

GENOCIDE AGAINST” NEW LIGHT OF THE WORLD” ADVENTIST CHURCH OF PASTOR / PROPHET JOSE JULINO KALUPETEKA

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ORIGINS OF THE “NEW LIGHT OF THE WORLD” CHURCH

The “New Light of the World” Adventist Church, particularly its Prophet / Pastor Kalupeteka, has been preaching for roughly 12 years. During this time there has been quite a bit of controversy surrounding their teaching, of particular note are the following:

- They do not approve of tithing and other doctrinal principles of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.
- They disapprove of the worship of ancestors, which is practiced among the Ovimbundo ethnic groups and consists of paying homage and worshipping the skulls of ancient chiefs (The Akokoto). This conflicts with traditional cultures and the teachings of traditional leaders.
- They have sensitised their followers to not take part in public events and campaigns such as the population census, a vaccination drive against polio and political events. (This is similar to Jehovah's Witnesses.)

RELATIONSHIP WITH THE STATE-GOVERNMENT OF HUAMBO PROVINCE

Due to Pr. Kalupeteka’s high capacity of the mobilisation and communication with supporters, he was invited, by the Provincial Directorate of Culture, to receive a monthly salary of 280,000 kwanzas. He promptly refused this offer.

The Provincial Government offered Kalupeteka three cars, the most recent of which was a brand new Land-CruiserV8 bi-turbo. Though he accepted the cars he didn’t use them or change his discourse. However, he has never spoken out against the State and has never been affiliated with any political parties.

MILITARY INTERVENTION FOLLOWING THE ISSUE OF A WARRANT FOR THE ARREST OF PROPHET KALUPETEKA BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC IN BIE

On the morning of the 16th of April, the Commander of the Rapid Intervention Police (RIP) was asked to enlist his most ‘specialised and competent men’ to quickly capture the Prophet Kalupeteka, in an Intelligence and Counterintelligence intervention. The Municipal Commander of the National Police in Caala and the Municipal Delegate of Intelligence & State Security Services headed up the team who carried out the arrest.

Two RIP teams were set up, consisting of Anti-Riot and Anti-Terror specialists. Anti-Disorder Specialists are trained to work in urban settings using non-lethal means, such as tear gas

pumps, shields, batons or clubs. Anti-Riot Specialists are trained to kill targets using any means possible. Their motto is "the enemy should never be allowed to retaliate"; they only cease fire when their targets are confirmed dead. These two teams, of c.100 armed men, were assisted by the Municipal Commander of the National Police in Caala. The Commander of Operations, RIP's main instructor and other men, in a total of 12, went ahead.

The Municipal Delegate of SINSE / SINFO (Angolan Information Services) was the first to enter Kalupeteka's camp. His mission was to make them aware that a peaceful, non-violent police visit was imminent, and that they should be welcomed. He presented himself as a fellow follower of the New Light of the World Adventist Church.

Pastor Kalupeteka and his followers' camp consisted of adobe houses, tent-like huts, Pastor Kalupeteka's house, reception houses, food stores, furniture stores, a car parking, two dams, a medical center, a mill and an excavator truck. This community, of about three thousand men, women and children, was in a forest on the mountain of SUMI. The settlement was continually growing as more and more pilgrims arrived from different parts of the Central Highlands, to reflect on recent events in Bié and Benguela, live in peace and achieve a state of heightened alertness.

When the two RIP teams approached the foot of the mountain, at a distance of 400 meters, ready for combat, they met total silence. The camp appeared to be uninhabited. The police operation commenced, entering in two files, as if in an ambush. The SINFO delegate, accompanied by the Chief of Police of the village Kilometer 25 (who is suspected of being a member of the Church because he miraculously came out alive, without being seen), then entered the camp by car. 45 minutes later, a Dodge car filled with officers, led by the Municipal Police Commander of Caala, passed by the police forces saying that the SINFO delegate, who was already inside the Church, requested the Commander and his officers to join him inside the camp in order to carry out peaceful negotiations with the religious leaders. The Commander, accompanied by 10 armed officers, entered the camp in two cars. Two other colleagues, who were already inside the camp, joined them so they totaled 12. 40 minutes later, at about 14.00, there had been no news from inside the church, about the dialogue that was supposedly taking place. At this time, while the RIP formed a V defensive scheme with their shields nearby, four special agents forced entry into the church in order to assault and capture Kalupeteka. However, none of them were able to identify him, and so were forced to ask the crowd to do so.

Control within the camp deteriorated as an attempt was made to forcibly handcuff Kalupeteka and some of the other religious leaders. As the RIP forces at the front approached the centre of the camp, they saw civilian men beating the team of four special agents that had been sent previously with sticks; the agents were lying on the floor, unconscious. The first group who had entered the camp, which was missing, was presumed to have been taken hostage inside the one of the houses. At this point the RIP opened fire. They advanced, armed with shields, to rescue the missing leaders.

