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The barbarous carried out by trOOps of the Pretoria regime into Mheeru, Lesotho early this morning marks a new high point in this regime's campaign of terror against the peoples of Southern Africa. At this point in time, it is known that 30 South African regugees and 10 Lesotho Nationals, including women and children, have been killed. The utterly false claims put out by the racist general constand Viljoen that the residences of our people in the suburbs of Maseru were a military Headquarters will not save the apartheii regime from the consequences of this coldrblooded massacre. This massacre will surely fail in its intentions of stopping the struggle in South Africa, of terrorising us into submission and of compelling Lesotho and other states in the region to abandon their principled pOSition of Opp05ltion to the Apartheid system. The supreme sacrifice that the peoples of Southern Africa paid this morning will spur the African National Congress throughout its ranks, to redouble its offensive for the destruction of the brigard apartheid regime.

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BELOW IS A BRIEF ACCOUNT OF WHAT HAPPENED DURING
THE CRIMINAL SOUTH AFRICA INVASION AGAINST LESOTEO.
THE WAVE OF DESTRUCTION FOLLOWED THE PATTERN

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At Hahooхло at the residence of one of our people, oomraie
Mathabathds a house was completely destroyed; imeeexplosion also
killed a 00w. A woman neighbour was shot dead when she peered
out through the window;

The next place for attack was Khenā Flats where the SADF were
looking for comrade Chris's wife. They forced their way into a
neighbouring flat belonging to wr. Jerry Peko where they found
Miss lmatumo ralebitso, daughter of the Former Ambassador of
Lesotho to the pe0plels Republic of Mozambique. Miss Ralebitso
in panic threw herself out through the window and died.
Another victim at Juena flats was one of our comrades who gallantly
put up an unsuccessful struggle against the attackers. He also
attempted to escape through the wind0w and died. (2 Died at Juena
flats).

At florida they bombed a Government house and killed four ANC
members. They completely burnt one car (4dead)&

At upper Thamae, they destroyed two houses belonging to Comrade
Lehlohonolo Moloi. In one house, two people were burnt to death
and they have not yet been identified. A third person was shot
dead.

In a house next to Lehlohonolo's they killed eight people with
gun shots and burnt one car. All eight alleged to be members of
the ANC. One car was completely burnt and one house was damaged.

At Lekhaloaneng, Opposite Motaung's two houses were bombed. In
one house three peeple died, all of them, Lesotho Nationals while
in another house they killed three people, AN0 (6 in all) dead.
One car was damaged by bullets.

Comrade Chris' house at Lithabaneng was completely destroyed.
So far no indication of casualties in this house.

At a house near Motaungls towards goaling there are four 90??989
in one house which have not yet been indentified.

At Mohlalalit0e five pe0ple who are dead have not yet been identified.
Our information is that a total of 40 people were muniered:

10 Lesotho Nationals (women and 3 Children) and 30 ANC refugees.
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THE LATEST INFORMATION WE HAVE CONCERNING THE
MASERU MASSACRE OF THE 9TH DECEMBER IS AS FOLLOWS,
Ian AT 13.00 HOURS DECEMBER 12, 1982.

A total of 41 people have been killed, 29 of whom are South African
and 12 Basotho.

Of the 41 7 are women, 6 of them being Basotho and one a South African.
There are four South Africans in Hospital. All of them are out danger.
One of them is a young girl of about 8 years Of age.

The process of identifying the dead is not yet complete. The following
is therefore a partial list these who have been identified.

Zola Ngini: Ex Robbeni Island prisoner, originally from Uitenhageo

Phakamile MpongOShe: Ex;Robben;Ialand_prisoner, originally frOm
Port Elizabeth.

Jackson Tayo: Ex Robben Island prisoner, onoeroharged together with
the late looksmart Soluandle who died while in police custody,
originally from Lady Frere.

Ligwa Milankomo, originally from Port Elizabeth.

Kentrhdge Moloisane, originally from Bloemfontein.

Patrick Moholo, originally from the Bloemfontein.

Dumisani matandelay

Mbuso Bungaehe, originally from the Transkei (maluti).

Michael Mlenze.

Cecil Ngxitho, originally from Cofimvaba, Transkei.

Vhyani Zibi, originally from Mganduli, Transkei.

Samson Kana.

Sipho Notana, originally from Mdantsane, East London.

Lizethile Dyani, originally from Engoobo, Transkei.

Dr Norman Ngciphe, was visiting, having arrived a day earlier from
Pietermaritzburgb

MZwandile Fazzie, was visiting, having arrived a day earlier from
Duncan Village East London.

Titus Jobo, was visiting, having arrived a day earlier from the
border area, Ex Robben Island Prisoner who has served about 18 years.

Alfred Marwanqana, was visiting, having arrived a day earlier from
Ilinge, Queenstown, Ex Robben Island Prisoner.

Thandiswa Marwanqana, Daughter to Alfred, was visiting with her
father: The one South African woman who died.

Mzukisi Marwanqana, son to Alfred, was visiting with his father.

Those who are in Hospital are the following:

Zanisile Bekwa

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Mthobeli Zokwe

Kananelo Sexwale - the 8 year old girl.

6. We will communicate any further information as we get it.

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FOLLOWING MESSAGE HAS ALREADY BEEN SENT TO:

HoE. THE PRIME MINISTER. DR LEABUA JONATHAN-MASERU.

We received with great shock and anger the news of the brazen and outrageous invasion of the Kingdom of Lesotho by the racist South African Army December 9. The multiple murders of Lesotho Nationals and South African Refugees, members of the ANC, committed by this Squad of assassins, must surely fill every person of conscience with a deep sense of revulsion.

At this hour of Grief for both our peoples, who are further united by the blood we have both shed, we extend our deep-felt condolences to Your Excellency, the government and people of Lesotho and request that your excellency convey these condolences to the relatives of the deceased Lesotho nationals.

We hereby wish to express our profound appreciation of the reaffirmation by the Government of the Kingdom of Lesotho of its continued determination to receive South African Refugees who flee to Lesotho. We further wish to convey to your excellency our complete and unequivocal support for your initiative in requesting an urgent meeting of the U.N. Security Council to consider this latest act of aggression by the Apartheid regime.

We pledge our continued commitment to support the Kingdom of Lesotho with all means in our power, in her struggle to consolidate her independence and defend her sovereignty and territorial integrity. This coldly calculated act of terrorism will only serve to spur the ANC and the people of South Africa to redouble their efforts to remove once and for all the criminal Pretoria regime, the common enemy of the peoples of Africa.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of the highest fraternal esteem of our National Executive Committee as well as my own.

Oliver Tambo.

President.

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