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Black groups resolve to sign accord in spite of bloodshed

From RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

BLACK political groups are adamant that they will pursue a peace agreement with Pretoria in spite of the new round of blood-letting.

Both the Inkatha Freedom party and Nelson Mandela's rival African National Congress yesterday reiterated their commitment to the peace accord due to be signed on Saturday. Both groups and Archbishop Desmond Tutu said they believed the violence was being deliberately orchestrated in an attempt to derail the peace process.

The white right wing, including the Conservative party, the official opposition

in the white House of Assembly, has declared its intention not to attend the ceremony. As the death toll in the most savage 24 hours of black-on-black political violence in South Africa's townships this year rose to 57 yesterday, the obvious question being asked was: who started it and why?

There was an element of sophisticated military planning about the Sunday morning attack on a column of 300 Zulus marching from their hostel in Tokoza township, southeast of Johannesburg, to an Inkatha rally in a soccer stadium. As they entered the township's main street gun-

men opened fire, killing 23 of the Zulus and injuring 18, some of them critically. Whoever carried out the ambush did it with great skill.

Police and troops were rushed into Tokoza but the reaction, like a bushfire, erupted elsewhere. In Soweto, southwest of Johannesburg, at least 14 people died and 18 hurt as rival ANC and Inkatha groups clashed. More died in battles east of Johannesburg.

Yesterday the violence continued. Gunmen on board a 5.30am commuter train between Johannesburg and Katlehong, an eastern Witwatersrand town, opened fire on passengers, killing three and wounding four. Seventeen people were hurt, two seriously, when they leapt from a train travelling from Soweto into Johannesburg after rumours swept through the carriages that an Inkatha gang was on board.

Colonel Frans Malherbe, chief police spokesman for the Johannesburg area, said that extra police and troops had been deployed in the townships who were prepared to deal with the upsurge in violence. "This whole damn thing has got to come to an end," he said. "It's not like this."

The peace accord is a result of an initiative by business and church leaders to bring the key political forces in South Africa together after the ANC's withdrawal from formal negotiations with the government in April over its perceived failure to control political violence. At the weekend, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, constitutional development minister, sounded an optimistic note that an all-party conference, as a preliminary to real negotiations on a post-apartheid constitution, could begin next month as a result of the joint initiative.

In another development yesterday, three South African white-supremacists abandoned an eight-week prison hunger strike, saying that they had failed to persuade President de Klerk to grant them amnesty. Wim Cornelius, a lawyer representing the men, who were trying to win inclusion in an amnesty extended to more than 1,100 members of the ANC, said they would now accept bail of 5,000 rand (£1,065) each.

Mr de Klerk said last week that the men were not political prisoners and they would have to stand trial for murder and attempted murder. The three are Henry Martin, a British computer engineer who fasted for 63 days, and Adrian Maritz and Lood van Schalkwyk, South Africans who refused food for slightly shorter periods.

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Peace accord unlikely to halt SA slaughter

RETALIATORY attacks set off when Inkatha supporters were ambushed on Sunday swept black townships around Johannesburg for a second day yesterday. In one incident gunmen raked a black commuter train with gunfire and tossed the bodies of three victims from a moving carriage.

At least 63 people have died since the Inkatha supporters, travelling to a rally, were ambushed by unknown gunmen in Thokoza.

In a move to stop the killing, the government yesterday declared four townships, including Thokoza and Kattlehong, "unrest areas" and imposed restrictions on carrying "traditional" weapons favoured by Inkatha supporters.

Despite the two days of slaughter, ANC and Inkatha leaders say they will go ahead and sign a peace pact on Saturday. The viability of the church-brokered national peace agreement between the two groups and the government, however, has been thrown into question by the latest violence. The accord will remove a stumbling block to constitutional

negotiations but is unlikely on its own to stop the killing.

The police say three unidentified black men armed with AK-47 rifles were responsible for the initial Thokoza attack. One man has been arrested, but he has not been tied to any organisation. Church leaders, the ANC and Inkatha all say the attacks were an attempt to scuttle the peace process.

Inkatha's national chairman, Frank Mdlalose, said yesterday. "It seems clear to us that this is the intention of the evil forces at play. These attacks must be exposed for what they are: barbaric acts designed to wreck the peace process... If certain elements are hoping that mass murders of Inkatha members will derail the peace initiative and that Inkatha will, as a result, not sign the peace accord,

they are mistaken." Nelson Mandela, ANC President, said it would also go ahead with the signing.

The militant Azanian People's Organisation Azapo blamed the government, saying the killing was "conceived and sponsored by the De Klerk regime through its security agencies". Recent disclosures by former intelligence agents and security forces' members have implicated military and police in undercover township attacks, aimed at derailing talks.

The South African Council of Churches (SACC) said the onus was on the government to find the killers. "We have in the past seen massive manhunts when someone is killed on a farm somewhere... We are saying we want to see similar manhunts after the death of so many people," the SACC said.

After 23 people died in the initial Thokoza killing, Inkatha supporters took to the streets of several townships. Fourteen people were killed in Soweto in one attack. Seventeen people were hurt yesterday leaping from trains in Soweto when rumours spread that Inkatha supporters were attacking commuters. Three people were killed on the Kattlehong train. In Kattlehong, private guards fired at a group of Zulu-speaking people terrorising a railway station.

Mr Mdlalose denied that some of those killed died in retaliatory attacks by Inkatha supporters, but a newspaper photographer, Alf Kumalo, witnessed revenge slayings after a grenade attack on Inkatha supporters in Soweto killed 13 on Sunday.

"A running battle between youths and Inkatha ensued. Some Inkatha men, unable to catch the youths, broke down a door of a house. Further along the road another handgrenade exploded sending police and residents diving for cover. I could hear the police firing shots," he said.

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C'wealth Ministers to reconsider sanctions

LONDON. — Foreign Ministers from nine Commonwealth countries will meet in New Delhi this week to review developments in South Africa and discuss whether some sanctions should be lifted, the organisation said yesterday.

The Commonwealth, a 50-nation group of Britain and its former colonies and territories, said a special committee on South Africa would meet on Friday and Saturday.

The Commonwealth Committee of Foreign Ministers on Southern Africa, as it is formally known, decided in February that sanctions imposed on South Africa because of its apartheid system should be gradually lifted as concrete reforms were made.

Commonwealth Secretary-General Chief Emeka Anyaoku said last week that it would be inappropriate to remove all international pressure on Pretoria until South Africa's Black majority had full voting and constitutional rights. — Sapa-
Reuter.

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Peace accord 'will lead to political negotiation'

Political Correspondent

CAPE TOWN. — Multi-party talks to get negotiations on a new constitution under way are expected soon after this weekend's Peace Convention in Sandton, at which all the major negotiation partners will be represented.

There is speculation in political circles that the subject may be raised at the convention, where all the main political parties will sign a national peace accord — although the conservative party still remains outside the accord.

Among all participants, from the National Party to the ANC, and including the main parties in Parliament, the success of the accord is seen as an important breakthrough in the negotiation process, setting a pattern for the future.

Dr Gerrit Viljoen, Minister of Constitutional Development, said there had already been a series of talks between the government and the other parties.