MASSACRE

Shots were fired directed at men, women and children. No shots were fired in retaliation by the Church members. On the contrary, they started singing hymns and shouting "our weapon is the Bible, Jesus is our protector". This enraged the police officers who started to fire incessantly at the huts and houses, advancing as people fell. The Church members did not flee. They held their ground and kept shouting "You kill us with guns and we kill you with the Bible". The police felt threatened by this because they understood that they were bulletproof, though many of them were dying, the men and women were not retreating but rather advancing towards the police, shouting and singing hymns loudly. Some died, others were wounded, but they kept on singing and evoking Jesus Christ and the Bible until they reached the police barrier and attacked two policemen. They decapitated them right in front of the other officers, who continued to shoot. On seeing the bravery of the Church members, who were only armed with machetes, sticks and bibles, the Chief of Police Operations, Commander of the 3rd company, ordered the police to stand down, as he requested more FAA forces. However, no one obeyed the order; they retreated slightly but continued firing. Kalupetek's followers kept falling, they did not run to escape.

An hour later two FAA Kamaze military trucks arrived. These trucks were built for war. They were under the command of Brigadier Hiorque and Colonel Paulo César from the Military Counterintelligence. They opened fire using their sophisticated weapons, firing in all directions. First they used the 82 mm mortar, then a RPG-7 rocket launcher and the ZU-4. Bullets were fired in all directions, they almost cut the grass. The only chance of survival was to hide underground. The barrage of fire was such that the religious songs slowed; the choir no longer sang in unison but it was still possible to hear those singing in the huts. The Church members began to withdraw towards the East and Southeast, to the banks of the River Kunhoñgamwa, carrying the dead and dragging the wounded. It is assumed that it was at this time that Kalupeteka left the camp.

RESPITE AND WAR RESET

The massacre continued up until 6 pm. Even at the end, the Church members were still shouting Jesus's name. They were also calling for the police to come and fetch the bodies of their leaders: "Please stop shooting and enter the camp to take the bodies of your leaders".

They entered the camp whilst still shooting. It was getting dark and the bodies were scattered making it impossible to differentiate between the police and Church members. Using their phones, they were able to identify the SINFO delegate; he had been cut, mortally wounded, and was lying next to his car. The delegate from the Caala Police had been cut in half and was also lying next to his car. The remaining dead had not had their weapons taken off them; they had a gun by their side and handcuffs at their waist. The surviving Church members were asked why they did not use fire weapons. Their response was that the only weapons they needed were Jesus Christ and the Bible.

Whilst identifying the bodies, the police came across a long line of bodies that had been stacked up. During the attack, the Church members had covered them with abandoned clothes and linens. On closer inspection by the police and the FAA, they found that some were still alive and conscious. Chief Pinto (RIP Head of Finance in Huambo), along with some other policemen took up machetes at this point and started attacking any Church

member they could see who was still alive. They killed each and every one of them, with knives and guns. They kept firing long after they knew they were dead.

There were some Church members still alive in the huts, which had not fled but were hiding under their beds, and in corners like “rats”, as described by the military. Despite the darkness, the police continued the killing spree; they were also attacked in the process. Once more, reinforcements arrived. The fight continued through the night and into the morning of the 17th April. During the night, many of the bodies and the wounded were evacuated by Church members as they escaped from the camp.

A NEW BLOODY DAY HAS DAWNED

The FAA chased the fugitives as they fled the camp, heading East and Southwest, carrying the dead and wounded women and children. A Motorized Brigade arrived to back up the RIP team. At dawn, they were able to confirm that all the Police Chiefs had been killed with machetes, except the Commander of the Police of Caala, who had been killed by friendly fire through the eye, most likely by a RIP colleague. The Church members had not used guns, only machetes, axes and picks but there was evidence that they had also attacked the Commander with machetes.

While the bodies were being collected and the Police Chiefs identified, a hut to hut search was conducted to round up anyone left alive. Chief Pinto (whose behaviour during the massacre had inspired admiration from his colleagues, who said they didn't know that he was such a killer) instructed the men to not use guns but rather machetes and axes to kill the wounded men, women and children, who continued to sing and quote Jesus Christ from within the huts. Only death broke their singing. The men found a group of young people with broken legs, unable to walk. They had been locked in a house by the fleeing Church members. When asked if they had weapons, they said that they were Christians and killed with the Bible; their weapon was Jesus Christ and they were willing to die for him. Chief Pinto asked them to hand over their young, which they did. He then told them the following: As you killed our Commander and Officers with machetes, you will receive the same fate. Then he began to knife them to death.

Next door to Kalupeteka's house, which was the most extravagant home on the complex, there was a medical post. The men entered and found a warehouse full of enough drugs to fill a truck. They also found some wounded people hiding there, who they massacred on the spot. The drugs were taken to the Commander.

THE LOOTING OF CHURCH MEMBERS PROPERTY

Kalupeteka owned seven cars, including a Land-Cruiser Bi-Turbo that he had been given by the Huambo Provincial Governor. He also had an excavator tractor and an industrial generator that provided light to the camp. The excavator tractor and two of the cars, including a Mitsubishi Canter truck were immediately burned by the Forces.

