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4 hacked and set alight in Natal

Staff Reporters

At least 20 people have been killed in violence around the country since Sunday.

Among those injured was Constable Helmut Schubert (22) who lost an eye when wounded in the head by an unknown gunman in Meadowlands, Soweto, on Sunday. His condition is described as critical.

In the worst attack on Sunday night, four people were hacked to death and set alight in Inanda, Natal.

Also in Natal, the ANC and the IFP are at loggerheads over the killing of two IFP-aligned traditional headmen in the past two weeks. The latest killing was that of Washington Duke Sosibo, who was shot in Richmond on Friday.

Another headman, Fana Ntini, whose wife and four children were shot in the district the previous weekend.

IFP spokesman Ed Tillett yesterday said Mr Sosibo’s killing was “part of an assassination programme activated in the Natal Midlands by MK – the military wing of the ANC.”

ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus said: “This is an unsubstantiated allegation. The ANC is against the use of violence because we’re in favour of a negotiated settlement.”

At least five people were killed and three injured on the Reef on Sunday. Two of the attacks involved train commuters.

The body of an unidentified man, apparently thrown from a train, was found at Johannesburg’s Jeppe station with a bullet wound in the back.

At the same station, a seriously injured Elias Mafao of Orlando East, Soweto, was found after he was thrown from a train. He was taken to the Hillbrow Hospital.

In Alexandra yesterday, an unidentified man was stabbed and hacked to death in 17th Avenue, and another, also unidentified, was found with knife wounds in 8th Avenue.
IFP man shot dead

ANOTHER traditional headman - and a local organiser of the Inkatha Freedom Party - has been shot and killed in Richmond.

He was Mr Washington Duke Sosibo, who was gunned down as he left a supermarket in the town on Friday.

This follows the deaths of another induna, Mr Pana Nzingane, his wife and four children, who were shot in the district the previous weekend by a gang of men masquerading as policemen.

Sosibo, who worked at the Richmond Magistrate's Court, was shot twice in his head as he left the supermarket at about 4pm. - Sowetan Correspondent.
Probesuspended
after hostel attack

MOOIRIVER — Violence exploded in Bruntville yesterday and the Bruntville hostel committee suspended co-operation with a Goldstone Commission committee following two hand grenade attacks on the hostel.

The committee reconvened yesterday to continue an investigation into ongoing political violence in Mooi River after an inquiry last month had been postponed.

Commission proceedings were abruptly halted after news of the attacks. The chairman, Professor Dirk van Zyl Smit, rushed to Bruntville to investigate reported threats of retaliatory attacks by hostel dwellers.

The Bruntville hostel committee announced later it had suspended all "voluntary" cooperation with the commission because of the hand grenade attacks.

One person was slightly injured in the explosions which the Inkatha Freedom Party blamed on the African National Congress. Bruntville residents and ANC members denied involvement in the attacks.

Running gunbattles greeted reporters as they entered the township at midday yesterday.

One reporter had earlier been chased by angry hostel dwellers.

Professor van Zyl Smit said his committee had spoken to the inmates and had urged restraint.

Police reinforcements had been urgently requested, township administrator Peter Breytenbach said.

The Inkatha Freedom Party's Midlands representative, Philip Powell, told the Goldstone Commission that IFP hostel dwellers were opposed to taking part in the inquiry following the attacks.

An IFP information centre spokesman said two hand grenades were tossed at the Bruntville hostel and the old Bruntville community hall, which was housing at least 20 refugees displaced from their homes, at about 8 am yesterday.

IFP member Mhanelwa Habede was said to have sustained minor injuries in the attack.

The spokesman said the suspension would be lifted "once the ANC in the area have agreed to a ceasefire and a moratorium on hostilities".

The ANC representative to the commission, John Jeffrey, said ANC supporters in the township had no knowledge of the hand grenade attacks.

The situation in the township remained tense yesterday afternoon with groups from opposing ANC and IFP factions gathering in separate parts of the township. There were sporadic gunshots.

ANC, IFP and the commission's officials intervened throughout the day to avoid bloodshed.

Professor van Zyl Smit spent most of the morning speaking to hostel dwellers and said the commission would decide later yesterday whether it would continue.
Clash, averted!

By Committee

Volunteers to monitor army raids

protests and police raids

OPERATIONAL details of 500 all-African volunteers, who have been deployed in the Ngwanzi and Dabula areas to monitor army raids and protect civilians, were announced last week. The monitors are part of a joint operation between the ANC and the South African Police Services (SAPS). They will patrol the area, providing feedback to the SAPS on any incidents that occur.

The volunteers, who are recruited from the local community, will work in teams of 50 and will be equipped with radios to communicate with each other and with the police. They will be responsible for reporting any suspicious activity, providing information on any army raids, and assisting the SAPS in maintaining law and order.

The operation is part of a broader strategy by the ANC to protect civilians from army raids and to ensure that the military complies with the terms of the Maseru Protocol. The volunteers will be under the command of a senior ANC official, who will coordinate their activities with the SAPS.

The deployment of the volunteers is a significant step in the ANC's efforts to strengthen its security and protect the civilian population. The volunteers will be trained in basic military skills and will be equipped with weapons to protect themselves.

The operation is expected to last for several months, with regular reviews to assess its effectiveness. The ANC and the SAPS will continue to work closely together to ensure the safety and security of the people in the area.
ANC, IFP may talk

There are strong indications that peace talks between the ANC and the IFP in the Richmond area could be revived.

Local leaders of the two organisations have confirmed that a meeting has been planned for today.

They said fresh attempts would be made to tackle pressing issues such as the resumption of normal schooling at Phathele and returning calm to the area.

There has been no normal education at the schools in the area for about three weeks since renewed violence broke out. - Sapa.
THE Natal Democratic Party Unrest Monitoring Group has rejected the move by the KwaZulu and South African Police to establish a joint disciplinary committee where members of the public could lodge complaints against the KwaZulu Police.

The Group has instead reiterated its call for an independent commission to investigate the involvement of KwaZulu Police in the violence that continues to rip the Natal region apart.

Monitor Ms Mary De Haas yesterday said the committee was a "non-starter" seeing the KwaZulu police were expected to investigate complaints against themselves.
Hope for peace in Richmond

DURBAN.—Prospects for peace in the Richmond district in Natal have been revived. (21b)

At a meeting between the Inkatha Freedom Party and the African National Congress yesterday, leaders of the two organisations committed themselves to bring about peace in the region.

The two organisations agreed the Natal KwaZulu Dispute Resolution Committee should mediate in their disputes.

They also agreed on the unconditional return of refugees from both organisations to their homes and the re-opening of schools at Phatheni.

The committee is to begin the task of bringing the parties together tomorrow, with the hope that schools will reopen on Monday.

Dispute Resolution Committee representative Mr Dominie Mitchell urged both parties to refrain from any action which could jeopardise progress. — Sapa
On-going violence in Natal-KwaZulu was leading to growing tensions in many parts of the region and there was now potential for "a serious escalation" unless far-reaching steps were taken, Democratic Party (DP) Law and Order spokesman Peter Gastrow said this week.

A member of the Police Board and the National Peace Secretariat, Mr Gastrow said what had to be addressed as a matter of urgency was the unsatisfactory policing of large parts of the Natal-KwaZulu region because of jurisdiction problems between the South African Police and the KwaZulu Police.

"Great confusion and ineffective follow-ups result from two police forces tripping over each other's feet, or remaining at arm's length in the patchwork that is called Natal-KwaZulu," he said.

Mr Gastrow said although the SAP's Internal Stability Unit (ISU) was specially trained and equipped to deal with political violence, it seemed to be deployed in KwaZulu only when requested by the KwaZulu Police to do so.

"Recent incidents of political violence have illustrated that this is an untenable situation. Red tape, a waste of critical time, lawlessness and a loss of confidence in effective policing is the result," said Mr Gastrow.

He said "numerous behind-the-scenes approaches" had been made to authorities at various levels without success, and he now appealed to President de Klerk "to take the initiative in resolving this issue."

The SAP, he said, was "the primary law-enforcement agency" in the country and therefore had to have quick and easy access to any part of the Natal-KwaZulu region.
Leader of ANC killed

Son, neighbour also die in Umlazi: 27/9/17

By Sowetan Correspondent

The killing of Umlazi African National Congress leader Mr Morris Gumede; his son and an unidentified neighbour has shocked the southern Natal region of the organisation.

The three died when a group of unknown people attacked the Gumede home with petrol bombs and firearms on Tuesday.

Gumede was shot dead while his son, Bongani, and the elderly neighbour died of burns.
Bruntville IFP to stop carrying weapons

MOOI RIVER — Inkatha supporters from Bruntville will stop carrying dangerous weapons in public from next week, a local IFP leader told a committee of the Goldstone Commission yesterday.

Bruntville IFP secretary Alex Sokhela told the committee that his party had taken the decision to lay down arms after an undertaking to the commission by the ANC on Wednesday that it would not attack Inkatha members in the township.

But he said the IFP would blame the commission's committee "should an IFP member be killed in attacks by the ANC in future".

Mr Sokhela's remarks came amid reports of the stabbing of ANC member Charlie Shabalala in Mool River yesterday. Mr Shabalala is reported to be badly injured.

Witnesses told reporters that a group of men armed with spears had stabbed a man outside a bottle store.

POlice have not yet confirmed the incident.

Local ANC leaders welcomed the IFP's decision on arms, but added that yesterday's stabbing made the undertaking hollow.

The carrying of weapons has come under severe criticism from the ANC and Mr Justice Richard Goldstone, who made recommendations that the issue be addressed urgently.

The hearing continues.

— Sapa.
Four shot dead on Natal farm

JOHANNESBURG. — Four people were brutally shot dead and five others wounded at a kraal on the farm Langabella, near Port Shepstone, on Thursday night.

The deaths brought to six the number who died in unrest on Thursday. It is believed the victims moved onto the farm, owned by a Mr A Pillay, about four months ago.

Police liaison officer Lieutenant-Colonel Ray Harvald said a man was arrested early yesterday morning for the deaths at Langabella farm.

He said five armed men had burst into a house on the farm and fired shots into a room. The gunmen proceeded to other rooms, where they fired at occupants hiding under several beds.

A policeman was shot dead at KwaMakhutha, near Durban, on Thursday afternoon.

In Uitenhage near Port Elizabeth, a man died when he opened fire on drivers of an opposing taxi group, wounding one man. Police returned fire, and the man was killed, the police unrest report said.

Police have announced that 1,600 members of SAP’s Internal Stability Division will be permanently transferred to major unrest areas in the country.

The areas included the Witwatersrand, Vaal Triangle, Soweto, Natal, Eastern Cape and the Cape Peninsula. — Sapa
Boost for Bruntville peace bid

PETER WELLMAN

MOOIRIVER — Goldstone peace committee chairman, Professor Dirk van Zyl Smit, ended a four-day hearing in Mooririver yesterday with hopes of peace in troubled Bruntville township.

After a racked first day on Tuesday, in which a belligerent Inkatha-ANC stand-off prevented the committee sitting, he was able to praise both sides for pledging peace.

Spears

The ANC's Mncedisi Mthethwa had promised no violence or attacks against the Inkatha Freedom Party, and the IFP had in turn promised to lay down its spears from Monday.

Van Zyl Smit said the committee had proposed the following measures to ensure peace prevailed in the area:

- Find a suitable person to act as a monitor to whom incidents could be reported.
- The regional dispute resolution committee hold meetings to explain its functions to all sectors of the community.
- A professional outside mediator be brought in.
ANC activist’s death is sinister, says family

WAS THIS A POLICE EXECUTION?

By FRED KHUMALO

WAS Sylvester “Baba” Mabaso brutally assassinated and his eyes gouged out by the police or was he killed when he became wild and started shooting while being searched?

The gruesome death of the Lenontville ANC activist who returned from exile two years ago has outraged residents.

Three other prominent ANC activists have died recently.

A report by a doctor instructed by the Mabaso family lawyer to be present during Mabaso’s post-mortem examination raises suspicions about the sinister circumstances under which Mabaso died.

The report says that the holes on the top shirt which Mabaso was wearing at the time do not match the holes on the bottom shirt and the holes on the body.

The report further explains that the bullet completely destroyed the left eye, went on to hit his left arm and then damaged soft tissues, including the liver.

“This could suggest that he was shot at with the left upper limb held in an elevated position. It is also possible that this wound was caused by the same missile that caused facial injury,” the report says.

Citing this report, which shows that Mabaso was trying to ward off the impact of the bullet with his bare arm when he was shot, the ANC says this shows he was killed in cold blood.

The organisation says his killing is part of an offensive that has come to be known as “the hit squad from CR Swart Square” police headquarters, which they allege aims to systematically eliminate its activists.

“They start by spreading rumours that our members have been linked to crimes ranging from armed robbery to murder so as to justify the brutal way in which they deal with them,” said southern Natal ANC spokesman Dumisani Makhyae.

The same police squad was responsible for the recent death of ANC activist Sbu Mkhize and his four comrades who died in a hail of bullets after a two-hour shootout involving 200 police.

In trying to piece together the last hours of Mabaso’s life, the ANC found that he had visited his grandparents in Ezinjolweni on the South Coast last Thursday.

No sooner had he arrived there than he got a phone call from people, whom the ANC claims were policemen, who claimed to be his friends and advised him to take the next taxi to Lamontville.

‘Painted black’

Makhyae explained: “It is clear that the police wanted to kidnap him. But Mabaso ignored that message. At around 3.30pm the police again phoned Mabaso. By that time some of the police unit was closing in on the homestead. As he saw a large contingent of police, Mabaso raised his hands and surrendered.”

Mabaso was told to lie on the floor and was handcuffed from behind. He was then taken to a red police combi to be identified by a balaclava-clad person.

Some of the white police officers had their faces painted black, Makhyae said.

Mabaso was taken back to the room and other members of the homestead were taken to a separate room and forced to lie down.

The police then switched on a generator and played the music system full blast in the room where members of the homestead were trapped.

“For about two hours the police tortured Mabaso. In the process they gouged out his left eye,” said Makhyae.

At about 6pm – two-and-a-half hours after they took him into the room – they shot him twice in the stomach, he said.

Police tell a different story.

SA Police spokesman Capt Bala Naidoo said Mabaso was cornered at his grandparents’ house in Ezinjolweni by members of the Durban Murder and Robbery Squad who were seeking him in connection with an armed robbery and murder.

“Another policeman shouted a warning and fired shots at the suspect,” said Capt Naidoo.

A 357 Magnum revolver and six rounds of ammunition were found in the house, he said.

Members of the family have instructed a lawyer with the view to taking legal action against police.

The other ANC activists killed this week are S'gabeza Chaya, chairman of the organisation’s Wema hostel branch. He was gunned down on Monday at around 9 pm at the hostel.

ANC Zuma Branch chairman Morris Gumede, his son Bongani and an unidentified neighbour were gunned down on Tuesday around 1 am.

Meanwhile, Lamontville ANC branch chairman Sibusiso Mthethwa is living in fear of his life following a SAP raid on his house.
14 killed in two Natal massacres

POLICE yesterday linked two separate massacres in which 14 people were killed and 21 wounded near Port Shepstone on the Natal South Coast.

On Friday night, 10 young Inkatha Freedom Party supporters were killed and 16 wounded in an AK-47 massacre at Bcosela.

They were attacked by about 10 men as they waited to catch a bus to the IFP Youth Congress in Ulundi.

On Thursday night, four people were killed and five wounded at nearby Langebella when five gunmen entered a home and shot people hiding under beds.

Those killed in Thursday's attack were ANC supporter Mrs Vloka Naimande, 29, her two children, Khentelu, 8, and Noluzwelweka, 13, and Mr Msaneza Duma, 31.

"We surmise that these two incidents are related," said Colonel Bill Dennis, of the Durban police.

