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UN team to open SA office

A SEVEN-member team from the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) will arrive in Johannesburg tomorrow to set up an office, which will be the first official UN presence in SA.

Government sources said yesterday the team would also meet a range of government officials to finalise an agreement on the repatriation of an estimated 40 000 political refugees.

The team will discuss the final details of an agreement which has been drawn up by the UNHCR and government after four months of negotiations.

Although the agreement has not been signed by the parties, it is understood that a memorandum to the agreement has been initialled by both sides.

Foreign Affairs director-general Neil van Heerden said three weeks ago that the parties were closer to an agreement than before, but it is not expected that the agreement will be formally signed in the

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near future.

Following these negotiations, it was agreed that UNHCR representatives would be allowed to set up an office in SA -- one of the tasks of the group that arrives tomorrow.

One source said the group would stay in SA for about two weeks and discuss the details of the repatriation of exiles, such as entry points, facilities and temporary accommodation.

Several foreign governments have indicated their willingness to contribute to the repatriation process, but only if the UNHCR is officially involved.

A large part of the estimated \$20m-\$40m required for the process will be donated by the US government, which has already conditionally pledged R11m.

The project is expected to take between a year and 18 months.

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Nigerians head for SA

FORMER Nigerian head of state Gen Olusegun Obasanjo is to lead a delegation of 10 Nigerians to SA next week at the invitation of the Institute for a Democratic Alternative for SA (Idasa).

The delegation, which will be here on September 11 and 12, will hold talks with ANC president Nelson Mandela and a cross-section of South Africans, Idasa said yesterday.

And the French embassy said in Pretoria yesterday four French senators would visit SA for 10 days from tomorrow to assess constitutional development. The delegation would be led by Senate law commission president Jacques Larche.

ANC to press FW for reprieve

We were state agents, trio tells Mandela

ANC president Nelson Mandela is expected to urge President F W de Klerk today to grant indemnity to three right-wing hunger strikers who yesterday told him state intelligence units had instructed them to commit acts of terror.

After meeting the prisoners briefly in Pretoria's H F Verwoerd Hospital, Mandela said he had told them the ANC would do everything in its power to have them indemnified.

He said the three had told him they had important information implicating themselves and others in Military Intelligence (MI) and the National Intelligence Service (NIS) operations.

MI and the NIS had apparently instructed them to commit "some of their heinous crimes", Mandela said. Orde Boerevolk chief of staff Leonard Veenendaal confirmed yesterday that Henry Martin had been a member of MI and that Adrian Maritz had worked for the NIS.

Orde Boerevolk members Martin, 49,

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Maritz, 43, and Lood van Schalkwyk, 53, are awaiting trial on charges of murder and attempted murder and have vowed to starve to death if not indemnified.

Mandela said the hunger strikers had recognised him and been excited by his visit. Their lawyer Wim Cornelius said that after struggling to wake Martin from a stupor, the prisoner had held Mandela's hand throughout their conversation, clasped his jacket to pull him closer and told him he was a gentleman.

Cornelius described the visit as the most humanitarian gesture he had seen.

Mandela said state involvement in right-wing acts had to be exposed, adding the three had "very valuable information".

The Justice Department said last night the men would not have to be indemnified for them to give evidence before the proposed Commission on Public Violence. They could ask to give evidence to the commission if their information was not connected with their court case. Such evidence could not be used against them.

It added they would have an opportunity to disclose their alleged links with security forces during their trial.

And NP secretary-general Stoffel van der Merwe said government might con-

sider some concession for the three once they had been tried, Sapa reports.

Mandela said he would meet De Klerk today. A spokesman for De Klerk was last night unable to confirm the meeting.

Cornelius said the three hunger strikers were "in a terrible condition". He said he and the wives of Maritz and Van Schalkwyk would meet new Correctional Services Minister Adriann Vlok today in an attempt to resolve the dispute over restricted visiting rights.

Orde Boerevolk leader Nic Strydom met Mandela yesterday and thanked him for his efforts on behalf of the hunger strikers.

Strydom said it seemed it was in government's interest to let the men die as they were in possession of "incriminating" evidence. The Orde Boerevolk had renounced violence and reformed its executive council with an "eye to possible negotiations".

Strydom said the Orde Boerevolk realised the ANC could not be wished away. If right-wing political parties were not prepared to enter negotiations, the Orde Boerevolk would, he said.

But some elements of the right wing reportedly opposed Mandela's visit, saying it smacked of political opportunism.

Veenendaal said Orde Boerevolk deputy leader Coen Vermark had resigned from the organisation and been replaced by former Section 29 detainee David Roodenberg. Right-winger Darryl Stopforth, wanted with Veenendaal by Namibia to stand trial for an attack on a UN base in 1989, took over as Orde Boerevolk security chief.

DAIUS SANAI reports that a Correctional Services spokesman yesterday denied allegations by the wives of two of the hunger strikers that attempts had been made to force-feed Martin on Sunday. The spokesman also denied that Van Schalkwyk had suffered a heart attack yesterday. Van Schalkwyk had suffered chest pains and had been treated accordingly, he said.



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ANC STATEMENT ON THE SOUTH AFRICAN EUROBOND ISSUE

It has come to our attention that the German-based Deutsche Bank is planning to host presentations to potential investors in order to organise the first public bond issue for South Africa in contravention of the financial sanctions against the Pretoria regime.

This premature public bond issue will take pressure away from the apartheid government at this critical time in the process towards a democratic society. We are concerned that once a public bond issue has been made, it cannot be easily withdrawn. An increase in South Africa's access to international capital markets now, before an Interim Government is in place, could stall the entire process of negotiation and set our country back to the old days.

This public bond issue makes it highly likely that money provided to the South African government could easily be diverted to unwanted projects detrimental to the negotiation process. The statement by the South African government that this bond issue will contribute to the financing of social development programmes is dubious. Our experience, recently confirmed by Inkatha and other disclosures indicates the danger inherent in availing additional financial resources to this government which could be similarly misdirected.

The international community could make a contribution to social development programmes by channelling finance through existing credible non-governmental organisations. We strongly feel that there should be no move to support the South African government's access to the international bond market until a democratic and non-racial political settlement has been reached.

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