

street corner kangaroo courts to pass life and death sentences over adults and then to carry out executions through the hideous method of stoning and "necklacing."

Those who have not themselves been involved in such activity, know those who have and have been subjected to socialisation forces which attempt to make this kind of behaviour justifiable and normal.

Inkatha's approach to negotiations

There is a whole new generation which will have to be inducted into democratic values.

Dr Buthelezi, in all his meetings with Government and other political leaders in South Africa and internationally, has stressed that the Inkatha Freedom Party is "adamant" that negotiations must become an instrument of reconciliation.

"There is so much to salvage in South Africa that we can negotiate towards the

definition of common cause. We will only do so, however, if we tackled the fear question boldly and accept that apartheid is so doomed that we do not need political adventurism or any form of extremism to strengthen the fight for democratic ideals," he says.

South Africa should avoid winner-takes-all politics and negotiations should not be turned into arenas where all-or-nothing political battles are fought.

Inkatha envisages that negotiations should be turned into a political process in which opposition politics and political alliances demand that the South African Government legislates the negotiated agreements into position as they are reached.

This would avoid winner-takes-all politics and would avoid forcing South Africans, both black and white, to agree to leap into some kind of black constitutional and political abyss.

"Apartheid is so doomed and there is so much that South Africans could discover in common cause, that the politics of negotiation should provide them with the opportunity of doing just this," says Dr Buthelezi.

Let's talk – and do what is right for SA

Delegations of the Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) and the Conservative Party met in Durban recently.

The talks were held the day after the IFP held substantial talks with the State President and a delegation of the SA Government in Pretoria on how negotiations can be commenced as soon and as effectively as possible.

In a memorandum for discussion prepared for Dr AP Treurnicht and the Conservative Party delegation, Dr Buthelezi said he hoped the political relationship between the two parties would remain normal.

"It is my hope that we will be able to debate with each other and compete with each other in the political market place because that is going to be an inevitability," he said.

Dr Treurnicht was "free to campaign" for a national endorsement of his policies but Dr Buthelezi felt the Conservative Party would find it "extremely difficult" to gain any kind of substantial support for its policies across colour lines.

He told Dr Treurnicht: "For me we can avoid the tragedy of either whites combining to thrash a black government, or blacks combining to thrash a white government. We should not allow this tragedy because there is so much that we have in common.

"There really are prospects of us achieving the kind of political settlement in which the majority of every race group in this country will end up being governed in the



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way they agree to be governed, however they would like to be governed somewhat differently.

"There will have to be the give and take that will make this possible. Groups are real in South Africa and they can make real building blocks in a united South Africa.

"Group identity can remain important and we can have a multi-party democracy in which there is one sovereign Parliament and the rule of law supervised by a truly independent judiciary which guarantees the continuity of that which is negotiated into position..."