Zulu-speakers â\200\224 regarded themselves as virtually
i under siege in what they perceive as a hostile environment. :
k- While the inmates we spoke to denied that they were responsible
i for the massacre at Boipatong, they were clearly shocked and
| enraged by the necklacing. ;

Police have confirmed that the body of a woman who had been
necklaced was recovered in Nkgomo Street, Boipatong, early on
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had heard of the neck-
lacing of the unnamed

woman from inmates

who escaped from the
necklacing party, and
said the woman had been
killed merely because she

was going out with a hostelmate. |

He said that the following day five other people connected with the hostel had fled from Boipatong to the hostel for their safety.

If the killing of the

woman was the trigger

for the Boipatong massacre, the gunpowder

waiting to be ignited

seems to have been the

atmosphere of mutual

animosity that has built up between hostel and

township residents, and

which has both political and tribal roots.

Hostel dwellers refer to township dwellers as either 'the ANCs' or 'the Xhosas'; those in the township refer to hostel

dwellers as 'the Zulus'

or 'the Inkathas'.
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ANC leader Nelson Mandelz
has outlined, in a memoran-
dum to President de Klerk,
several incidents whicl
â\200\234provedâ\200\235 Government collu-
sion in the ongoing violence.

The memorandum wis deli-
vered to De Klerkâ\200\231s office in Pre-
torie yesterday after attempts to
arrange a meeting between the
two leaders collapsed.

The ANC, in breaking off negotia-
tions on Tuesday, said it would hand
its demands to tre Government but
would not enter into any discussions.
South Africa was on the brink of di-
saster because of the crisis in the
negotiation process and â\200\234the continu-
ing direct and indirect involvement of
the NP Government, the security
forces and the police in the violenceâ\200\235.

Tragic cuimi..ation

Mandela said the Boipatong mas-
sacre was a tragic culmination of the
Government's practices and policies.
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your Governmentâ\200\231's fai- â\200\230e to act
against the KwaMadal. r. stel n.ake
Government collusion an inescapable
conclusion,â\200\235 he said. â\200\234

The Government. he said, had lega-
lised the carrying of dangerous weap-
ons and the majority of deaths had
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"In these tew instances where secu-
rity force personnel arnd police. or
IFP members have been arrested,
now do we explain the fact that inad-
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ESTHER WAUGH (L
Political Reporter

of placing party pol::ical interests
above national interes. by trying to
minimise the seriousness of the crisis
which stemme primar:ly from the
Government â\200\234pursuing the path of
embracing the shell of a democratic
South Africa while seeking to ensure
that it is not democratic in contentâ\200\235,

He noted that in a letter written
from prison in 1989, he said the two
issues which had to be reconciled
were the demand for majority rule as
well as the insistence by whites for
checks and balances which would
mean that majority rule was not
domination by blacks.

The crux of the deadlock in nego-
tiations was the failure of the Gov-
ernment to face up to the need for the
conciliation of these two issues. Man-
dela said the Government had chosen
to reject internationally accepted
democrsic principles which defined
a democracy â\200\224 by equating ma ority
rule with black domination.

The negotiations would remain
deadlocked for as long as the Govern-
ment insisted on a minority veto.

Constitutional Development Minis-
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the Government remainec cor: litted
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tlement for the country, and was anx-
ious for this to come on track again
as rapidly as possible.

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comprehensive memorandum avail-
able before the end of next week.
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There were also numerous obsta-
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Soutl} Africaâ\200\231s internal affairs have again been internationalised. The OAU has called for a meeting of the Security Council, the Australian foreign minister has hinted that sanc- / tions could be reimposed, Archbishop | Tutu has made an impassionedBYl

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for the postponement of the All i~\201 rugby tour, and both Nelson Mandela and Pik Botha have sought interviews with the UN secretary-general. :

