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PRESS RELEASE BY THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE R J GOLDSTONE OF THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY REGARDING PUBLIC VIOLENCE AND INTIMIDATION

1. Since December 1991 a Committee of Enquiry established by the Goldstone Commission has been hearing evidence regarding the violence at Thokoza. Its members are Advocate S Sithole (Chairman), Ms Lilian Baqwa and Mr Bob Tucker.
2. With regard to the unfortunate killing of four minibus passengers in Kathlehong on Tuesday, provocative statements were made to the press by members of the IFP and the ANC. If these are unsubstantiated and unsupported by fact, they are irresponsible and calculated to cause further violence, deaths and injuries. The publication of such allegations by the press, if unchecked, is highly questionable.
3. In view of the tense situation in the Thokoza area, the Committee has decided to ascertain tomorrow (Friday) from the IFP and ANC members, the factual basis for their statements. They will be examined by the Committee in public, in the Boardroom of The Perm Building, Corner of Cress Avenue and Main Reef Road, Edgardale, Johannesburg at 11 am.
4. In addition the Committee will question leaders of both the IFP and ANC regarding the level of their commitment to the letter and spirit of the National Peace Accord and on their proposals for defusing the present renewed tension in the Thokoza area.

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