Regional police commissioner Lieutenant-Colonel JM Steyn has offered a R50 000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killers.
Violence Creates Kids Without a Future

By Fred Minnayo

Children who grow up in poverty are at risk for violence. Violence that affects children in poverty can lead to a lifetime of trauma and mental health issues. The cycle of violence begins early in life and can continue throughout adulthood.

As children grow up in poverty, they are more likely to experience violence in their daily lives. This includes witnessing violence in their homes or communities, being victims of abuse or neglect, or experiencing violence in public places such as schools or playgrounds.

Violence in the home is particularly damaging for children. When parents are physically or emotionally abusive, children are more likely to develop anxiety, depression, and other mental health issues. They may also develop a sense of helplessness and hopelessness, which can lead to a lifetime of difficulties.

Children who grow up in poverty may also be more likely to experience violence in their communities. This includes witnessing violence between family members, friends, or strangers. Children who witness violence are more likely to develop anxiety, depression, and other mental health issues.

Violence in schools is another area of concern. When children are exposed to violence in school, they may develop anxiety, depression, and other mental health issues. This is particularly concerning when schools are not safe places to learn and grow.

Violence in the community is another area of concern. When children are exposed to violence in their communities, they may develop anxiety, depression, and other mental health issues.

Violence in the media is another area of concern. When children are exposed to violence on television, in movies, or on social media, they may develop anxiety, depression, and other mental health issues.

Violence in the workplace is another area of concern. When children are exposed to violence in the workplace, they may develop anxiety, depression, and other mental health issues.

Violence in the military is another area of concern. When children are exposed to violence in the military, they may develop anxiety, depression, and other mental health issues.

In conclusion, violence in all areas of life can have a significant impact on children who grow up in poverty. It is important to address violence in all areas of life, including the home, community, school, workplace, and military, in order to create a safer and healthier environment for children.

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Killings bring 776 deaths to 500

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — The 18 people killed in strife-torn Port Shepstone townships at the weekend have brought the total number of killings in the area to 500 in the past 18 months, said an ANC spokesman for the area.

ANC regional executive committee member, Dr Siyabonga Cwele, said 50 people had been killed since July.

Mr Justice Richard Goldstone announced last night the Goldstone Commission would investigate the murder of 12 Inkatha Youth Brigade members who were massacred by masked gunmen on Friday night as they were waiting for a bus in the Bomela residential area near Port Shepstone.

Two people were hacked to death nearby.

Reward

SAP regional commissioner of Natal, Major-General Collin Steyn authorised a R50,000 reward for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the massacre.

On Saturday a member of the ANC was shot dead by police in Kamalahle.

Police said the dead man was an alleged "people's court" official who had been "positively linked" to three murders.

IFP spokesman Mr Kim Hodgson said Inkatha condemned the massacre of the 12 youths and blamed the ANC for the killings.

Dr Cwele said it was unfair of the IFP to apportion blame before they had all the facts.
Buthelezi calls on youth to stop ANC

ULUNDI — The ANC had to be stopped in its tracks before the future was destroyed, Inkatha president Mangosuthu Buthelezi told his youth brigade at the weekend. He said the ANC was committed to the seizure of power, and the youth would have to take action for survival and democracy in the face of failing peace initiatives.

Buthelezi said the ANC as well as apartheid were responsible for the dilapidated state of the economy, Sapa reports. And he warned Inkatha youth that unless they "bugger up the ANC, they are going to bugger up you and your future".

Buthelezi’s speech on Saturday followed the deaths of at least 10 people, aged between 18 and 22, in Natal’s Borela township near Port Shepstone. The youths, who were reportedly leaving for the Ulundi congress, were shot by a large group of gunmen on Friday night.

Police said eight of the dead were Inkatha supporters.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu has condemned the killing “in the strongest of terms”, as well as other killings in the recent upsurge of violence in Natal.

Buthelezi accused the ANC of trying to seize power cheaply and “the superficial trappings of the ANC democratic cloth”.

Buthelezi He called on the youth brigade to “politically annihilate” the ANC’s armed wing. Parties such as the ANC and SAPU had a new brand of leadership which would “ride on the backs of the impoverished, screaming socialist slogans while they themselves live off the fat of the land”, he said.

The ANC was responsible for the campaign to isolate the country as well as for lost markets and lost employment.

Buthelezi accused the ANC of “manipulating Codesa” in its efforts to seize power.

The ANC’s mass action campaign was aimed at intimidating government sufficiently to make it a “commingling partner” in the ANC’s ascent to power, he said.

The ANC and its allies would try to make SA ungovernable and force President F W de Klerk’s resignation by the year-end, he said.

Buthelezi said Inkatha was the only party capable of halting the ANC in its tracks.
Natal: 26 killed in political unrest

DURBAN. — Political violence continued to sweep through townships in Natal at the weekend, claiming at least 26 lives in several separate incidents, police said yesterday.

In the worst fighting, at least 16 people were killed in weekend clashes between warring Inkatha Freedom Party and African National Congress supporters in and around Murchison outside Port Shepstone.

A Port Shepstone cleric and unrest monitor, the Rev Danny Chetty, yesterday welcomed the decision by Mr Justice Richard Goldstone to inquire into Friday night's massacre, in which 12 Inkatha Youth Brigade members died, but called on him also to investigate a spate of attacks that have been plaguing the area recently.

Thousands of people had been displaced, were homeless, and had lost their possessions in the ongoing carnage, he said.

Mr Chetty said peace talks in the area had broken down and described the situation in Murchison as one of "absolute hopelessness".

Meanwhile, the KwaZulu Police reported several other killings.

Deaths were reported from Mondlo, Vryheid, on Saturday where one person was killed and KwaMakhutha, Amanzimtoti, where two people died in a shoot-out with police and four others by unknown gunmen.

Killings were also reported from KwaMashu, where two people, including a KZ policeman, were killed, and Umlazi, where one person was shot dead on Saturday. Several attacks throughout the province left a number of homes burnt down and scores of people injured. — Sapa

Youth killed, 3 hurt in Heidelberg unrest

HEIDELBERG, Transvaal. — A youth was killed in a tavern in Heidelberg and three people were injured at a factory in the town yesterday, police confirmed.

Heidelberg police spokesman, Captain M Olivier, said police found the body of an 18-year-old youth near a Ratanda hostel yesterday morning.

Three people were also injured in clashes at the Escort Bacon Co-operative in Heidelberg, he said.

Police patrolling Soweto yesterday morning used tear smoke and rubber bullets to disperse a group of about 60 pupils who had attacked patrol vehicles at Molapo.

Later, at the Leekong school in White City, stones were hurled at SAP patrol vehicles.

No one was injured and no arrests were made in the Soweto incidents. — Sapa
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Call for T'kei gun probe

DURBAN. — The Inkatha Freedom Party has called on Transkei leader Major-General Bantu Holomisa to investigate allegations of gun-running and transporting of weapons and uniforms from the Transkei for use in the ongoing political war in Natal.

IFP Youth Brigade national organiser Mr Otto Kunene told a news briefing here yesterday that the Transkei was being used as a "springboard by uMkhonto we-Sizwe to mount incursions into Natal to eliminate IFP leaders and members".

Members of the Transkei Defence Force were seen smuggling SA Police and camouflage uniforms and firearms into Natal. The Port Shepstone area had become a war zone, he said.

Contacted late yesterday afternoon in Umtata, General Holomisa said he viewed the IFP allegations as serious.

He asked that IFP President Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi "furnish this information to his Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Pik Botha".

Mr Botha could then take the matter up with the Transkei government through diplomatic channels.

"At this time I can assure Buthelezi and his warlords that we will do our utmost to investigate the matter immediately we receive a diplomatic note listing all the problems." — Sapa

Three Soweto clinics torched

PRETORIA. — Three Soweto clinics have been damaged in attacks.

Dieselpot clinic was petrol bombed at the weekend, causing damage estimated at about R50,000, while R20,000 damage was caused by a fire started in the Moloto clinic on Saturday. On Monday night the Zola clinic was damaged and burned in an attack.

Four shot dead while waiting at bus stop

DURBAN. — Four men were shot dead while waiting at a bus stop in the Table Mountain area outside Maritzburg early yesterday.

Captain Henry Buihram said police believe the attackers fired on the victims from a moving vehicle using AK-47 rifles and shotguns.

• KwaZulu Police yesterday reported six more politically-related killings in the homeland over the past two days, bringing the death toll in Natal violence since last Thursday to 32.

In Khayelitsha on Monday a man was injured and damage caused to buses in a stone-throwing attack.

Also on Monday, the bodies of four people were found by police, while three people were injured in unrest incidents nationwide.

At Loskop, Ladysmith, a youth was wounded when gunmen fired at a group of young people. At Tatanda, Heidelberg, police found the body of a man who had been shot.

In Alexandra, police found two bodies, one with bullet wounds and the other with burns. Another man was found with stab wounds.

At Geldenhuys station in Germiston a man was seriously injured when a group attacked him with sharp objects and threw him from a moving train. In another incident a man was killed when a group attacked him and threw him from a moving train.

At a roadblock near Stutterheim police confiscated a RGD-5 handgrenade and arrested 16 people who were allegedly on their way to Bizos. — Sapa
Gunmen kill four at bus-stop

Crime Staff

Fourteen people, including a municipal policeman, died in violence across the Reef and in Natal in the past two days.

In one attack, four people were shot and killed at a bus-stop in the Table Mountain area near Maritzburg yesterday morning — bringing to 36 the number of people killed in violence in Natal since Thursday.

Police said the assailants sped past the bus-stop, opening fire with shotguns and AR-15 assault rifles.

On Monday, six people died on the Reef.

Three people were killed in Alexandra near Sandton. Police said one man was shot dead, another burnt and a third stabbed to death.

Three men died and two more were injured in sporadic unrest incidents in Alexandra yesterday.

The body of a necklacing victim was found. Two men were stabbed to death. A man was injured when a group of attackers stoned him. Another man was shot.

The body of a 34-year-old Dube-based municipal policeman was discovered near the Mlamlokazi railway station in Orlando, Soweto, on Monday afternoon.

Police spokesman Lieutenant Eugene Henning said it looked as though the policeman had been robbed.

Another man was stabbed to death and thrown from a moving train at Goldenhaüs station near Germiston on Monday. In the same area, a man was seriously injured in a similar attack.

Clash

A youth was killed and three workers were injured after workers clashed at the Escort bacon factory in Heidelberg on Monday. The youth was killed in nearby Ratanda after the clash at the factory.

The Zola Clinic in Soweto was damaged in an arson attack on Monday afternoon.

Lieutenant Henning said a group of men claiming to be members of the National Union of Metalworkers of SA had forced their way into the clinic and damaged four vehicles outside.

Inside, they set two rooms alight. All the clinic's records were burnt and damage was estimated at R10 000, Lieutenant Henning said.

The attack on Zola Clinic followed arson attacks on the Mofolo and Diepkloof clinics at the weekend.

The Transvaal Provincial Administration said the attacks indicated that hostile individuals or organisations were targeting TPA clinic services in Soweto despite the fact that the TPA was speaking to various organisations and trying to resolve the hospital dispute.

The TPA appealed to the community to protect health services and centres.

In Natal, Themba Nhlanzi (46) was shot dead at Kwa-Makhutha near Amanzimtoti on Monday night.

On Sunday night, five people were killed in the Ulanga settlement in Umlazi.
Four shot dead at Natal bus stop

The Argus Correspondent

MARITZBURG. — Four men found dead at a bus stop in the Table Mountain area of Maritzburg are believed to have been shot from a passing vehicle.

Police spokesman Captain Henry Budhram said shots were heard by a Defence Force patrol in the area at 5.45am yesterday.

The patrol found the bodies.

"Investigation has shown that AK-47 assault rifles and shotguns were used in the attack," said Captain Budhram.

The dead were Mr Bheki Shelenbe, 46, Mr Isaac Nsusa, 45, Mr Shodo Mavuma, 40, and Mr Mandelahu Ngcoba, 71.

The political affiliations of the victims were not known.
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ANC: Inkatha set to attack

DURBAN. — Esikhawini township near Empangeni is on the brink of a full-scale war following the brutal killings of six people, including a six-month-old baby, at the ANC stronghold of Gobandlovu early yesterday.

A spokesman for the Joint Working Committee of the ANC/Cosatu alliance said they had "strong intelligence reports" that Inkatha Freedom Party supporters were preparing to launch attacks on ANC leaders over the weekend.

Yesterday's attackers were identified by witnesses as being IFP members, the spokesman said.

In response to the allegations, Inkatha spokesman Mr Ed Tillett said the IFP as an organisation "does not plan" attacks. "If the people are defending themselves then that is another matter," he said.

Police spokesman Major Coert Marais said police had been informed about the threat of further attacks and, though the area falls under the jurisdiction of KwaZulu, "the SAP will assist if requested".

● IFP branch secretary at Enkunyezini near Maritzburg, Mr Bheki Shelembe, was shot dead at a bus stop this week, bringing the number of IFP office-bearers slain to 227, Mr Tillett said.

● Delivery van driver Mr Slangai was badly burned when a petrol bomb was hurled into the cab of the truck he was driving in Nyanga on Thursday.

● Two people were stabbed to death in the embattled East Rand township of Ratanda on Thursday.

— Own Correspondent, Sapa, Staff-Reporter
BORDER

Patrol weapons smuggling corridor, Inkatha tells govt

By FRED KHUMALO

IN the wake of the horrific massacre of 12 of its members in Port Shepstone, Inkatha is putting pressure on the government to step up control of the Transkei-SA border.

Inkatha charged this week that the Ixopo-Richmond and the Port Shepstone roads are being used as corridors by Transkei Defence Force members who traffic quantities of firearms used in attacks on Inkatha leaders and general membership.

It said Transkei is not only lending itself as a springboard for anti-Inkatha attacks, but is also a reservoir for trackloads of uniforms of the SA security forces which are being smuggled for use by people who wear them when launching attacks on Inkatha members.

The Port Shepstone massacre smacks of a joint ANC-TDF cross-border operation, Inkatha said.

The 12 people killed — all members of the Inkatha Youth Brigade — were part of a group of 50 which had gathered on the night of September 4 at a house in Nsongwini area in Port Shepstone, where they were waiting for a bus to transport them to the Inkatha Youth Brigade national congress held at Ulundi at the weekend.

“At about 10.30 pm unidentified attackers opened fire on the house with machine guns, killing six people instantly,” said Inkatha Youth Brigade national execu-

tive committee member Mntomuhle Khawula.

One more person later died at a clinic, while three died at a hospital. Another 14 were injured. Cartridges, an AK-47 rifle, a 9 mm pistol and a .765 pistol were found at the scene.

According to Khawula, who spoke to survivors, the attackers had been dressed in SADF uniforms and their faces covered in balaclavas.

Inkatha said the laxity of control of the border area was to blame for this attack which is part of “a continuing trend in areas along the Natal-Transkei border”.

Research done by Inkatha allegedly shows:

Members of the TDF are smuggling SAP and camouflage uniforms and firearms into Natal from Transkei which are then offloaded in the Port Shepstone and Ezingolweni areas;

'Smuggling'

Members of the TDF also take part in such operations; and

Fifty policemen have been recruited by the ANC.

Inkatha spokesman Ed Tillet said further evidence showing once and for all the collaboration between the TDF and the ANC in smuggling firearms and trackloads of security forces uniforms will be led in “quite a few” forthcoming court cases where ANC members who have been found in possession of arms and uniforms will appear.

Inkatha central com-

mittee member Phillip Powell said bilateral talks between his organisation and the National Party were continuing regarding the sensitive issue of border control.

Border control at the Kokstad entry into the Transkei is non-existent while control at the Umzimkhulu border post is pathetically lax and ineffective, Inkatha said.

"Inkatha views the security situation on the border with considerable concern. If the situation deteriorates any further, we will place the blame squarely on the shoulders of the government," said Inkatha spokesman Kim Hodgson.

