

CISKEI GOVERNMENT SUPPLEMENTARY SUBMISSION TO  
VIOLENCE - TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

1. THERE ARE TWO BASIC ELEMENTS FOR THE OUTBREAK OF VIOLENCE:

1. POLITICAL VIOLENCE

RESULTING FROM POLITICAL INTOLERANCE CERTAIN SO CALLED LIBERATION MOVEMENTS HAVE INTRODUCED A CULTURAL VIOLENCE AND ENDEAVOURED TO CREATE A PERCEPTION THAT IT IS THE ONLY LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF BLACK PEOPLE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. THE ONLY ORGANISATION WHICH PURPORTS TO BE A POLITICAL PARTY ALSO HAS A MILITARY WING, RESULTING IN WHOLESALE INTIMIDATION AND FEAR POLITICS BEING EXPLOITED. THE ONGOING THREATS OF HOME BURNING, THE USE OF PETROL BOMBS, THE "GUN IN HANDS" SYNDROME LEAVES INNOCENT CITIZENS LITTLE CHOICE IN THE PURSUIT OF FREE POLITICAL ACTIVITY. BECAUSE OF THIS CULTURAL VIOLENCE AND THE ONGOING LAWLESSNESS IT ENCOURAGES IT ALSO OPENS THE DOOR FOR APLA AND OTHER ARMED FORMATIONS TO FOLLOW. WHATEVER THE RESULT OF THE WHOLE SCENARIO IT POINTS TO THE PAST TWO AND A HALF YEARS OF POLITICAL VIOLENCE WHICH HAS GONE UNCHALLENGED.

2. CRIMINAL VIOLENCE

BECAUSE OF THE LAWLESSNESS OF THE POLITICALLY INTOLERANT POPULATION (AND TO THE EXTENT EXPERIENCED BY SOUTH AFRICA), IT TAKES LITTLE TO EXPOSE THE CRIMINAL OPPORTUNIST. THE LACK OF LAW AND ORDER HAS ENABLED COMMON CRIMINALS TO GO UNCHECKED TO THE DETRIMENT OF OUR COUNTRY.

OUR RECOMMENDATION IS THAT ALL ARMED FORMATIONS/MILITARY WINGS BE BANNED IMMEDIATELY AND THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN SECURITY FORCES TAKE CONTROL OF THE SECURITY ISSUES IN OUR COUNTRY.

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