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TELNO 229

OF 240800Z APRIL 86

INFO PRIORITY JOHANNESBURG

INFO SAVING CAPE TOWN CONSULATE, DURBAN

MW

MY TELNO 226: ENDING OF PASS LAWS
SUMMARY

1. THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE HAS CONFIRMED THAT ALL PRISONERS HELD ON PASS LAW OFFENCES HAVE BEEN RELEASED.

DETAIL

2. IN A SEPARATE STATEMENT ON 23 APRIL, THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE, MR COETSEE, CONFIRMED THAT INSTRUCTIONS HAVE BEEN ISSUED THAT NO FURTHER PROSECUTIONS SHOULD BE MADE IN TERMS OF STATUTORY MEASURES THAT MAY RELATE TO INFILUX CONTROL AND THE PASS LAWS AS IDENTIFIED IN THE GOVERNMENT'S WHITE PAPER.

3. THE MINISTER ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN PRISON SERVICE HAD MADE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR PRISONERS SENTENCED UNDER THOSE MEASURES TO BE RELEASED.

4. THE NUMBER OF SENTENCED AND AWAITING TRIAL PRISONERS DETAINED IN PRISONS (EXCLUDING POLICE CELLS) ON 31 MARCH 86 IN TERMS OF THOSE MEASURES IS AS FOLLOWS AND ARE AN INDICATION OF THE NUMBERS THAT WILL NOW BE RELEASED:

- THE 72-HOUR PROVISION	25
- FAILURE TO PRODUCE REFERENCE BOOK OR OTHER DOCUMENTS	76
- IDLE AND UNDESIRABLE PERSONS (SECTION 29)	64
- PERMITS	80
TOTAL	285

5. THERE IS A POSSIBILITY OF OTHER PRISONERS BEING RELEASED EG. FOREIGNERS HELD AS PROHIBITED IMMIGRANTS.

6. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PRISONERS IN CUSTODY ON 31 MARCH WAS 113 482.

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