In these discussions, a

substantial measure of consensus had been reached on an agenda, procedures, the chairmanship and participants in a multi-party convention, which was expected to establish a formal forum for constitutional talks.

Dr Viljoen said the government plans a series of bilateral talks with the other major negotiation partners immediately after the signing of the peace accord, to seek finality on when and how the multi-party convention may begin.

Political sources outside the government said the peace talks had brought the leading negotiators of the political parties together.

They had learned to understand one another, in spite of differences of style and approach, and this knowledge and experience would be invaluable in the future talks.

Mr Dave Dalling, who will head the Democratic party delegates on Saturday, confirmed that sufficient agreement had been

reached by the partners to the peace accord for it to be signed at the one-day meeting in Sandton.

A draft document has been submitted to all the parties, although a number of amendments are due to be considered before a final accord is signed.

The draft document contains a statement of intent and codes of conduct for the security forces and for political parties.

The code relating to the security forces will be backed up by the establishment of the permanent Commission on Violence, to which all allegations about provocation or the promotion of violence may be referred.

The State President, Mr F W de Klerk, is expected to consult widely with the peace accord signatories on the membership of the Commission.

The code of conduct relating to political parties and to politicians specifically commits them not to use language that may promote violence.

Tokoza massacre sparks violence across the Reef

Casualties include 57 dead and many seriously injured

Killings condemned by ANC and Inkatha

Staff Reporters

At least 57 people have been killed and scores more injured, many of them seriously, since running battles erupted in several Reef townships yesterday.

Three of the deaths occurred today and another 28 people were injured, according to police on the Witwatersrand and in Soweto.

The latest deaths occurred at about 6.30 am when passengers were shot and then thrown from a train travelling between Katlehong and Wadeville on the East Rand.

Four other people were shot and seriously wounded on the train.

Twenty-four people were injured when they jumped from two moving trains in Soweto after rumours flashed through the coaches that an Inkatha revenge attack was imminent.

Spokesmen for the ANC and the Inkatha Freedom Party have condemned yesterday's killing and reiterated their organisations' commitment to the church leader-sponsored peace agreement scheduled to be signed on Saturday between the Government, ANC and IFP.

The violence began yesterday morning when gunmen killed 23 people and wounded

glon alone at least 43 people were killed and 66 injured

Police — supported by soldiers — had been deployed in affected areas across the Reef and the situation was under control this morning.

At least 14 people were killed and 18 were injured in a day of violence in Mofolo Central, Soweto, yesterday.

Two men were shot dead and the third burnt alive in

armed with AK-47 rifles, entered the house in Kumalo Street and opened fire at random at the passersby", said Colonel Malherbe.

Police, supported by troops, were immediately deployed in the area but the attackers had fled. Police later found 45 spent AK-47 cartridges inside a house. The injured were rushed to the Ntatspruit Hospital.

Colonel Malherbe said police had questioned a man in connection with the killings.

Anette Clear, at Baragwanath Hospital, said 57 injured people had been brought in for treatment from the Mofolo area yesterday. Of these five were declared dead on arrival and three died while attempts were being made to resuscitate them.

She said 24 people had been brought in by 8.30 am today after jumping from moving trains.

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22 in a crowd of mostly IFP supporters on their way to a Hostel Dwellers' Association meeting at about 10 am.

The Tokoza massacre sparked off a wave of retaliatory attacks in Katlehong, Tembisa and Soweto as well as Johannesburg.

Police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe said that in the Witwatersrand police re-

fierce fighting between ANC and Inkatha supporters near Delmore station in Knights, Germiston, last night. An ambulance spokesman said four people were seriously injured when fighting broke out between about 300 men.

Investigations into the Tokoza attack led police to believe that "three unidentified black men, presumably

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IFP members
were ambushed — Friday

Church peace plea *The Herald Sun* 10.9.91 amid black killings

JOHANNESBURG — Archbishop Desmond Tutu has pleaded for peace after 57 people were killed in South African township violence ahead of a peace pact black and white leaders are due to sign next Saturday.

Key black organisations reaffirmed their backing for the pact.

But Archbishop Tutu added his voice to widespread fears that the violence may have been sparked deliberately to torpedo the all-party peace pact.

Three blacks died in gunfire aboard a commuter train on the outskirts of Johannesburg on Monday morning and 17 people were injured when they leaped off another moving train in fear of an attack.

Police reported at least

54 blacks killed and 101 wounded in township clashes around Johannesburg on Sunday.

Fighting began when three men with assault rifles ambushed mainly Zulu Inkatha Freedom Party supporters heading for a political meeting in Thokoza township.

"We are very concerned at the implications of the attack for Saturday's peace summit. It is pos-

sible that those who planned the attack intended to derail the summit," Archbishop Tutu said.

President F.W. de Klerk's Government, the African National Congress led by Nelson Mandela, and Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi's Zulu-based Inkatha Party have agreed on a draft peace plan.

The ANC and Inkatha said on Monday they hoped the latest upsurge

would not stop a final accord being signed on Saturday, but officials expressed deep suspicion and distrust.

The ANC has suspended talks with the Government on a democratic constitution, accusing the white rulers and the conservative Inkatha movement of joining against it to block its way to power in a black-run South Africa.

— REUTER

Hunger strikers call it quits

PRETORIA — South Africa's three Right-wing hunger strikers today called off their bid to win immunity from prosecution.

Their lawyer, Mr Wim Cornelius, said the men made the decision to end their fasts because the Department of Justice had made it clear it would not grant the three immunity

against prosecution.

Briton Henry Martin and South Africans Adriaan Maritz and Lod van Schalkwyk have been fasting for 64, 57, and 50 days.

They were trying to get immunity from charges of stealing explosives from a mine and exploding two bombs in which one per-

son died and 13 were wounded.

Despite their apparent hunger strike, two Sunday newspapers have questioned whether the men have been refusing to eat.

The two papers published a picture of one of the men looking fit and well-fleshed.

— AFP

Blood, murder and mayhem

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At least 57 people have been killed and 84 injured since running battles erupted on the Reef on Sunday. THABO LESHILLO and ZINGISA MKHUMA visit the hospitals at which the injured are being treated.

WHEN AN Inkatha member with an ugly bullet wound in the head arrived at Baragwanath Hospital at about 2pm on Sunday a doctor at the hospital became extremely worried.

"I knew there was going to be trouble here."

He did not have to wait long before his fears came true.

According to hospital spokesman Sengnet van Vuuren, 57 people had been treated at the hospital on Sunday — five died on arrival and three died by the end of the day.

Yesterday, 25 more people were treated at the hospital after being attacked on two trains on their way to work from Soweto to Johannesburg.

They were hacked, stabbed, shot or hit with knobkerries. Some were flung off the trains or jumped off to escape attack.

One of the injured, a young woman, was in a serious condition after one of her hands had been hacked off, leaving her physically and mentally scarred for life.

"Her chances of earning a living are diminished. Her total outlook on life is now seriously affected," the doctor said.

A patient, David Banda (38), said he was in White City just after 5pm when he saw people running in his direction.

"There was wild shooting. People were screaming and running away. I think I heard a hand grenade or two explode moments before that," he said.

from a hospital stretchers.

