

1 30 SA BAROMETER

April 23

"' A dispute over the definition of political prisoners is likely -as the government claims that fewer than 200 political prisoners have to be released before the April 30 deadline specified in the Pretoria Minute, while human rights group claim that at least 1 361 were still in prison on April 2.

't Minister of National Education Louis Pienaar announces that the government will abolish restrictions on the number of black students who may be accepted by white universities.

it Two senior SABC officials are released on bail of R10 000 each after appearing on charges of corruption relating to sports programmes.

April 24.

't us gamt Putco announces it is to sell or terminate its services as soon as possible.

3': President FW de Klerk flies to Denmark on his European tour.

5 Minister of Education and Culture in the House of Assembly Piet Clase announces that white technical colleges, technikons and special schools will be allowed open admissions from May 1.

t Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee announces all people who committed politically motivated crimes that did not result in death or injury before October 8 1990 will receive indemnity. e announces the release of another 124 political prisoners.

April 25

i' President FW de Klerk arrives in Ireland on his European tour.

i Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee announces a remission of sentence for certain common criminals and the imminent release of another 60 political prisoners, bringing the total number of such prisoners to be released to 639. Of the 5 775 applications for indemnity which had been received.

3 56 fell into agreed categories for indemnity, 55 . had been individually indemnified, 90 had been refused or referred to the Indemnity Committee, 490 referred back to the ANC of whom some would qualify for the new category announced yesterday and 526 were still being considered.

i Phuti Bernard Mokgonyane, one of the three remaining accused in the Delmas trial who have been facing charges since August 1989. is acquitted.

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i The future development of non-racial local government is jeopardised by the CmoAssociations of the Southern Transvaal's threat to withdraw from the Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber. _

it Constable AR Pitso is arrested for trespassing at the American Embassy in Johannesburg while staging a sit-in protest against racial discrimination in the SAPS.

Saturday April 27 to Friday May 3

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t innie Mandela loses the election for head of the ANC Women's League to Gertrude Shope.

t' Umkhonto weSizwe operatives Damian de Lange, Marion Sparg and Iain Robertson are released from TISOD.

City Press reports a statement given to them by Sighe Madlala, a man claiming to be one of Mlabuzima Maphumulo's assassins and a member of Military Intelligence (MI). He implicated both the SAPS and M in the assassination. _

at Sunday Times reports the National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa is set to lose millions of rands of workers' money because of unauthorised

investments by a senior official.

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en people, includin a policeman, are killed and four. injured when vio ence breaks out at a funeral servrce for Moses Khumalo, assassinated mayor of Diepkloof. Fl htmg in Alexandra claims the lives of between 5 an 12 people, and results in the injury of 88 others.

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l' esident FW de Klerk says that R1-billion freed by the reduction of strategic stockpiles of oil is to be used for develoment programmes.

at De Klerk a_lso announces proposals for the Social Emergency Aid Fund to asslst Victims of violence.

" Umkhonto weSizwe operative Susan Westcott is released from prison after a deportation order against her is suspended and she is given a six-month temporary resxdence permit. .

"' Right wrngers burn an ANC fla and break up a meeting whrch was to be addresse by ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela at Pretoria Universxty.

April 30

i' Qoyernment is t9 appoint a committee to decnmalise many exrsting statutory offences which are not regarded as iicn'mes' .

i' Pollce will prevent a lanned march of about 20 000 mernbers of the rig t-wing Resistance Against Communism through Soweto.

"' The government and the ANC eaeh blame the other for the fact that the Apnl 30 Pretona Minute deadline for the release of _all litical risoners and the return of all political eXiles as not en met. . .

'k Head of the rulin Military Councnl in Lesotho General Metsin Le anya is swe t from ower in a bloodless coup y Colonel Elias ishona amaema.

May 1

t A lReaceaccord between the Angolan government and nita 18 agreed upon in Lisbon. The parties have until May 14 to formally accept the terms.

i' At least 29 people die in May Day violence between ANC and Inkatha supporters on the Reef.

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" .P'zesident FW de Klerk announces that detention wnthout trial, house arrests, and powers to ban people, ublications and organisations are to be drastical'y amended or scrapped. The furthering of communism will no longer e a crime under the envrsaged amendments.

"' A handgrenade sets the house of Inkatha official Mesa Myeni alight, at least 27 ople die and 43 are injured in. continuing ANC- nkatha violence in Soweto. Nmety-snt people have died in the conflict smce Friday.

Ma 3

't Fighting between Inkatha and ANC supporters in Soweto leaves another 16 people dead.

it Police conduct raids on various houses and hostels on the Reef to confiscate weapons

h The government agrees to establish an advisory land commission to consnder restoring land to communities who were dispossessed by apartheid laws and removals.

't At least 222 political prisoners are now engaged in a hunger strike in protest against the overmment's fatlure to release such prisoners before til 30.

't Transltet formally applies to South A rica for the extradition of hotel magnate Sol Kerzner to face chargesof allegedly bribing former president Kaizer

Matanuma.

i' Representatives of various South African religious organisations meet with. ANC deputk presldent

Ne son Mandela and Presrdent W de lerk in an attempt to break the current political deadlock.