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LETTER DATED 24 JUNE 1982 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF  
SOUTH AFRICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to request that the attached article, which appeared in the  
Johannesburg Rand Daily Mail on 22 June 1982, be circulated as a document of the  
Security Council under the item "Complaint by Seychelles".

(Signed) David W. STEWARD  
Permanent Representative

Annex

Rand Daily Mail dated 22 June 1982

MERCENARIES WILL SAY THEY WERE TORTURED

by Eugene Hugo

VICTORIA. - Startling allegations about maltreatment of mercenaries are expected to emerge in the Supreme Court in the Seychelles when argument is heard in mitigation of their pleas of guilty to treason charges.

According to sworn affidavits apparently backed by medical evidence, I learnt, the men would allege:

Individuals were kicked, punched and hit with rifles while their arms and legs were bound and while they had hoods over their heads.

One mercenary was handcuffed to the roof of a vehicle and the spare-wheel, had his clothes ripped off and was carried by his legs and hair.

Several mercenaries went through as many as 10 mock executions.

One mercenary was forced into a small square box for two and a half days and questioned daily, and had to sleep and excrete there.

Handcuffs were locked so severely around their wrists that they were unable to use their hands and at least one lost the use of his hand for five weeks.

"Mind-boggling" treatment was applied in which what appeared to be television apparatus was used.

A mercenary was kicked repeatedly on a severe leg wound.

All were taken from the hospital before being declared medically fit.

Guards threatened to cut off the testicles of a mercenary and take his eyes out.

Some of the mercenaries were handcuffed to beds while they were repeatedly hit and kicked.

At one stage guards told nurses to lie flat on the floor because they were going to execute the mercenaries.

One mercenary had several fractured ribs as a result of the kicking and beating he sustained.

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Guards talking Swahili were heard to plan the shooting of some of the mercenaries until a doctor intervened.

The Rand Daily Mail has seen a doctor's report on two of the mercenaries.

The one concerns Mr. Bernard Carey, the other Mr. Aubrey Brooks.

The doctor concerned is Dr. G. W. Fosbery, a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons in England and a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons in Edinburgh.

He said of Mr. Carey: "This man was brought under my care at the Victoria Hospital on the morning of 28.11.81 under military custody and in handcuffs.

"Examination revealed multiple bruises and abrasions over the whole of his body with fractures of ribs on both sides of the chest. The radio nerve at wrist had been damaged on the left side as a result of excessively tight manacling.

"By 30.11.81 the patient had developed jaundice and fever with tenderness over the liver, but on that day at noon he was removed from hospital despite being declared medically unfit for discharge.

"His clinical state suggested a severe degree of physical assault whilst in custody prior to hospitalisation.

"Whilst in hospital he was not permitted to lie free in bed, being handcuffed to the bedframe, this at one stage being by both hands above his head even whilst under constant heavily armed guards at all times.

"He was not permitted at this time to receive any visit from outside."

The doctor made a similar report on Mr. Brooks.

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