

BY RIGHTWING

UNLESS the state acts immediately to stop the recent wave of rightwing attacks on black people, the whole peace process in the country could be in jeopardy.

"We demand that the regime takes action immediately to end this violence," ANC National Executive Committee (NEC) member-Aziz Pahad told NEW NATION yesterday.

"It must not only act against the perpetrators but also take pre-emptive action against those preparing violence. It must know what preparations are being made and by whom. Why wait until innocent people have been attacked before taking action?"

At last week's talks, both the government and the ANC committed themselves to ending the "existing climate of violence and intimidation".

For the government to prove its sincerity it will have to act decisively against both rightwing and Inkatha vigilantes - especially as police have been implicated in their attacks. .

. Since Saturday, five people have been murdered by khaki-clad rightwingers.

Two men were gunned down on the road between Mamelodi and Cullinan when four whites posing as policemen stopped their car, while three women were killed in Boksburg when a car crashed into a crowd waiting at a bus shelter. Welkom has also developed into a danger zone for blacks as four rightwing groups - the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB), Blanke Veiligheid (BV).

Hospital strike ends

: STRIKING hospital workers will return to work today and tomorrow after an agreement between the National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union (Nehawu) and Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) was signed in Cape Town yesterday.

The TPA has effectively agreed to recognise Nehawu and give the union stop order facilities, access to its members and representation at disciplinary hearings. :

It has also agreed to eliminate all discrimination based on race, sex or marital status from its employment policies. A 40-hour week will come into operation and no pregnant workers will be dismissed.

Nehawu will be consulted on .

privatisation at hospitals likely to be affected and the TPA agreed in principle that privatisation should not result in the loss of jobs or benefits.

Negotiations on wages and a provident fund as well as further discussions on maternity benefits and privatisation are to begin within two weeks.

However, the TPA said yesterday it was not prepared to grant more increases to general assistants in the current financial year as they had received a 105 percent increase on April 11.

A joint working committee made up of 10 people each from Nehawu and the TPA are to conduct these negotiations.

The TPA has also agreed not to take disciplinary action against strikers, who will be expected to deduct strike days from their annual leave.

Police jeopardised the agreement yesterday when they attacked and dispersed workers attending a reportback meeting at Willem Cruywagen Hospital near Germiston.

The 10-day strike affected Baragwanath, Hillbrow, Johannesburg. Natalspruit, Willem Cruywagen, Boksburg-Benoni, HF Verwoerd. Lynville, Tsepong, Pietersburg, JG Strydom. Rietfontein, Klerksdorp, Tembisa, Middelburg, Sebokeng and Witbank hospitals.

Wit Wolwe and Flaminke patrol the town armed with automatic weapons.

Two blacks have lost their lives at the hands of the patrols since they began earlier this year.

The Thabong community responded by staging a consumer boycott of white shops. But BV vigilante leaders say they will blockade wholesalers and starve out the township.

Meanwhile, local AWB secretary Blikkies Blignaut yesterday refused to meet law and order minister Adriaan Vlok.

Blignaut said whites were tired of being intimidated, and said:

"Ons is net lus om kaffirs te skiet."
(We just want to shoot kaffirs).

It is feared that Welkom may become a symbol of white resistance for extremists.

BV leaders have already boasted that hundreds of people all over the country have phoned to ask their advice on setting up similar patrols in their own areas.

Louis Trichardt in the Northern Transvaal is another potential flashpoint. A boycott of white

businesses has been in force for over a month in retaliation against vicious assaults on blacks by local vigilantes.

Organised rightwing attacks have also been recorded in Springs, Pretoria, Johannesburg, Wannbaths and Alberton in the past two months.

Meanwhile, a Soweto Civic Association member in Phiri. Bongani Tsimo, was abducted last week by men wearing balaclavas claiming to be members of the Wit Wolwe and using false car registration plates.

Tsimo was taken to Protea Police Station where the men interrogated him and demanded that he become a police informer. He was released after refusing to do so but was told to contact a security policeman called Greyling stationed at Protea if he changed his mind. The SA Police public relations division said it was not police routine to wear balaclavas or to use false registration plates when on duty.

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at the First National Bank Stadium in Johannesburg displays his ideas about V transforming the SADF. Thousands attended the rally to listen to ANC secretary-general Altred Nzo (inset), SACP secretary-general Joe Slovo and to catch a glimpse of other top ANC leaders involved in talks with the government last week.

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