His leg was in a cast. He broke it trying to jump a fence in the chaos, which, he said, lasted until sunset.

Busisiwe Ngobeni (18) said she was at her aunt's home in Klipspruit when Inkatha members came marching down the street towards Nancefield Hostel at about 7pm.

A bullet fired by one of the marchers hit her in the thigh while she was inside the house.

Father of three Jacob Lecholo said he was travelling to work on train number 9317

which leaves Naledi at 5.30am for Johannesburg.

"Just as the train left Mzimhlophe Station a large group of Inkatha men entered my coach asking where we were when their people were killed in Tokoza."

The passengers said they knew nothing about the attack and pleaded with the men to spare them. They started attacking the commuters.

"They simply picked on you when your eyes met their gaze," said Mr Lecholo.

He was hit in the head with a

knobkerrie and one attacker stabbed him in the neck.

Piet Laka (24) said the attackers started assaulting commuters at random at Ikwezi Station.

"They entered the coach and twice shouted 'Viva' at us, waiting for a response. They immediately started assaulting us when we failed to respond."

He jumped off the train and injured his head and legs.

Macloed Mkosana said the assailants who attacked the train on the Vereeniging — Johannesburg route had board-

ed the train at Orlando Station.

He had moved to another carriage when the men started shouting that they were looking for "comrades."

Many passengers ran into his coach to escape danger when the men started attacking them as soon as the train left Mamlankunzi Station.

The train doors opened under the weight of the frightened passengers and many were flung off. Mr Mkosana suffered injuries to his arms and legs.

At least 57 people have so far been killed and 84 injured since

running battles erupted on the Reef on Sunday.

The violence began in Tokoza when gunmen unleashed a volley of AK-47 gunfire on a crowd of mostly IFP members on their way to a Hostel Dwellers' Association meeting, killing 23 and wounding 22.

When The Star visited the Natalspruit Hospital, where most of the wounded were taken, the wards were full of men with gunshot wounds.

A matron at the hospital said figures of how many violence victims were being treated at

the hospital were not available.

One of the victims of the weekend clashes died while we were interviewing other survivors.

Two Inkatha supporters from Iscor's kwa-Madala Hostel who were being treated for gunshot wounds, said that they did not see their assailants but alleged that the gunfire came from the nearby houses.

The men also said they were not told what the meeting was about.

Khehla Kheswa said he was walking to the Tokoza Stadium,

Bid to sabotage peace talks, say ANC and IFP

'Agents triggered slaughter'

By Andrew Walker,
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and Kaizer Nyatumba

Agents provocateurs have been blamed for deliberately starting the Reef township slaughter that claimed at least 80 lives in two days.

The ANC and Inkatha — main protagonists in the fighting in which 11 000 have died since 1984 — both believe the violence was provoked with the aim of derailing the peace process.

Sunday's faction fighting, sparked by two ambushes, came as major political parties were preparing to sign Saturday's historic, church-sponsored National Peace Convention.

Clergymen involved in formulating the peace pact are also convinced the latest surge of violence stemmed from unknown activists aiming to block the peace pact.

The spiral of violence was begun on Sunday by three black AK-47 gunmen who ambushed Inkatha members heading for a rally.

Firing their assault rifles into the crowd from the cover of a house, they killed 23 and wounded 22, some of whom later died in hospital.

In the other attack, hand-grenades were thrown at IFP men.

The ambushes led to a spate of retaliatory attacks by Inkatha supporters in Soweto, on the East Rand, and on trains, witnesses said.

Success of the campaign to set off township unrest was related by victims of attacks on commuter trains yesterday morning — passengers told of how rampaging gangs demanded to know where commuters were when the Inkatha men were massacred in Tokoza.

And the handgrenade attack on Inkatha marchers in Soweto sparked immediate attacks on residents.

Decrying the ambushes as a transparent ploy by unidentified parties, the ANC and Inkatha have recommitted themselves to the national peace process.

Both yesterday reaffirmed their commitment to this weekend's signing of the multiparty peace accord.

At a media briefing in Johannesburg, ANC president Nelson Mandela said the ANC had launched an investigation into the killings, but it was clear that the killers were not members of any political force.

"The suspicion is that this may be an attempt to derail the signing of the convention," he said.

He said the ANC would definitely sign the accord, and welcomed the IFP's an-

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nouncement that it, too, would not withdraw from the convention.

"We are the authors of the exercise to mobilise the country around peace and we attach great importance to the signing of the convention," Mr Mandela said.

IFP national chairman Dr Frank Mdlalose said it was significant that the "orchestrated carnage" had taken place only days before the peace convention and it was clear the intention was to get the IFP not to sign the agreement.

ANC deputy president Walter Sisulu appealed to people not to allow the Tokoza attack to result in further fighting.

"We reaffirm our commitment to the peace process, which we all have the responsibility to ensure is not derailed."

South African Council of Churches general secretary the Reverend Frank Chikane called on members of the community to exercise restraint and "the utmost political vigilance", by not allowing themselves to be used against one another. Sowetan editor Agrey

Klaaste asked in a special article this morning: "What type of people are we that we can allow two or three mad gunmen to cause so much damage to the nation?"

IFP Youth Brigade leader Themba Khoza, who saw the Soweto grenade attack, said the ambushes were aimed at killing the peace accord.

Police said today they did not know who was responsible for the attacks. A special task force was investigating.

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'Single agriculture department possible'

THE Minister of Agriculture and of Agricultural Development, Dr Kraai van Niekerk, expressed confidence yesterday that a single Department of Agriculture for South Africa and the self-governing territories was within reach.

Addressing a conference of the various Ministers of Agriculture, he said such a department would be better equipped to advance the interests of the agricultural sector and the country as a whole.

"This conference, as the first of its kind, presents unique opportunities for integrating and rationalising policy in respect of the South African agricultural sector. Let us put our hands to the plough."

Dr Van Niekerk said.

South Africa was rapidly moving towards a new agricultural dispensation.

In terms of the present Constitution, with its "own" and "general affairs", there were 10 departments of agriculture.

"It would be clear to all that the service structures are top-heavy, which presents particular and peculiar problems concerning the handling of agricultural matters coherently." — Sapa.

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Factional fighting leaves 65 dead in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Frenzied factional fighting raged in black townships for a second day Monday, and the death toll in the year's worst outbreak of political violence rose to 65.

Nelson Mandela, president of the African National Congress, said that despite the fighting his organization would sign a peace accord Saturday with its rival, the Inkatha Freedom Party, and the white-led government.

Inkatha also said it would sign the agreement, which is aimed at stopping factional fighting that has killed about 6,000 blacks since 1986.