Hodgson, during an attack on (Inkatha F沃尔 leader) Al Khuwayro’s house (last month) the two men who were part of the attacking group (and who were killed during the attack) were found to be dressed in SAP uniform,” said Hodgson.

This, said Hodgson, was just one of the instances which prove that the ANC has access to security force uniforms.

Meanwhile, the SAP has sent a strong police contingent to patrol the area and the Goldstone Commission has undertaken to investigate the massacre.

The deceased are Thulani Nyawuza, 20, Nomgile Ndimovu, 19, Sandile Mbele, 18, Dumazile Zulu, 23, Thulisile Mvundla, 26, Gertrude Mzolo, 18, Thandekile Dlamini, 22, Sindisiwe Linda, 22, Ntombinkulu Mzindle, 24, and Gimbi Mzindle.
Six killed in Zulu faction fighting

DURBAN. — At least six people have been killed in renewed faction fighting in KwaZulu.

Police said they had recovered the bodies of four people so far at KwaNlangxwa near the University of Zululand in Empangeni. Several people had also been injured in fierce gun battles which ensued. Many homes were razed.

In other weekend violence, five people were killed and two injured in an attack on a house at Gobandlovu Reserve near Mtunzini.

In Maritzburg a policeman was killed when gunmen fired on a police patrol from a car. Four men were arrested.

In East London, a municipal policeman and his wife received shrapnel wounds when a hand-grenade was thrown into a house in Duncan Village. — Sapa
8 shot dead as minibus is ambushed

The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — Eight people were gunned down today at Umagababa, near Umkomaas on the Natal South Coast, when a minibus taking commuters to work was ambushed.

Seven of the victims were shot dead in the minibus while the eighth person was found dead a few metres away.

Police spokesman Captain Bala Naidoo said the minibus with nine people in it was travelling along the Umagababa-Mfume Road at 7am when gunmen with AK-47 assault rifles fired several shots at it.

The driver of the minibus managed to escape.

The names of the victims have not yet been released as the next-of-kin have not yet been informed.


kathla Freedom Party spokesman Ed Tillet indicated that the attackers were wearing army uniforms, and that the victims were IFP supporters.

At Port Shepstone last Friday, 12 IFP supporters were gunned down while waiting for a bus.

Police have authorised a R50,000 reward for information leading to the arrests of the attackers.
Policeman's death: Arrests

MARITZBURG. — Two men aged 18 and 21 have been arrested in connection with the killing of a young policeman here last Friday.

Constable Marius Blom, 24, was shot in the stomach after he and a colleague had stopped a vehicle with three suspects. He will be buried today with full military honours.

The two suspects are expected to appear in court. — Sapa
Killings: Police officer charged

MARTIZBURG.—A former police station commander at Mooi River, Captain George Nicholas, pleaded not guilty in the Supreme Court here yesterday to charges of murder, attempted murder and contravening the Arms and Ammunition Act, CT 15/1/92.

The case arises from the fatal shooting of Mr Jotham Mchunu and Mr Sibusiso Madela and the wounding of several others at Brunville, near Mooi River, in 1990, allegedly during police operations.

The case continues.—
Sapa
Driver shot:
Cop arrested

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — A KwaZulu policeman has been arrested in connection with the attempted murder of a minibus taxi operator at Mid Illovo at the weekend, police said yesterday.

Captain Henry Budhram said the victim, Mr. Thathi Zulu, 30, is in a critical condition in hospital after being shot in the back and right arm.

Police said the suspect shot the driver twice before fleeing into surrounding sugar-cane fields.
Eight die in ambush

NO ESCAPE

Charred bodies of seven victims found in the back of a van, eighth man shot dead:

EIGHT people were killed and four seriously injured when a van transporting people to work was ambushed near Umgababa on Natal's South Coast yesterday morning.

The charred bodies of seven of the victims were found in the back of the van and one of the victims was shot dead a few metres away while apparently trying to escape. The attackers struck at about 7.15am and fired at least 50 rounds of AK-47 rifle and 9mm pistol bullets. It appeared those in the back of the van were shot dead before being set alight.

In another incident three people were killed near Ntuzuma, Natal, on Sunday night when their minibus was attacked by gunmen.

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UN monitors expected in violence-racked Natal

DURBAN — Six UN unarmed monitors are expected in Natal today to monitor the situation following recent outbreaks of violence. They will be based at Durban, Natal's capital, and will report to the UN High Commissioner for Refugees in Geneva.

The monitors, who are expected to arrive in Durban today, will be under the guidance of the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and will work closely with local authorities to help prevent further violence.

The UN monitors are part of a broader effort to bring peace to Natal, which has been ravaged by violence in recent years. The situation has been exacerbated by political tensions and economic struggles.

The UN monitors will be accompanied by local security forces and will work closely with local authorities to help prevent further violence.

One killed, two hurt before march

WILSON ZWANE

ONE person died and two were injured in the East Rand township of Vosloorus early yesterday — hours before residents converged on the local town council offices to demand an end to sudden, violent attacks on hired heavies.

Police spokesman Capt Ida van Zeeuw confirmed the incident.

The township on the outskirts of Johannesburg has been plagued by violent attacks on residents, and the residents said they were fed up with the violence.

They said they had gathered to demand action from the municipality.

Municipal officials, accompanied by policemen, broke up the protest and the residents were not allowed to enter the town council offices.

Coun. Zanele Zimba, who represents the residents, said: "I was not aware people's homes were being broken into. I would assume that if the lawyer attach people's properties, they do that with a court order," he said.
8 die in hail of bullets

AGONISING DEATH

Bakkie with commuters ambushed by gunmen and then set alight.

Earl: People were shot and burned to death yesterday at Umgababa, near Umkomaas, when a bakkie taking commuters to work was ambushed by gunmen wearing army uniforms.

One of the victims made a desperate bid to flee but was cut down in a hail of bullets.

Seven of the dead, seated in the back of the bakkie, may have died an agonising death when it was set alight. Their charred bodies were still in the back of the van at noon yesterday.

The attackers struck at about 7.15am and fired at least 50 rounds of AK-47 and 9mm bullets. It appeared as if those in the back of the van were dead before being set alight.

Natal police spokesman Captain Bala Naidoo said a top-level investigation of the Umgababa killings was under way.

Naidoo said there were 13 passengers in the back and three in front.

When the shooting started, eight passengers - seven men and a woman - managed to get out of the vehicle and flee.

One of the passengers who was seated in front was shot nine times. The vehicle was then set alight.

Naidoo reported police had found several spent cartridge cases from a Stechkin machinegun and an AK-47 rifle at the scene of the shooting.

Police are unsure of the motive, although the Inkatha Freedom Party said the attack was part of ongoing political violence.

IPF spokesman Mr Ed Titel said the driver was an Inkatha supporter and "it appears the passengers were as well, as they all come from Hlanzini which is an IPF stronghold."

The driver managed to escape the attack but police refused to allow him to talk to reporters as he was being interviewed by investigators.

Southern Natal ANC spokesman Mr Dumisani Makhaye said his organisation was still investigating the incident.
Ambush: R20 000 reward

DURBAN — Police have offered a R20 000 reward for information leading to the arrest of those responsible for Monday's ambush at Umagaba on the Natal South Coast in which eight people were killed.

A group of 16 people were on their way to work when gunmen, wearing army uniforms, opened fire on the bakkie in which they were travelling. Eight people escaped the attack.

Seven people in the back of the bakkie were shot and the bakkie was set alight. The eighth victim was shot nine times as he tried to flee.

The Inkatha Freedom Party has demanded that a special unit be established to investigate the role of the ANC's military wing following the killing of 32 IFP supporters in four recent attacks in KwaZulu.

IFP spokesman Kim Hodgson said an investigation into the alleged training of Umkhonto we Sizwe cadres in Transkei was also being sought.

He said that in recent ambushes, the assailants had been dressed in SA Defence Force or SA Police uniforms, and that MK allegedly used such tactics.

— Sapa.
Ex-police chief in murder trial

Cop was drunk on duty, court told

A former Mooi River police station commander was under the influence of alcohol when he allegedly shot two people, the Supreme Court here heard yesterday.

A Mooi River police officer testified that Lieutenant George Nichas had slurped his words on the evening of the shooting. WO Arthur Joseph also made a statement to a senior police officer that Lt Nichas had been under the influence of alcohol that evening.

Lt Nichas is charged with the murders of Brunville residents Mr Joseph Mchunu and Mr Si- biso Madala in 1990. He is also charged on four counts of attempted murder, two counts of handling a shotgun while under the influence of alcohol and two counts of negligently discharging a firearm.

Lt Nichas has pleaded not guilty to two counts of murder, four of attempted murder and two of contravening the Arms and Ammunition Act in connection with two separate shooting incidents at Brunville on April 7 and June 16, 1990.

WO Joseph told the court that about eight shots were fired the evening Mr Mchunu died and that Lt Nichas had fired three of them.

He said Lt Nichas had sat at the back of a stationary Casspir and had fired through an open flap. A WO Coetzee fired the other shots, which were rubber bullets, WO Joseph said.

WO Arthur Joseph said he was armed with a shotgun and a side pistol but he did not use them as he did not see any reason to fire "at that stage".

Before the police Casspir left the scene one of the policemen in the vehicle mentioned that a person had been shot but Lt Nichas gave no instructions to stop and attend to the person. Later it was reported that an injured man was taken to the Brunville clinic. He (WO Joseph) went there and saw a man who had been shot but he was already dead.

Under cross-examination, however, WO Joseph conceded that the dull sound made by rubber bullets could have sounded louder because they were fired within the confined space of the metal Casspir, and that he could not therefore say with certainty which shots were fired by Lt Nichas.

He also conceded he would not have been able to hear if people were throwing things at the Casspir because the chanting and toyi-toyiing crowd was making too much noise.

He agreed too that his first estimate that the crowd was between 50 and 100 people might have been wrong.

WO Joseph said that he was scared the evening Mr Mchunu was shot because "I didn't know at that stage whether the crowd was dangerous... the Brunville community was tense and there is always a risk petrol bombs may be thrown at Casspirs."

The trial continues today.

Sapa, Own Correspondent
UN monitors needed on South Coast

By Kaiser Nyatsumba
Political Reporter

The ANC yesterday called for the immediate stationing of United Nations monitors on the strife-torn Natal South Coast, saying ongoing killings in the region were "totally unacceptable." According to the organisation, up to 195 people had died in the conflict there last month.

The ANC decried "a steady build-up" of propaganda to create the impression it was responsible for ongoing killings. The police had repeatedly spoken of "ANC men wearing police or army uniform" and when men in uniform killed people, the public concluded that they were ANC members.

"Whoever is responsible must be brought to book. The repeated reports of KwaZulu Police involvement (in the violence) warrants urgent, independent investigation," the ANC said.

It called for the immediate stationing of UN monitors in the region, adding that they had to be backed up by a thorough investigation into all the incidents by the Goldstone Commission.

Natal woman acquitted of kidnapping

DURBAN — The prosecution of a 40-year-old woman charged with kidnapping was stopped and she was acquitted after a psychiatric report was handed to a Durban Regional Court magistrate yesterday.

Sheila Mary Reynolds pleaded not guilty to kidnapping the son of Agnes Zulu in West Street.

The magistrate heard earlier that blind Mrs Zulu was begging. Mrs Reynolds gave her money, then picked up the child and went off.

The report said Mrs Reynolds had a long history of maladaptive behaviour. — Sapa.
However Inkatha's criticisms have not been accepted. Reggie Hadebe, vice-chairman of the ANC Midlands region, said Gwala never incited the youth to attack Inkatha: he merely urged them to ensure they protected themselves against attack.

Hadebe also warned against allegations that the Umagababa attackers were members of MK, saying similar claims by Inkatha following a mass killing last month were disapproved when police arrested a soldier in the South African Defence Force.

An official of Tutu's office commented that the archbishop was generally reluctant to become involved in public exchanges with political parties. An SACC official said Chikane had not seen the text of Inkatha's criticism.

The Umagababa killings have several features in common with the three previous incidents. In each the victims were Inkatha members or supporters. Survivors said the attackers wore the brown uniform normally worn by members of the SADF. In each case, the attack required detailed local knowledge, and was carried out with military-style precision and planning.

Mzimela, for example, began carrying workers to Umagababa in late 1990. The local Inkatha-supporting community decided the public transport routes, in the hands of the ANC, were too dangerous so local vehicle owners started providing safe private transport. Since then his bakkie has made the journey every day — but this would have been known only after detailed investigations about local conditions.

Anger after attack at Umagababa

By CARMEL RICKARD

EARLY last Monday, Pama Mzeleku was on his usual dawn run to Umagaba. In the back of his small pick-up truck were 13 people from Enhlanzeni, most of them neighbours. In front, two other people were squashed into the cab with him. All 16 were off to work.

As they neared Umagababa two men stepped out from the bushes on to the road. Dressed in brown fatigues and carrying machine guns, they began firing at the vehicle.

Seven people in the back of the truck were killed. An eighth person, trying to escape the bullets, jumped out of the back and was fatally wounded. Wore was to come. The attackers set fire to the van. The people in the back who were not already dead, died struggling to get out.

Five people were wounded but survived the attack. Only the driver escaped relatively unscathed.

In their anger at this, the fourth mass killing of Inkatha supporters in as many weeks, Inkatha officials have lashed out.

They said it was significant that African National Congress Midlands leader Harry Gwala visited the area just a few weeks before, allegedly inciting local youth to attack Inkatha members. They blame Umkhonto weSizwe members by implication for carrying out the attacks and the Transkei government for allowing firearms and uniforms to be smuggled into Natal for use by MK against Inkatha.

Finally they have attacked the churches, singling out Anglican archbishop Desmond Tutu and South African Council of Churches general secretary Frank Chikane. Inkatha officials Ed Titilat said neither had visited the bereaved in any of the recent killings, "to comfort and console them". Statements by Chikane condemning the Umagababa killings were "pure tokoloshe", which Inkatha regarded with scepticism.
The proposed mass action is a declaration of war'

Now Natal bracing for new round of violence

By Chiara Carter

NATAL seems set to become South Africa's next flashpoint after Transvaal and Ciskei. A proposed march on the KwaZulu stronghold of Umhlanga is still being discussed by the ANC but the Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) has warned it will regard the march or other forms of mass action in the region as a "declaration of war".

The IFP has indicated that the party views secession as a serious option should South Africa not opt for a federal system - a move which directly challenges the ANC's vision of a unitary South Africa.

According to statistics released this week by the Human Rights Commission (HRC), 195 people died in political violence in Natal last month. It is the first time since violence began in the PWV region in mid-1990 that Natal has the highest death toll in the country.

The HRC says the statistics indicate a shift in the centre of political violence.

The report outlines allegations of a "hit squad" operating in the black-town area to eliminate ANC and Cosatu members as well as claims of KwaZulu police involvement in the violence.

However, the IFP says most of those killed were IFP members and the organisation has submitted a memorandum requesting UN investigation into these deaths.

IFP spokesperson Mr Ed Tillett said the ANC was attempting to "crush opposition and prepare for a one-party state".

"The ANC is determined to crush the spirit of the Zulu nation," Tillett said.

He said IFP leaders had warned that mass mobilisation, including the proposed march on Umhlanga, would meet with stiff resistance.

We have said the people of KwaZulu will defend the last drop of blood. This is no idle threat. The proposed mass action is a declaration of war. We will respond appropriately".

Tillett said there was no need for the ANC to campaign against homeland governments as Cosatu had agreed the homelands would be reincorporated.

He said the IFP felt Natal/KwaZulu was being "isolated by the ANC as a maverick area".

Said Tillett: "The IFP is determined to fight for a federal system with a regional base and government. If the ANC resists, we are prepared to go it alone."

Mr Dumasani Makhaye, publicity secretary for the ANC in southern Natal, said the key issue was that the KwaZulu government did not allow free political activity and the ANC was "de facto a banned organisation" - an allegation denied by the IFP.

