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ONLY the unconditional dismantling of apartheid can bring about peace in South Africa, the national publicity secretary of the United Democratic Front, Mr Terror Lekota said in a statement yesterday.

"Mr Botha and his NP colleagues must make up their minds whether they will seek a peaceful solution to South Africa's problems or not."

In the past, the UDF had stated that it had no formal or informal links with the ANC, other than the historical fact that both organizations were of South African origin and were opposed to apartheid, he said.

"We reiterate this

"It is irrelevant whether the UDF and the ANC



called for a national convention. What matters is whether that suggestion can bring about a democratic and non-racial constitution for this country in a reasonably peaceful fashion, or whether Mr Botha will allow his army and police to continue to shoot and kill black children for the preservation of apartheid.

"Mr Botha has conceded that 'real grievances existed which created unrest among black people'. The UDF has asserted that his new dispensation fails to solve those problems.

"It is a lie that the UDF is intent on precipitating revolution. We are determined to see real change rather than such massacres as at Uitenhage."

Nor could the UDF be blamed for the deteriorating economic situation, he said.

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