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 DAY LEAD BUDGET

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CANBERRA (CP) - A "WIDENING AND TIGHTENING OF SANCTIONS" IS NEEDED TO EXERT PRESSURE ON SOUTH AFRICA; SAID AN UPDATED REPORT PRESENTED TODAY TO COMMONWEALTH FOREIGN MINISTERS ON THE IMPACT OF PRETORIA'S ACTIONS AGAINST NEIGHBORING STATES.

THE REPORT SAID MORE THAN 1.5 MILLION PEOPLE HAVE DIED IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AS A RESULT OF SOUTH AFRICA'S MILITARY AND ECONOMIC ACTIONS - OR DESTABILIZATION CAMPAIGN - AGAINST ITS NEIGHBORS IN THE PAST EIGHT YEARS.

ANOTHER REPORT FOCUSING ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF SANCTIONS IS TO BE RELEASED LATER TODAY AT THE MEETING OF THE COMMONWEALTH COMMITTEE OF FOREIGN MINISTERS ON SOUTHERN AFRICA.

PHYLLIS JOHNSON; FORMERLY OF NORTH BATTLEFORD; SASK.; AND BRITON DAVID MARTIN ARE DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN RESEARCH AND DOCUMENTATION CENTRE IN HARARE; ZIMBABWE.

THEIR REPORT ON PRETORIA'S DESTABILIZATION CAMPAIGN WAS PRESENTED TODAY TO THE COMMITTEE OF EIGHT COMMONWEALTH FOREIGN MINISTERS; INCLUDING EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER JOE CLARK; THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN.

IT UPDATES A PRELIMINARY REPORT RELEASED FEBRUARY IN HARARE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE COMMITTEE'S PREVIOUS MEETING. THE PRELIMINARY REPORT; WHICH WAS NOT CONSIDERED A COMMONWEALTH DOCUMENT; ATTRACTED WIDESPREAD PUBLICITY BUT SOUTH AFRICA HAS SAID IT WAS "TOTALLY INCONSISTENT WITH THE FACTS."

TODAY'S REPORT FROM JOHNSON AND MARTIN WILL BE PASSED ALONG TO THE COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING IN KUALA LUMPUR; MALAYSIA; IN OCTOBER.

IN IT; THE AUTHORS SAID THE SO-CALLED FRONTLINE STATES OF MOZAMBIQUE; ZIMBABWE; ZAMBIA; BOTSWANA; ANGOLA AND TANZANIA SUFFERED ECONOMIC LOSSES EQUIVALENT TO \$54 BILLION CDN AS A RESULT OF SOUTH AFRICA'S ACTIONS.

CAUSED DEATH

THE REPORT SAID THE DEATHS OCCURRED THROUGH MILITARY ACTION; DISRUPTION OF FOOD PRODUCTION OR DELIVERY; AND THE DESTRUCTION OF HEALTH FACILITIES AND IMMUNIZATION PROGRAMS.

JOHNSON; WHO HAS LIVED IN HARARE FOR NINE YEARS; GAVE AS AN EXAMPLE AN INCIDENT THAT OCCURED ON APRIL 27.

"IN A SMALL TOWN ON THE MOZAMBIQUE-SOUTH AFRICA BORDER; THE ELECTRICITY; WHICH IS SUPPLIED FROM SOUTH AFRICA; WAS CUT TO THE TOWN DURING THE NIGHT;" JOHNSON TOLD REPORTERS.

"THE BORDER GATES OPENED AND SOUTH AFRICAN ARMY ARMORED UNITS ROLLED INTO THE TOWN AND LEVELLED IT; KILLING 10 PEOPLE IN THE PROCESS."

"INCIDENTS LIKE THIS ONE OCCUR ALL THE TIME AND ARE VERY OFTEN NEVER REPORTED;" SHE SAID.

JOHNSON AND MARTIN CONDUCTED MUCH OF THEIR OWN RESEARCH IN VISITS TO THE VARIOUS COUNTRIES; AND ALSO USED WITNESS REPORTS TO VERIFY THE DEATHS AND DAMAGE.

CANADA HAS CONTRIBUTED MORE THAN \$4 MILLION TO PROVIDE SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO THE FRONTLINE STATES; AN EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

IN ORDER TO STEM APARTHEID - SOUTH AFRICA'S RACIAL POLICIES THAT ENABLE FIVE MILLION WHITES TO CONTROL MOST ASPECTS OF THE COUNTRY WHILE THE BLACK MAJORITY IS DENIED THE VOTE AND OTHER BASIC RIGHTS - THE REPORT CALLED FOR AN INCREASE IN SANCTIONS.

THE QUESTION OF WHETHER TO INCREASE SANCTIONS OR JUST MAINTAIN EXISTING ONES HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF DEBATE AT THE THREE-DAY MEETING THAT BEGAN MONDAY.

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