

**REQUEST ON THE RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS**

On 07 August 1987 the Japanese Government conveyed to the South African Consul-General in Tokyo the following demarche:

"The Japanese Government deplores the recent detention of UDF leaders by the South African Government, as the move counters the Japanese Government's contention that apartheid has to be urgently abolished by negotiation and dialogue.

The Japanese Government repeatedly seeks from the South African Government a release of all political prisoners including Nelson Mandela, and urges the South African Government to make an accelerated effort in bringing about negotiated settlement through talks."

Dear Azhar,

1. above Japanese govt's have stopped short of making it public for reasons. I shall elaborate when we meet.
2. Embargoed one will be telexed to rev. Chikane.

PS please pay attention to a new venue in JHB for Tuesday lunch

PCS please scrap this memo after you finish reading.

Always. Koichi