

PRESS RELEASE BY MR JUSTICE R J GOLDSTONE, CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY REGARDING THE PREVENTION OF PUBLIC VIOLENCE AND INTIMIDATION

1. A second Committee of the Commission has been established, with the concurrence of the Minister of Justice, in order to hold an enquiry into the violence which began on 3 November 1991 at the President Steyn Gold Mine in Welkom.
2. The Chairman of the Committee is Mr Gert Steyn, a member of the Commission. He will be assisted by Advocate D A Bregman SC a member of the Johannesburg Bar and Mr R Zondo, an attorney of Durban.
3. The terms of reference of the Committee have been drafted in consultation with and have been approved by the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM), Freegold (the mine owner), and the South African Police. These terms of reference are the following:
  - 3.1 To enquire into the cause or causes of the violence which erupted at the President Steyn Gold Mine, Welkom, on and after 3 November 1991.
  - 3.2 Without derogating from the generality of paragraph 3.1, to enquire in particular into:
    - (a) the relevance to the violence of the hostel system;
    - (b) the relevance to the violence of the national stayaway called by Cosatu, Nactu and other organisations on 4 and 5 November 1991;

- (c) the reason or reasons for the continuation and escalation of the violence after 3 November 1991;
- (d) the identification and determination of the influence, if any, of political and other organisations, both South African and foreign, relevant to the violence;
- (e) the relevance to the violence of the reaction of Freegold to the stayaway and its communication thereof to its employees and of the reaction thereto of NUM and its communication with its members employed at the Mine.

4. The first meeting of the Committee will be held at Welkom at 10:00 on Friday 29 November 1991. The venue is presently being finalized and will be made known as soon as possible.

5. The enquiry by the Committee will not in any way replace or prejudice the normal investigation by the Police of criminal conduct which may have occurred at President Steyn Gold Mine or prosecutions by the Attorney-General in consequence thereof.



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The Committee established by the Commission of Inquiry regarding the Prevention of Public Violence and Intimidation to hold an inquiry into the recent violence and alleged intimidation in Thokoza on the East Rand since 8 September 1991 will hold its first meeting at 10:00 on Friday 15 November 1991 at Conference Room 3, Sinodale Sentrum Building, Visagie Street 238, Pretoria.

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PERSVERKLARING UITGEREIK DEUR SY EDELE REGTER R J GOLDSTONE, VOORSITTER VAN DIE KOMMISSIE VAN ONDERSOEKE RAKENDE DIE VOORKOMING VAN OPENBARE GEWELD EN INTIMIDASIE

Die Komitee van die Kommissie van Onderzoek rakende die Voorkoming van Openbare Geweld en Intimidasië wat ingestel is om die onlangse geweld en beweerde intimidasië sedert 8 September 1991 in Thokoza aan die Oos Rand te ondersoek sal sy eerste vergadering om 10:00 op Vrydag 15 November 1991 hou by Konferensiekamer 3, Sinodale Sentrumgebou, Visagiestraat 238, Pretoria.

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