Makhaye said mass action in the region was still at a planning stage and the proposed march on Umhlanga could be replaced by other forms of mass demonstrations. He speculated that the recent upsurge in deaths in the region could be attributed to the international focus on the PWV region following the Boipatong massacre and an attempt by the IFP to consolidate its powerbase.

This viewpoint was also argued in a recently circulated ANC discussion document.

Said Makhaye: "Butholezi believes that whoever physically controls an area is assured of electoral victory. Hence the violence is returning to its breeding ground."
Rebel ANC youths kill 30 in reign of terror

RENEGADE ANC youths conducting a reign of terror in a Natal township have shot at least 30 members of their own organisation.

People in Kwandegezi, west of Durban, say the armed youths -- some believed to be outlaw Umkhonto we Sizwe members -- carry out precision attacks against the community.

The latest victims were the chairman of the local ANC branch, Mr Sextus Mzimang, 24, and 21-year-old Sizakele Thabete. A few weeks ago two men were gunned down in a township street.

Last month the ANC and Cosatu formed a local committee to investigate the attacks.

A member of the committee, Cosatu co-ordinator Michael Vilikazi, said the youths numbered more than 200 and still claimed they were members of the ANC.

"But they have killed more than 30 ANC supporters in the last few months," he said.

Mr Vilikazi said that in 1989, the youths fell out with the United Democratic Front-aligned community and went into "exile" in other townships.

Residents chased the youths' parents away and let other people move into their homes.

"This made the youths very angry and now they are back," he said.

Kwandegezi falls under the jurisdiction of the KwaZulu police.

Station commander Lieutenant PZ Ndamani said the attacks were carried out at night, and the youths often wore SANDF uniforms.

Residents claim some of the killers are break-away members of the ANC's military wing.

An ANC regional spokesman could not confirm the allegation.
Commuters die in half of bullets

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Natal erupts as bloody flashpoint

By SEKOLA SELL0

NATAL is emerging as the major flashpoint of violence sweeping throughout the country, even overshadowing the recent Ciskei massacre.

In a media statement released this week, the ANC’s department of information and publicity says the war in the region has reached proportions of a national disaster.

According to the statement, in August alone 195 people were killed creating serious internal refugee problems.

The Human Rights Commission also noted this shift in political violence from the PWV area to Natal since the end of August and during the first two weeks of this month.

In the past three weeks an estimated 30 Inkatha members have been massacred near Port Shepstone and Umbababa.

Although there has been a marked decrease in violence in the PWV area, in some cases by as much as 50 percent, killings on Reef trains are re-surfacing.

In one incident on a Soweto train, a woman was allegedly raped in full view of other commuters before being thrown off the moving train.

The ANC has called for the immediate stationing of UN monitors in Natal to be backed by a thorough investigation by the Goldstone Commission.

The ANC has also taken issue with the SAP over what they call a “steady build-up of propaganda to create the impression that the ANC is responsible for the on-going killings.”
ANC 'to study' rulings on peace accord breaches

THE findings by a national peace accord committee that ANC mock trials in Maritzburg and statements by Natal leader Harry Gwala breached the accord, would be studied, ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus said yesterday.

The findings, issued on Friday, said the ANC had breached five sections of the accord. The findings were the result of two complaints, made by the IFP and government.

Niehaus said there was no immediate response as the findings, made available to us only on Saturday, need to be investigated first. The ANC would react this week.

An accord adjudication panel has ordered the ANC and SAPC to remedy the situation or distance themselves from the actions of their members. During the Maritzburg mock trials, IFP leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi and 10 other Inkatha leaders were "sentenced to death" and a coffin was burned.

The committee found that these actions, and posters displayed by the SAPC, contained "language calculated or likely to incite violence or hatred". Statements made by Gwala in a newspaper interview, and the letter he sent to the committee to explain these statements, violated the spirit of the accord, the committee found.

In his letter, it is believed Gwala said the ANC would not hesitate to kill those who attacked them.

The ANC had contravened the preamble of the accord, failed to encourage compliance by its followers to the principles of democracy and political tolerance, and contravened a section dealing with intimidation.

The ANC had also contravened another section about failing to notify public authorities of its decision.

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Introduction

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**Death, arson in tense Chile**

BISHO — The situation in Bisho is tense, with police and protesters facing off in the town. The situation has escalated following a series of protests by the Xhosa-speaking community, who are demanding the removal of a local ANC leader they accuse of corruption. The police have vowed to protect the community, but tensions remain high. **Request: Fielding ball**

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**Eviction orders**

In other words, the eviction orders are set to bring the area to a standstill, with residents threatened with legal action if they refuse to vacate. The local government has emphasized the importance of maintaining order and peace in the community, and has called on all residents to cooperate with the authorities. The eviction orders are expected to cause significant disruption, with residents bracing for further conflict. **Request: Fielding ball**
19 die in violence in Natal and KwaZulu

DURBAN. — At least 19 people have been killed in political violence in Natal and KwaZulu since the start of the weekend, police confirmed.

Yesterday morning, three people were shot dead by gunmen posing as policemen near Inanda, north of Durban.

A survivor said the men entered the house and demanded money. The attackers then opened fire, killing 25-year-old Ms Fikile Mirriam Mhlongo, her 14-year-old daughter Bongekile and a visitor, Mr Cyril Ndabezinhle Mncina.

The SAP unrest report said a man was killed in Umlazi, south of Durban, while the body of another man who had been shot dead was found in troubled Murchison on Sunday.

KwaZulu Police spokesman Colonel Moses Khanyile, meanwhile, reported 14 deaths in the region since Saturday.

Four people were shot dead in Zamani, Umlazi. The bodies of the men were found with gunshot wounds at 7am on Saturday.

In separate incidents of violence in Umlazi, a man was killed in D Section on Saturday while the body of another man was found near the township's King Zwelithini Stadium on Sunday.

In other attacks at the weekend, two people were killed in KwaMashu, north of Durban, and another two in KwaMakhutha, south of the city.

Three people were killed in Nekwini Reserve, Inquthu, in northern Natal on Saturday. — Sapa, Own Correspondent

More police for Triangle

PRETORIA. — An additional 385 policemen will be permanently deployed in the Witwatersrand and the Vaal Triangle areas, Internal Stability Division spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Roy Harrald said yesterday.

Colonel Harrald said 50 extra policemen would be deployed in Soweto, 30 in Diepkloof, 110 in Dunneton on the far East Rand and 175 in Vereeniging in the Vaal Triangle.

He said 80% of unrest-related incidents occurred in these areas. — Sapa
MOOI RIVER. — The Inkatha Freedom Party has lifted its suspension on participating in local dispute resolution committees in the Natal Midlands and is prepared to engage in peace talks in strife-torn Bruntville, a Goldstone Commission committee heard yesterday.

IFP Midlands leader Mr David Ntombela told the commission the National Peace Committee rulings that the ANC Midlands region had violated the peace accord and intended dealing with these violations had led to this decision.

Mr Ntombela’s statements came during his evidence before the commission, chaired by Professor Dirk van Zyl Smit, which is looking into political violence in and around Mooi River.

Earlier, ANC Midlands leader Mr Harry Gwala told the commission during his evidence that, as a loyal member of the ANC, he was committed to the peace process and the National Peace Accord. In his evidence, Mr Ntombela said the IFP would “start all over again” involving itself in the Midlands peace process.

The National Peace Committee in turn had to discuss the accord’s violations with Mr Gwala and stress that people should not make public statements which incited violence.

The IFP withdrew from these structures earlier this year owing to alleged ongoing attacks on its members and alleged inflammatory remarks by Mr Gwala. — Sapa
Natal ANC to decide on march

Political Reporter

The three ANC Natal regions will take a decision today on the proposed march on Ulundi, said ANC Natal Midlands spokesman Reggie Hadebe.

Midlands leader Harry Gwala yesterday said the KwaZulu capital fell under the ANC's northern Natal region, and that the initiative should come from there.

Today's meeting between the Midlands, northern Natal and southern Natal ANC regions will discuss the logistics and security arrangements for the march.

Mr Hadebe said the Midlands region had not distanced itself from the march, but had merely indicated that it would be logistically better suited for the northern Natal region to organise it.

A proposal to this effect would be made by the Midlands region at the meeting, Mr Hadebe said.
'No' to intimidation

HUNDREDS of Christians from various denominations are expected to say no to intimidation when they take part in a march in Maritzburg on Saturday.

General-secretary of the interdenominational Christians For Truth (CFT), the Rev Mosi Kunene, said yesterday the CFT had organised the march to highlight intimidation in townships, which often involved people being forced to attend political gatherings instead of going to church.
Ulundi march still on agenda

THE ANC’s three Natal regions have united forces in the face of a public outcry over the planned march on Ulundi and will meet today to plan the logistics of the protest. ANC Midlands region deputy chairman Reggie Hadebe dismissed as “incorrect” reports that Midlands chairman Harry Gwala had distanced himself from the march. Gwala was reported as saying a march on Ulundi was “physically impossible”.

ANC spokesman Gill Marcus said no decision had been reached on the march. As far as head office was concerned, today’s discussions were not solely about the march but would also deal with the creation of a free political climate in KwaZulu.

Earlier this week a panel appointed by the national peace secretariat found Hadebe had violated the peace accord. Peace committee chairman John Hall said last night the secretariat would welcome testimony by Hadebe on alleged breaches of the peace accord during an ANC mock trial earlier this year.

Hadebe vowed to defy a finding by a peace accord panel that the mock trial had violated the accord by symbolically sentencing 11 Inkatha leaders to death.

Hadebe said yesterday it was “like the crowd shouted “he must die” during sentencing of an Inkatha leader at the trial, but the mock judgment had merely called the attorney-general to charge him.

The findings were evidence the peace accord panel had become “a propaganda organ of the NP and Inkatha”.

Hall said Hadebe’s accusation was unprecedented for a leader in a party which had signed the peace accord. “We stand by our track record,” he said.

Speaking at the opening of an art exhibition last night, he said he had personally intervened to defuse tensions between Inkatha and the ANC yesterday after false reports were circulated claiming the ANC planned to disrupt Shaka Day celebrations this weekend. He said ANC peace desk head Sidney Mafumadi had assured him no disruption was planned.

He said international visitors to SA, in-

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including UN special envoy Cyrus Vance regarded the peace accord as a unifying factor in SA.

The DP said yesterday the ANC’s refusal to apologise to the national peace committee showed the committee needed greater authority. “The signatories... should consider all possible mechanisms to enhance the national peace committee’s authority, including legislative backing,” it said.

Meanwhile the national peace committee yesterday released details of findings that Gwala had breached the peace accord.

A national peace accord panel found he breached the accord by saying “we will kill Inkatha warlords” in an interview. Gwala, and through him the ANC, “failed to respect and give effect to the obligation to refrain from incitement to violence”.

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We'll march on Ulundi

By Esther Wanga
Political Reporter

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The campaign will also demand the proposed transfer of land to KwaZulu be stopped and the homeland be reincorporated into South Africa.

ANC Midlands spokesman Reggie Radebe said the strategy would be to mobilise the organisation's supporters in Natal in actions such as the occupation of buildings and demonstrations. It would culminate in a march on Ulundi.

Speaking during the meeting, ANC northern Natal chairman Aaron Ndlovu said 18 Renamo rebels had been ferried from the border to Piet Retief by the SA Police. There they had been met by senior members of the KwaZulu Police, who had taken them to Ulundi.

KwaZulu Chief Minister Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi said his government was legitimate and could not be illegally overthrown. He denied the presence of Renamo soldiers.

Chairman of the National Party's head committee and Natal NP leader, George Bartlett, said in Pretoria yesterday the underlying reason for the march — "the overthrow of the KwaZulu government" — was sure to provoke conflict.

Democratic Party leader Dr Zach de Beer has appealed to the ANC to call off the march.
Policeman shot dead

The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — A young policeman was shot dead in Maritzburg today when he went to check on a car thought to have been stolen.

Constable Marius Blom, 22, attached to the Internal Stability Unit, was on patrol in Berg Street, Maritzburg, when a car stopped.

According to Lieutenant-Colonel Willie van den Berg, as Constable Blom approached the car he was shot, and died instantly. The car then sped off.
Call for mediation
in Natal violence

MOOL RIVER — The Goldstone Commission is to request the Association of Law Societies to recommend a mediator to help bring peace to Mooi River, in Natal’s Midlands, and to ask the UN’s observer team to monitor the volatile area.

This has emerged at the end of a protracted inquiry into ongoing violence in Mooi River by a committee of the Goldstone Commission, chaired by Professor Dirk van Zyl Smit, dean of the law faculty at the University of Cape Town.

In his closing remarks on Tuesday, Professor Smit urged warring Inkatha Freedom Party and African National Congress supporters to show restraint and try to stop violence plaguing Bruntville township, where more than 20 people have died in clashes since January.

Professor Smit said his committee was encouraged by the reduction in violence in the area over the past two weeks, although “it is abundantly clear that all problems are not yet solved.”

His remarks came after a day of evidence, during which the thorny issue of carrying dangerous weapons in public again came under the spotlight.

In his comments, Professor Smit said it was particularly important that no major incidents of violence took place before a local dispute resolution committee (LDRC) was established.

He urged the police and army to maintain their recently increased presence in the area in order for the peace process to take root.

The Association of Law Societies would be approached to appoint a mediator to try to set in motion an LDRC, and UN observers would be requested to monitor this process, he said.

“While it’s not clear what the precise powers of the monitors are, we believe that even limited monitoring can make a difference,” he said.

Earlier, in their evidence to the committee, Midlands ANC and IFP leaders Harry Gwala and David Ntombela, respectively, both committed their organizations to the peace process at Mooi River. — Sapa.
ANC determined to march on Ulundi

THE ANC's militant Natal regions closed ranks yesterday and decided unanimously to go ahead with a march on the KwaZulu capital of Ulundi, but no date was set for the protest.

Head office spokesman Carl Niehaus said there was also agreement in principle at national level on the Ulundi march.

The announcements came as Law and Order spokesman Capt Craig Kotze issued a blunt warning that the protest would lead to bloodshed. Inkatha has repeatedly warned of violence if the march continues.

The decision to march was taken at an all-day meeting of Natal ANC, SACP and Cosatu leaders in Durban. Niehaus could not confirm whether the

SACP's Ronnie Kasrils, who initiated the breakaway charge at the Bisho march, or other leading communists would be at Ulundi. But he said it was likely top ANC leaders would participate because the event was of national significance and its impact would extend beyond KwaZulu.

ANC Natal leaders told a media briefing the organisation's national leaders would be consulted before final decisions about timing and preparations were made.

Spokesmen for the ANC's three Natal regions said everything possible would be done to prevent a repetition of the Bisho massacre. They said the march was about free political activity in KwaZulu.

Kotze said it was troubling that ANC Midlands leader Harry Gwala and his deputy Reggie Hadebe, who were both recently found guilty of breaching the national peace accord, were the main figures behind the march.

He said SA police could become involved in security operations to prevent violence, depending on the circumstances.

"Everything possible will be done to maintain peace, but at the end of the day it's up to the organisers of the march," he said.

The NP's Natal head committee said in a statement last night the decision to press ahead with the march was "provocative and irresponsible in the extreme".

Sapa reports the ANC alleged that a busload of Renamo soldiers were transported from Mozambique to Ulundi this week and would be used in hit squad operations to counter the Ulundi march.
Ulundi
march is
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Organisation in defiance of
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Sowetan Correspondent

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He said no date had been set for the local protests, but some branches had already begun discussing strategies.
Bids to avert IFP-ANC clash

TENSIONS AT FEVER PITCH IN NATAL

By Patrick Laurence and Own Correspondent

Frantic efforts were made yesterday to prevent violent clashes between the IFP and ANC during this weekend's Shaka Day celebrations in battle-torn Natal, where tension has reached breaking point after the ANC's defiant announcement that a planned march on Ulundi was on.

While Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi warned yesterday that the Zulu nation would stop ANC marchers, international peace efforts focused on the Durban township of KwaMashu - widely regarded as an ANC stronghold - where Shaka Day celebrations will culminate on Sunday.

The potentially explosive KwaMashu rally will follow similar celebrations in Stanger tomorrow.

Security forces, United Nations observers and independent groups yesterday established a security committee to monitor Sunday's planned rally.

This emerged after a six-hour meeting in Durban between the KwaMashu Civic Association (KCA), the ANC, KwaZulu government officials as the rally organisers, and the Natal/KwaZulu Dispute Resolution Committee to try to calm rising feelings.

Regional Dispute Resolution Committee (RDRC) spokesman Dominick Mitchell said the rally organisers had undertaken to approach Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini's advisers to request that the rally venue be changed.

The ANC yesterday said it had requested that the rally - to be addressed by Chief Buthelezi and King Goodwill - be moved to central Durban to prevent bloodshed, but said Chief Buthelezi had refused.

The KwaZulu Chief Minister and IFP leader, addressing 5,000 cheering supporters at a Shaka Day rally in Nkandla, northern Natal, said the planned march on the homeland's capital was the greatest threat to the Zulu people since the British army invaded Zululand more than a century ago.

"At no time since the conquest of KwaZulu in the Battle of Ulundi in 1879 has there been a greater threat against us as Zulus," he said.

A leopard skin draped around his shoulders and a spear, a stick and a shield in his hand, Chief Buthelezi accused the ANC and its allies of wanting to wipe KwaZulu "off the face of the Earth" and repeated his warning that "the people will stop the ANC marches with their bare hands.

"I believe that we have already moved into the first phase of civil war," Chief Buthelezi said, sending a ripple of anger through the crowd.

In KwaMashu, various meetings were held yesterday to defuse the tension amid claims that gun-toting people were forcing residents to attend the rally.

The RDRC met the KCA and IFP representatives, and the KCA also held separate talks with UN observers, the IFP and police.

ANC southern Natal chairman Jeff Hadebe alleged yesterday that heavily armed IFP members and KwaZulu policemen were intimidating the community.

"I live in KwaMashu and the situation is very tense...these people have invaded and attacked our community after their rallies here, and we expect it again."

There were also reports of people fleeing their homes in anticipation of violence, according to Sapa.

The KwaZulu government and the IFP have accused the ANC of attempting to disrupt Sunday's rally.

On Wednesday, five people were killed in KwaMashu and the homes of three KwaZulu civil servants rumoured to be ANC members were set alight.

While various political groups - including the National Party and the Democratic Party - have warned that the proposed ANC march amounted to political...
Tensions soar ahead of rally

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"...in the wake of the September 7 Bisho massacre, the IFP has predicted that the march would make the Chatsi bloodbath look like "a Sunday school picnic".

Chief Buthelezi said yesterday that there had been attempts by the ANC and its allies to undermine KwaZulu's civil service and subvert its police force.

He added: "We already have an open declaration of intention by the ANC to remove me from power by force."

Hailing that counter-measures were imminent, Chief Buthelezi said: "Enough is enough ... we will no longer pussyfoot around. We cannot allow events (aimed at the destruction of KwaZulu) to take their course."

Chief Buthelezi insisted that the intention of the Ulundi march was not peaceful.

"The police have discovered arms caches right near Ulundi which have been secreted there for attack against me," he said.

Chief Buthelezi conceded that the ANC had won support for its drive against KwaZulu from Zulus. "The campaign is finding support from the very people the ANC wants to annihilate. It is turning brother against brother and son against father."

"On demands that Zulus should be prohibited from carrying "cultural weapons" — spears, shields and sticks — the chief said: "We are being made a sacrificial lamb to placate the ANC-SACP alliance. ... We say thus far and no further."

The ANC's department of information and publicity said in a statement last night that KwaMashu residents had proposed that the rally be moved.

The Natal investigation unit of the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry Regarding Political Violence and intimidation is to urgently inquire into allegations made by ANC officials that Resano rebels had been brought into Natal from Mozambique to take part in hit-squad activities, commission chairman Mr Justice Richard Goldstone said in a statement last night.

Mr Justice Goldstone said the inquiry was in response to a request from the IFP yesterday.
Atteridgeville to oppose tariff hike
THEO RAWANA

THE Atteridgeville/Saulspoort Residents Association (Asro) has threatened to challenge the Pretoria City Council’s decision to more than double service tariffs in the township.

The council is to raise monthly tariffs from R103.50 to R220 a household from November. The township faces a R39.3m deficit.

The council said the increase was an attempt to reduce the shortfall and to prevent a total collapse of services in Atteridgeville.

Administration of the township was taken over by Pretoria in April after its administrator, town clerk and city treasurer resigned.

Asro chairman Reeves Mabiti said yesterday residents deplored the “unilateral decision of the Pretoria City Council” and would meet at the local community hall on Sunday to “shape the way forward.”

“We are going to use whatever means at our disposal to challenge these intended tariffs,” Mabiti said.

Diplomats oppose march on Ulundi

PRETORIA — Diplomatic community members yesterday expressed severe reservations about the ANC’s decision in principle to proceed with the protest march on Ulundi.

Most diplomats canvassed said the march would be a provocative act, contrary to the spirit of the national peace accord.

They said the right of free political expression needed to be weighed against other factors, such as the possibility of violence, the effect repercussions might have on the economy, and what the march could achieve.

The decision to hold a march at Ulundi, in the context of hostile statements by Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi, was clearly contrary to a peace accord requirement that organisers of any political event should “take into account local sentiment and foreseeable consequences.”

Sapa reports the Law and Order Ministry said in Pretoria that the organisers of the march had shown contempt for the peace process and the demonstration would invariably lead to bloodshed.

A ministry spokesman said the ANC should have learned the lesson that mass action inevitably led to conflict and violence.

“It is almost inevitable that this decision will lead to bloodshed, as it did at Bishop, Gisela.”

RAY HARTLEY reports that DP Law and Order spokesman Peter Gastrow said political organisations had an inherent right to march, but “confrontation and bloodshed” would result from a march on Ulundi.

Cosatu yesterday accused the DP government and the media of whipping up hysteria “to create a climate in which any attempt to challenge tintop dictators in the bantustans would be viewed as irresponsible and provocative.”

The union federation threw its weight behind the decision of “structures of the democratic movement in Natal” to go ahead with the march in a statement released yesterday.

NP welcomes corruption probe

PRETORIA — The NP caucus in the Pretoria City Council yesterday welcomed the announcement that a TPA-appointed committee of inquiry would investigate alleged corruption and bribery by council members.

The commission will also investigate whether council members should be involved in property development during their terms of office.

A TPA spokesman said the extent of the alleged self-enrichment was not known and would form part of the investigation.

Toxic dumping alleged

A POTCHEFSTROOM man, whose estranged wife alleged he dumped toxic and radioactive waste in the area, applied for a final interdict in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday preventing her from making public accusations against him.

Theodorus Bekker has asked the court for an order restraining his wife, who has submitted sworn affidavits alleging that her husband disposed of as many as 80 drums of toxic waste material.

Bekker denies he told his wife he had dumped any waste.

Counsel for Maria Bekker submitted that she had been acting in the public interest when she made her allegations to the members of the family.
ANC man 'can put his case'

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — The National Peace Committee is prepared to re-open its case in which it found that ANC Natal organiser Mr Reggie Hadebe had contravened the National Peace Accord to give him a chance to put his case, the chairman of the committee, Mr John Hall, said yesterday.

He said the NPC made the decision on the strength of press reports that Mr Hadebe did not regard the findings by a NPC adjudication panel to be binding because he did not attend the hearing.

Mr Hall said it was "important that if there is any doubt about the just nature of the adjudication panel and its findings, this must be cleared up".

The NPC was still awaiting the official response of the ANC and the SA Communist Party to the findings of the adjudication panel and they have until September 30 to respond.

According to the terms of the National Peace Accord, the ANC and SACP must, in the light of the findings, remedy the breach of the accord by publicly distancing themselves from the events complained of and take steps to prevent a recurrence.

Mr Hadebe could not be reached for comment last night.

* The adjudication panel of the NPC has found that the ANC and the SACP contravened various sections of the National Peace Accord during an ANC rally in Maritzburg on June 26.
police cordon and launched a coordinated attack on the Jomo Kenyatta National Polytechnic University of Nairobi. The attack was carried out by a group of armed men, who were wearing black uniforms and skull caps. The attackers stormed the campus and opened fire, killing at least 15 people and injuring dozens more. The attack was claimed by a little-known militia, the Islamic State of East Africa (ISEA), which has been active in the region for several years.

The attack on the university came just weeks after similar violence in the city of Nairobi, where a group of armed men stormed a mall and killed dozens of people. The government has beefed up security measures in the wake of the attacks, but critics say that the authorities have done little to address the root causes of the violence, such as poverty and inequality.

The University of Nairobi, one of the top institutions in East Africa, has a long history of political activism and has been a target of violence in the past. The university has been embroiled in a long-running dispute with the government over funding and resources, and has been accused of being too close to the ruling party.

The attack on the university has sparked outrage across the country, with many calling for action to be taken to prevent further violence. The government has promised to do everything in its power to ensure the safety of students and staff, and to bring those behind the attacks to justice.
Bracing for rough weekend in Natal

STAFF REPORTERS and SAPA

RISING tension between the ANC and the Inkatha Freedom Party in Natal showed no signs of abating as the two organisations yesterday prepared for a weekend of rallies and funerals.

A swarm of violence monitors, including UN representatives, is set to cover the townships today and tomorrow.

Bophuthatswana did an about-face on its hard-line stance towards the ANC's planned march on its territory after talks yesterday with the Police Secretariat and UN observers.

The homeland had warned the ANC that it would protect its sovereignty "with force if necessary" but has now expressed willingness to negotiate with the organisation.

In Natal, the Conservative Party yesterday vowed to support the Zulu people "in resisting any incursion on their soil" if the ANC pressed ahead with its march on the KwaZulu capital.

Tension has gripped three main areas in Natal — the South Coast where the IFP will today bury eight victims of a minibus attack; KwaMashu, where a Shaka's Day rally will be held tomorrow; and Umlazi, where the ANC will hold a rally today.

Urgent inquiry

At KwaMashu yesterday some residents prepared to spend the weekend away from the township amid IFP accusations that the ANC was trying to disrupt the rally and planning attacks on those attending.

The march on Bophuthatswana — initially planned to take place two weeks ago — was put on hold earlier this month when Mr Justice Richard Goldstone intervened, apparently appealing to the ANC not to go ahead pending an urgent inquiry by his Commission into the Bisho massacre.

The Bisho inquiry was heard on Wednesday, and the march has been tentatively scheduled for October 9.

Angela Bry, leader of the UN observer group to Southern Africa, said yesterday after meeting Bophuthatswana's government and the ANC, that both parties wanted to avoid violence, and that both sides were willing to talk.

National Peace Committee chairman John Hall said yesterday that there was no doubt that mass marches were to an extent provocative.
IEP quits peace group

DURBAN. — The IEP in Natal has withdrawn from the Lower South Coast Local Dispute Resolution Committee.

The regional IEP leadership, the Isingolweni Tribal Authority and the Umzumbe tribal structures yesterday gave problems with the LDRC structure and lack of respect for tribal structures as reasons for the withdrawal.

The leadership also said it was a protest against continued attacks on IEP members in the area, especially the murder of Mr Samson Majola — one of the LDRC IEP representatives — and the recent massacre of 12 Inkatha Youth Brigade members. — Sapa
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which newspaper Moses thinks is Numero Uno?

JUMP START ... Moses Mqipha is over the moon after winning a nitty little Uno in the City Press Lucky Card competition last Sunday.

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Political prisoners get their freedom

By RONALD BLOM

ABOUT 150 ANC political prisoners, including the last of the Uprising 35 and one of the last two Sharpeville 58, were released last Friday from the notorious Pollsmoor Gaol in Cape Town.

The ANC and government officials agreed that the prisoners would be freed after two weeks of negotiations.

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By SIBU HINGADI

Kwamashu residents flocked to the stadium today in anticipation of Inkatha Shaka Day rally.

Despite assurances from the Natal/KwaZulu Regional Dispute Resolution Committee, Kwamashu residents evacuated their homes expecting bloodshed at the celebratory rally at the Princess Magogo Stadium.

The committee announced on Friday that a ground-breaking meeting between senior representatives of the ANC, IFP, SA Police, Kwamashu Civic Association, KwaZulu Police, UN and the provincial government would be held to discuss the current situation.

It was agreed that the resolution committee would ensure that the return of Monday would be peaceful and that all the necessary precautions would be taken to avoid violence today.

However, residents in the vicinity of the stadium were not taking chances. "We will believe the resolution committee's assurances when we see it on our own eyes," said a nursing sister who lives nearby.

The ANC asked for the rally to be moved to another venue because of fears violence would erupt. President Mbeki refused to budge. If Mbeki did not go ahead with the rally, he was likely to face severe consequences.

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The general said there was information that weapons were being taken into the match to supplement those that had already been cached in the area.

This week the ANC and IFP agreed that Kwamashu residents would be allowed to stage a meeting to discuss their grievances.

The meeting was a success and both parties agreed to continue with the talks.

The committee said there was a need to ensure that the meeting was peaceful and that all the necessary precautions would be taken to avoid violence.

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Girl shot at Shaka Day rally

DURBAN. — A 16-year-old girl was shot and killed when Inkatha supporters returning from the Shaka Day rally at Princess Magogo stadium in KwaMashu yesterday opened fire on an opposing crowd from a minibus.

According to unconfirmed ANC reports at least 10 people were injured.

An Inkatha supporter was stabbed.

Police spokesman Colonel Bill Dennis said the injured man had been assaulted by a group who objected to his IFP T-shirt.

A separate incident outside the stadium, shots were fired from a bus ferrying Inkatha supporters to the rally. Colonel Dennis said police searched the bus and found a pistol but were unable to ascertain who had fired the shots.

Many in the 10,000-strong crowd brandished a variety of weapons — pangas, home-made axes and sharpened, metal piping while beer flowed freely among the jubilant supporters. About a dozen pump-action shotguns and some handguns were also evident.

Several regiments of traditionally-clad “ama-butho” with spears and shields swarmed across the stadium and buses disgorged thousands of chanting IFP supporters. King Goodwill Zwelithini and Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi led “warriors” in customary singing and dancing.

* A local leader at Folweni, near Amanzimtoti, led a group of IFP supporters to disrupt an ANC meeting in the township’s sports grounds yesterday. The meeting was cancelled.
Stabbing, shots but no serious trouble at Shaka Day celebration

DURBAN — One person was stabbed and three were injured in two separate incidents outside the Princess Magogo Stadium yesterday.

The two incidents occurred in Kwazulu-Natal and involved Inkatha supporters.

In the first incident, a man was stabbed outside the stadium. The man was taken to hospital, where he is said to be in a critical condition.

In the second incident, three people were injured when a bus carrying Inkatha supporters was attacked.

There were no reports of arrests, and police are investigating both incidents.

KwaZulu-Natal chief minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi reiterated his warning that a march by Inkatha could result in bloodshed and urged the ANC to use peaceful means to express their grievances.

Eleven people were killed and nine others wounded during unrest-related incidents across the province.

The bodies of 10 men were found in a field near Richmond. One man was killed in an attack on a police station in Soshanguve.
Rally calm, but 12 die in Natal

Crime Staff and Sapa

Twelve people were killed and a policeman was seriously wounded in Natal at the weekend, but fears of clashes between Inkatha and ANC supporters at the Shaka Day celebrations in KwaMashu failed to materialise.

In Geesthacht, Richmond, 10 people were killed on Saturday when about 30 opened fire on residents.

