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KATHA LEADER SLAMS 'REFORM

THE HAGUE - South Africa's constitutional changes are "a recipe for violence", says Chief Gatsha Buthelezi.

Speaking at a Press conference in the Netherlands on Friday after talks with Dutch Foreign Secretary Willem van Eerkeren, Chief Buthelezi said the proposed -chamber parliamentary system had y closed the door on political participation by blacks, and would inevitably lead to an escalation of violence.

Pleading for non-violent resistance to:

the Government's homelands policy, Netherlands, was hypocritical in its atti-Chief Buthelezi said he could not, however, condemn ANC members for their use of violence.

"We are comrades in the same struggle," he added.

He had requested clemency for the three ANC members executed last week for bomb attacks, he said, because "they were not ordinary criminals"

Chief Buthelezi told the Dutch Foreign Secretary that the West, including the

tude towards the conflict in South Africa.

Instead of simply denouncing apartheid, the West should give concrete financial assistance, possibly channeled through the church, to the black population for things like health and education.

He praised the Netherlands' abandonment of its cultural treaty with South Africa - "black South Africans never did benefit from it" - but added that economic sanctions achieved very little.

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