Mandelaâ\200\231s meeting with Boutros Boutros-Ghali will take place next ~ week and the subject will be the ' jations. This, of , â\200\230 sue. No one with any sense of responsibility wants are- sumption of the armed struggle or of the cold war between the South Afri can government and the international community. The only way out of the impasse is to resume negotiations. The governmentâ\200\231s strong card isthatit is prepared to do so. At his own meet- ing with the UN secretary- eneral, Pik Botha â\200\224 we surmise â\200\224 will adopt an attitude of injured innocence. The government has done nothing wrong. It had no involvement in the Boipa- tong massacre and itsre resentatives at Codesa II were simply exercising their right to disagree on a matter of principle. He may also accuse the ANC of making political capital out of the Boipatong tragedy, in order to vin- dicate its own intransigence. There is

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by LESLEY VAN DUFFELEN
Business Editor

AHALF-DAY stayaway in Pietermaritzburg -
has been called for Monday starting at 2 pm.

At an emotion-filled rally held in the city -
centre yesterday workers were told to defy

their employers and down tools if they re-

fuse to allow them to go to the memorial ser- |

vice for the victims of the Boipatong mas-
sacre at the Market Square.

The ANC, the South African Communist
Party and Cosatu earlier announced that a
stayaway has only been called for the Vaal
Triangle - the site of the massacre. They
called on businesses to respect the day of
mourning, and discuss any planned actions
with workers. 4

The city Chamber of Commerce and In-
dustry has expressed heartfelt condolences
to the next of kin of those killed and said
they are appalled by the massacre. But busi-
ness in the city says it will not accept any
further stayaways.

The chamber said yesterday they met Co-
satu representatives during the week to dis-
cuss the - day of mourning - planned for
Monday. The chamber has recommended to
its members that they negotiate individ-
ually with trade unions to organise mem-
orial services at workplaces. Alternatively,
businesses could allow a limited number of
employees to represent the company at the
city proceedings.

The Natal Chamber of Industries says it
supports a full day of mourning for the vic-
tims of Boipatong as a gesture of respect,
but says it should be held tomorrow.

In a statement released yesterday the
. president of the NCI, M.C. Pretorius, and
Durban Metropolitan Chamber of Com-
merce (DMCC) president Mike Norris say
they - cannot support the call for a further
day of work stoppages and recommend that
. South Africans join together on Sunday,

June 28 to demonstrate their support for the
termination of violence -.

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The NAPL

.Nedbank, _ Perm, Nedfin, Syirets, UAL,
Finansbank; Cape of Good Hope Bank and
all other subsidiaries of the Nedcor Group
will open 15 minutes later than normal on
Monday, in remembrance of all those who
have died in the violence throughout South

Africa and as an indication of the group's .

commitment to the Peace Accord.»

The N&de DMCC also say that the e
very serious concern at the 'withdrawal?
the ANC from the negotiation process. Th
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the introduction of an interim government
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THE National Union of Mineworkers yesterday suspended wage negotiations with the Chamber of Mines over Gold Fields' accommodation of former members of the counter-in-

surgency unit, Koevoet. -

The move by the union came amid reports that ex-Koevoet members discovered by the Goldstone Commission at Gold Fields Greenside Colliery, near Witbank, were allegedly involved in the Boipatong massacre. (A police witness has de-

nied this.) DL

Num president James Motlatsi told a Press conference that the 22-man negotiating team also walked out of the sixth round of talks over Gold Fields' refusal to grant workers time off on Monday to

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NUM â\200\230calls off talks

mourn the 41 people massacred at - Boipatong. ~r

â\200\234I, as president of this -

_union, felt we should suspend the wage negotiations for this year until June 29, â\200\235 he said.

â\200\234There is no use continuing with the negotiations while one member â\200\234of the - Chamber of Mines is engaged in kill-

ing our people.â\200\235

The 300 000-member
â\200\230union-would reconsider
its position after report-
ing back to its mem-
bership on the develop-

â\200\230 ment.

Posters pinned
around Numâ\200\231s offices
! yesterday called for the

! nationalisation of Gold
' Fields.

Chamber of Mines
president Bobby God-
sell said he had assured
union negotiators at

. yesterdayâ\200\231s meeting of
| the mining industryâ\200\231s

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unequivocal - opposition
to violence.

