

can talk and argue "peacefully".

However, the existing system is a part of the problem and the peace accord does not change this. An interdict against the KwaZulu Police failed in Kwa-Makutha because the KZP were unlikely to enforce it against themselves. In practice, when decisions are made about action to curb the violence they are not made by the people who are affected by the violence. This means that the steps taken are misdirected and half-heartedly applied.

The most recent example is the flooding of certain areas with the SA Defence Force. Their most publicised role is to confiscate illegal weapons and, in particular, automatic rifles which are being used in the conflict. It sounds very commendable until one realises that the KwaZulu government has legally issued an assortment of weaponry, including G3 automatic rifles, to tribal authorities who support the IFP.

These cannot be taken away by either the SAP or SADF as they are simply returned as property of the KwaZulu government. The short term result of applying law and order is that one side is disarmed and, in the absence of a commitment to peace, the final outcome is obvious.



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What then is the answer? Perhaps an enforceable ceasefire that includes all the weapons legally issued in Natal/KwaZulu.

It seems clear that we cannot rely on outside security forces to stabilise the situation. Until the National Party gives up sole control of the security forces, the SADF and SAP will not be acceptable nor effective. Multiparty control of the instruments of security with international observation must occur as soon as possible.

Of course for this to be achieved will take more than courage on the part of the present government. It will take good faith which, by this stage, very few believe still exists.

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