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INFO IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON, UKMIS NEW YORK, CAPE TOWN, PRETORIA
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PRIME MINISTER: VISIT TO NAMIBIA

1. THE PRIME MINISTER MADE A VERY SUCCESSFUL VISIT TO NAMIBIA TODAY, 1 APRIL, THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT OF WHICH WAS THE EFFORT WHICH HAD TO BE MADE TO SALVAGE THE NAMIBIA AGREEMENT (REPORTED SEPARATELY).
2. ON HER ARRIVAL THE PRIME MINISTER WAS GREETED BY THE UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE (AHTISAARI), THE UNTAG FORCE COMMANDER (GENERAL PREM CHAND) AND THE ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL (PIENAAR). SHE HAD A FIRST DISCUSSION WITH THEM ON THE PLANE TO EROS AIRPORT NEAR THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE UK SIGNALS CONTINGENT SERVING WITH UNTAG.
3. THE PRIME MINISTER AND MR THATCHER THEN VISITED AND HAD LUNCH WITH THE UK SIGNALS CONTINGENT IN THEIR BASE CAMP. THE PRIME MINISTER EXPRESSED HER CONDOLENCES ON THE DEATH OF TWO OF THE SIGNALLERS IN A ROAD ACCIDENT ON 31 MARCH. HER VISIT TO THE SIGNALLERS AT THIS TIME WAS ENORMOUSLY APPRECIATED BY THEM.
4. THE PRIME MINISTER THEN VISITED THE ROSSING MINING COMPANY. SHE SAW AT FIRST HAND AND WAS GREATLY IMPRESSED BY THE HOUSING, WELFARE AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMMES PROVIDED FOR THE EMPLOYEES AND WAS GREETED WITH GREAT FRIENDLINESS WHEREVER SHE WENT IN THE TOWNSHIP OF ARANDIS. SHE VISITED THE MINE AND MET THE ENTIRE BRITISH MANAGEMENT TEAM.
5. ON HER RETURN TO WINDHOEK, THE PRIME MINISTER OPENED THE BRITISH LIAISON OFFICE, WHICH BEGAN FUNCTIONING TODAY. SHE THEN HAD A LONG MEETING WITH THE ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL, AHTISAARI AND PREM CHAND, FOLLOWED BY A SEPARATE MEETING WITH PIK BOTHA WHICH LED TO THE AGREEMENT ON ACTION TO DEAL WITH SWAPO INCURSIONS WHICH THREATENED TO DE-RAIL THE UN PLAN ON THE FIRST DAY OF ITS IMPLEMENTATION. THE PRIME MINISTER ACHIEVED THE RARE FEAT OF BEING CONGRATULATED WARMLY ON HER EFFORTS TO SUPPORT THE UN PLAN BY PIK BOTHA, THE ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL, AHTISAARI AND PREM CHAND. THE ESCORT THROUGHOUT (EXCEPT IN THE ROSSING MINE) WAS PROVIDED BY THE UK SIGNALS CONTINGENT IN THEIR UNTAG VEHICLES. NOT A SINGLE SWAPO DEMONSTRATOR MATERIALISED