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PRESS STATEMENT ON THE CASE OF ANDERS GANYILE

## Newsletter

The statement issued by the South African Department of Justice announcing that a preparatory examination of allegations of attempted murder and incitement to murder against Anderson Ganyile has been dropped is self evident proof that the South African police acted unlawfully in arresting Mr. Ganyile and his two colleagues within the border in Basutoland. A spokesman for the Department admitted that the Attorney-General had taken this decision because it was now established that Ganyile's arrest "in fact took place within the border of Basutoland".

The South Africa United Front views with grave concern the impunity with which the South African police operated within the border of Basutoland. The contention of the Department that the police under the command of Captain Stanford "had crossed the border unwittingly during the night in heavy mist in search of four suspected murderers" is not at all convincing in the face of Mr. Ganyile's affidavit before the Court describing fully the manner in which he and his colleagues were kidnapped by the South African police at Quacha's Nek in Basutoland. The affidavit establishes, at least, a prima facie case that the kidnapping was conducted on a premeditated and organised plan by the South African police and that it could not have been successfully executed without the prior knowledge and connivance of the Basutoland authorities.

The South Africa United Front therefore demands that the British Government institutes an impartial inquiry into the matter forthwith and deals severely with those officials in the Basutoland authorities responsible for the illicit and unwarranted connivance in the perpetuation of the crime. The British Government should moreover take immediate effective action to protect the lives of all those victims of apartheid who seek asylum in the Protectorate of Basutoland, Swaziland and Bechuanaland.

The Front also makes a fervent appeal to all democratic organisations and men of goodwill in Britain to prevail upon the British Government to take the necessary appropriate measures to deal with the serious situation created by the Ganyile case.

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