

Two claim court has no power as they are 'soldiers'

Court Reporter

TWO men and a woman, appearing before Mr T Reed in the Durban Regional Court, have pleaded not guilty to a charge of contravening the Internal Security Act.

Before the Court were Mr Welcome Vukane Mhlongo, 28, of Chesterville; Mr Nkosinathi Lancelot Mazibuko, 22, of Kwa Mashu; and Miss Ntombenhle Charity Mazibuko, 26, of Lamontville.

The first two accused have 'refused' to participate in the trial, saying that as 'soldiers' they should not be in a civilian court.

They are not represented and have declined to cross-examine any State witnesses.

It is alleged Miss Mazibuko was recruited by Mr Mhlongo to act as a courier for the ANC.

The two men are alleged to have left South Africa and undergone military training with the ANC in Angola and later in Yugoslavia.

The first man is alleged to have left the country in December 1985 and the other in January 1986.

Task

The State claims the first accused was appointed as a unit commander and that the second accused was a member of the unit.

It is claimed that part of the unit's task on its return to South Africa was to kill Inkatha leaders and officials and ministers of the KwaZulu Government.

Two witnesses were called yesterday, both giving evidence in camera and both of whom cannot be identified.

They described how they had left South Africa and undergone training in Angola and elsewhere after leaving the country via Botswana.

The first witness said he had seen the two men at a training camp in Angola.

The second said he had seen them at Chilanga in

Zambia, where groups gathered before coming back to South Africa.

The second witness said he did not know what training the two men had undergone or what missions they had been requested to fulfil.

But, he said, he had heard from other people in their unit that they would fight against Inkatha.

The hearing was adjourned until tomorrow.

Mr P Blomkamp is appearing for the State.

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