

THE ANC delegation  
which meets President  
de Klerk soon is expect-  
ed to demand the re-

its members who, ac-  
cording to â\200\230international  
conventionsâ\200\231,  
cal prisoners. :

A failure to meet this  
demand could delay the  
start of meanin il ne-

â\200\230aotiations between the  
- Government and the Af-  
rican National Con-  
gress.

A senior member of  
the Nelson Mandela  
National. Reception  
Committee, Mr Sakhi  
Macozoma, told a Press  
conference here yester-  
day he feared the Gov-  
ernment intended using

risoners it did not re.  
ease in terms of Mr de

Klerkâ\200\231s amnesty, as  
â\200\230hostafesâ\200\231 or bargaining  
chips in the negotiation  
process.

. \_These prisoners are  
mainly people convicted  
of public violence and  
related offences under  
the state of emergency.

List  
Mr Macozoma, himself

a former political pris-  
oner, also indicated that

Robert. McBride, the  
| ANC â\200\230Magoo bomberâ\200\231 in

Durban, and multiple

Right-wing murderer

Barend trydom,  
I should be released if  
| this sÃ©eeded up the ne-

gotiation process. :

He also argued that  
the question of scrap-

ing security legisla-

ion, such as the  
Internal Security Act,  
by which people become  
political prisoners,  
would have to be add-  
ressed ;

An initial list of 753  
South Africans sen-  
tenced to imprisonment  
in politically related tri-  
als, compiled by the In-

d, was released

at the Press conference.  
An ANC spokesman  
Mr Essop Pahad, said  
~ the list was almost cer-

lease of at least 3 000 of d

are politi-.

ternational Defence and that  
Aid

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London Bureau  
tain to be handed to Mr  
de Klerk by the ANC

elegation. It will also  
be handed to the British  
and other governments,  
as well as the United  
Nations, Common-  
wealth and the OAU.

Mr Macozoma, who is  
also director of commu-  
nications for the South  
African Council of  
Churches, said: "The  
Government must ac-  
cept that no organisa-  
tion can negotiate while  
part of its membership  
remains in prison.  
Definition

"And that issue is not  
open for negotiation and  
no exploratory talks  
would be acceptable in  
so far as that is con-  
cerned."

.He said on the Satur-  
day before Mr Nelson

Mandela was released,  
he went to see him as  
part of ad

â\200\230The ... fact that peo- |  
le may have commit-  
crimes, as the State

- defines them, is not, very

important because on  
the other hand the  
South African Govern-  
ment has committed  
crimes through its secy-

- rity forces aagainst the  
ou

people of South Africaâ\200\231 )  
He noted that investi-  
gations into the â\200\230death  
Squads which have ter-  
rorised our people and  
ed so many peopleâ\200\231  
were under way. There  
was evidence of the  
ds of acts they were  
involved in. : #  
â\200\230But we are not using |  
that in so far as negotia-  
tions are concerned as  
an issue to befuddle the  
matter.â\200\231

Questioned further,  
Macozoma said the  
failure to release the po-  
litical prisoners would  
make negotiation â\200\230very  
difficuliis 7

elegation  
om the NRC.

â\200\230One of the issues that  
he raised was that in the  
discussions with the  
Government that had

en place the day be-  
fore he was released, one  
of the issues where they

ered very strongly . ..  
was the issue of the defi-  
nition. of political pris-  
oners,

â\200\230This is an issue that  
has been a problem in  
the South can strug-  
ge for many years in

at the South African

Government has wanted to create a special category that it refers to as security prisoners, which has no status even in South African law.

It is important to |

note that they are say-

in that the issue of political prisoners will be an issue for negotiations. It suggests that

at there is an intention there to use the rest of the political prisoners as hostages and for bargaining for whatever points will come up

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(FW hints at  
leaders

'CAPE TOWN: The Gov-  
ernment could be ar-

ranging a temporary  
â\200\230amnesty for some lead-

ers of the ANC to enable ;

them to travel to South  
Africa to meet President  
F.W. de Klerk.