Police said 15 huts were burned down, and two motor vehicles were set alight during the attack. The names of the dead will be released when their next of kin have been notified.

Police said that at KwaMashu one IFP supporter was stabbed yesterday outside the Princess Magogo stadium and a firearm was confiscated from a group of IFP supporters after shots were fired from a bus transporting people to the rally.

Last night KwaMashu and its surrounding areas were under heavy police guard because residents said they were scared of being attacked during the night.

In KwaZulu, one person was killed and at least five were injured on Friday, said police. The attacks occurred in the wake of mass funeral ceremonies of shooting victims in the week in Ulundi.

A man was assaulted and his home set on fire.

A policeman was seriously wounded in KwaDengezi Pinetown, on Saturday when attackers fired several shots at his car, police said.
10 hacked to death in Natal

PRETORIA. — Thirteen people were killed and at least nine others, including a policeman, were wounded in unrest-related incidents countrywide, according to the latest police unrest report issued yesterday.

Ten men were hacked to death by a mob of about 30 armed people at Gengeshe near Richmond early on Saturday.

Police said the attackers arrived at Gengeshe with pangas, assegais and other weapons and "fell on the people".

Fifteen huts and two cars were gutted.

The situation was quiet but tense yesterday.

Captain Budhram said it was not yet clear whether the ANC-IFP battle for political ascendancy was behind the massacre. Gengeshe was predominately an Inkatha area, he said.

Meanwhile, on Friday night, Mr David Zondi, 20, of Imballi, was shot dead by gunmen in a vehicle.

Five other young men were wounded in the shooting.

Two groups clashed at Qumesi, near Bulwer, leaving one man dead.

Three men were seriously wounded when shots were fired from a vehicle at another vehicle at Kliptown, Soweto, and Constable C S Hlungwa was seriously wounded when unknown attackers fired at him at Kwallangeni, Pinetown. — Sapa, Own Correspondent
Thirty armed men open fire on Richmond residents, set fire to 15 huts

12 die in Nataal clashes

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10 die: IFP calls for action

DURBAN. — The IFP has called for urgent action to be taken to protect the lives of inhabitants of the greater Richmond area in Natal.

The IFP was reacting yesterday to the killing of nine IFP supporters and an ANC member at Gengeshe on Saturday.

It said the murder of Mr Bheka Phoswa, an IFP organiser whose head was cut off in the attack, had serious implications because he had been a key witness in the impending murder trial of ANC members from Ndlameta.

In reply, the ANC Midlands deputy secretary Reggie Hadebe blamed the IFP for the killings.

Petrol-bombed

"Various attempts to find peace have been frustrated by the IFP's unilateral withdrawal and continual reneging on peace agreements in Richmond."

● A Lingelethe Town Council truck was petrol-bombed in Zola Budd Avenue in Khayelitsha yesterday.
● Ten people were killed at the weekend, police said yesterday.
● Nine people were killed in Natal, and a man was hacked to death near Heidelberg, Transvaal. — Sgds, Staff Reporter and Own Correspondent.
KwaGengeshe dead "were IFP"

By Brian Sokute

The IFP and the ANC yesterday both blamed each other for the killing of 11 people in violent clashes at KwaGengeshe village near Richmond in Natal on Saturday.

Ten of the dead were claimed by the IFP to be supporters.

The ANC claimed the other dead man was a member of its organisation.

ANC Natal Midlands spokesman Reggie Hadebe said the killings could have been avoided had the IFP not withdrawn from regional peace talks.

He urged the IFP to "stop playing political games at the cost of human lives and be serious about peace".

No protection

The IFP called for urgent action to be taken to protect the lives and property of residents in the Richmond area.

It expressed fears that the police were unable to provide effective protection for the local population.

Among those killed was IFP regional organiser Bhekka Phosua, who was the key witness in a murder trial involving ANC members from Ndaleni.

The IFP has named nine of the 10 of their supporters killed in the attack.

The IFP supporters were Mahavu Shezi (35), Munti Mkhize (24), Mbutshwa Madlala (46), Nomawakhe Jill (24), Bhekka Phoswa (42), Velaphi Diamini (50), Dumaisang Mthembu (30), Jabulani Sithole (26) and Mbovane Ncube (47).
Councillors killed in grenade, rifle attack

DURBAN. — The cold-blooded killing of Ningizimu deputy mayor and another councillor outside a bottle store near Lamontville this week has been condemned by the IFP.

The councillors were among six people who died in the grenade and rifle attack near the S J Smith Hostel on Monday.

The councillors and a third man died at the scene of the shooting, while the others died later.

The IFP said the deaths of deputy mayor Mr Gideon Sibuya and councillor Mr Mthembeni Xulu, 52, brought to 230 the number of their leaders killed in political violence.

In other incidents:

- Five policemen were among 27 people wounded in unrest-related incidents throughout the country on Tuesday.

- Twenty people were wounded when police used teargas and shotgun fire to ward off stone-throwers at Mankwanyaseni, Heidelberg.

- A mob shot and wounded two men at Nyoninga, Bishopscourt.

- Twenty-four people died and 108 were injured in the seven-day period ending on Tuesday, according to the Human Rights Commission. — Own Correspondent, Sapa
Who runs the ANC?

The ANC’s Natal regions have officially dug in their heels over the commitment to march on Ulundi, the KwaZulu capital. Such a march could lead to massive conflict between the ANC and Inkatha.

But there are also qualifying noises. ANC Natal spokesman Dumisani Mahaye says that though the decision to march stands, the Mandela/De Klerk summit last weekend will have a profound impact on all ANC activities throughout the country. “In the light of that, the Natal leadership will have to check and constantly review the Ulundi march decision.” He says that though ANC deputy president Walter Sisulu was in Durban for the release of Magoo’s Bar bomber Robert McBride, there has been no time for mass action discussions.

Predictably, the more hardline Midlands region, under ANC Stalinist Harry Gwala, appears less willing to abandon its march. Though no date has been set for the event, Midlands deputy chairman Reggie Hadebe stresses that the negotiating process and mass action are not mutually exclusive and the fact that talks have been resumed does not mean an end to mass action.

“We’ve suspended the armed struggle and it would be foolhardy to do the same with our mass action weapon on the basis of an undertaking by De Klerk. How can we trust those people who always renge on agreements?” He says that “provocative, inflammatory or belligerent” statements by KwaZulu Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi at the weekend are irrelevant to the decision to proceed with the march.

During Shaka Day celebrations at the weekend, a clearly angry Buthelezi announced his withdrawal from negotiations and warned that any march on Ulundi could become a suicide mission. Zulu king Goodwill Zwelithini urged the ANC/SACP/Cosatu alliance to stop pushing SA into a civil war and fanning black-on-black violence. It should, he said, abandon its plans to march on the capital.

Argues Hadebe: “The purpose of this march would be to claim our democratic right to free political association, which is denied in Ulundi and other parts of KwaZulu. We have the resolve and are determined to proceed and claim that right. We will probably be meeting with the southern Natal executive soon to discuss timing and logistics.”

“This is clearly a situation where we either have to submit or fight. Submission would tell those creations of apartheid, tinpot despots like Buthelezi and Ciskei leader Brigadier Opupa Gqozo, that they can continue denying these civil liberties. That would be a serious mistake.” He adds that Buthelezi should be questioned on why he continues to deny these basic rights and that he must also take the blame if there is bloodshed.

Referring to the implications for protest marches of the Mandela/De Klerk meeting, Hadebe was, as the FM went to press, still studying their Record of Understanding and had not come across any specific clause related to mass action. “However, the national executive has undertaken to consult with the regions to review its programme and the Midlands region will wait and put its view at these discussions.”

The issue could force a crucial showdown on who runs the ANC: the regions or the national leadership. If ANC head office chooses to be outwitted by the tail, the implication for its future control — and its ability to deliver a constituency — will be profound.
Three killed in Umlazi

DURBAN.—Three people had been killed and one person injured in unrest in Umlazi, Durban, KwaZulu police reported yesterday.

Police said Mr Sthembiso Ncwabase, 27, had been shot dead at Prince Mshiyeni Hospital on Wednesday. A suspect has been arrested.

Also in Umlazi, two men were stabbed to death in separate incidents. An Umagazi councillor, Mr M E Mdunge, was wounded when gunmen fired at his home. Police described the attack as "political".

Meanwhile, police said yesterday that up to 20 people — and possibly more — had been injured in a clash in the Far East Rand township of Ratanda on Tuesday.

On Tuesday the ANC claimed 30 people had been injured in the clash — allegedly with security forces in Ratanda. At the time, a police spokesman could confirm only that three people had been injured and nine arrested.

Also on Wednesday, four people were injured in Moshabini Reserve, Murchison, when a hand grenade was thrown at a home. A tractor and trailer were set alight at Dorrington, Fort Beaufort, and a home in Ratanda was damaged in a petrol-bomb attack.

At least 25 people were killed in political violence in the Port Shepstone area in September, according to the Practical Ministries monitoring group. — Sapa
Inkatha three deny attacks

THREE Inkatha activists charged with five counts of attempted murder appeared in the Mtunzini Magistrate's Court this week. They were arrested after a series of attacks in Esikhawini on August 26.

After local police handling of the incident led to accusations of a cover-up, the Goldstone Commission sent a special representative to investigate and a Durban police officer is now in charge of the case.

The three — Mantengu Matheniwa, Ben Mlambo and a minor who may not be named — first appeared in court last Friday, when they denied the charges.

They said they were not in Esikhawini at the time of the attacks because they were taking a message from an Inkatha official to a chief in the Nyoni area. Explaining injuries which they had sustained, they said they had been shot after delivering the message.

Forensic evidence heard in court was that their injuries were caused by a hand grenade. One of the attacks in which they have been implicated, on the house of National Union of Metalworkers official Bhekane Ntuli, involved AK47s, a hand grenade and a shotgun.

The state is opposing bail on the grounds that the three may interfere with witnesses.
Nkatha leaders assassinated in Natal
We want peace for all - PAC

THE PAC yesterday announced its programme of advocating reconciliation and ending violence among peace-loving people in South Africa.

Publicity secretary Waters Toboti said the organisation would be negotiating peace with all people, irrespective of political affiliation, and would concentrate mainly on violence-stricken areas such as Natal.

Toboti said senior national executive committee member Joe Mkhwanazi had been mandated to head the PAC mission that would be negotiating with leaders in the Natal region in efforts to end violence.

Toboti said President de Klerk and the Government should take the blame for the instability in SA. He alleged that violence was being generated by security forces and this caused serious divisions among the oppressed masses. — Sapa.
Unmask political killers, says NP

Weekend Argus Correspondent

DURBAN — Natal National Party leader Mr George Bartlett has urged people with information on political killers to come forward, unmask them and claim the substantial rewards being offered by police.

His remarks come in the face of criticism from the Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) of a decision by the SAP to offer a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killers of the deputy chairman of the ANC's Natal Midlands branch, Mr Reggie Hadebe.

As he was killed on South African soil, the reward was offered by the SAP.

The IFP called this "a disgraceful display of selective morality" in light of the murder of 253 IFP leaders in political violence since 1985.

There are several other rewards on offer at present. The SAP has offered R50 000 for information on the killers of IFP member Chief Nalimande, his wife and four children in Nkobeni, Richmond, on August 23. This killing occurred on South African territory.

The KwaZulu government offered an R60 000 reward for information on the killers of 22 people at Sabelo's kraal, Folweni, this week. Folweni is controlled by the KwaZulu police.

There was no mention made of a reward for information on the killers of eight ANC people in Folweni.

The SAP has appointed special investigating teams to probe the Folweni massacres and the murder of Mr Hadebe. Police said they offered rewards in an impartial manner, and treated each case on its merits. There was no question of favouring one organisation or party.

Urging people to earn these rewards, Mr Bartlett said: "We should now catch the perpetrators of these murders."

He said such political intimidation had to stop. People should not give in to intimidation or keep silent through fear of their lives.

People who allowed themselves to be intimidated were opening themselves to a future dictatorial form of government, said Mr Bartlett.
Three tablets bal!

Fear and danger

By Fred Khumalo

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Collusion evidence – ANC

THE ANC’s Southern Natal region this week claimed it had “once again” uncovered collusion between the security police and Inkatha leadership.

ANC spokesman Dumisani Makhyane said “extensive investigations” had revealed that facsimile messages to and from the ANC’s regional offices in Durban were diverted to the security forces.

“One of these messages was sent to Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi by the security police,” he said.

The claim follows Buthelezi’s disclosure of the facsimile message at a news conference in Durban this week. The document named Umkhonto weSizwe officials who are operating in Natal which, the IFP leader said, proved that MK was behind violence in the province.

The message was sent by MK chief-of-staff Sphiwe Nyanda.

Makhyane said MK was a legal organisation with full-time functionaries.

“We never intended to make these appointments a secret, so what Buthelezi showed to journalists was not a political bombshell.

“The bombshell is that the IFP/security force collusion continues unabated even after the Inkatha-gate scandal.”

He claimed ANC regions in Natal knew facsimile messages were being diverted to the security forces, and no longer used the machines for sensitive information.

“The only way Buthelezi could have received that fax is through the handlers of Inkatha within the security forces,” Makhyane said.

Police spokesman Capt Hamilton Ngidi denied police had delivered the document to Inkatha and described the ANC’s allegations as “very unfair.”

IFP spokesman Ed Titljet declined to comment and referred queries to Buthelezi’s office. – Sepa
Natal ANC triad gear up for big march

BY S’BU MNGADI

EVEN the literary mind of Alexander Dumas could never have imagined the characters in his 19th century epic "The Three Musketeers" would be reincarnated in Natal.

But they have appeared in the form of Southern Natal ANC chairman Jeff Radebe, Natal Midlands ANC deputy chairman Reggie Hadebe and northern Natal ANC chairman Dr Aaron Ndlovu. The three have been giving Inkatha president Mangosuthu Buthelezi sleepless nights for the past two weeks.

Buthelezi maintains the thought of thousands of ANC-supporting Zulus marching on Ulundi evokes heroic memories of the Battle of Isandlwana in 1879 when Zulus decimated the invading British army.

The three ANC leaders and Natal Midlands ANC leader Harry Gwala announced last week they would lead a march on Buthelezi’s KwaZulu stronghold.

This prompted the IFP leader to warn the ANC-Cosatu-SACP alliance the march would mark the beginning of a civil war and amount to "a suicide mission".

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However, the three Natal regions were adamant the march would go ahead. Not even ANC president Nelson Mandela’s pleas could dissuade them at this week’s meeting of the national executive committee in Johannesburg.

Ndlovu is convinced the march will challenge the myth which has been perpetuated by KwaZulu and Inkatha that Zulus angrily oppose the mass action.

"I’m a Zulu as much as Dr Buthelezi," he declared.

Central to the dispute between the Natal ANC leadership and Buthelezi is the political soul of Natal — home, according to recent statistics, to more than a fifth of South Africans.

Both Radebe and Ndlovu claim first-hand experience of Inkatha’s political intolerance, particularly in KwaZulu north of Thukela River.

Radebe, a former Inkatha leader, remembers vividly how an impi led by assassinated Umlazi Inkatha strongman Winnington Sabelo knocked him unconscious in 1980, minutes after being capped for a bachelor’s degree by Buthelezi — chancellor of the University of Zululand.
IFP boss speaks on weapons.

KWAZULU. Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi said at the weekend he would never tell his people to lay down their cultural weapons.

Speaking at a Shaka Day celebration at Umtamvuna on the Natal South Coast, Buthelezi said he would never take orders from the Government which he said was becoming a "spineless lackey of the ANC". 

Mbekwenzi 5/10/92
Protest called off as IFP men move in

Oval Correspondent

DURBAN — The planned ANC march at Ladysmith's Ezakheni township was called off yesterday after local IFP supporters, mainly from the hostel, moved in to disrupt the march. The quick intervention of the security forces and the local police saved what could have been a bloody confrontation, when the IFP supporters marched towards the township's hall in section C, where the ANC supporters were gathering before marching to the local superintendent's office to present a memorandum.

