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4. NO-GO AREAS: BUSINESS DAY, 960625, P12 (A) - The dozens of political "no-go" areas across KwaZulu-Natal are a blemish on the face of SA's new democracy, but their potential effect on the local election result should not be overstated. No-go zones reflect party dominance in particular areas, and to this extent are unlikely decisively to distort the election outcome. Given the polarisation in the province, and the rigid nature of party allegiances, Inkatha would hold most rural areas and the ANC the key urban centres. The critical issue in these elections is violence - the ability of voters to travel to the polls and cast their votes in security. Any attempt to prise open no-go zones would lead to confrontation and destabilise the fragile peace which has settled on KwaZulu-Natal in recent weeks. In the larger interests of a successful election, party leaders have a duty to counsel their followers against provocative encroachments on rival territory. No-go areas are a standing threat to dissenting minorities. But they are a post-election issue, to be addressed as the current peace initiative is consolidated. For the moment, it is enough that the truce in the province is holding.

5. FAIR ENOUGH IS GOOD ENOUGH: PRETORIA NEWS, 960625, P13 (C) - It would be idealistic to think that the local government elections in KwaZulu-Natal tomorrow will be entirely free and fair. Helpfully, both the ANC and the IFP have sought to reduce violence in the run-up to the poll; their leaders' calls for peace, tolerance and reconciliation have helped foster the perception, at least, that the atmosphere in SA's most tortured province has improved in recent weeks. The major urban centres such as Durban do offer the veneer of a truly democratic election contest. But there are still outlying areas where any attempted political activity by one or other of the major players would be literally suicidal; and police blotters noting at least 36 people killed at the weekend show the province to be far from a haven of peace. The best one can hope for is that the poll will - with the drafting-in of thousands of policemen and soldiers - produce a result which is reasonably free and fair, and which can reasonably be regarded as credible. For it will be only after the event - once the votes are counted, once results are vehemently disputed or not, once court actions mushroom or not - that observers will be able to say: "Yes, that's fair enough, now let's get on with it" - or not.

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12. HOTEL RATE HIKES MAY HURT TOURISM REVIVAL: CITIZEN, 960625, P32 - Fears are emerging that the long-awaited tourism revival could be damaged by hikes in hotel rates, particularly at the upper end of the market. Latest figures from the CSS show that four- and five-star hotels recorded lower room and bed occupancy rates in April 1996, compared with the same month last year, but also reported higher income. Room occupancy in four-star hotels in April declined to 66,6% from 72,4% while in five-star hotels the fall was smaller, from 52,9% to 52,4%. But hotel income for four- and five-star hotels in April increased by about 4% and 17% respectively when compared to April last year.

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ECONOMIC/TECHNICAL

9. CHEMICAL CONSORTIUM DROPS MOSSGAS BID: BUSINESS REPORT, 960625, P1 - The prospects for the restructuring or sale of Mossgas were dealt a blow yesterday when a bid from a powerful South African consortium folded. The consortium, comprising chemical companies AECI, Sasol and Sentrachem, said it would not submit a further bid. The consortium said its recent investigation of Mossgas, during which full and detailed access had been afforded to it, had made it conclude that the economics of the proposed project were "not sufficiently attractive to warrant further participation in the process". Roland Darrol, spokesman for the mineral and energy affairs department, discounted speculation that the consortium's decision would scare off other bidders. Local and international investors have submitted 12 proposals to restructure Mossgas. The company's management and staff have also put in a bid.

