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favouring ANC In
reports on Violence

AMNESTY International
and two other human rights
organisations have been ac-
cused by the South African
Institute of Race Relations of
producing reports on violence
in the country that are at best
.. are one-sided and simplis-
tic. At worst amount to
disinformation -- deliberate
attempts to mislead.

The institute accuses Ame-
nesty, the International Com-
mission of Jurists, and the
South Africa-based Human
Rights Commission of effec-
tively convicting one side on
the basis of hearsay elevated to
fact while exonerating the
other.

Anthea Jeffery, the author of
the report, is a former law
lecturer. She says that the
reports from the three organ-
isations all accuse the Inkatha
Freedom Party of being the
main perpetrator of political
violence. They accuse the sec-
urity forces of colluding with

Inkatha in attacking the Afri-
can National Congress and its
allies. All charge the govern-

ment with ultimate responsi-
bility for the rising number of
dead and injured

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A South African
institute says
rights groups are
showing bias,
writes Michael

Hamlyn

She also says that all three
organisationsâ\200\231 reports ignore
the ANC strategy of fostering
ungovernability through mass
action, and the intimidation
and coercion that the ANC
itself acknowledges commonly
accompanies Mass action.
â\200\230They do not mention the
ANC's refusal to disband its

armed wing. Umkhonto we
Sinwe (Speur of the Nation) or
to currendet its secret arms
caches, or its 1Â¢fusal 10 desist

from setting up township de-

fence units, contrary (0 the
provisions of last September's
national peace accord.

â\200\230Lhey negluect the frequent
attacks on policemen thathave
resulied in the deaths of more
than 120 in the fint seven
months of 1992 fand which,
she says. stems from the

former "peopleâ\200\231s warâ\200\235 strategy
of the ANC). and the high
number of Inkatha officials
and members, now over
1,000, who have been killed.

â\200\230The report, Spotlight on
disinformation about violence
in South Africa. takes reports
published this ycar by the
three bodies and scts them
against findings by the com-
mission of enquiry into vio-
lence under Judge Richard
Goldstone, and against the
institute's own research.

Dr Jeffery considers the
Bruntville killing of 19 people
in December last year, which
was cxamined by the Gold-
qonÂ¢ commission, Amnesty
and the jurists. Both the laner
reports ignore key findings by
the comimission exonerating
the police from collusion inthe
violence, she says.

â\200\234They further distort the
commissionâ\200\231s findings in rela-
tion to dangerous weapons by
emphasising ony its recom-
mendation that \$pears should
not he carried in public while
ignoting its further caution
that wï-\202Ss must be found of
reassuring Inkatha Freedom
Party supporters who fcared
for their safety hecause of
concealed weapons carried by
ANC supporters.â\200\235

The Human Rights Com-
mission is blamed for its
account of two killings in
Sehokeng. a township south of
Johanncsburg. It reported

that there was collusion between white men and Inkatha supporters, ignoring the findings of a judicial inquest by Judge E. Stafford who was satisfied that the only evidence given on this effect was perjured.

The institute has been accused of being too close to Inkatha. John Kane-Berman, executive director, acknowledges an association with Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the Inkatha leader. The institute, founded by Cape liberals in 1929 to fight racism, became a research body chronicling oppression.

The Human Rights Commission has been accused of being too close to the ANC, and dominated by radicals who were members of the Congress of Democrats, the name the South African Communist party used to relaunch itself after its banning.

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Five hurt as

strikers and

police clash
in S Africa

By Ross Dunn
In Johannesburg

AT LEAST five people were injured in clashes yesterday between South African health workers and police and security guards outside Hillbrow Hospital in Johan. nÃ©sburg, . . : + The -clashes came only 24 hours after the African National Congress said â\200\230it would not resume constitu. tional negotiations, but planned to step up its'cam. Paign of protests and strikes to end white minority rule, . Â« Security .guardsâ\200\231 shot shdp steward in the \$houlder after protesting healtl workers taunted the guards with shouts of: *â\200\234We'll burn you, youdogs:''.. i Police,"Who /had â\200\230declared | e protÃ©st illagal; said the security guards,were forced to open fire'to protect them-selves,..The â\200\230health workers denigd there'\had â\200\230been any .hm@. o)

The incident occurred as the Cabinet met to consider the implications of the ANC's decision lo continue boycotting constitutional negotiations, Â® Four blacks were killeq and three wounded when a gang burst into_their home on a farm in Natal rovince and shot them, police said vesterday. â\200\224 AFP Â® A black man arrested for robbery has died in a police cell fn Durban, He hanged himself with 4 blanket, police said yesterday. â\200\224 AFP

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ANC may be near
deal on federalism

Despite statements to
the contrary, talks are
at an advanced stage,
David Beresford in

Johannesburg thinks

ESPIKE the African

National Congress's an-

nouncement this week
that it is not prepared to ve-
enter constitutional talks
with the South African gov-:
ernment, the suspicion is
that negotiations have
reached a far more advanced
stage than is generally
appreciated.