Announcing the proposed march last Friday, ANC Midlands spokesman Reggie Hadebe said it was part of the campaign to demand free political activity, the disbanding of the KwaZulu Police and to stop the transfer of land to KwaZulu.

In response, the KwaZulu government had said that mass action caused violence and could not be called legitimate or democratic.
KwaMashu rally set example for peace

RAY HARTLEY

ANC marches planned for Uhundi and Mabalane would go off peacefully if leaders from both sides committed themselves to avoiding violence, UN monitoring mission chief Angela King said at the weekend.

Speaking at a media conference, she said last week's Shaka Day rally, held by Inkatha in the ANC stronghold of KwaMashu, was evidence peace was possible if leaders made an effort to minimize conflict.

King said national peace committee chairman John Hall was working on a new accord on political tolerance.

Steps taken by monitors and national peace accord structures to avoid bloodshed at protests included:
- Meetings with government, ANC, Inkatha and UN officials;
- Mobilisation of the peace accord's regional dispute resolution committees in affected areas;
- King said 50 UN observers, including some who monitored Angolan elections, would be in SA by the end of October. A further 15 Commonwealth and EC monitors were also expected soon. Five EC monitors would join the Goldstone commission's special investigative unit.

The UN mission would have structures in all of the peace accord's 11 regions by the end of the month.

SACP member Jeremy Cronin said yesterday mass action should continue through the transition period and into a future SA, directed at the government of the day.

He was speaking on Slabbert's Sunday — the first of Van Zyl Slabbert's hour-long lunchtime TV talk shows.

Cronin said even when SA had made the transition to democracy, leaders had to be in place for the masses to make their feelings known other than at the polls.

Armscor stages local show

ARMSCOR will show next month a comprehensive range of SA arms and technology involving more than 150 companies.

The exhibition — Dextra '92 — will be the first that Armscor and local armament manufacturers have taken part in locally.

The need to shift the focus of research and development, production and supply from SA's own defence priorities to that of international market demands was paramount, a spokesman said.

Armscor had been exploring commercial opportunities. In the armsfield, he said, Armscor's past successes gave it an advantage over competitors in a number of fields.

Almost 300 international guests, including a large number of potential buyers, had indicated they would be attending, he said.

About 150 exhibitors would be displaying products and themes such as artillery, armour, infantry/air-defence systems, law enforcement equipment, electronic warfare, medical equipment, guided systems and research and design.

The exhibition will run from November 17 to 21 at Nasrec, south of Johannesburg. A practical demonstration and live firing of various weapons systems will be held at the Army Battle School at Lohatla, in the northwestern Cape, on Friday, November 20.
TWENTY-FIVE people have been arrested in connection with the killing of 10 people in Gengezhe near Richmond in the Natal Midlands last Saturday, police announced yesterday.

Nine people, believed to be Inkatha Freedom Party supporters, were killed. One of the alleged attackers also died. Police spokesman Captain Henry Budhram said police had arrested "Mr. Thandilezwa Dlamini" (15) on Thursday.

After further investigations another 24 people were arrested.
Gunmen kill man in tavern

Three gunmen killed a man when they opened fire in a tavern in Evaton, south of Johannesburg, early yesterday, police said.

According to police, the men burst into TK’s Tavern in Small Farms at about 2 am, firing several rounds with an AK-47 and pistols.

The dead man, who has not been identified, was shot in the head. No other injuries were reported.

In a vicious attack in Brunville, near Mool River, on Sunday afternoon, a 25-year-old woman was stoned, stabbed and “necklaced” near the township’s stadium after a residents’ meeting.

SAP spokesman Captain Henry Budhram said Thembelile Zulu was confronted outside the stadium after the meeting and she was stoned and stabbed before a petrol-soaked tyre was placed around her neck and set alight.

A man, Robert Khumalo, was injured after being stoned and stabbed several times in the same area on Sunday. Police do not know if the attacks were related.

Also on Sunday, a man was stabbed to death in simmering Ratanda township near Heidelberg.

Three people, including a policeman, were killed in KwaMashu, near Durban, on Friday.

Police said a group of men arrived at the home of Constable S Mgwabi on Friday night, demanding to talk to him. After an argument, they shot him with a .38 revolver. His firearm was stolen.

Three other men were shot dead by unknown gunmen in the KwaMashu men’s hostel.

Natal police have arrested 25 people in connection with the killing of 10 people in Engenhe, near Richmond, last Saturday.

Nine people, believed to be Inkatha Freedom Party supporters, were killed in the attack. One of the attackers also died.

Captain Budhram said yesterday police had arrested Thandukwazi Christopher Dlamini (18) on Thursday last week. He appeared in the Richmond Magistrate’s Court on Friday and was remanded.

Another 24 people were arrested over the weekend. They appeared in court yesterday and were also remanded.
Bomb is found at university

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — A suspended KwaZulu policeman who is currently facing charges of murder, was possibly the intended victim of yesterday's limpet mine on a vehicle at the University of Natal.

The bomb was found under the car near a hostel. It is believed it was wired to the ignition.

Campus sources said the car belonged to Siphiwe Mvuyane, who is facing charges of murder, and who two years ago admitted to killing at least 30 people "in self-defence".

He regularly visited a friend at the hostel, sources said.
Clergy look into violence

The Natal Church Leaders Group began an emergency meeting in Durban yesterday to address escalating political violence in Natal, the planned ANC alliance march to Umlazi and other critical issues facing the province.

The meeting is being attended by SA Council of Churches general secretary the Rev Frank Chikane and prominent Natal clergy. - Sowetan Correspondents and Sapa
DURBAN. — Priests and ministers have become the targets of unrest in Natal/KwaZulu, and their lives are in danger, church leaders were told here yesterday.

Church leaders also asked that urgent meetings be held with the ANC and the IFP leadership in the region.

The request was made by leaders of the Anglican, Methodist and Roman Catholic churches at a conference at the Ecumenical Centre here/held under the auspices of the World Council of Churches.

SA Council of Churches general secretary the Rev Frank Chikane said at the conference that more than 300 people had died in the Natal conflict in August and September and the political temperature was so high clergy had been dragged into the conflict.

"Even burying a member of their congregation who happens to have a flag draped over his coffin qualifies the minister to be attacked from the other side," he said.

The conference also discussed possible resolutions of the problems which had given rise to the ANC's proposal for a march to Ulundi.

Four international violence monitors, functioning under the Ecumenical Monitoring Programme in South Africa, are due to arrive in Durban next week.
Violence seminar to probe causes

UMTAPPO Centre will host a seminar on October 17 and 18 to look into the causes of political violence and suggest solutions that can counter the scourge.

An Umtapo spokesman said: "The wish to establish non-governmental conflict management organisations, dispute resolution committees and peace commissions in recent times seems to be loaded with private agendas rather than the concern for lives of people and the destruction of the fabric of family life – black family life."

The seminar, titled "Black solidarity: A weapon against violence?", will be held at the Athlone Hotel in Durban North.

Speakers include sociologist Prof Fatima Meer, political analyst Eugene Nyati, sociology lecturer and political theorist Prof Herbert Vilakazi and lawyer Linda Zuma. For more information call Arun Naviker at (031) 307-6830.

Department's dramatic changes

THE University of Durban-Westville's drama department enters a new era in 1993 when it will offer different courses and phase out the old courses over the next four years.

The BA degree will offer a theory course in Theatre and Film Studies, while the new B Drama degree, which will be strongly practice-oriented, will offer Theatre and Film Practice combined with the theory course.

The new course structures allow for theatre and film to be pursued either solely as an academic discipline, or as a combined academic/practical discipline with the emphasis on either developing skills for the theatre and film, or for education.

For more information contact the secretary on (031) 820-2626.
Crack squad's 'sterling work'  

Rooiberg police confiscated drugs and weapons worth millions this year:

ENOUGH weapons to equip a small army, dagga with a value of half a billion rand, and stolen goods worth nearly R3 million were confiscated by the South African Police's Criminal Investigation Support Unit at Rooiberg, in the northern Transvaal near Vryheid, between January 1 and September 30 this year.

Police said yesterday that the unit unearthed 138 AK-47 rifles, 151 pistols and revolvers, 61 homemade firearms and a large number of other weapons and explosives in the first 10 months of the year.

In addition dagga with a value of R593 473 202 and stolen goods valued at about R300 000 were confiscated. The unit, claimed by the SAP to be regarded as the best tracking force in the world, is mainly to combat cattle theft. - Sapa.

Focus on violence

Looking for concrete solutions:

UMTAPO Centre, an organisation which promotes self-reliance in the black community, is to host a seminar to examine the solutions to the violence in Durban this coming weekend.

The seminar - to be held at the Athlone Hotel - will be addressed by among others Professor Herbert Vilakazi, Linda Zuma, Nomawanda Mathiane, Fatima Meer and Eugene Nyati. It runs from October 17 to 18.

In a statement, Umtapo said violence was not restricted to political organisations but afflicted the entire society. Umtapo condemned the "rush" to establish conflict management non-governmental organisations and other dispute resolution bodies, saying they were loaded with private agendas.

Umtapo called for an agenda that was against the use of people's lives for political gain.
SEVEN people have been killed and two injured at Mbo kudweni, near Nquthu in northern Natal, by unidentified assailants dressed in homemade camouflage uniforms, according to Lt-Col M.J. Luthuli of the KwaZulu police.

The next day, a 22-year-old IFP member was shot in both legs, apparently by a member of Umkhonto we Sizwe, the ANC’s armed wing, said Luthuli.

On Saturday evening, KwaZulu Police came under fire at Entlekrug near Empangeni and Umjizla near Durban, and in KwaMasip on Sunday, a house was razed in a petrol bomb attack. No one was injured. - Soviet correspondent, Saps. 13/11/92.
Seven die in ‘camouflage’ hit

DURBAN. — Men clad in homemade camouflage uniforms have attacked and killed seven people and injured two others at Mbabweni, near Ngayu in northern Natal, said KwaZulu police. Spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel M. Luthuli said firearms and sharp instruments were used in the attack on Friday, and police took possession of seven camouflage uniforms.

Taxi-man shot:

Police in court

DURBAN. — Two Pinetown SAP constables appeared in the Regional Court here yesterday on a charge of murder and five counts of attempted murder.

Constables Anton Liebenberg, 22, and Daniel Coetzee, 22, appeared following the fatal shooting at Pinetown last year of taxi-driver Mr Sinabha Madlala, and the shooting of five passengers. The case was postponed to February 10. — Sapa

Five Umkomaas cops in court

DURBAN. — Five Umkomaas policemen, accused of extortion, theft and assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, appeared in the Regional Court here yesterday. The state alleges the five would “assault, force and intimidate” people to confess to illegal possession of arms or drugs.

The hearing continues today.
Four die in Sunday violence, police report

Pretoria — At least four people died and four were wounded in unrest-related violence on Sunday, police reported yesterday.

Of those killed in Alexandra on the Witwatersrand, Katlehong near Alberton, and Florida Park, Tokoza, one was shot, one stabbed, one clubbed, and one set alight.

In Katlehong, a man and two women were injured when gunmen carrying AK-47 rifles shot at a taxi.

A bystander was wounded in Johannesburg when a city councillor fired a shot after being confronted and threatened with a knife.

Our Durban correspondent reports that seven people were killed and two injured at Mkhodwendi, near Ngqusha in northern Natal, when they were attacked by men in camouflage uniforms at the weekend.

KwaZulu police spokesman Lt-Col M Luthuli said yesterday that firearms and sharp instruments were used in the attack, and police took possession of seven camouflage uniforms.

In another incident on Saturday, four KwaZulu police members travelling to the Mphumulo area were shot at by men armed with AK-47s.

Bullets pierced the canopy of their vehicle, but no-one was injured. They arrested a man in connection with the attack.

A short while later, two KwaZulu police members came under fire in U-Section, Umlazi.

They returned fire, but no-one was injured in the incident.

On Sunday, a house at Richmond Farm, KwaMashu, was petrol-bombed and completely gutted. The inhabitants of the house were not injured.

Sapa reports from Durban that the warring factions at Ngoyameni, near Umlazi, where about 40 people have already been killed, committed themselves to peace in the area yesterday.

This emerged at a meeting of the two factions, led by Induna Petros Mokozisi and Induna Ziphile Mzobe respectively, at Isipingo, south of Durban.

The meeting was organised by the local police station commander, Capt Danny Pillay, and was also attended by the local chief, Ntodi Cele.

Pillay expressed his concern about the killing of innocent people in the area and urged the local community to co-operate with police in their efforts to end the fighting.

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Cast appoints new leaders

THE Civic Association of Southern Transvaal (Cast) appointed new leaders at the weekend.

Mr Kgabisi Mosunukwe replaces Mr Mose Mabake as president and the new deputy president is Mr Richard Masiyane.

Mr Dan Molokeng is the general secretary, Mr Matthew Phetla deputy secretary and Mr Ali Thame is now the treasurer. The association’s new publicity secretary is Mr Pat Lephunya, while Mr Tocanza Motlasa has been appointed education secretary and Ali Masiya is the regional organiser.

Bertrams pharmacist charged

A BERTRAMS, Johannesburg, pharmacist was arrested on Thursday last week for allegedly indecently assaulting two young girls.

Moments after police had stopped a suspicious vehicle in Queens Street, two girls ran up to the police vehicle. The girls, aged eight and 11, alleged the man in the car had assaulted them in an indecent manner on a previous occasion.

The man, who allegedly often stopped his white vehicle in the vicinity of a Bertrams’s park, was arrested and was due to appear in court yesterday on charges of indecent assault and public indecency.

Anyone with information about further attacks should contact the Johannesburg Child Protection Unit at (011)-477-1390 ext 231. Investigating officer is Det Insp Timothy Edwards.

Police initiate peace talks

THE warring factions at Ngonyameni, near Umbuzo, Durban, were about 40 people have been killed, yesterday committed themselves to peace in the area, SABC radio news reported.

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Idasa mourns Mhlambi

THE Institute for a Democratic Alternative for South Africa (Idasa) yesterday expressed shock and dismay at the weekend murder of a Phola Park leader.

Mr Prince Mhlambi and two others were shot dead when gunmen riddled their car with bullets on Saturday.

Two others were injured in the incident, which police said took place in Mapanga Section, Kablehong. However, witnesses said the shooting took place in Tokora.
Bad hygiene kills 7 refugee children

DURBAN. — Seven children have died in the past two months because of unhygienic conditions among Folweni refugees at Isipingo Beach, ANC southern Natal organiser Mr Bheki Cele said yesterday.

Folweni ANC chairman Mr Elias Mkhize confirmed the claim, adding that 800 refugees had lived in tents and survived on food from relief groups since fleeing Folweni after a massacre of 11 people in July.

● Six people died and at least 10 were wounded in unrest-related incidents on Monday and early yesterday, police reported.

At Thokoza in Alberton, gunmen firing from a vehicle killed four people and wounded seven.

In Alexandra, near Johannesburg, police found the bodies of a man and a woman. Both had been shot.

Also in the Transvaal explosives were detonated at homes in Ratanda, Heidelberg, and at Khuma, where two people were hurt.

Police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said gunmen shot a man in the leg at Alexandra yesterday. He denied an ANC claim that there had been an explosion at the scene.

● In Natal gunmen seriously wounded a man at Wembezzi, Estcourt.

Buthelezi defiant on traditional weapons

OWN CORRESPONDENT

DURBAN. — No leader of either the IFP or KwaZulu would help to implement the government's prohibition on carrying traditional weapons, IFP Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi said yesterday.

He was warning General Johan van der Merwe, SA Commissioner of Police, when he officially welcomed KwaZulu's new Commissioner of Police, General Roy During, to the KwaZulu capital yesterday.