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3. A CRUCIAL TEST: BUSINESS DAY, 960624, P10 (A) - For the 3,5m voters in KwaZulu-Natal, much more is at issue than the ushering in of elected nonracial local authorities. The elections and their aftermath will be a test of the long-term prospects for peace and prosperity in the province. Contrary to some expectations, the month-long postponement of the poll has had a dampening effect on violence and interparty acrimony. But of greater significance will be the post-election period. Given the experience in other provinces, it is inevitable that there will be administrative foul-ups. This is not one election, it is 70 separate elections, leaving scope for challenges to individual results. Since 1994, government in KwaZulu-Natal has been seriously impaired by the ANC and IFP's refusal to accept the general election outcome. Albeit imperfectly, the elections will mirror shifting party fortunes in the past two-and-a-half years. If the ANC holds the major urban centres and makes inroads in the countryside, it will be set fair for provincial power in 1999. At issue for Inkatha is its legitimacy as the country's second black political force and ruling party in KwaZulu-Natal, as well as the strength of its hand in its continuing constitutional campaign. For the DP and new-look NP the elections will test both traditional ethnic support bases and potential for growth. Much, therefore, is on the line for the parties. But the stakes are higher for KwaZulu-Natal and the country as a whole. A substantially violence-free and honest

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RAND PER FOREIGN CURRENCY (Buy/Sell)

US-D	4,34	/	4,36	US-D	4,38	/	4,30
P Sterl	6,67	/	6,75	P Sterl	6,76	/	6,62

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D Mark	0,35	/	0,34	D Mark	0,34	/	0,35
J Yen	25,32	/	24,75	J Yen	24,65	/	25,20
S Franc	0,29	/	0,28	S Franc	0,28	/	0,29
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I Lira	357,71	/	349,66	I Lira	348,85	/	357,95
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voters in KwaZulu-Natal, much more is at issue than the ushering in of elected nonracial local authorities. The elections and their aftermath will be a test of the long-term prospects for peace and prosperity in the province. Contrary to some expectations, the month-long postponement of the poll has had a dampening effect on violence and interparty acrimony. But of greater significance will be the post-election period. Given the experience in other provinces, it is inevitable that there will be administrative foul-ups. This is not one election, it is 70 separate elections, leaving scope for challenges to individual results. Since 1994, government in KwaZulu-Natal has been seriously impaired by the ANC and IFP's refusal to accept the general election outcome. Albeit imperfectly, the elections will mirror shifting party fortunes in the past two-and-a-half years. If the ANC holds the major urban centres and makes inroads in the countryside, it will be set fair for provincial power in 1999. At issue for Inkatha is its legitimacy as the country's second black political force and ruling party in KwaZulu-Natal, as well as the strength of its hand in its continuing constitutional campaign. For the DP and new-look NP the elections will test both traditional ethnic support bases and potential for growth. Much, therefore, is on the line for the parties. But the stakes are higher for KwaZulu-Natal and the country as a whole. A substantially violence-free and honest election will send out the message that in SA's most intractably troublesome region, peace and democratic politics are at last in prospect.

4. NO-GO AREAS: BUSINESS DAY, 960625, P12 (A) - The dozens of political "no-go" areas across KwaZulu-Natal are a blemish on the face of SA's new democracy, but their potential effect on the local election result should not be overstated. No-go zones reflect party dominance in particular areas, and to this extent are unlikely decisively to distort the election outcome. Given the polarisation in the province, and the rigid nature of party allegiances, Inkatha would hold most rural areas and the ANC the key urban centres. The critical issue in these elections is violence - the ability of voters to travel to the polls and cast their votes in security. Any attempt to prise open no-go zones would lead to confrontation and destabilise the fragile peace which has settled on KwaZulu-Natal in recent weeks. In the larger interests of a successful election, party leaders have a duty to counsel their followers against provocative encroachments on rival territory. No-go areas are a standing threat to dissenting minorities. But they are a post-election issue, to be addressed as the current peace initiative is consolidated. For the moment, it is enough that the truce in the province is holding.

