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INFO ROUTINE CAPE TOWN

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SOUTH AFRICAN RAID INTO BOTSWANA

1. CSADF, GENERAL CONSTANT VILJOEN, ANNOUNCED IN PRETORIA EARLY TODAY THAT 10 ANC TARGETS IN BOTSWANA HAD BEEN ATTACKED AND DESTROYED DURING THE NIGHT BY SMALL ELEMENTS OF THE SADF. THE DEFENCE FORCE ELEMENTS HAD RETURNED SAFELY TO SOUTH AFRICA. ONE MEMBER OF THE SADF HAD BEEN WOUNDED IN THE OPERATION BUT HIS CONDITION WAS SATISFACTORY.
2. CSADF SAID THE ANC TARGETS WERE HOUSES AND OFFICES SPREAD THROUGHOUT GABARONE IN SUCH A WAY THAT THE ANC COULD HIDE AND SHELTER AMONG THE NORMAL RESIDENTIAL AND BUSINESS SUBURBS OF THE CITY. FROM THESE SHELTERS THE APPARENTLY PEACEFUL INHABITANTS FORMED THE CONTROL CENTRE OF THE TRANSVAAL SABOTAGE ORGANISATION OF THE ANC.
3. HE EMPHASISED THAT THE OPERATION HAD NOT BEEN DIRECTED AT THE GOVERNMENT OF NOTSWANA OR ITS PEOPLE BUT AT CLEARLY IDENTIFIED MILITANT ANC TERRORISTS. HE SAID THESE TERRORISTS HAD ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED IN THE PLANNING AND EXECUTION OF VIOLENCE AND MURDER IN SOUTH AFRICA. RECENT ANC ACTIONS AND THE LATEST ATTACKS ON POLITICAL LEADERS IN THE CAPE HAD BEEN PLANNED AND EXECUTED FROM THE TARGETS.
4. THERE IS TO BE A MILITARY BRIEFING FOR FOREIGN MILITARY ATTACHES ON THE RAID AT 1200B TODAY.

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