

all non-essential personnel from its embassy in Cairo.

The International Relations Department of South Africa was quoted

for department said in a statement.

However, a report by NAN and Reuters said Israel's Government on

was quoted as expressing the hope that the appointment of Adli Mansour would lead to the restoration of contacts with Cairo.

Customs boss orders arrest of killer operatives

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THE Comptroller-General of Nigeria Customs Service, Mr. Abdullahi Dikko, on Thursday ordered the immediate handing over of the Customs officer, who allegedly killed a 30-year-old car dealer, Uririnke Onojorheovwo, in Lagos, to the police.

The PUNCH had reported on Thursday that the deceased was shot and killed by men of the NCS at Iyana Ipaja area of the state on June 16, 2013.

In his reaction, the CG, in a statement by the Deputy Public Relations Officer, Mr. Joseph Attah, in Abuja, ordered that the killer be handed over to the police immediately.

The statement stated that the CG directed the Customs Area Controller of the Federal Operation Unit, Zone A, to hand over the officer for a thorough and unbiased investigation.

The statement read, "The management of the Nigeria Customs Service has expressed total disapproval of the circumstances that led to the death of Uririnke Onojorheovwo.

"The accused was accused of car smuggling by the Customs Patrol men in Lagos but we are more interested in who killed him and why he was killed.

"The Comptroller-General read with shock the online version of the sad story in far away Brussels, where he is attending the Policy Commission Meeting of the World Customs Organisation.

"He expressed dismay over the apparent disregard for his directives to enforcement officers not to erect checkpoints or operate within the hinterland."

gathered in Cairo's Nasr City, surrounded by army vehicles, a day after he was overthrown by the military.

Meanwhile, Egypt's prosecutor has ordered the arrest of the Muslim Brotherhood's leader, thus widening a crackdown against the Islamist movement after the army ousted the country's first democratically elected president.

Amidst the arrest order, Egypt's new interim leader, Adli Mansour, on Thursday used his inauguration to hold out an olive branch to the Brotherhood.

He said, "The Muslim Brotherhood are part of this people and are invited to participate in building the nation as nobody will be excluded, and if they respond to the invitation, they will be welcomed."