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:AM-CUBA-SOUTH AFRICAN
WOUNDED SOUTH AFRICAN SOLDIER IN HAVANA IN SATISFACOTRY CONDTION:
HAVANA, MAY 21, REUTER - A SOUTH AFRICAN SOLDIER, JOHAN PAPENFUS, 25, WHO WAS WOULDED AND CAPTURED BY A JOINT ANGOLAN-CUBAN FORCE IN SOUTHERN ANGOLA IS NOW IN SATISFACTORY CONDITION IN A HAVANA HOSPITAL, THE CUBAN ARMED FORCES NEWSPAPER, BASTION, REPORTED SATURDAY.

THE STORY CONFIRMED THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF PAPENFUS' PRESENCE IN HAVANA MADE BY SOUTH AFRICAN DEFENCE MINISTER MAGNUS MALAN ON THURSDAY IN JOHANNESBURG. BASTION SAID THAT PAPENFUS IS A SARGEANT IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN ARMY AND COMES FROM PRETORIA.

ACCORDING TO THE CUBAN ACCOUNT, PAPENFUS WAS CRITICALLY WOUNDED ON MAY 4 IN A BATTLE IN WSOUTHWEST ANGOLA, 40 KILOMETERS FROM THE ANGOLAN-NAMIBIAN FRONTIER ON THE ANGOLAN SIDE.

BASTION SAID THAT PAPENFUS WAS SERIOUSLY WOUNDED IN THE LEFT LEG AND THIGH +WHICH REQUIRED SPECIAL TREATMENT AND RECONSTRUCITVE SURGERY WHICH IS NOT AVAILABLE IN ANGOLA.+

IT SAID THAT +PAPENFUS IS RECOVERING SATISFACTORILY IN A HAVANA HOSPTIAL AND IS RECEIVING THE HUMANITAIRAN TREATMENT WHICH OUR ARMED FORCES TRADITIONALLY GIVE TO PRISONERS OF WAR.+

BASTION SAID THE BATTLE IN WHICH PAPENFUS WAS WOUNDED WAS BETWEEN THE JOINT ANGOLAN-CUBAN FORCES AND THE SECOND COMPANY OF THE 101 BATALION OF THE SO-CALLED +NAMIBIAN TERRITORIAL FORCES.+ THE COMPANY, NICKNAMED +BRAVO+ IS MADE UP OF AFRICANS FROM NAMIBIA AND IS COMMANDED BY WHITE SOUTH AFRICAN SOLDIERS.

THE CUBAN ARMED FORCES NEWSPAPER SAID THAT DURING THE BATTLE +DOZENS OF ENEMY SOLIDERS WERE KILLED AND THE COMPANY WAS VIRTUALLY EXTERMINATED.+ IT SAID THAT THE CUBAN-ANGOLAN FORCES SUFFERED 8 CASUALITIES, FOUR DEAD AND FOUR WOUNDED, IN THE FIGHTING.
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