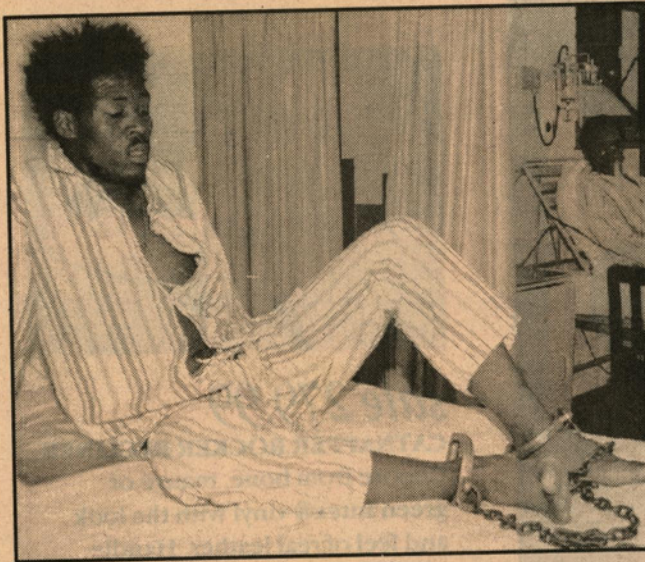
In one incident Monday, gunmen

shot up a black commuter train outside Johannesburg, killing four people and wounding three. The dead and wounded were thrown from the moving train, police said.

Fighting also was reported in Natal province in eastern South Africa.

The outbreak of violence began Sunday when gunmen ambushed a political procession of Inkatha members in Tokoza township, killing 23 people. As word of the attack spread, blacks took to the streets to battle political foes with guns, grenades, knives and spears.

Mandela said he did not know who was to blame for the ambush.



Associated Press photograph

A prisoner hurt earlier in factional fighting is shackled to his bed in a Soweto hospital Monday.

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gle men's dormitory hostels, were walking to a meeting of the regional hostel dwellers association under the guard of South African army units when a black man armed with an AK-47 rifle emerged from a house and blew a whistle, witnesses said.

Then other armed men stepped from nearby houses and opened fire.

Gertrude Mzizi, an official in Inkatha, and her husband turned their car around and fled, but she saw people falling to the pavement.

"They were writhing in pain," she told the independent South African Press Association. "Many looked to be dead. It was a terrible thing."

ANC Deputy President Walter Sisulu immediately issued a statement condemning the attack.

"We appeal to all our people to remain calm and not allow this wanton act of provocation to result in even more bloodletting," Sisulu said.

As the death toll mounted in Tokoza, reaching 23, the violence spread to Soweto, the country's largest black township.

At dusk, five people were killed in the White City area of Soweto when hand grenades were thrown at a group of Inkatha-supporting Zulus returning from a meeting. The Zulus retaliated, police said, attacking local residents, killing eight.

At least six other people died in related attacks in Tembisa and Kaitshong townships.

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'Broederbond Nats politicised farming'

The president of the Free State Agricultural Union last night accused Agriculture Minister Dr Kraai van Niekerk of belonging to the Afrikaner Broederbond (AB) — and alleged that the AB had for years manipulated and politicised agricultural organisations in the country.

Dr Piet Gouws said during an SABC TV debate, which centred on the role played by politics in South Africa's agricultural unions, that the National Party had for years appointed its secretly selected Broederbond members to key agricultural positions.

The aim was to manipulate and control agriculture and the farming community.

Pointing to two of his panel members, Dr van Niekerk and Louis Kriel of the fruit marketing organisation Unifruco, Dr Gouws said:

"The National Party has been controlling agricultural organisations for years through the Broederbond.

Just ask these two gentlemen here, both are Broeders and they know all about it."

He said that ever since the National Party had started to lose control of the agricultural unions — after farmers started to shun members of the Broederbond — the NP had suddenly started a lament against the politicising of agriculture.

Dr van Niekerk in turn then issued an appeal that the farming community elect non-political leaders to agricultural union posts.

Both Dr Gouws and Dries Bruwer, president of the Transvaal Agricultural Union, are Conservative Party Members of Parliament.

"Foreign countries are looking with critical eyes at us, and South African agriculture is

being tainted with right-wing politics," Dr van Niekerk warned.

Dr Gouws replied that Dr van Niekerk should leave such decisions to the farmers themselves.

"This is not like the good old days, when the Nats simply told the farmers what to say," he said.

Accusations were also levelled that the financial policies of the National Party were causing a wave of bankruptcies and dire impoverishment of the farming community.

Dr van Niekerk was not seen fighting in the Cabinet on behalf of the farmers, but was simply remaining silent.

Dr van Niekerk denied this, saying few farmers would still be producing anything if it had not been for the Government's system of farm subsidies. — Sapa.

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Pictures of fasters sold for thousands

Staff Reporters

Relatives of the three Orde Boerevolk prisoners who ended their protracted hunger strike yesterday have been paid thousands of rands by the media for pictures taken of the men during their fast.

It is known that the wives of two of the men, Heather van Schalkwyk and Karen Maritz, as well as OB chief of staff Leonard Veenendal have been paid thousands of rands by the media for pictures taken of the men during the fast.

Henry Martin, Adrian Maritz and Dr Lood van Schalkwyk began taking nutrients in liquid form from 1 pm yesterday after deciding to end their fast and accepting bail of R5 000 each.

They will remain in hospital for several weeks until they regain their strength.

They had reportedly not eaten for 63, 56 and 49 days respectively.

The decision to resume eating followed consultation between the men's lawyer, Wim Cornelius, three advocates acting for the men, Mr Strydom, officials from the Attorney-General's office and the security services.

Mr Strydom said he was "very glad it has at last ended".

In official circles there was strong speculation that the publication in the Sunday press of pictures showing the hunger strikers in a far-from-emaciated condition had probably shamed them into calling off their fast.

Officials were jubilant that the Government's refusal to give in to "blackmail" from the hunger strikers had paid off.

A medical report on the men's condition in the last days of the strike is expected to be made public soon — amid growing suspicion that the men had been taking nutrients.

Drinking

"They are prepared to release (the medical reports) to show they were not living a lie," Mr Cornelius said.

The three men had been drinking litres of electrolytic solution to prevent them from slipping into comas — and were in a critical but stable condition yesterday, Mr Cornelius said.

ANC president Nelson Mandela said yesterday he was sure that the men's health had been affected by the hunger strike.

Asked whether he thought the men were really starving or "had pulled a fast one", Mr Mandela said he had been very concerned about their condition when he visited them at H F

Verwoerd Hospital last week.

"One of them could hardly recognise me. It took some time before he recognised me."

Mr Mandela stressed he was not a medical expert and his opinion was that of a layman.

As part of the deal, the men had to accept a number of strict bail conditions, including a prohibition on talking to the media — to "prevent the case being heard in the streets instead of in court", Mr Cornelius said.

The other conditions are:

- The men must remain at H F Verwoerd Hospital under the care of Professor Renier van Rooyen until they are declared fit to be discharged.
- They may not leave the magisterial district of Pretoria without the permission of the investigating officer.
- They must supply authorities with fixed addresses; they must report daily to the nearest police station; and must hand over all travel documents.
- They may not interfere with State witnesses.

The three have agreed to testify before the Commission of Inquiry into Public Violence — but they will need up to three months to recover from their fast, Mr Cornelius said.

The Department of Justice pointed out that although the Transvaal Attorney-General had said on August 28 that the State would not oppose bail applications by the three men, subject to proper legal procedures, the granting of bail and the bail conditions were still at the court's exclusive discretion.