The motorized brigade continued searching the grounds and was lucky enough: they found the Church safe, containing all the Church's funds. There were four thick wads of US dollars and mountains 5000 and 2000 kwanzas notes. They divided the money amongst themselves; many took 500,000, others 1 million each. A dispute between the Commanders of the motor brigade and the RIP ensued over who should take the Land-Cruiser Bi-Turbo, a brand new with only broke windows caused by gunfire. A number of fridges were also sent to the RIP offices. A lot of cassava flour, beans, other food stuffs and a lot of mineral water were also found. The Commander of the RIP ordered his unit to take it all.

It was clear that Kalupeteka's congregation had a good quality of life. In the words of the troops "that bastard knew how to pamper his people and was much loved, like Savimbi". It is commonly believed that Kalupeteka hired 80 beautiful girls to 'look after' any visitors to the camp.

Many CDs, bags of clothes, blankets, sheets and goats were also found, some of which had only just been brought to the camp by pilgrims from other parts of the country. All these items were all burned.

Laptops, phones and a lot of mobile top up cards for UNITEL and MOVICEL were divided up among the men to take home.

Nearly 550 motorcycles, of various brands, were also found and the Commander ordered them all to be burned, however, only about 30 bikes were. The rest, which were brand new, were stolen by the FFA and taken to the city.

ARREST OF KALUPETEKKA

Kalupeteka did not flee during the massacre. He accompanied the wounded, and evacuated the dead, on foot. He was caught by the FAA in the village of NGONGOWINGA, 20 minutes from Huambo airport. He had almost arrived at the city by the time he was caught.

Had Kalupeteka been caught by the RIP he would have certainly been killed on the spot but, as he was caught by the FAA, he was taken into custody. He is being treated as a highly dangerous prisoner.

The Church of Kalupeteka is considered a political-military movement, to be persecuted and decimated. Its followers are enemies of the state, to be eliminated.

OUTCOMES OF THE MILITARY ATTACK

Eight high rank officers were killed during the attack and figures of the number wounded officers have not been released. The police lost the battle.

The police now have understood how much better prepared the FAA are for war, than the police.

Huambo province has been declared a highly dangerous province that should, as such, be dealt with differently to other provinces.

RECOMENDATIONS AND GUIDELINES FROM THE GENERAL COMMAND OF THE NATIONAL POLICE, PROVIDED BY SECOND GENERAL COMMANDER PAULO GASPAR DE ALMEIDA ON BEHALF OF THE GENERAL COMMANDER AMBRÓSIO DE LEMOS

On the 19th or 20th April, the Deputy General Commander of Police, Paulo de Almeida, gave the police the following instructions:

The Police must carry out undercover searches of hospitals, clinics and public and private medical centers to locate the injured. Once found, and identified as followers of Kalupeteka, they must be killed at once.

The Police should also carry out searches throughout suburban and countryside villages to identify funeral ceremonies and those who may be holding bodies of followers, their family members should be killed mercilessly.

Followers of Kalupeteka are enemies of the State. They are a guerrilla movement that is attempting to sabotage the 2017 elections. They must be totally destroyed within the next six months. Police helicopters and FAA aircraft should patrol mountains, villages and forests and destroy any splinter groups they find.

Throughout Angola, all demonstrations and acts of disobedience towards the authorities should be met with a bullet. RIP should stop carrying riot gear, such as tear gas and clubs, and start using technical anti-terror equipment that is designed to kill. When events occur that require police intervention, the front line should use shields and tear gas to lead the opponents to believe that we are not heavily armed. The back lines should be heavily armed with anti-terror equipment that will under no circumstances fail.

Police officers will receive training on new defense techniques and should be carrying guns. Any citizen who shows contempt towards authority should be shot dead.

Following the events of the last few days, with the Prophet Kalupeteka's Church, the police have entered a new phase in military operational history, where no tolerance should be shown, even in public. Any contempt should lead to death.

The police should map Huambo in five parts and undertake permanent surveillance. The FAA should teach the RIP new techniques, used by the UAT-Anti-Terror Unit and the Delta Unit, allowing them to patrol every corner of Huambo.

FOLLOW UP GUIDELINES

On April 20th, helicopters that flew over the cities of Londuimbali and Ekunha claim that they were able to identify and disperse KALUPETEKA's splinter groups.

Yesterday, in the Catata district, the FAA found followers of the Kalupeteka Church in seven different locations, digging trenches. Though they fought back, they were killed on the spot.

In the "Germany market" in Huambo, several followers of the Church of Kalupeteka, were arrested for selling music associated with the Church. They are being held in military custody, the whereabouts of which is unknown.

Some of the police officers who were killed have relatives who belong to the Church of Kalupeteka, who were also killed. Widespread discontent, confusion and dissent among the police and citizens are feared, which has led to increased surveillance, suspicion and increased involvement by intelligence and counterintelligence services.

Many local Police and Army officers will be forced to resign in the following days and improvement of the relationship between RIP and the FAA is a priority, as was the case in wartime in Huambo.

Finally, Kalupeteka's followers should not be allowed to mourn their dead or care for their wounded. They should die where they are found.

Every potential Kalupeteka's followers should be caught and killed. They use a secret password and are easily identifiable as they attend New Light of the World Adventist Churches. We therefore expect a high response.

Yours sincerely,

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