President de Klerk re-

ferred to legal uncertain-  
ties and impediments  
standing in the way of  
the first talks between  
the Government and the  
ANC in a statement yes-  
terday and in an inter-  
â\200\230view with the SABCTV.  
- He has welcomed the  
.decision of the national  
executive committee of  
the ANC to send a dele-  
gation to meet him,

The police have said,  
though, that they were  
- duty-bound to act against

anybody who was sy-

spected of crimes, in-  
cluding returning mem-  
bers of the ANC. j  
The police have said  
that the Government  
would have to take a de-

| cision on this,

At this stage it has not  
been made public how  
the ANC conveyed their  
request for talks to Pres-  
ident de Klerk, nor who  
will be in their delega-  
tion. :

Mr de Klerk said yes-  
terday the ANCâ\200\231s com-  
mitment to talks with  
the Government on ways  
and means of getting ne-  
gotiations off the ground  
â\200\234is a positive step and

appears to be consistent

â\200\230 wlt h an attitude to

ANC

Correspondent

search for â\200\230Solutions '

through  
meansâ\200\235,  
i sincerely believe  
that direct communica-  
tion is the best way to

peaceful

attain this. Foreign agen-

cies and foreign inter-  
vention will bring us no-

â\200\230where,

"Obvlou;ly, legal un-  
certainties which mem-  
of the national exec-  
utive committee may  
have in regard to visits  
to South Africa will have  
to be addressed before-  
hand. These and other  
particulars concerning  
arrangements for the  
proposed meeting are re-  
ceiving immediate atten-  
tion.â\200\235 -

In his TV interview,  
President de Klerk said  
there may be impedi-  
ments in the minds of  
exiles who wanted to re-

â\200\234turn. They would want

certain assurances, and  
â\200\234that is what we are ar-  
ranging at the moment,  
to see how that must be  
structuredâ\200\235,

In his statement, Pres-  
dient de Klerk said it  
was digfpointing that

sisted in listing precon-

djglons in spite of the  
new climate > created by  
the Government.

â\200\234This attitude is in

stark contrast to the en-  
thusiasm, if not impa-  
tience, on the part of all  
other leaders in South

Africa to get negotiations going. It is also disappointing that the ANC leadership continues to talk about an armed struggle and hostilities at a time when most South Africans, supported by the rest of the world, want peace.â\200\235

The Government was committed to a new dispensation which offered

â\200\230peace and justice for all.

â\200\230An armed struggle and hostilities do not fit into this pattern.â\200\235 :â\200\230

President de Klerk

Played down the postponement of his trip to

Zaire, saying he was pressed for time as it was.

In his statement Mr de

Klerk said he agreed with the warning given

recently by the secretary-general of the Organisation of African

States.

Unity on the necessity

for African states to unite on joint strategy to

assess the implications

for Africa of Euro, economic unity in 1992,

and the consequences of events in Eastern Europe.

~ â\200\234Now is not the time to create further divisions. Africa cannot afford more controversy within its own ranks,â\200\235 Mr de Klerk said.

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Daily News Reporter

SHOPKEEPERS in Umgeni Road, Dur-  
ban, are prÃ©paring for what one has de-  
scribed as â\200\234war, conditionsâ\200\235 on Sunday  
when the Nelson Mandela rally is to be

held at nearby Kings Park.

shops in Uie areaâ\200\231  
and who were |

heir shops. {

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3 mead and NMR Clubs have decided to;  
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precautions Lo prevent looting and damage to

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w for traffic congestion. i

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Interesting â\200\230-fâ\200\231111isâ\200\230hback to  
show how!The Daily ;  
News reported the atmo-  
sphere in Durban prior  
to the Mandela rally. It  
was the last salvo in.a  
massive Press build-up tq  
â\200\230the rally.

Shops along Umngeni |

â\200\234Road werÃ©e'indeed bar- |, :  
|'Church groups did call

ricaded and: everything  
that light fingers might |  
remove was firmly nailed |  
down. Second-hand car |  
lots were:deserted - |  
every motor vehicle had,  
\* L { |  
been moved out of the  
area. 2 il b p

- Police in riot uniform |

The Inkatha rally was a :

study in contrasts. It en-

joyed virtually no pre-

publicity from the Press.  
Nobody removed their .  
belongings from the vi-,  
cinity of Kingâ\200\231s Park and  
business everywhere was !  
brisk. Nobody even sug-.:  
gested that there might;  
be violence, although

for peace. .  
A snippet from The Dai-  
ly News coverage of the  
Inkatha rally provides a  
fascinating peripective of  
the contrast/sketched  
above. The newspaperâ\200\231s |

were in evidence every- | |

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political reporter wrote

as follows in the issue .

dated March 26:

"Smali groups of people -

among the crowd toyi-

and sang, holding

banners and flags aloft.

Some of the groups

chanted ANC youth

songs, but corrupted the

words so that they were

applicable to Inkatha - |

Inkatha weSizwe in-

stead of 'Umkhonto

weSizwe, for example.

