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Mr Tambo is banned and may not be quoted in South Africa. At the request of SAPA, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, exercised his right to give permission for this report to be published in South African newspapers. The Rand Daily Mail does not normally seek such dispensation because of the danger of news manipulation. It is obvious that permission may be given only because it suits the Minister and his Government. ! However, in view of the significance of the report, the i Mail has set aside these reservations in this case.

HARARE. â\200\224 African :  
National Congress presi-  
| dent Mr Oliver Tambo

has warned that even if â\200\230  
the ANC sat down for

talks'with the South Afri- :  
can Government they  
would not abandon the  
armed struggle until  
a eid was ended and  
Nelson Mandela and other  
black leaders were re-  
leased

In an interview published  
in the Zimbabwe Herald on  
Monday Mr Tambo insisted  
there was no alternative to  
armed struggle against the  
â\200\234Pretoria regimeâ\200\235 and the  
ANC would intensify it as  
long as apartheid pre-  
vailed

All the peaceful alterna-  
'j tives had failed in the past,  
he said.

â\200\234Therefore we say: to re-  
move armed struggle, the  
regime should first remove  
apartheid which is the  
cause of armed struggle.â\200\235

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lands where, he said, they elaborations by Mr Tambo, no matter how relÃ©vant.

were only queueing up for  
death

The Bantustans were  
themselves an act of vio-  
lence, so it was wrong to  
think his organisation

struggle.

â\200\234In any case, even if  
there were any talks, and if  
we thought the time had  
come for talks with the  
Pretoria regime, we would  
not abandon the armed

struggle. We would simply \_

on. -

â\200\234We would not talk to the  
regime about the fate of our  
country before the uncondi-  
tional release of Nelson  
2 and the other

| leaders imprisoned with

him,â\200\235 Mr â\200\230Tambo said.  
On the recent offer by the  
President of South Africa,

Mr P W Botha, to release  
â\200\230| Mandela on condition that  
he renounces the use of vio-  
| lence, Mr

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would abandon the armed :

Should this happen, the Mail will inform its readers of the  
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condition, which Mandela  
would once again reject.  
Up to now, and for many  
years, Mr Mandela has  
not offered release on  
condition that he went to  
live in the Bantustans; to  
endorse and recognise the  
so-called independent Ban-  
tustans. But consistently he  
has rejected the condition.  
Pretoria should know by  
now that Mandela was a  
man whose life was gov-  
erned by strong principles  
and if they want to talk to  
him about armed struggle,  
Mr Tambo said, then they  
would talk to him as a free  
man. It was not clear, he said,  
why we, who are the vic-  
tims of violence, are ex-

pected to abandon our vio-  
lence, when the regime  
pursues us with worse vio-  
lence, ol

Of the recent proposal b  
Mr Botha that Africans live

living in the urban areas

should have different status  
from those in the Bantus-  
tans, Mr Tambo said all this  
move represented was an-  
other idea for Bantustans in  
the urban areas.

He said that whatever  
the Government was trying  
to build including its so-  
called constitutional re-  
form was built upon the crumbling founda-  
tion of apartheid. ar

Asked whether the re-  
surgence of armed activities was be-  
cause the Nkomati Accord  
was beginning to have  
some effect, he said there  
had been more military ac-  
tivity in South Africa by his  
organisation

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