â\200\234The mining industry
has a categorical and
clear policy with regard
to acts of violence in
South African society
and condemns the per-
petrators of violence
from every quarter,â\200\235
Mr Godsell said in a
statement.

With regard to the
Greenside Colliery, the
Chamber had written to
the Goldstone Commis-
sion yesterday offering
its full support in the
commissionâ\200\231s inquiry
into. the activities. -6(),'_ihe
police unitâ\200\235 housed on
the companyâ\200\231s property.

â\200\234Until the commis-
sion has made a finding
on this issue, we believe
it would - beâ\200\231 both im-
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for the chamber or any
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NUM secretary-gen-

eral, Marcel Golding,

said, however: â\200\234Our
union is tired of com-
mitments. We want con-
crete action to be
taken.â\200\235 il

On Thursday, the
union accused Gold
Fields of attempting to
sabotage negotiations
by refusing to join a
profit-sharing scheme.

The scheme has been
accepted by four other
mining houses. .

A. NUM spokesman
said a dispute was loom-
ing in the gold industry
over Gold Fields and
Anglovaalâ\200\231s alleged re-
fusal to be party to the
agreement.

Goldfields said that
although the manager of
its Greenside colliery
had made an arrange-
ment to accommodate
some police for crime
fighting purposes,; Gold
Fields itself 'was not
aware police were stay-
ing at the site. '

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Cop denies massacre claim

Yo Koevoet allegations â\200\230flagrant liesâ\200\231

PRETORIA â\200\230â\200\224 /Aâ\200\231 poliÃ©fian â\200\234yesterday -

denied a report that he' had admitted his unit took part in one of South Africaâ\200\231s worst township massacres.

Jeremiah Sekongu, a member of an SA police squad composed mainly of Namibians â\200\224 Koevoet â\200\224 told a judicial inquiry the allegation by a mine security guard that he had admitted his unit took part in the Boipatong massacre of 42 people on June 17 is

also.

Sekongu, a Namibian, told the Goldstone |

Commission of Inquiry into Violence he knew nothing about the story.

The commission was conducting the second day of an extraordinary session into

African National Congress (ANC) charges

that the unit was involved in general township violence around Johannesburg.

The ANC said it also wanted to probe the security guardâ\200\231s report that Sekongu told him the unit was involved in the Boipatong murders. The security guard, ANC member Mandla Mgomezulu, told the inquiry earlier

yesterday Sekongu had told him the squad |

had taken part in the killings.

The 40-man unit was based at the Green-side mine near Ogies east of Johannesburg where Mgomezulu works. Mgomezulu said the mineâ\200\231s security chief had also told him the unit had participated in the massacre.

On Wednesday members of the Goldstone commission, police and the ANC, acting on a tip-off, discovered nine R-1 automatic rifles and ammunition in a part of the mine quarters occupied by white members of the unit.

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.+~ Sekongu and Mgomezulu were brought to-

get together privately in the presence of lawyers during a break in the public proceedings.â\200\231 'â\200\231

Later, Sekongu, speaking in Afrikaans, said Mgomezulu had told him during the private meeting that he should confess everything about Boipatong. If he did, Mgomezulu would make sure that the ANC would look after him and that he should join the ANC. â\200\234That (last remark) made me very Â«cross,â\200\235 said Sekongu.

Mgomezulu said Sekongu had told him a white officer in the unit of former Koevoet counter-insurgency force members had driven the men to Boipatong, where they carried out the killings.

However, Johan van der Merwe, Commissioner of the South African Police, told a news conference allegations the unit was

involved in Boipatong are "flagrant lies".

Van der Merwe said police had serious objections to the fact certain people and newspapers had used the Goldstone Commission proceedings for what he said were

Imbali's mayor, deputy indicted

by LAKELA KAUNDA

THE mayor of Imbali, Phikelela Ndlovu, his deputy Abdul Awetha and a minor were yesterday indicted to appear in the Supreme Court for the murder of Imbali ANC leader Sikhumbuzo Ngwenya in February this year.