New Minister of Correctional Services Adriaan Vlok described the ending of the hunger strike as a "victory for reason".

He said he was glad no lives had been lost.

Boere Vryheidsbeweging leader Professor Alkmaar Swart said his organisation had never sided with the three because hunger strikes were "not biblically correct".

Boerestaat Party leader Robert van Tonder said the men had brought to the attention of the world the plight of the Boere.

● Mr Martin and Mr Maritz were today officially released on bail of R5 000 each by the Pretoria Supreme Court.

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By Cebus Oosthuizen, Martin McGhee, Tony Stirling and Sapa

THE death toll in unrest-related incidents on the Witwatersrand rose to 58 yesterday, with at least 84 injured as sporadic fighting between Black political factions continued, following the massacre of 23 Zulu hostel dwellers in Tokoza near Alberton on Sunday.

Despite the violence, Saturday's planned Peace Accord will still be signed.

The African National Congress would attend the national peace convention, said Mr Nelson Mandela yesterday, adding that if everybody who signed the proposed Peace Accord "honestly" adhered to it violence should be controlled.

The national chairman

of the Inkatha Freedom Party, Dr Frank Mdlalose, said the party would attend the peace convention in spite of the slaying of at least 57 people, "mainly IFP members and supporters".

"What has happened is all the more reason for the peace process to work and be made to work," he said yesterday.

"The IFP will be at the convention. Our commitment to stopping the violence is absolute."

Tokoza, Kaitshong, Vosloorus and Tembisa, all on the East Rand, were yesterday declared unrest areas.

In one of his first major actions since taking over the Ministry of Law and Order recently, Mr Herinus Kriel made the declaration in Pretoria.

He said there had been promising signs of a change in attitude in re-

cent months and it was "therefore extremely unfortunate that these events" had occurred.

Unrest measures already in force in Soweto, Meadowlands, Diepkloof and Dobsonville are to be extended for a further three months.

Mr Kriel said the government had learnt of the incidents in Soweto and Tokoza with "shock and horror".

Mr Kriel said police reinforcements had been sent into the areas concerned and everything possible was being done to maintain peace.

"I would like to appeal to the leaders of the parties involved and all the residents to remain calm and to do their utmost to bring about peace," he said.

Police reported calm in Reef townships after yes-

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Police escort a hostel dweller after allegedly finding arms in his room at his place of residence in Tokoza. A weekend of violence in Reef townships has claimed 58 lives.

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terday morning's violence.

The 84 injured yesterday and on Sunday excludes 17 jittery commuters who were hurt leaping from trains in Soweto after hearing false rumours that armed men were attacking passengers.

A police spokesman, Col Frans Malherbe, said yesterday afternoon the situation was "very quiet".

His report was echoed by Capt Joseph Ngobeni, police spokesman for Soweto.

The violence — some of the worst seen this year — was sparked on Sunday morning when a group of mainly-Inkatha Freedom Party supporting hostel dwellers in Tokoza were sprayed with AK-47 rifle fire by a band of gunmen as they made their way to a rally.

The killing spread to various other townships on the Witwatersrand, and central Johannesburg — usually the haunt only of muggers — was the scene of some deaths.

A man was detained for questioning after the Tokoza incident.

Asked if there were any signs that the Tokoza killings had been part of a well-planned terrorist attack, Col Malherbe said he could not comment.

However, he said he thought the shooting had been "cowardly and sadistic and barbaric".

The weekend's carnage was condemned yesterday by various organisations, some of which blamed the government. Others expressed the fear that the killings had been a deliberate effort to scuttle the peace initiative scheduled for Saturday.

The Rev Stanley Mogoeba, presiding bishop of the Methodist Church of

Southern Africa, said it seemed clear no leader of a political movement could be involved in such "heinous" acts.

"The question that comes to mind is: who is behind this? And who can hope to gain from it?"

He called for the creation of a respected peacekeeping force.

Sunday's events were also slammed by SA Council of Churches president, the Rev K E Mgojo, who said the violence was cause to "cry for the beloved country".

Several leaders and organisations urged political leaders not to allow the violence to end the peace efforts.

ANC deputy president Mr Walter Sisulu, on Sunday strongly condemned the killing of IFP members and appealed to ANC members to "remain calm and not allow this wanton act of provocation to result in even more bloodletting".

He went on to reaffirm the organisation's commitment to the peace pro-

cess, saying the entire country had the responsibility to ensure the agreement was not derailed.

Mr Mandela told a media briefing in Johannesburg the Tokoza attack had been a "deliberate provocation" to derail the signing of the Peace Accord, brokered in the past three months by church and business leaders.

The ANC attached a great deal of importance to the signing of the accord: "We are going there to sign it, and we hope all the other parties are going there with the same intention", he said.

Mr Mandela welcomed the IFP's reaffirmation that it would attend the peace convention, to be held at a hotel in downtown Johannesburg.

"That means ... at least two important parties to the convention have already declared that in spite of what has happened, they're going to sign the convention," he said.

The convention is to be

attended by, among others, the government, the ANC, IFP, PAC, Azapo and SA Communist Party.

The United States yesterday urged the South African Government to fully investigate weekend violence.

"The weekend events were tragic, and they illustrated once again the need for an agreement among the principal parties on a peace accord that will govern public political activity," said a US State Department spokesman, Mr Richard Boucher.

"We call on the government to investigate fully the acts of violence of the past few days. We would call on the leaders of the ANC and Inkatha to work together and work with the government to ensure that the violence can finally be brought to a halt."

Mr Boucher said the weekend's events should not be allowed to upset plans to finalise the peace agreement.

Hunger strike ends: bail for three

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By Fred de Lange

THE three Right-wing hunger strikers in the H F Verwoerd Hospital ended their fast yesterday and accepted bail offered by the Attorney-General of the Transvaal.

Mr Wim Cornelius, lawyer of the three men — Mr Henry Martin, Mr Adrian Maritz and Dr Lood van Schaikwyk, announced shortly after 1pm they had accepted the State's offer for bail and would start taking food immediately.

They had also agreed to testify before a commission of inquiry into allegations of security force involvement in two bomb explosions last year.

A formal application for bail would be made in the Pretoria Supreme Court today on behalf of Mr Martin and Mr Mar-

ritz, but Mr Paul Fick, Deputy Attorney-General for the Transvaal, said yesterday the application would not be opposed.

Dr Van Schaikwyk was granted bail two weeks ago, but initially refused to accept it.

The men, however, decided yesterday to accept bail of R5 000 each after they had two hours of talks with Mr Fick.

In terms of the bail conditions, all three must stay in the hospital — at their own cost — until such a time as they are declared fit enough to be discharged.

They must surrender their passports and after their discharge they would have to report to a police station once a day.

They would also not be allowed to leave the magisterial district they live in without the permission of the investigating officer in

their case.

The three men would also not be allowed to make any statements to the Press.

Mr Cornelius said the trio decided to stop their hunger strike when it became clear that the government had no intention of granting indemnity to them.

The three men will face several attempted murder and a murder charge in court "within the next month or three" relating to a bomb explosion on August 11, 1990, at a Blood Street taxi rank in Pretoria during which several people were injured, and a parcel bomb explosion in Durban on October 2, 1990, during which a computer technician died.