Well, we shall excuse the

"corrupted Zulu, for the

writer clearly does not

know the language.

for Mandelavcrowds

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But what she must have

is good knowledge of one

of two things. Firstly, to

be able to recognize on

sight a comrade com-

mitted to armed struggle

à la MK. A talent that

would be worthy of a SB

agent from the top

drawer.

Secondly, she must have

deep psychic insight into

how to inspire youth

songs with corrupted

wording to convert

enemy into supporter.

The propaganda

propagandist's dreams

might be made of.

Sir ;

I travel frequently be-

tween Durban and

Johannesburg on busi-

ness and am thus inter-

ested in events in Natal.

On the evening of March

30 an afternoon newspa-

per published a report

headed "Inkatha rally

numbers disputed."

The opening paragraph

stated that the "Inkatha-

owned" newspaper Ilanga

was challenging the estimates of three other newspapers concerning the attendance figures of the Inkatha peace rally held at Kingâ\200\231s Park on Sunday, March 25.

I was not present at the rally, so am unable to form a judgment as to who is correct. I would have been able to form a better opinion, though, had I been able to see photographs of the two rallies. It is a pity, therefore, that these photog-

raphs have, for whatever.

reason, not seen the light of day.

But, let me return to my opening observation about the "Inkatha-owned" Ilanga newspaper challenging the figures given by three other newspapers.

On Saturday, March 31, the Saturday Star published a report headed "New image for Natal Newspapers." In this report, attributed to the Marketing Director of Natal Newspapers, Mr David Mead, the Natal Newspapersâ\200\231 group was said to consist of the Sunday Tribune, Daily

â\200\230News, Natal Mercury, Post and Ilanga.

â\200\230"Who owns

ILANGA?

What, then is the truth? The afternjon newspaper describes Ilanga as

scribes Ilanga as

duct owned by Natal Newspapers (and; thus the Argus company which owns both The

Star and Natal Newspa- |

pers)

\* Jlanga is indeed owned  
by Mandla-Matla Publishing (Pty) Ltd and not  
Natal Newspapers.  
Editor

But, as I understand  
things, Ilanga is owned  
by Mandla-Matla Publishing (Pty) Ltd.

In the Saturday Star  
report Mr Mead is  
quoted as saying that  
"consolidation" of the  
physical premises of Natal  
Newspapers' products  
has been extended to  
editorship of some of the  
company's newspapers.

That is an interesting, if  
somewhat disquieting,  
revelation. How nice to  
be able to settle differences  
about attendance figures by  
"consolidating" editorial  
control. The public would  
then not have to worry  
about the matter, since  
all the attendance figures  
would be the same.

For professional reasons  
I sign myself  
Guard against cartels

Johannesburg.



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Aha, I hear the conservatio;lists amongyou | The case against mining the St Lucia dunes

AS South Africa}ls well know, probl

always easier to solve from z;fgr. Fr?)l;nns talll?se

remove, it seems obvious what should be  
: QOpq about dune-mining in the magnificent St  
\_ Lucia area: it should be stopped. The issue  
Abecomes more complicated, though, when  
you go to see things for yourself â\200\224 as f did on  
qusd'ay at the invitation of the Richards Bay  
Minerals Company (RBM).

Determined at the outset not t

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Judices be undermined (if youâ\200\231lll excus);ptllâ\200\230lee  
pun) I found myself disarmed not so much by  
the. facts al}d arguments put forward â\200\224 I re-  
ma;;cetll):tlcf?l all:out aspects of the exercise  
â\200\224 y the frankness and open-mi  
of RBMâ\200\231s top management. g .

Most conservationists who know  
pany concede that RBM has a fine reg::'dc:sm a  
somallyâ\200\224pqqcerned employer, conscious of its  
responsibilities to the nation, to the Zulu  
people angi to the environment. Fifty percent  
South African-owned, RBM keeps a low pro-  
file and does not boast about its achieve-  
ments because it is export-oriented and does  
not wish to attract the attention of the sanc-  
tions lobby. As MD Roy Macpherson candidly  
admits, the company was caught totally off-  
guar 'by the\_ outery that erupted last year  
g(l)l:: :(t) applied to ;:xtend its current opera-  
an area o  
shores of Lake St Lucig?ne it e o

Dune mining (see diagram) is an iï\201nsi h  
process whereby a kind of large mechaïï\201?ctellsll  
mole or dredge, floating on a man-made pond  
chews its way'through a freshly cleared sand  
dune, separatm\_g mineral from sand as it goes  
along and spewing out the sand behind to be  
rgplanted with grass, indigenous trees, casua-  
rinas or whatever else the conservat,ion au-  
thority for' the area might decide. Unlike  
sugqrâ\200\224farmmg and forestry however, dune  
mining doeÂ\$ not last forever: it is a mlwable  
process which within a short time replaces

.and renews what it has torn asunder. â\200\230

say, that's what you think. Frankly, not being a scientist myself, I know not what to think. RBM argues convincingly that the area surrounding Lake St Lucia has already been desecrated by crop-farming, grazing and tree-planting which has done more damage to the environment than mining could ever do. Moreover, it has evidence to show at Richards Bay that dunes can be rehabilitated surprisingly quickly, which lends weight to its claim that when mining is completed, the dune area could look better than it does today.

