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SUBJ: SOUTH AFRICA: MANDELA-BUTHELEZI MEETING. ~~(C/NF)~~
DOI: 30 JAN 91 (AS OF 1140 EST)
TEXT: 1. ~~(C/NF)~~ THE LONG-AWAITED MEETING BETWEEN ANC
LEADER
MANDELA AND ZULU CHIEF BUTHELEZI RESULTED IN AN AGREEMENT TO END
THE
VIOLENCE BETWEEN THEIR TWO ORGANIZATIONS.
2. ~~(C/NF)~~ ON 29 JANUARY NELSON MANDELA, DEPUTY PRESIDENT OF THE

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AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (ANC), AND CHIEF GATSHA BUTHELEZI, HEAD OF THE ZULU-BASED INKATHA FREEDOM PARTY (IFP), MET PUBLICLY FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 28 YEARS. BOTH MEN CALLED ON THEIR FOLLOWERS TO CEASE ALL ATTACKS AGAINST EACH OTHER IMMEDIATELY. SINCE 1987, AN ESTIMATED 5,000 PEOPLE HAVE DIED AS A RESULT OF CLASHES BETWEEN ANC AND IFP SUPPORTERS.

3. ~~(C/NF)~~ MANDELA AND BUTHELEZI ALSO APPROVED THE USE OF JOINT MECHANISMS TO RESOLVE DIFFERENCES AND PROBLEMS AS THEY ARISE. INSPECTION TOURS OF ALL VIOLENCE-TORN AREAS WOULD BE CONDUCTED, AND HIGH-LEVEL MEETINGS WOULD CONTINUE TO BE HELD AS NEEDED. BOTH SIDES PLEDGED TO CURB THEIR RHETORIC AND TO AVOID VILIFYING ONE ANOTHER'S ORGANIZATIONS AND LEADERS.

4. ~~(C/NF)~~ BUTHELEZI DISAGREED, HOWEVER, WITH THE ANC'S ADVOCACY OF MASS ACTION, DESCRIBING IT AS AKIN TO THE POLITICS OF INTIMIDATION, AND WARNING THAT BOTH WOULD LEAD TO MORE POLITICAL VIOLENCE. ANC OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN UNDER INCREASING PRESSURE FROM GRASSROOTS ELEMENTS TO ADOPT MASS MOBILIZATION TACTICS AIMED AT FORCING THE GOVERNMENT TO MOVE FASTER ON REFORM ISSUES (DODID 18-A, 18 JANUARY).

THUS, A MASS MARCH ON PARLIAMENT IS SCHEDULED FOR 1 FEBRUARY, WHEN STATE PRESIDENT F.W. DE KLERK WILL BE DELIVERING HIS OPENING ADDRESS

TO THE ASSEMBLY. AN ANC SPOKESMAN CLAIMED THAT THE CAPE TOWN MARCH WILL MARK THE START OF A NATIONWIDE CAMPAIGN.

5. ~~(C/NF)~~ COMMENT: THE MARCH COULD ALSO MARK THE START OF A SETBACK TO THE RECENT GOODWILL GENERATED BETWEEN THE ANC AND IFP BY THE HISTORIC MEETING OF THEIR TWO LEADERS. MASS ACTIONS IN CAPE TOWN OR ELSEWHERE IN THE COUNTRY WILL HEIGHTEN POLITICAL TENSION, AND THEY WILL PROBABLY INVITE CRITICISM OF MANDELA'S MOVEMENT FROM BOTH BUTHELEZI AND DE KLERK. MOREOVER, THE PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS ARE LIKELY TO ENCOURAGE EXTREMISTS ON ALL SIDES TO CONTINUE TO RELY ON MILITANT RATHER THAN PEACEFUL MEANS TO PROMOTE CHANGE IN SOUTH AFRICA.

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