

COMMISSION OF INQUIRY REGARDING
THE PREVENTION OF PUBLIC VIOLENCE
AND INTIMIDATION

REPORT INTO ALLEGATIONS OF THE PRESENCE OF
RENAMO SOLDIERS IN KWAZULU

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THE STATE PRESIDENT

The Commission of Inquiry regarding the Prevention of Public Violence and Intimidation has the honour to present a report on an investigation by the Commission's Natal Investigation Team into allegations of the presence of Renamo soldiers in KwaZulu.

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CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION

15 DECEMBER 1992

Our original record on the computer gave 44 p. but our report only has 3 p. The Department of Justice's report also only has 3 p. concerning a relationship between the KwaZulu Police and Renamo soldiers.

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REPORT TO THE STATE PRESIDENT ON AN INVESTIGATION BY THE COMMISSION'S NATAL INVESTIGATION TEAM INTO ALLEGATIONS OF THE PRESENCE OF RENAMO SOLDIERS IN KwaZulu

1. At the end of September 1992 it was widely reported in the press that the ANC had alleged a presence of Renamo soldiers in KwaZulu. Northern Natal leaders of the ANC stated that they had received the information from KwaZulu policemen. Their presence was linked to alleged hit squad training.
2. The allegations were thoroughly investigated by Major F Dutton and his team including the active participation of Attorney David Pistorius and Superintendent P Brihl, the Danish policeman who is assisting the Commission.
3. It appears from the investigation that during August 1992 approximately ten armed men were seen at a bar at Nseleni. They were black and spoke Portuguese. What they were doing there it has not been possible to ascertain. There appears to be no doubt that the presence of these men in KwaZulu was the sole origin of the belief or rumour concerning a relationship between the KwaZulu Police and Renamo soldiers.
4. The report to the Commission from the Natal Investigation Team shows that no trace could be found of any Renamo or any other foreign troops or men under arms anywhere in KwaZulu. It is not considered necessary or appropriate to set out the detail of the investigations made by the Unit. Suffice it to say that Major Dutton and his men checked on every report and lead given to them. Their investigation included a surprise visit to a training camp of the KwaZulu Police.

5. The Commission requested the KwaZulu Police to furnish it with a report of any investigation conducted by it into the alleged Renamo soldiers. It has been informed by the Commissioner of the KwaZulu Police that their investigations revealed no substantiation for the allegations. He has also assured the Commission that the KwaZulu Police has no involvement in hit squad activities.

6. On the basis of the investigation carried out by its Natal Investigation Team the Commission is of the view that, on the basis of the evidence thus far presented, there is no justification for the allegations of a Renamo connection with the KwaZulu Police, whether officially or unofficially, or of the presence of Renamo soldiers in KwaZulu. If further evidence is placed before the Commission it will immediately be investigated.