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SWAPO CHIEF ENDS CUBAN VISIT -- SUPPORTS PEACE EFFORTS:
HAVANA, MAY.15, REUTER - THE PRESIDENT OF THE NAMIBIAN SOUTHWEST AFRICA PEOPLES ORGANISATION (SWAPO), SAM NUJOMA, TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE SHORTLY BEFORE ENDING HIS FIVE DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO CUBA SATURDAY THAT HIS ORGANIZATION SUPPORTS THE FOUR-PARTITE CONVERSATIONS (SOUTH AFRICA, ANGOLA, UNITED STATES, CUBA) WHICH TOOK PLACE IN LONDON EARLIER THIS MONTH.

NAMIBIA WAS REPRESENTED AT THE LONDON TALKS BY ANGOLA AND CUBA. NUJOMA SAID THAT SWAPO IS READY TO PARTICIPATE DIRECTLY IN FUTURE CONVERSATIONS. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT +THE BANDITS OF UNITA+: THE ANGOLAN COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY GROUP SUPPORTED BY SOUTH AFRICA: WILL NEVER BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE DIRECTLY IN THE CONVERSATIONS.

ONE OF THE MAJOR DEMANDS OF ANGOLA AND CUBA AT THE LONDON TALKS WAS THE APPLICATION OF U.N RESOLUTION 435 OF 1978 WHICH CALLS FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS FROM NAMIBIA AND THE CELEBRATION OF FREE ELECTIONS IN THE SOUTHWEST AFRICAN NATION.

THE AFRICAN LEADER REVEALED THAT THE ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT HAS OFFERED CLEMENCY TO UNITA SOLDIERS WHO HAVE SURRENDED AND HAS OFFERED THEM JOBS.

NUJOMA, WHO ARRIVED IN CUBA FOLLOWING A TOUR OF THE UNITED STATES, SAID HE IS RETURNING TO AFRICA +TO ACCELERATE THE INDEPENDENCE OF NAMIBIA AND END TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN OCCUPATION THERE.+ [redacted]

THE SWAPO LEADER SAID THAT SOUTH AFRICA IS FACING AN INTERNAL CRISIS AND THAT THERE ARE LEGISLATORS THERE WHO ASK WHY SOUTH-AFRICANS ARE DYING IN ANGOLA AND NAMIBA. HE SAID THAT SOUTH AFRICA IS NOT IN A POSITION TO PREVENT THE INDEPENDENCE OF NAMIBIA BUT IT CAN RETARD IT.
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