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S. African Archbishop Desmond Tutu hospitalized for infection

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USPA News - South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu, who was awarded the 1984 Nobel Peace Prize for his leadership role in the campaign to end the apartheid, was hospitalized on Wednesday to undergo tests and to receive treatment for an infection. Tutu, 81, was hospitalized at an undisclosed hospital in Cape Town on Wednesday afternoon after spending the morning with members of staff at the offices of the Desmond and Leah Tutu Legacy Foundation.

A photograph released by the foundation showed Tutu looking well and smiling as he sat in a chair at the office. Spokesman Roger Friedman said Tutu checked into the hospital to receive non-surgical treatment of a `persistent infection` and to undergo tests to discover the underlying cause. "He was in good spirits and full of praise for the care he receives from an exceptional team of doctors," he said, adding that the treatment is expected to take five days. Now officially retired but often referred to as South Africa`s moral guide, the Anglican cleric was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1984 for his role as a unifying leader figure in the campaign to end the apartheid in the country. At the time he was General Secretary of the South African Council of Churches.

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