5. FAIR ENOUGH IS GOOD ENOUGH: PRETORIA NEWS, 960625, P13 (C) - It would be idealistic to think that the local government elections in KwaZulu-Natal tomorrow will be entirely free and fair. Helpfully, both the ANC and the IFP have sought to reduce violence in the run-up to the poll; their leaders' calls for peace, tolerance and reconciliation have helped foster the perception, at least, that the atmosphere in SA's most tortured province has

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P Sterl	6,67	/	6,75	P Sterl	6,76	/	6,62

FOREIGN CURRENCY PER RAND (Buy/Sell)

D Mark	0,35	/	0,34	D Mark	0,34	/	0,35
J Yen	25,32	/	24,75	J Yen	24,65	/	25,20
S Franc	0,29	/	0,28	S Franc	0,28	/	0,29
F Franc	1,20	/	1,18	F Franc	1,17	/	1,20
I Lira	357,71	/	349,66	I Lira	348,85	/	357,95
D Guilders	0,39	/	0,38	D Guilders	0,38	/	0,39
B Franc	7,32	/	7,14	B Franc	7,10	/	7,30

Gold Price (US\$): London

am fix: 383,70	am fix: 384,20
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POLITICAL : GENERAL

1. SYSTEMS GO FOR KZN POLL: SOWETAN, 960624, P1 - It is finally all systems go for the twice-postponed KwaZulu-Natal local government elections, with last-minute logistical and administrative arrangements in place for tomorrow's big event.
2. WE WON'T BREAK WITH SACP - MANDELA: CITIZEN, 960625, P1 - President Mandela yesterday emphasised the ANC's close relationship

have to do to gain freedom, would be to refuse to eat. Potentially, this would also make a mockery of the judicial system. Yet the responsibility for what happens to Ratte lies more with him and those who encourage him to continue his present course - the political groups who hope to score a point against the new dispensation were he to be released or die a right-wing martyr in prison. The ball is in their court.

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between R5 000 and R10 000 from the R2-bn safety and security budget this year. Gauteng safety and security deputy director Sally Sealey yesterday said a third of the allocated funds would be channelled towards training, into which several non-governmental organisations such as Idasa and Lawyers for Human Rights will be drawn.

ECONOMIC/TECHNICAL

9. CHEMICAL CONSORTIUM DROPS MOSSGAS BID: BUSINESS REPORT, 960625, P1 - The prospects for the restructuring or sale of Mossgas were dealt a blow yesterday when a bid from a powerful South African consortium folded. The consortium, comprising chemical companies AECI, Sasol and Sentrachem, said it would not submit a further bid. The consortium said its recent investigation of Mossgas, during which full and detailed access had been afforded to it, had made it conclude that the economics of the proposed project were "not sufficiently attractive to warrant further participation in the process". Roland Darrol, spokesman for the mineral and energy affairs department, discounted speculation that the consortium's decision would scare off other bidders. Local and international investors have submitted 12 proposals to restructure Mossgas. The company's management and staff have also put in a bid.

10. KUWAIT RENEWS SA CONTRACTS: BUSINESS REPORT, 960625, P1 - Kuwait's state oil concern has renewed its contracts with several SA refiners to supply them with up to 100 000 barrels a day of crude oil for the second half of the year.

11. SA TRAVEL ALLOWANCE RAISED TO R60 000: BUSINESS REPORT, 960625, P1 - The Reserve Bank yesterday took another small step towards the total removal of foreign-exchange control regulations when it stopped distinguishing between foreign-exchange allowances for business and holiday trips. In future, every South African will be entitled to take out R60 000 a year but not exceeding R2 000 a day. Until yesterday, the annual allowance for business trips was R38 000 a person and for holiday trips R25 000. Under the new system, children under 12 years old will be allowed to take out R20 000 a year.

12. HOTEL RATE HIKES MAY HURT TOURISM REVIVAL: CITIZEN, 960625, P32 - Fears are emerging that the long-awaited tourism revival could be damaged by hikes in hotel rates, particularly at the upper end of the market. Latest figures from the CSS show that four- and five-star hotels recorded lower room and bed occupancy rates in April 1996, compared with the same month last year, but also reported higher income. Room occupancy in four-star hotels in April declined to 66,6% from 72,4% while in five-star hotels the fall was smaller, from 52,9% to 52,4%. But hotel income for four- and five-star hotels in April increased by about 4% and 17% respectively when compared to April last year.

13. FOREIGN SHARE BUYING TOPS R4BN: CITIZEN, 960625, P29 -

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