Although both incidents took place before the cut-off date set by the government for indemnity,

the government argued that the incidents were not politically inspired and indemnity could therefore not be granted.

Even when the president of the ANC, Mr Nelson Mandela, later requested indemnity for them due to allegations of security force involvement in the two incidents, the request was denied.

The leader of the Orde Boerevolk, Mr Nic Strydom, yesterday welcomed the decision by the three and said he was very relieved.

When asked if he did not believe that the men had lost their battle against the government he said as far as he was concerned they lost nothing.

"We have been trying for some time to get them

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to end their hunger strike and now that they have, we are very relieved," he said.

Mr Cornelius yesterday described the condition of the three men at the end of their fast as very weak but expressed confidence that they would recover.

He said a medical report on their condition was not yet available but the three men had been drinking electrolyte solutions since last Thursday, which had prevented them from falling into a coma and strengthened them.

The wives of two of the men, Mrs Karen Maritz and Mrs Heather van Schaikwyk, would not comment on the matter.

Two Durban Right-wing hunger-strikers, on the 22nd day of their fast and facing seven counts of murder, have distanced themselves from Orde Boerevolk leader Mr Nic Strydom for his preparedness to negotiate with the African National Congress.

Piet Botha and Adriaan Smuts are in Westville Hospital and were due to appear in court yesterday. The clerk of Durban's Supreme Court said, however, the men would not appear due to their hospitalisation.

The two men have been accused of shooting at a busload of Black commuters, killing seven people on October 17 last year.

The two claim the at-

tack was politically motivated and in revenge for the stabbing of a number of White people by a group of Black men on Durban's beachfront earlier that day.

Meanwhile, a close friend of the hunger-strikers, Mr Das van Wyk and the wife of Mr Smuts travelled from Richards Bay to visit the men this weekend.

In a statement on behalf of the two, Mr Van Wyk said they strongly disapproved of ANC president Nelson Mandela's visit to the Pretoria hunger-strikers last week.

"We reject with contempt the unauthorised undertaking from Mr Strydom to negotiate with the ANC," their statement said.

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Winnie again welfare head

WINNIE Mandela has been reinstated as head of the African National Congress' Welfare Department after it was recently announced she had been replaced.

ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa made the announcement at a media conference in Johannesburg yesterday, when he spelt out the process of restructuring within the organisation since its July national conference.

It was announced more than a month ago — while ANC president Nelson Mandela, accompanied by his wife, was abroad — that Mrs Mandela had been replaced by senior ANC and SA Communist Party member Cheryl Carolus.

Mr Ramaphosa an-

nounced yesterday Mrs Mandela was again heading the ANC Welfare Department, while Ms Carolus had now been appointed head of the departments of Human Resources and Health.

The ANC treasurer general, Thomas Nkobi, would "assume ultimate responsibility" to the organisation's 26-member national working committee for welfare work.

"But, that department on its own will continue being headed by Comrade Winnie Mandela."

Asked why a number of non-NWC members, including Mrs Mandela, had been appointed department heads, Mr Ramaphosa explained: "We do not have enough National Working Committee members to head each one of

them. This is really just a case of convenience."

Mr Ramaphosa also announced ANC deputy secretary-general Mr Jacob Zuma was now a member of the organisation's Negotiations Commission, thereby joining SACP general secretary Mr Joe Slovo, Mr Thabo Mbeki, Mr Mohammed Valli Moosa, and commission convenor Mr Ramaphosa, as working fulltime on negotiations.

Mr Mandela, deputy president Mr Walter Sisulu and national chairman Mr Oliver Tambo are ex-officio members of the Negotiations Commission.

It was revealed too that one other person — a woman still to be chosen — would join the commission, which is headed by Mr Mandela.

— Sapa.

SACC president Rev-

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dent Mr Rees Mann.

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Tragedy avoided by hunger strikers: CP

Citizen Reporter

THE Conservative Party yesterday welcomed a decision by three hunger strikers to start eating again and said a tragedy had been prevented.

A spokesman for the CP, Mr Fanie Jacobs, said the advantage to be gained from the cessation

of the hunger strike was that the trio could now testify before a commission of enquiry about alleged security force involvement in their actions.

This, he said, would once and for all expose all the relevant facts surrounding their case.

The CP could, however, not agree with the conditions of bail which had been agreed upon between the Deputy Attorney-General of the northern Transvaal, Mr Paul Pick, and the legal representatives of the three men.

Mr Jacobs said the conditions which concerned the CP most were the fact that the three had to stay in hospital until such time as hospital authorities agreed to discharge them; that they would have to pay their own medical costs from now on; and that they are not allowed to make any statements to the media.

Mr Jacobs said these conditions were so vague that it was doubtful if they could be enforced.

"If they break these conditions, will they be arrested again only to again start a hunger strike?"

The leader of the Boerstaat Party, Mr Robert van Tonder, said the

hunger strikers had achieved much during their fast in that they had focused world attention on the Boer plight in South Africa.

He said he admired the men who were almost at death's door, for their courage. They have sacrificed much and they have achieved a lot.

The men realised that it was no use giving their lives to a government which was prejudiced against the Boer people.

"The government is the loser now. Instead of creating a climate of goodwill and compassion, they have created a climate of hostility. Because of this, I doubt whether any Right-wing organisation will go to the negotiation table."

Mr Van Tonder added the government had refused the men amnesty while giving amnesty to ANC members whose crimes had been more serious than those of the three men.

He said the men would have to spend some time in hospital to recover before they could return home on bail. He said the recovery could take a couple of weeks. "I just hope that they have no serious damage to their bodies."

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'Killings could undo signing of accord'

By Keith Abendroth
and Sapa

THE leadership of Southern African Catholics said yesterday it feared that Sunday's Tokoza killings could derail the signing of the peace accord this week.

In a statement released in Pretoria, the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference said it was horror-struck by the "senseless" slaying of Tokoza hostel-dwellers and reprisal killings.

The body expressed sympathy to all who had suffered and called on all people of every political persuasion to renounce and denounce violence.

It called, too, for everybody to cultivate respect for life and tolerance of different political views at local level.

The SACBC said: "We further hope that the tragic events of Sunday will not be allowed to derail the proposed peace agreement due to be signed later this week.

"It appears that those responsible for the events wanted to sow seeds of distrust among our political leaders, and this must not be allowed to succeed."

The South African Junior Chamber of Commerce and Industries yesterday appealed to State President F W de Klerk to appoint an independent peace commission to monitor and investigate all outbreaks of violence.

The plea was made in a letter delivered to the State President's office by Junior Chamber president Mr Rees Mann.

A resurgence of violence in East Rand townships at the weekend has hampered efforts to reopen three strike-bound stores in the Pepkor Group, company human resources director Mr Piet Brand said yesterday.

About 1 500 workers at 282 Pep Stores and Ackermans' outlets have been on strike for higher wages since last Saturday.

And the Methodist Church of Southern Africa

yesterday condemned the latest township violence in which 58 people lost their lives.