A deadlock was reached at
the last session of talks in
mid-May, essentially over
the government's attempts to
gain a minority veto by de-
manding majorities of 70 per
cent-plus for the adoption of
a new constitution. The
government responded by demanding
either deadlock-breaking
mechanisms, or reduced ma-
jorities.

The significance of the
ANC's statement on Thurs-
day was that it indicated that
this stalemate had been
resolved, apparently in confi-
dential talks between the
ANC secretary-general, Cyril
Ramaphosa, and the minister
of constitutional develop-
ment, Rolf Meyer. It said
the government had indicated its support for an
agreed time frame for the
drawing up of a constitution,
as well as adequate dead-
lock-breaking mechanisms.

The implication is that the

government has abandoned & minority veto, If this is true, it raises questions about the trade-off, In ANC leadership circles there has long been an assumption that the eventual settlement would include the sort of concessions granted to the Rhodesian whites, guaranteeing them a degree of power-sharing for a 10-year period.

But that was a nominal concession in a settlement

reached after an effective surrender by Ian Smith in the face of war. President F. W. de Klerk can be expected to hold out for something more permanent, if less blatantly racist. Which raises the possibility that, in return for the abandonment of the white veto, Mr Ramaphosa and Mr Meyer may have reached an outline agreement on federalism. There are a number of straws in the wind which suggest the government is gambling everything on a federal option. Most obviously there is next week's summit on federalism called by the Nationalists and their political allies, which is being staged more as a demonstration of the breadth of multi-party support for the concept than to thrash out constitutional mechanisms. It has also been argued, intriguingly, that the recent shake-up of the police force which had more to do with decentralisation of command than purging is part

of a move to present the country with something of a federal fait accompli. =+ M
If there has been a tentative deal on federalism between the two sides, all that the government and the ANC now require is a facing-savings formula to enable them to resume talks without loss of dignity. One obvious way to do this is to focus public attention on the release of remaining political prisoners and â\200\234visible'â\200\235 steps to counter township violence, Both are easily achievable. The release of prisoners ties neatly into an amnesty the government wants to protect its poisonous generals, And the Goldstone commission of inquiry provides Â® mechanism to justify steps to control the inigrant workersâ\200\231 hostels which the ANC blames for much of the carnage. If the government does move on these issues it could be the signal to fasten seatbelts once again on the roller-coaster of reform.

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progress: Roelf

I HE African National Congress, in refusing to return to full negotiations, had not accurately reflected the progress made in bilateral talks between the ANC and the government, Constitutional Development Minister Roelf Meyer said yesterday,

The ANC National Executive Committee had disregarded the progress made with ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa on the release of so-called political prisoners, the continuation of violence, the carrying of dangerous weapons and the hostel question

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â\200\234During our discussions it was admitted that the government has taken far-reaching steps with regard to violence-related issues, â\200\235 Mr Meyer said

utional js. mment and committed themselves to constitutional continuity and no constitutional hiatus, he added.

According to Mr Meyer the issue of political prisoners was also constructively addressed, with emphasis on the resolution of the position of disputed prisoners

â\200\230The ANC's unwillingness also to address the

principle of amnesty s ac-

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Mr Meyer said he had
come to the conclusion

that the ANC National
Executive Committee was
still intent on pursuing its
own agenda of mass ae-
fion, provocation and
confrontation

This was a great pity
since the longer negotia-
tions were delayed, the
longer it would take to
reach an acceptable pol-
itical solution

â\200\234This, in turn, will lead
to the further damaging
of our economy and to
more hardship for mil-
lions of South Africans,â\200\235
Mr Meyer warned. â\200\224
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Citizen Reporter
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camp last yeal, because
they feared further blood-
shed if the group encounâ\200\235
rered residents from the
Kagiso townstip. the
Rand Supreme Count
heard yesterday.

Sergeant Theunis Bo-
tha â\200\230of the Chamaor Un-
rest Unit, in Krugers:
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Botha that he and other
policcmen had used
Casspirs to drive along
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1 000 men who were leav-
ing Sw mniesville early on
May 12, 1991

The group armed with
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the squatier Â¢amp before
dawn, killing 28 people
and wounding 44 others.

