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## AI RESPONSE TO BANNING OF POLITICAL IMPRISONMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA BY SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT ON JANUARY 26, 1978

Amnesty International strongly condemns the South African Government's action yesterday in banning the 108-page report on political imprisonment in South Africa which the human rights organization published on January 18. Amnesty International said that the South African Government's action was not unexpected as the report provides detailed information concerning systematic torture, political imprisonment and widespread human rights violations in South Africa. However, it was particularly regrettable that the people of South Africa would now be deprived by their government of the opportunity to find out what is done in their name against those who seek to remove the injustices of apartheid.

Amnesty International said that it had received no official response to the report from the South African Government, "Once again, when confronted with the facts, Mr. Vorster's government takes refuge in censorship and seeks to suppress the truth."