In a statement, the presiding bishop, Reverend Stanley Mogoba said it seemed clear no leader of a political movement could be involved in such "heinous" acts, particularly when all should be focusing on the peace conference this coming weekend.

Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu has strongly condemned the armed attack at Tokoza as "vicious and cowardly" and appealed to all parties and organisations not to allow it to affect this week's planned peace summit.

"It is possible that those who planned the attack intended to derail the summit," he warned in a statement issued yesterday from Modderpoort in the Free State, where the Anglican Church's Provincial Standing Committee — including representatives from throughout Southern

Africa — is holding its annual meeting.

The South African Council of Churches yesterday made an impassioned plea to political leaders to exercise the utmost restraint in the wake of the violence.

SACC general secretary the Reverend Frank Chikane told a news conference in Johannesburg the religious movement had started certain processes to ensure leaders avoided inflammatory language in their reaction to the renewed violence.

SACC president Reverend K E Mgoio said the weekend violence was cause to "cry for the beloved country".

The Five Freedoms Forum yesterday condemned renewed violence which erupted on the Reef.

In a statement it said the progress that has been made with the peace process was still fragile and intense violence placed an unnecessary strain on the process. —Sapa.

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The talks

STATE PRESIDENT De Klerk seems confident of being able to get the negotiations on a new constitution going soon and of having a new constitution in place within three years (otherwise he has to hold a new election).

"I am convinced we are near a breakthrough to real negotiations," he told the Natal National Party conference last week.

The peace accord which is to be signed on Saturday will clear the decks for the talks, unless the latest violence derails it.

And the African National Congress has made it clear that it wants early negotiations so that its vision of the new South Africa can be brought into being as soon as possible.

In the meantime, it is trying to establish a Patriotic Front with the Pan Africanist Congress and other Black radical organisations so that they can speak with one voice at the negotiating table.

Whether the PAC, which opposes negotiations, will accept this remains to be seen.

There can thus be stumbling blocks that could prevent the talks taking place this year; however, the chances of getting them going early next year at the latest seem promising.

There is no cause for euphoria.

It will be very, very difficult to get an agreed constitution, certainly not in a few weeks or months.

As Mr De Klerk himself has admitted, the parties at the negotiations will have to toil, sweat and wrestle with the issues.

Although the National Party and the ANC agree on some important aspects, like having a two-chamber Parliament and proportional representation in the Lower House, they are diametrically opposed on other major aspects, especially the composition of the second House and its powers of veto, the creation of a "collegial" presidency, and the idea of nine regional authorities which will determine the representation in the second House.

ANC president Nelson Mandela said after receiving an honorary doctorate of law at Wits on Friday that the NP's proposals were a "recipe for continued conflict".

The NP's intention, he added, was to maintain the White minority's privileges.

The Conservative Party has a contrary view to that of Mr Mandela.

It sees the plan as a "recipe for revolution" which would bring about Black domination and the oppression of the White people.

By putting down his party's proposals, Mr De Klerk has again taken the initiative, and the fact that Blacks will now have the vote, and there is no mention of race in the proposals, should go down well overseas, although there are major aspects that will not be supported by some governments.

The ANC, we are sure, will get backing from pro-sanctions countries for its proposals for one man, one vote majority rule in a unitary state, with strong central power.

To make any concessions, Mr Mandela will have to have the support of both wings of his alliance, the ANC and the SA Communist Party, and he will have to contend with hard-liners who do not want any compromise at all.

The Inkatha Freedom Party, a third major player in the negotiation of an acceptable solution, is not satisfied with some aspects of the NP plan, but hasn't put out its own plan for public debate (nor, except in general terms, has the ANC).

The IFP cannot be overlooked.

Not taking part in the negotiations will be the White Right, though wisely Mr Mandela has said that attempts have to be made to accommodate it.

"We do not want them to remain in the future South Africa as a Renamo-type force."

Every party with significant and proven support will have to be able to put its points of view at the negotiating table.

It will be a disaster if the Right-wing parties do not take part, since they will be rejecting in advance whatever is decided, without putting their own viewpoints forward.

All in all, we wish the State President well with the negotiations.

They will, as he says, determine South Africa's future for the next 50 years.

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ANC 'not involved in massacre'

Clampdown on townships as toll mounts

NEW Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel yesterday declared four East Rand townships unrest areas, as the death toll from Reef violence since Sunday rose to 65.

Thokoza, Vosloorus, Katlehong and Tembisa were declared unrest areas, with immediate effect, and a 9pm to 5am curfew was imposed. Kriel said President F W de Klerk had approved the renewal of the unrest status and curfew in Soweto, Dobsonville, Meadowlands and Diepkloof for a further three months.

Police said 51 people had died, with 58 injured, on the East Rand and PWV area since Sunday. Violence which spread to Soweto claimed 14 lives and injured 35.

In incidents yesterday, three people were shot dead and thrown off a train between Katlehong and Wadeville. Four were injured. And 17 people were injured when they jumped off two Soweto trains after hearing rumours of an Inkatha attack, police said.

SAP spokesman Col Frans Malherbe said nobody had been arrested in connection with the killing of 23 Inkatha members in Thokoza on Sunday — the incident which sparked the fresh wave of Reef violence. A man detained on Sunday in connection with the shooting had been released for lack of evidence.

East Rand townships and Soweto appeared calm yesterday, with a heavy security force presence.

Kriel said SAP Commissioner Gen Johan van der Merwe had banned certain weapons in the East Rand unrest areas,

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and WILSON ZWANE

adding that police reinforcements backed by SADF troops had been sent in to keep the peace in the townships.

He appealed to leaders of political parties involved in the violence and residents of affected areas to remain calm.

ANC PWV spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa yesterday dismissed allegations by an Inkatha source, who declined to be named, that a trained ANC unit had been responsible for the Thokoza massacre. Mamoepa said all ANC forces were confined to base and had no instructions to go on offensive.

On Sunday night, Inkatha Youth Brigade leader Themba Khoza told Sapa that some Inkatha members had recognised the Thokoza attackers as "known ANC members".

Thokoza residents canvassed yesterday could not identify the three gunmen who shot at Inkatha-supporting hostel dwellers with AK-47 rifles on Sunday.

One Thokoza woman said she was "running scared" after a hostel dweller was stabbed in her backyard by unknown assailants. She said she had vacated her home for fear of revenge attacks.

In Natal, at least eight people died in weekend violence, police said.

□ The SA Institute of Race Relations said that until the weekend, township deaths in political violence had declined dramatically in the past three months. The average daily fatality rate had decreased from 10.2 in March-May to 4.3 in June-August.

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Patriotic front parties meet

TIM COHEN

HIGH-level delegations from the ANC, PAC and Azapo meet in Johannesburg today to finalise arrangements for the much-postponed patriotic front conference, expected to take place early next month.

The conference, which will probably draw about 500 delegates from 40 organisations, was due to take place last week.

The repeated postponements have drawn criticism from government, which has accused the groups of trying to stall negotiations by delaying the conference.

At a news conference yesterday, Nelson Mandela said the ANC was not dragging its heels. It was not essential that the patriotic front conference take place before multi-party talks could be held.

Azapo spokesman Strini Moodley said today's meeting would decide when the conference would be held, who would attend and what the agenda would be.

