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MIPT: SOUTH AFRICA/LESOTHO RELATIONS

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF SOUTH AFRICAN MESSAGE.

BEGINS

THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT HAS INFORMATION TO THE EFFECT THAT THE ANC IS PLANNING TO LAUNCH ARMED ACTIONS FROM LESOTHO AGAINST TARGETS IN SOUTH AFRICA PARTICULARLY DURING THIS FESTIVE SEASON.

THE ANC HAS A LARGE NUMBER OF TRAINED TERRORISTS IN LESOTHO OF WHOM A SUBSTANTIAL PART HAS BEEN GROUPED INTO SEVERAL UNITS AND ORGANIZATIONS, AMONGST OTHERS:

THE SENIOR ORGAN, BEING THE ANC'S CONTROLLING BODY IN LESOTHO UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF M J NDLOVU.

THE LESOTHO MILITARY MACHINERY, CONSISTING OF SEVERAL SECTIONS DIVIDED INTO SUB SECTIONS WHICH SERVE AS THE WHICH SERVE AS THE REGIONAL MILITARY COMMITTEE. THIS UNIT WITH ITS BRANCHES, INCLUDING THE ASSASSINATION SQUAD, IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CO-ORDINATING ACTS OF VIOLENCE IN SOUTH AFRICA AND IN TRANSKEI AND CISCHEI AND FOR PROVIDING QUICK TERRORISM TRAINING IN

THROUGHTING THE AGGRAVATION OF THE SITUATION, TO RECOGNISE
ORDINATING ACTS OF VIOLENCE IN SOUTH AFRICA AND IN TRANSKEI
AND CISCHEI AND FOR PROVIDING QUICK TERRORISM TRAINING IN
LESOTHO TO ANC-RECRUITS. A NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO UNDERWENT
SUCH TRAINING HAVE BEEN ARRESTED IN SOUTH AFRICA.

THE POLITICAL/PROPAGANDA DEPARTMENT, WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR
DISSEMINATING ANC-IDEOLOGY AND PROPAGANDA IN SOUTH AFRICA AND
IN TRANSKEI AND CISCHEI.

THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LESOTHO COMMITTEE, WHICH HAS THE
TASK I.A. OF RECRUITING RSA STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY AND
OF PROVIDING ACCOMMODATION TO ANC TERRORISTS.

IN ADDITION TO THESE ANC UNITS AND ORGANISATIONS, THERE IS
THE SA CONGRESS OF TRADE UNIONS (SACTU) WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE
FOR LIAISON WITH TRADE UNIONS IN SOUTH AFRICA AS WELL AS FOR
RECRUITING AND TRAINING MEMBERS FOR OPERATIONS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

FURTHERMORE, LESOTHO IS THE MOST IMPORTANT HOST COUNTRY FOR
PERSONS WHO LEAVE SOUTH AFRICA TO JOIN THE ANC. EARLIER
THIS MONTH MORE THAN A HUNDRED AND FIFTY OF THESE PERSONS
LEFT LESOTHO FOR ZAMBIA.

THE SITUATION SET OUT ABOVE WOULD APPEAR TO INDICATE THAT
LESOTHO HAS NOT CARRIED OUT ITS DECLARED UNDERTAKING TO PRE-
VENT ITS TERRITORY FROM BEING USED AS A SPRINGBOARD FOR
TERRORIST ACTIVITIES DIRECTED AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA. LESOTHO
HAS REPEATEDLY IN THE PAST BEEN REQUESTED TO PUT A STOP TO
TERRORIST OPERATIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA AND HER PEOPLE FROM
LESOTHO.

IT IS A CAUSE FOR REGRET THAT LESOTHO'S FAILURE TO ADDRESS
SOUTH AFRICA'S LEGITIMATE SECURITY CONCERNS, IS IMPEDING
SOUTH AFRICA'S EFFORTS TO PROMOTE POSITIVE NEIGHBOURLY RE-
LATIONS THROUGH THE WIDE RANGE OF MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL LINKS
BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

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