The attackers, who al-
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homes of 130 people, and
robbed a further 43 squat-
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Pheyi Mdlango (54), Mr
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(41) â\200\224 all of whom reside
at the Kagiso Hoste! â\200\224
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ville Hostcl, in Benoni

The men face 28
charges of murder, 2
charge of public violence
as well as counts Of il-
legally possessing fire-
arms, an AKMS machine
of Chingse origin and am-
mumun.

They pleaded not guilty
to all the charges.

Sgt Botha said yester-
day the group of men had
informed police that
intended to return to the
Old Hostel, in Kagiso

Because of reports that
Kagiso residents were
gathering inside the town-
ship with weapons, it was
decided to escort the
group to the hostel
to prevent more trouble.

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Klerk will try to make
some kind of credible
progress through South
Africa's political dol-
drums on Monday whes
he hosts his Conference
on Regionalism and Fe-
deralism.

The conference will
take place in Pretoria
against the background of
yet another rebuff from
the African National
Congress this week, when
it rejected a resumption
of negotiations with the
government and an-
nounced an intensifica-
tion of its mass action
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on federalism Monday

And despite the confer-
neeâ\200\231s nvitation being
broadened to include par-
tics opposed to federalism
~â\200\224 such as the ANC â\200\224the
organisation also rejected
this

Mr De Klerk is ex-
pected to refer to the
ANCâ\200\231's latest stance on
the negotiations issue
when he opens the con-
ference, at the Presidency
at 2 pm on Monday

Critics of the â\200\234mini-
summitâ\200\231 have dismissed it
as a bloc-forming opera-
tion against the ANC.
The Democratic Party,
for one, has said it will
send representatives, but,

only as observers

The government, how-
ever, has taken pains to
stress several points: This

15 not a conference to
pressurise the negotiation
process, an attempt by it
to go it alone Or Even an
attempt to create the im-
pression of 3 new initiat-
ive which might be held
up against the negotiation
impasse with the ANC it
says

The forming of alli-
ances at the conference
has also been ruled out.

ANC secretary-general
Mr Cyril Ramaphosa,
meanwhile, said this week
the only channel that the

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4fternoon as to which par-
would attend the con-
ference, it is understood
that the Inkatha Freedom
party would top the list
Other likely participants
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phuthatswana, the 230
ional People's Party and
Solidarity from the House
of Delegates and home-
land parties Like the Dik-
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This channel would
only be used to discuss
the steps government
should take to address the
ANC's 14 demands refat-
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tional matters and the re-
lease of political pris-
oners, he added.

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not intend resuming ne-
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Mr De Kierk said this
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roleplayers agreed on the
course of action in the
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desa allies, there will also
be a few new faces at the
summut. They include the
newly formed Afnkaner
Volksune Pamy, led by

Mr Andnes Beyers

The Conservative Par-
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desa, will also send a del-

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| to explain the party's con-
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Strategic blunder by

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THE ANC committed a strategic blunder when it met the government on August 9 to demand the release of political prisoners but ended up talking about amnesty. the document said

That meeting, failure to flesh out the meaning of city occupations, and Organisations weaknesses have been isolated by the ANC as specific weaknesses in its assessment of its ongoing campaign for peace and democracy

An internal discussion document circulated among the ANC and allied structures. said the mass - action ' campaign had, nonetheless; generally helped clarify and unify the tripartite alliance strategic perspective

We have

ing bloc forces in the attempt to portray our programme of action as in surrectroNary

On the other hand, to say that our actions were potentially insurrectionary character does not mean they were merely symbolic

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played into the hands of |
the regime and other rulers |

ic .,. as we have at other times implied

Our mass action achieved numerous real (if still partial) victories: it has helped consolidate our forces and materially change the balance of forces.

The ANC, SA Com-

qupist Party and Con-
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lso had to ask if the â\200\234'ex-

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SA, Transkei
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SOUTH Africa and
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agreed (o defuse the
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of the two countries

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Bantu Holomisa, and
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Minmister Renier Schoe.
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garding â\200\234certain logistical
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Transke: Police as well as
other factors giving rise to
the tension. the statement
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The Ciskei Govern-
ment and its African
Demoeratic Movement
instead charged the alli-
4nce with responsibility
for conflict in the re-
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for violence with the
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Dr Henk Kayser, war
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The Ciskei Police del-
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The ADM said it be-
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Cause further violence

South African Com
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ruler, Brig Oupa Gqo-
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The Democratic Pac-
ty's Eastern Cape Mps.
Mr Errol Mooreroft
(Albany), MÂ¢ Eddie
Trent (Port Clizabeth
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said of the planned
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