The meeting would be attended by about 10 leaders from each of the three main political groups, he said. His organisation would be pushing for equal representation for the main groups, while the other organisations would each have about a quarter the voting strength of one of the three.

Moodley said Azapo and the PAC had agreed on a set of criteria for attendance, which included a stipulation that the organisations involved should be "organisations of the oppressed", have a national character and support a constituent assembly. They were therefore against the inclusion of the DP, since it did not comply with the first and last criteria.

PAC spokesman Barney Desai said yesterday he expected the meeting to reach finality on all the main issues.

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An armed policeman keeping watch on residents in Thokoza yesterday. Scores of people have been killed in violence in the wake of Sunday's shooting in the township. Picture: AP

Parties urge action to save peace convention

SATURDAY's peace convention was now even more vital than before, the ANC, Inkatha and government said yesterday.

Recommitting themselves to signing the peace accord, they said the latest spate of violence on the Reef should not be allowed to derail the peace process.

The accord the three parties are due to sign includes codes of conduct for security forces and political parties; regional and local dispute and violence-monitoring mechanisms; and a commission of inquiry to investigate all acts of violence and intimidation.

The full spectrum of political and church groups, and business and trade union leaders, condemned the violence in which at least 65 people were killed, and urged parties to push towards peace.

Provocation

Inkatha media spokesman Suzanne Vos, who has been party to drafting the accord, said: "This insidious violence must stop. This is all the more reason why the peace initiative must get off the ground."

ANC president Nelson Mandela said the ANC condemned the attack on Inkatha members on Sunday, and reiterated his organisation's intention to sign the accord.

"It is clear that the people launching the attack were not part of any organisation, but (were) those attempting to derail the peace convention. It is a deliberate attempt at provocation," he said.

A government member involved in drafting the accord also said it was now

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vital that the accord be signed so that the monitoring and dispute-settling mechanisms could be started.

Mandela said a multilateral accord would be more effective than bilateral agreements because if one party did not uphold the terms, there would be pressure on it from the other parties. He said all the parties would also be involved in monitoring the situation and this would help ensure the agreement did not collapse.

The issue of cultural weapons was still a sensitive one, but the accord was designed to prevent all parties from carrying lethal weapons to rallies, he said.

SACC general-secretary the Rev Frank Chikane called on government to take strong action immediately so speculation that security force members were involved in the slayings could be dispelled.

ANC national executive committee member Gill Marcus said the commission of inquiry, with its wide powers of investigation, was probably the most important and powerful mechanism in the accord.

The US has urged the SA government to investigate the weekend violence, Sapa-Reuters reports from Washington.

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher called on the leaders of the ANC and Inkatha to work "together and with government to ensure that the violence can finally be brought to a halt".

He said the weekend's events should not upset plans to finalise the peace accord.

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ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa, in the foreground, and ANC president Nelson Mandela at yesterday's media briefing. Picture: ROBERT BOTHA

12 PAC leaders to return from exile

TIM COHEN

TWELVE PAC national executive committee members still in exile would return to SA soon, using the mechanisms to be set up in terms of the agreement between government and the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, PAC spokesman Barney Desai said yesterday.

Although the PAC did not endorse the agreement, PAC members in exile would return to SA in terms of the agreement, Desai said.

The PAC did not endorse the agreement because it allowed government to object to the return of an exile.

That, in the PAC's view, constituted something less than a full general amnesty for political exiles.

The PAC, therefore, was adopting a non-committal attitude. It would not encourage exiles to return but would assist those wishing to do so.

The PAC would comply with the provisions of the agreement, said Desai. There were positive aspects to the agreement, such as that it would facilitate funding for the return of exiles.

Still 'too soon' for talks

BILLY PADDOCK

ANC president Nelson Mandela yesterday cooled speculation that multi-party negotiations could start as early as next month.

He told a news conference that Constitutional Minister Gerrit Viljoen was being optimistic when he said talks were imminent.

"He (Viljoen) is basing his optimism on informal talks government had with the ANC prior to our suspending constitutional talks in April," Mandela said.

He said government had not met all the ANC's demands set out in its ultimatum.

"The only compliance so far has been the removal of Ministers (Magnus) Malan and (Adriaan) Vlok from their respective portfolios (Defence and Law and Order)."

Stopping township violence was the main issue, he said.

"Constitutional talks are still suspended for the time being," he said, denying reports that secret talks were going on between government and the ANC.

Sapa reports that ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa told the

news conference Winnie Mandela had been reinstated as head of the ANC's welfare department.

More than a month ago it was announced that Mandela had been replaced by senior ANC and SA Communist Party member Cheryl Carolus.

Ramaphosa said yesterday Mandela was again heading the welfare department, while Carolus had now been appointed head of the departments of human resources and health.

Treasurer-general Thomas Nkobi would "assume ultimate responsibility" for the organisation's national working committee for welfare work. "But that department on its own will continue being headed by Comrade Winnie Mandela."

Asked why a number of non-committee members, including Mandela, had been appointed department heads, Ramaphosa said: "We do not have enough national working committee members to head each one. This is just a case of convenience."

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COMMENT**The violence**

THERE has been a dreadful inevitability about the pattern of violence in the past few months. There was a bloody outbreak of killings before the June peace summit and now, with the September 14 convention less than a week away, a new phase of violence and intimidation has occurred. It began with the murder of Cosatu unionists in East Rand factories and the assassination of Inkatha leaders in Natal, and erupted into another bloodbath in Thokoza on Sunday, with reprisal attacks spreading across the Reef.

In the absence of hard evidence, it is fruitless — even mischievous — to speculate about whose interests are best served by these events. Depending on one's political perspective and inclination towards conspiracy theories, it is possible to create a scenario naming the ANC, the left, government, Inkatha or the right-wing "third force" as likely culprits. The resurgence of violence could be the consequence of a well-organised conspiracy, or the work of disparate groups of assassins and thugs. South Africa's security and judicial authorities need to find the answers. The standing commission on violence due to be established soon will have a central role to play in this.

The only consolation to be found in the weekend's events is the reaction of the ANC and Inkatha. For once there was no half-hearted, conditional reaction to the Thokoza massacre. This time the response

all round was emphatic. ANC deputy president Walter Sisulu unconditionally condemned what he called the "brutal attack on members of Inkatha" and appealed for restraint and calm. In response, Inkatha national chairman Frank Mdalose expressed appreciation for the timely ANC statement and the sentiments it expressed. He went further, telling those responsible the shooting would not — if this was the intention — sway Inkatha's commitment to the peace convention.

Coupled with similar statements by various church leaders, this suggests South Africa has reached another important stage. There is a clearer commitment to the peace process. Political leaders have not used the violence to score points off their opponents. Their job now, aided by the agreement scheduled to be signed on Saturday, is to ensure this refreshing new attitude is transmitted through the rank and file of their organisations and communities.

The carnage on Sunday is also a challenge to government. Newly appointed Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel must impress on his police force that it dare not fail to bring the killers to justice, along with those — if any — on whose instructions they were acting. It is also time the police organised adequate protection for people exercising their political rights, whether they are attending meetings, marching or picketing.