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LONDON - Amnesty International
has accused SA'x security force. of
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satton also said unless steps were taken to
safeguard human right! the pohttcnt re-
turn: process In SA could break down.
These were amen; the conclusions
reached by Amnesty in a 100.9524! booklet.
called SA - State of Fear, which was
based on a moath-IOng visit to SA by sentor
members tn Deecmher hut year and sub-
sequent monitoring operattons.
The report. released worldwide today,
said reforms tn SA had brought sweeping
changes but It was "bustnm as usual" to:-
the scourtty forces - often tmhtdlng collu-
ston tn polittcal kitttn s or standing by .
while others massacr political rivals.
Law and Order spokesman Ce t Craig
Kotze described the report a: part an trad
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constructive addition to the debate on vte-
tenee due to the fact that It represents an
almost complete whitewash cf the INC,
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:11 act that palteemen were victims of
violence.
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also heavily crtttctsed in the report It also
accused the 80phuthatswann government
of violent coercion and Mid there was a
strong suggestion authorities In the home-
? one lives since early 1990. pohru had con-
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'tthe enemy" .
The report doeumcntod many Incidents
Sn whtch police were ulteced to have been
involved tn violence or (mltudcd with In-
knthe supporters tn massacres.
The report noted that In cnly one of thm
cases had the conduct of the poltce been
subject to Independent mqutry. When there
had been otttcla! inqutrtes these had been
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evidence of murder. petmlng. kidnapping,
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ANC spokesman Cert Nlehem nld yes:
tcrday the report confirmed "our cnnccrm
over SAP compltctty In the violence".
A Bepttuthatewana government lpokoa-
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THE INDEPENDENT, 'Lottdon, 10 June 1992
The South African view of itself and its
international 'role is at odds with reality,
writes John Carlin from J channesburg
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earlier. Government omcials had sought to conclude (mm thc rc-Eoct that the security forces had ' ' exonerated. umho h mam dcaglfhtk - w as portray e township violence a black-onblnck augew - told uporters upon his Mum on Monday night from a trip to Rustin. Sinfpporc and lean. that "instead 0 pointing En art, th: leader: within South ' . the Mandela: and others. should start setting out thctr'involvement in bringing the violence to an and". His mood at Johannesburg: Jan Smut: airport was triumphant, cclcbrating what he called the return of South Africa to the inter national community. Much the same satisfaction was in evidence yesterday when Mr dc chrk welcomed Daniel mp Moi. the ?midcnt of Kenya. at :11: residential office iuCape Town. e First visit by an Afncan leader to South Africa in 2! years. it continued Prettident de chrk's stated perception that his ovettmtent had now "normalise " relations with the rest of the continent. Bribety has bean one means the South African governmenl hat em 105ml to pursue these 'tnOrma " relations, as was revealed at the weekend. The Department of Fore n Affairs was forced to aclmow edge it had paid out 1.6m rand ((320,000) to a Ni arm: um: dealer to publish and mribute magazines in West Africa 52mpathelic to the South African 50vemmcnt. The funds came from the scent amount used to pay for lnkathn rallies - as revealed in the llInkathagate" scandal - and to try to manipulate the tank of Namibia? first post-indcpcndcncc election in 1990. a stratagem Mr dc 10ch has confessed to having sanctiomd. The Nigerian wnnoction was exposed following reveiations by a judge that a government department entrustad with black upliftment bad corruptiy squandered "millions, if not billions" of rand of tampzycrs' money; that tht: Dc. partment of Health had misused a third of the funds directed to fighting Aids; that plans are wal under way. at a lime SU ppmcdly of political transition, to build a new 145m rand headquarters for rhc National Intelligence Service and a 2051:: 11nd undcrground instal-Lation for the air force.

The only political victim so far of these sandals has been Jan van

Eek. a former Democratic Party MP who joined the ANC last month. For having dared last week to declare that the government of Mr dc KJcrkls prcdwcssot, P W Botha, had been involved in political murdcr, he was suspended from parliament until the end of the year. This followed a motion proposed by the man who was Minister or Poltcc between 1986 and August last - year. Adrian Vlok. As one oftbc characters indiice b; Wonderiand says, "It's enough to try the patichc of m 05mm." .At least 5th peopie. one of . them a lioeman, were shot or axed to eadtintownshipsnround Johannesburg In the preview 24 hours, police said ycstcrday. The polio: 3350 said that: war: that township patrols. Rzuter reports, . scpamtc shooting attacks on their 2;.

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