Appearances are deceptive, counters the conservation lobby; no-one knows very much about the hydrology of sand dunes. Disturbing the dunes could affect the water flow into the lake and upset a complex, centuries-old ecosystem. Furthermore, the noise, dust and lights of mining and the transportation of heavy minerals would be an intolerable intrusion into a peaceful tourist area.

Of all these aspects, the geo-hydrological appears to be most crucial. As a result of conservationists' concerns, RBM has done two things: it has rescheduled its mining operations so as to defer work near St Lucia for as

long as possible; and it has commissioned an expensive, independent Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) to be conducted by a multi-disciplinary team of scientists, including conservation and wildlife experts. If the EIA report turns out to be negative, RBM will not go ahead at St Lucia; nor would it, in present circumstances, be allowed to.

â\200\230 has been well-documented. Let me, for the

. sake of balance, outline the company's view.  
O The international minerals market is

" strong at present, and the Zululand coast is

- one of the world's richest sources of heavy mineral deposits. Income generated from the sale of titanium, rutile and zircon will run into billions of rands, boosting the balance of payments, creating jobs for hundreds of people in KwaZulu and generally uplifting the quality of life in a depressed area.

O The impact of mining on Lake St Lucia itself will be negligible compared with the damage currently being done by the SADF missile range, the forestry companies and the activities of sugar and peasant farmers.

O At the end of the mining period, the dunes will have been rehabilitated and replanted with indigenous bush or pines â\200\224

whichever the KwaZulu authorities prefer â\200\224  
at the expense of RBM.

O Rehabilitation is swift and effective.  
Already birds, insects and plant species in  
abundance have returned to dunes re-plan-  
ted only a decade ago.

O By replanting the area with indigenous  
material and continuing to plough money into  
conservation, RBM will contribute substan-  
tially to the creation of a better and chh  
larger wilderness area around Lake St Lucia.



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aynâ\200\231iÃ©n to decide. They deserve to  
b&wnkidered refully and rationally by ex-  
â\200\230perts who have no axe to grind, and countered

â\200\230 â\200\230-axf:necessaryâ\200\224athh info â\200\230argument, not  
~ emotion and ignorance. Tî~\201e views of the  
people who live and work (or cannot find

~ work) in the area must also be taken into ac-  
count. As the British journalist Fred Bridg-  
" land, a friend of Ian Playerâ\200\231s, wrote in a re-

cent Leadership article headed â\200\234Striking the

â\200\230Balanceâ\200\235, â\200\234only the most monomaniacal of :

~ conservationists would deny the desirability  
~ of increasing export earnings and creatmg  
employment for human beings living in, or on  
the margms of destitutlonâ\200\235 :

- And yet . and yet. If the mining is stopped

and the conservatlonlsts are mistaken, South

Aî~\201lca will be the poorer â\200\230financially and  
many people will go without jobs. The situa-  
~ tion might be remedied in other ways. But if  
RBM or the EIA scientists a !m'ong the dam-  
5 wge to the ecosystem could be e irreversible.

-~ That's the dilemma. Yet the EIA may bgar  
~ out RBMâ\200\231s view that, on the available evi-  
dence, the,r' k of dune mining causing harm  
to Lake St Lucia is so slight that the exercise  
should go ahead. In that case, the conserva-

tionists and petition-signers will need more

than gut instinct and raw emotion to defend

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speaking at Heathrow  
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" Rev Frank Chikane

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of Mr Mandela

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conditions for negotia-  
tions, set by anti-apart-

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olitical prisoner :  
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heid are still in place, =

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not yet started.

CCMrSs Margaret  
Thatcher

- has always OP

â\200\230posed sanctions, and

therefore has 0o right to  
call for the lifting of

sanctions..

Saying the church Was  
deeply involved in ef-

rts to end the fighting  
in Natal townships, 'he :  
said the State should not  
use the violence' as an  
excuse not to lift the

state of emergency: