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CAPE DELEGATION OF TRADITIONAL LEADERS

POSITION PAPER ON CAUSES OF VIOLENCES WHICH THREATEN THE  
NEGOTIATION PROCESS AND THE UNDERMINING OF THE EFFECTIVE  
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE N.P.A

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1. CAUSES OF VIOLENCE:

Violence is caused by one or more of the following :-

1. Political intolerance between political groupings.
2. Vying for political positions within the groupings.
3. Propaganda against other politicians and political groupings.
4. Illiteracy amongst the greatest populace which make them susceptible to cheap propaganda and heavy reliance and dependence on those who appear to be knowledgeable.
5. Lack of hope.
6. Lack of sufficient and meaningful social upliftment i.e. development.
7. Escalating unemployment.

In the South African situation the following have repeatedly been mentioned by various bodies, persons and organisations as causative factors for violence and therefore worthy of mention.

1. Third force violence
2. Use of provocateurs

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- 3. Political assassinations
- 4. Involvement of the armed forces.

The complexity of the violence in South Africa is therefore a consequence of a combination of any of the causative factors mentioned above.

2. THREAT TO THE NEGOTIATION PROCESS AND UNDERMINING OF EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL PEACE ACCORD

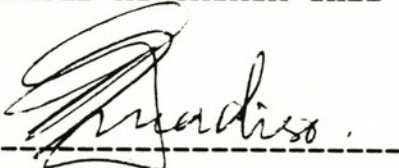
There is no doubt that political violence will impact detrimentally to the negotiating process since it is also a political process. There is a general feeling and apparent lack of complete commitment by the negotiating parties to the negotiations. It appears quite often as if the parties are here merely to test the waters.

Experience throughout the existence of the current peace arrangement has shown that the existence of this "institution" is merely symbolic. Assuming that this institution was accountable for peace how would it acquit itself from the situation wherein this country over 20 000 people lost their lives through violence in the past year during its existence.

Infact it is known that signatories to the peace accord are main perpetrators of violence and the peace accord does not

appear to be calling anyone to account even though these are its own signatories. It appears therefore Peace Accord is a dog with no teeth.

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