

ANC Releases Government's Criminal Record

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The ANC has provided statistics of criminal acts by security force members, in an angry response to Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel's comment its armed wing consists of "nothing but criminal".

African National Congress spokesman Carl Niehaus also asked why such bellicose comments were made by "such a senior officer of the regime" on the eve of the multiparty negotiations conference.

"Minister Kriel's reference to Umkhonto we Sizwe soldiers as criminals displays an incredible lapse of memory," Mr Niehaus said in a statement on Tuesday night.

"He conveniently forgets the hit squads of the Civil Co-operation Bureau, the dubious role of senior South African Defence Force officers in the murder of activists in the Eastern Cape, the violent and criminal behaviour of 32 Battalion... and the SADF's role in assisting Inkatha to counter the popularity of the ANC.

"The Human Rights Commission reports that during 1992, 161 people died, and 1724 injuries resulted directly from security force actions. Seventy-eight of those killed and 499 of the injured were ANC members or supporters."

Mr Kriel and the police, Mr Niehaus said, never omitted to mention whenever a person arrested for criminal activity also happened to be a member of the ANC. -

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and have still a clear recollection of many of the eminent
performers of my early days.

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The playhouses in Dublin were then lighted with tallow
candles, stuck into thin circles hanging from the middle of
the stage, which were every now and then snuffed by some
performer; and two soldiers with fixed bayonets, always
stood like statues on each side of the stage, close to the
boxes, to keep the audience in order. The galleries were very
noisy and very droll. The ladies and gentlemen in the boxes
always went dressed out nearly as for court; the strictest
etiquette and decorum were preserved in that circle; while
the pit, as being full of critics and wise men, was particu-
larly respected, except when the young gentlemen of the
university occasionally forced themselves in, to revenge some
insult, real or imagined, to a member of their body; on which
occasions all the ladies, well-dressed men, and peaceable
people generally, decamped forthwith, and the young gentlemen
as generally proceeded to beat or turn out the rest of the
audience and to break everything that came within their reach ...
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I remember seeing old Mr Sheridan perform Alexander the
Great, and throwing the javelin at Clytus, whom happening to
miss he hit the cupbearer, then played by one of the hack
performers, a Mr Jemmy Fottarel. Jemmy very naturally supposed
that he was hit designedly; and that it was some new light of
the great Mr Sheridan to slay the cupbearer in preference to
his friend Clytus and that therefore he ought to tumble down
and make a painful end according to dramatic custom time
immemorial. Immediately, therefore, on being struck, he reeled
staggered, and fell very naturally, considering it was his
first death; but being determined on this unexpected opportunity

Party members are involved in a crime."

He claimed that "one out of every 129 members of the South African Police was convicted of a crime committed while on duty last year".

"In all, 6865 complaints of assault were laid against the police.

"This led to 1041 prosecutions and 306 convictions."

Mr Niehaus said the alleged assaults gave rise to 3497 civil claims, of which 137 were settled out of court at a cost of R1,1 million.

He further alleged that Mr Kriel had yet to satisfactorily account for continuing deaths in police custody, and what steps he had taken in this regard.

Among a "disturbingly long list" of security force crimes against ordinary black people, some of the more prominent cases included the Trust Feed Massacre trial, the trial of Lt George Nicholas in Mooi River; that of three policemen accused of "necklacing" Mr Vusi Phiri, and the trial of two policemen in relation to an attack on a taxi in Pinetown.

There was also the inquest into the death of academic Dr David Webster, and the inquest into the deaths of activists Matthew Goniwe, Fort Calata, Sparrow Mkhonto and Sicelo Mhlawuli.

"To this sad indictment of police activity we must add the findings of the Waddington Report which severely criticised the SAP for poor discipline and shoddy investigations, and the damning criticism by Mr Justice C J Botha of the behaviour of the SAP during and after the Swanieville Massacre."

The criminal track record of the SAP and SADF reflected the training and orientation they received to defend apartheid, Mr Niehaus said. He believed it stood in "stark contrast with Mr Kriel's cynical claims of high standards of professionalism within the security forces".

ANC Rejects SADF As Basis For Future Force

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The African National Congress rejected any suggestion that the SADF could function as the basis of the future defence force in a democratic society, spokesman Carl Niehaus said on Tuesday night.

He was reacting to Army-Chief Lt-Gen Georg Meiring's statement earlier this week that Umkhonto we Sizwe cadres could be integrated into the current South African Defence Force if they met certain conditions.

"It is highly irregular when the Head of the Army, who claims to be above politics and to serve all the people of South Africa, enters the political fray," said Mr Niehaus.

Lt-Gen Meiring had made a number of political statements in the past,

"interestingly enough always attacking MK and supporting the positions of the National Party Government".

Mr Niehaus said that for most South Africans, the SADF was the "private army of the NP, defending apartheid and white privilege".

"The only way the security forces can regain their legitimacy is through a negotiated settlement that brings all the armed formations in South Africa under multiparty control in terms of the Sub-Committee of the Transitional Executive Council.

"A new and legitimate defence force can only be constructed through the formation of a new democratic army where all join on an equal basis, and the reincorporation of one force by another," Mr Niehaus said.

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national theatre gained a reputation For having the occasional riot
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without its excitement also as Sir Jonah Barrington describes one
such occasion st the Smock Alley Theatre.

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- 4.2. Name of the multiparty negotiating forum.
- 4.3. Composition and structure of the multiparty negotiating forum.
- 4.4. Participation.
5. Violence and its impact on the negotiating process.
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 - 6.2. Phases of the transition.
 - 6.3. The role of the international community.
7. The way forward/instructions to the negotiating council.
8. Closure.

The council also decided later on Tuesday to beef-up representation of women in all the negotiating structures.

Head Of Administrations Appointed

By Neil Lewis

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The 26-member Negotiating Council, which is finalising details for multiparty talks later this week, has appointed Dr Theuns Eloff as head of administration for the conference and its subsequent functions.

At the same time, the Consultative Business Movement has been mandated to set up a permanent administrative component, which will be directly responsible to and perform their functions under the directions of the Planning Committee as mandated by the Negotiating Council.

This emerged on Tuesday when Sapa obtained a copy of the contractual obligations, excluding the financial side, from a leading delegate at the World Trade Centre, outside Johannesburg.

In terms of the contract, the administration at the World Trade Centre will function separately from other activities of the CBM, but if a problems in this regard arise, the Planning Committee is empowered to intervene and correct the situation.

It says Dr Eloff will personally head the administration of the Multiparty Negotiating Process as the Executive Officer on a full-time basis.

"The administration will at all times maintain strict impartiality and will render services to all participants in the ...forum on the same level.

"No member of the administration will hold an official oosition or have a public profile in any political organisation or movement.'

The contract also states that the Planning Committee can intervene in any situation where a staffer's behaviour impacted negatively on the objectivity and impartiality of the administration.

The administration, the document continues, will perform functions such as the administration of meetings, secretarial services, travel and accommodation arrangements, logistical arrangements and financial administration.

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to Europe to spread the? teachingslof Christianityw .
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preferred to survive by hunting and fishing in the countryside
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race from Scandanavia who came for :the gold and silver in
'the monasteries (and of course for the Dublin girls) built
a wooden fort on the River Liffey at Dubh - linn as a con.-
venz.ent base for raids into the countryside. Over the years
the Viking settlement grew in strength but in .10th at the
Battle of Clontarf, they were defeated by an Irish Chieftax;
named Brian Born .