Ngwenya was gunned down outside a Victoria Road restaurant as he drove home after dining with American academics and clergy.

The three, who are all prominent members of the Inkatha Freedom Party, were indicted to appear in the Supreme Court on September 7. The state alleges that the murder was a revenge for an earlier ambush of Awetha on February 5 when three children were killed.

The state will argue that Awetha (56), Ndlovu (54) and other unknown people planned a retaliation on the ANC and chose Ngwenya as a target or one of the targets. They then secured the services of the minor to do the killing.

Awetha then lent the assassins a pistol

of criminal justice studies, Wadlington, will evaluate the police investigations into the Boipatong killings.

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"anti-SAP propaganda purposes".

He said police investigations into the Boipatong massacre indicated certain residents of the kwaMadala Hostel had been involved in the killings. According to initial

police investigations, between 200 to 300
kwaMadala hostel dwellers could be impli-

cated in the tragedy.

Gys Rautenbach, a lawyer for the ANC,
had told the inquiry on Thursday: "We do
not allege at the outset (Koevoet) were re-
sponsible for the Boipatong massacre, but
evidence needs to be led and people ques-
tioned to get to the bottom of this."

Meanwhile, an international jurist and a
criminal law expert are expected in South
Africa next Thursday to help with the inves-
tigations. Mr Justice Bhagwati, the former
Chief Justice of India, will sit with the com-
mission, while Reading University director
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given to him by the Department of Develop-
ment Aid for self-protection. The assassins
drove in a white Ford Cortina to Windsor
Hotel where Ngwenya was dining.

The minor and another occupant of the
car took up positions in or near the parking
yard, each armed with a pistol, including
the DDA one. Around 10 pm Ngwenya left
the restaurant to go to his bakkie in the
parking lot. As he drove off, the minor and
his companion fired at him from fairly close
range, and then fled in the Cortina. The pis-
tol was then returned to Awetha. The state
says the accused tried to confound ballistic
evidence linking the pistol with the killing.

Awetha and/or another person damaged
the barrel and firing pin of the pistol. Then
Awetha and Ndlovu, who was issued with a
similar pistol to Awetha's, exchanged bar-
rels and slides of their respective pistols.

On February 21 both went to the DDA offi-
cial responsible for the issue of firearms,
where Awetha, with the support of Ndlovu,
tried to persuade the official to exchange
Awetha's pistol for another one, on the grounds
that Awetha was experiencing difficulty
with the slide mechanisms. i

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POINTING a suitably quali-

fied person of international re-

pute to the Goldstone Com-

mission will certainly add to its
prestige and influence overseas. But
what Mr Justice Goldstone needs more
than just added prestige is meaningful
muscle where it counts.

For example, the commission fine-

combs all available facts about the
clashes between Phola Park residents
and 32 Battalion, and recommends that
those troops be withdrawn from all
peacekeeping duties in South Africa.
However, Lieutenant-General George
Meiring responds by saying, in effect,
that he will do with 32 Battalion what he
chooses. This week the unit was still on
duty in Phola Park.

The Government's attitude is puz-
zling. Many commissions in the past
have inadvertently become laundromats
for some of its dirtier washing, yet when
it really counts they have not been given
proper detergents.

The Goldstone Commission has suc-
cessfully avoided this trap. The State
President, to his credit, has recognised
its value and sought to strengthen the
commission by suggesting that an inter-
national monitor be invited to join it.

But such international monitors must
not be used as substitutes for developing
and deepening due process of law and
inquiry. Their voices can certainly help
the search for justice in South Africa,
but they must not be allowed to become
a last resort. In the final analysis it
must be up to South Africans them-
selves. Everybody's priority should be to

push for an independent South African commission with sufficient powers of subpoena and search to ensure that nothing is left unexamined, and power too to ensure that its findings are acted on and not reinterpreted to suit narrow political objectives.

The dead of Boipatong need to be respected, not avenged. That means using the impetus of public outrage to add planks to a new system of justice, and not relying solely on the deliberations of international delegations, however dignified and credible. The solution has to be found by the people who will live and die by them. â\200\230