Chief Buthelezi is also Minister of Police of KwaZulu.

He said the Zulu people were being "mowed down" almost daily with AK-47 rifles, especially in the Port Shepstone and Richmond areas.

General During replaces General Jac Buchner, who has retired.
Five die in attacks on homesteads

DURBAN. — Five people, including two children, were killed around midnight when several homesteads were attacked at Felikisi reserve in Kwamakhutha on the Natal South Coast.

A KwaZulu Police spokesman said the attackers used AK-47 rifles and petrol bombs.

One homestead was set alight, resulting in the death of a 51-year-old woman.

In all, two children, two adults and a youth were killed.
Violence continues

Two people were shot dead and three wounded during unrest-related incidents on Wednesday, the police reported yesterday.

At Wembezi near Durban in Natal a youth was shot dead and another two people wounded when gunmen opened fire on a house. In Johannesburg police found the body of a man who had been shot dead. In a separate incident a man was wounded by gunfire while in the East Rand township of Ratanda.

Also at Ratanda, an explosion caused damage to a house but there were no injuries.
explain the structures of the organisations for which they are purportedly fighting. Moreover, in Natal during the last five or six years neither the formal machinery of Inkatha nor the UDF/ANC appears to have had effective day-to-day control at the local level. To view the conflict thus as being simply political in nature is misleading. There is more to it than this. After all, why is there political rivalry in the first place?

The way forward rests on a realisation that, in terms of its spatial patterning, the violence has been concentrated along the border of the KwaZulu homeland and on the margins of the industrial centres along the Durban-Maritzburg corridor. Why is this?

 Crucially, the KwaZulu/Natal border is home to mass informal settlements — many of which were not there 30 years ago. Since 1960 two main consequences of apartheid have been at work which account for the demographic pressures on the border areas. Massive forced removals from “white” SA through the clearing of “black spots”, removal of informal settlements and the ending of labour tenancy have resulted in huge numbers of landless people being consigned to the KwaZulu homeland. Simultaneously, population pressure and soil erosion have led to severe impoverishment in rural areas of KwaZulu — to such an extent that there has been much migration to the cities. Since apartheid policies worked to counter urbanisation this has resulted in huge rural slums along the KwaZulu border with — even before the collapse of influx control — considerable population seepage into Natal urbanisation itself, however, is a differential process. Some have gained more than others. This is often dependent on area of origin, connections of kin, the positioning of rural schools and accumulated rural wealth. Some people have jobs, relatively high incomes and adequate housing; many others live in abject poverty scraping together a living from day-to-day. Thus, the peri-urban areas of Natal are home to diverse levels of material inequality both within and between settlements and this works to fuel the conflict.

Implicated

In such conditions of deprivation it is no wonder that the KwaZulu government has been implicated in the conflict. For the past 20 years it has been the apparatus administering to the needs of those within its borders. With the growing fiscal crisis of the central government since 1986, however, KwaZulu has found itself hard put to meet people’s most basic needs, having to rely on strongmen, chiefs and other landowners to secure control in areas geographically on the fringes of Inkatha’s sphere of influence. Some people’s interests have not been represented by Inkatha. Broadly, these include the fully employed industrial working class, the middle and rising professional sectors, those resident in areas outside of KwaZulu control in Natal, and certain groups of the landless and unemployed.

Here, among those outside Inkatha’s sphere of influence, sustained UDF/ANC organised opposition has been constrained by draconian legislation and the alliance movement has had to operate precariously at the level of organizing around specific local issues. This has meant that in practice the diversity of interests of all those opposed to the status quo has not been politically represented.

Overall, given the constraints that have faced Inkatha and the ANC, it has been the case that people’s grievances have often not been clearly channelled through any form of political organisation. For many people, firmly articulated political identification takes place only after the outbreak, and through the course of, conflict. This is not to deny that there is a strong political conflict element. The point is that there is a need to locate and understand the process of political identification in the wider context of underlying material conditions.

Unless this volatile mix which is the Natal conflict is fully grasped, and the long-term policy implications realised, it may be some time before the pangs are thrown into the sea.
BRIEFS

Crisis meeting

RICHMOND. — A crisis meeting in Maritzburg today between the African National Congress and the Inkhata Freedom Party will try to prevent bloodshed tomorrow when about 500 ANC supporters plan to reclaim the Phutheni township homes they fled from in July last year.
Killings in Natal are on the increase

KILLINGS and intimidation in Natal are on the increase—with Cosatu claiming widespread Inkatha-supported violence in northern Natal against its members and Inkatha alleging a new phase of covert ANC hit-squad operations in southern Natal.

Cosatu spokesman Neil Coleman said that since Inkatha's congress—when its president Mangosuthu Buthelezi "targeted" Cosatu—union federation members in the region had been terrorised.

He said the problem was particularly severe around Empangeni, where 18 Numsa members at Alusaf had been murdered this year. At Umfolozi Transport 15 workers had been murdered.

Numsa's regional secretary in Empangeni Mike Mbuyakulu said more than 60 Numsa members at Alusaf, fearing for their lives, had resigned from the union.

Coleman said workers at Alusaf, Spoor-net, Richards Bay Minerals and Indian Ocean Fertiliser reported being confronted by armed vigilantes demanding to inspect their pay slips for union deductions.

Those who were union members were beaten up and threatened with murder.

An Alusaf spokesman said the company was worried about the violence. Although there were no disruptions in the work place there was a war of attrition in the township. He said not all the workers killed had been Numsa members.

Alusaf employs 2,700 workers; Numsa's membership is about 1,300 members.

Inkatha spokesman Ed Tillet said in a report on violence that the prospects of civil war had been increased by the killing, since August, of 55 Inkatha members.

He said 230 Inkatha office-bearers had been murdered since 1985—49 since the peace accord was signed last year.

The report, in support of Inkatha's demand for the disbanning of ANC military wing Umkhonto we Sizwe, detailed recent murders and analysed the modus operandi of the ANC alliance in southern Natal.

Six people, including four from the same family, were shot dead at Oshabeni in Mohlononyama, near Port Shepstone, on Wednesday night, Sapa reports.

Police said yesterday a group of gunmen approached a house in the area on Wednesday night, claiming they wanted someone. The owner told them he did not know the person, and the group left. An hour later there were shots outside his house.

Too scared to investigate, he stayed indoors until yesterday morning when he heard that the Ngwazi family's home had been attacked and six people killed.

In Mzobomvu, near Alice, four people—including an 11-year-old girl—who were killed and six were injured in two simultaneous hit-squad-style attacks on ANC supporters early yesterday.

Cabinet police confirmed the victims were ANC supporters.
MK blamed for IFP deaths

BY CARMEL RICKARD

The Inkatha Freedom Party has directly blamed Umkhonto weSizwe for the killing of 60 IFP supporters in six recent Natal massacres, after another murderous attack this week.

On Wednesday, about 20 uniformed men killed and burnt Lena Mvou, wife of Mhiyoke Mvou, the IFP vice-chairman in Felekazi, near kwaZuluoutside Annamzimtoti, according to Inkatha central committee member and kwaZulu health minister Ben Ngubane. They then shot dead four others in the homestead, including two children.

Dropping Inkatha’s previous innuendo, Ngubane directly pointed a finger at the African National Congress’ armed wing, saying the attack bore all the hallmarks of MK. He also warned that the state of killings would have to be addressed before the IFP would consider returning to the negotiating table.

“The six massacres over the last six weeks have all followed a similar pattern and there is no doubt it is a planned strategy employed by MK and ordered by the ANC,” he said.

“Nelson Mandela, as commander-in-chief of MK, must take direct and full responsibility for the actions of his death squads.”

The phrase “death squads” appears deliberately chosen and follows the ANC’s constant reference to “death squads” allegedly financed, trained and run by the state.

Ngubane said that in each case in which Inkatha people were killed, “trained assassins wearing security force uniforms” carried out the massacres. He also claimed that following four of these incidents ANC or MK members have been arrested or killed by Inkatha members in self-defence at the scene of the massacres.

He listed the continued killings of Inkatha supporters as one of the major issues which had to be addressed before any further constitutional talks were held.

“Inkatha is adamant that MK, the death merchants of the ANC, must be disbanded immediately and unconditionally.” Ngubane said the IFP would otherwise find it difficult to explain to its members why they went back to talks “while the killings continued”.

Reporting breaches of the peace accord to the National Peace Committee proved a waste of time. When the ANC was found guilty of violating the accord “there is no internal discipline of those who have violated the accord, and the ANC just shrugs its shoulders as if violations are of no consequence.”
Bargaining chips are on the table

By S'BU MNGADI

INKATHA president Mangosuthu Buthelezi is waiting with baited breath as the ANC deliberates over the logistics of a mass march on Umlazi.

The ANC's three Natal regional executive committees held a mini summit in Richards Bay on Friday to discuss the pending march.

However, instead of announcing the date and programme, the Natal executive leadership was vague.

Southern Natal ANC chairman Jeff Radebe told City Press yesterday the meeting resolved to establish "a sub-committee to map out details of a campaign of free political activity in KwaZulu" which the ANC-led tripartite alliance would soon launch.

He added the campaign would culminate in a march on Umlazi.

Natal ANC leaders stubbornly persist that the march will go ahead, and this position was endorsed by the ANC's national executive committee a fortnight ago.

But as days go by without even a tentative date for the march, the Natal executive appears to have changed its tune.

Sunday picnic

Privately they concede the organisation would not dare lead its supporters to the slaughter which Inkatha leaders have warned would mark the beginning of a civil war and would make the Bisho massacre look like a "Sunday picnic".

Natal senior ANC sources told City Press the tripartite alliance was merely waging a "psychological war" on Buthelezi whom they allege had been successfully driven to sleepless nights at the prospect of ANC-supporting Zulus marching on his seat of power.

Northern Natal ANC chairman Dr Aaron Ndlovu said the psychological war will "ultimately force the Inkatha leader to concede free political activity in KwaZulu."

The prospective march this week prompted the SA government to appeal to the National Peace Secretariat to intervene in a bid to stave off the tensions, according to Law and Order Deputy Minister Danie Schutte.

NPS chairman Dr Antonie Geldenhuyse said meetings would be held with all concerned parties to work out "suitable conditions" for the march.

The ANC hopes the NPS will persuade it to call off the march in exchange for free political activity in KwaZulu.

Northern Natal ANC secretary Senzo Mchunu maintains free political activity in KwaZulu is much closer.

Breaking the sound

By S'BU MNGADI

Table: SA's first nation theatre of the dead
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By Freda Khumalo
Refugees stream back

ABOUT 300 ANC refugees moved back into an Inkatha-controlled township near Richmond in Natal yesterday while police and soldiers kept the peace.

Police spokesman Captain Henry Bedrahani said the people who were returning to the Patheni township had fled political violence last year.

"Everything is quiet. But we are going to be in Patheni as long as necessary. There is definitely tension," he said.
Violence prompts urgent meeting

FOLLOWING a spate of violence in Mondon township near Vryheid between Inkatha and ANC supporters, the ANC has requested a meeting between its representatives and those from the IFP to be held on October 21.

"Vryheid ANC branch has written a letter to Mondon KwaBhekumthetho Inkatha chairman J. Thusini, proposing a meeting between the two structures in an attempt to resolve the unrest existing in the KwaBhekumthetho area," said ANC spokesman Johannes Myeni.

Inkatha has yet to respond to the proposal.
ANC over 'hit squad campaign' claim

By Sipho Ngobeni

ANC’s assertions of a hit squad campaign is "politically motivated," the party’s spokesman, Jackson Mthembu, said on Wednesday.

"None of the allegations are legitimate or true," Mthembu said.

ANC's national spokesperson, Jackson Mthembu, said the party's leaders were not involved in the alleged hit squad campaign.

"Our leaders have been at the forefront of fighting for democracy," Mthembu said. "We will continue to fight for justice and truth."
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Stones injure police at Paarl

THREE policemen were injured and about R2 000 damage was caused to vehicles at Paarl at the weekend.

A crowd, estimated at between 200 and 300, gathering for the day for the funeral of a town councillor, was said to have been fired on by a stone-throwing crowd.

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Government, IFP plan bush summit

THE government is attempting to arrange a bosberaad — bush meeting — with the IFP to discuss differences that have arisen between them.

It hopes the meeting will follow a bosberaad with the ANC scheduled for next month.

Constitutional Development Minister Mr Roelf Meyer, emphasising that it was important to have the IFP on board when multi-party negotiations resume, made the announcement last night.

Mr Meyer said a government delegation would meet representatives of the KwaZulu, Ciskei and Bophuthatswana governments on Thursday.

The meeting will be a follow-up to last week’s Conference of Concerned South Africans.

At that meeting the conference tabled its reservations over the Record of Understanding signed by President PW de Klerk and Mr Nelson Mandela.

General gave order: ‘Shoot to kill AWB’

POTCHEFSTROOM. — A police general gave his men orders to shoot back at Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging members, but said in the Magistrate’s Court here yesterday there was no shooting after he had given the command.

Major-General Adrian de la Rosa, who co-ordinated the police operation during the clash with the AWB during a public meeting in Ventersdorp addressed by President F W de Klerk on August 27, was giving evidence at the public violence trial of AWB leader Mr Eugene Terre Blanche and 14 others.

When a constable asked him what to do if the AWB opened fire again, General De la Rosa, who was attending to two wounded policemen, told him to shoot to kill. However, the shooting had stopped.

The trial continues today. — Sapa

MPs ‘squabbles over perks’

BY ANTHONY JOHNSON

RUMBLINGS among so-called “brown Nationalists” about the division of spoils in the own affairs of Ministers’ Council is threatening to break into open revolt.

Disgruntled MPs — said to number about two dozen — are pushing for a special meeting to resolve their differences with Mr Japie Rabie’s Ministers’ Council and some MPs were hopeful that a meeting could be arranged as early as today.

The clash summarised by one MP in the House of Representatives as “a squabble involving perks and personalities”.

Among the reasons cited for anger among the rebel MPs:

• The failure of the Ministers’ Council to make good on promises to MPs when they defected to the NP to look after the needs of their constituencies regarding housing and other services.

• The apparent unwillingness of the entrenched Ministers’ Council to consider a system of rotating ministers which would spread the high pension and retraining packages enjoyed by ministers more evenly.

• The promotion to ministerial status of some of the last — and allegedly less competent — deflectors to the NP.

• The manner in which overseas trips for MPs are awarded.

Senior Nationalists yesterday dismissed suggestions that there were any serious divisions or tensions in the party.
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The IFP has suspended its participation in the committees, charging the African National Congress has a hidden agenda.
Churchmen speak to IFP

THE South African Council of Churches (SACC) will meet the Inkatha Freedom Party in a bid to resolve the violence which is gripping Natal.

Church leaders met the African National Congress on Monday night.

The ANC has urged the churches to work towards a climate of free political activity in all parts of Natal.

The organisation said this would make the proposed march on Ulundi unnecessary.

Policeman shot dead

A POLICEMAN was killed and another injured.
Natal anger builds as 40 die in unrest

Johannesburg — Natal is on the boil following the deaths of more than 40 people in the past week. And the ANC’s three Natal regions are planning a day of protest action against KwaZulu police stations and government offices.

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A committee had been established to plan the campaign and set an exact date for the day of action and a march on Umlazi.

“The date is not crucial. What is crucial is that the campaign must get off the ground. There is no question of head office trying to postpone the march indefinitely as has been suggested,” Hadebe said.

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Sapa reports six people were wounded when a group of gunmen opened fire with pistols and AK47 rifles at commuters disembarking from a train at the Elandsfontein station in Germiston on Tuesday morning.

In a report yesterday, Witwatersrand police spokesman W/O Andy Pleke said a policeman returned fire when he was shot at, but it was unknown if any of the attackers, who fled the scene on foot, were wounded.

The injured passengers were admitted to the Willem Cruywagen Hospital in Germiston.

The motive for the attack was unknown and no arrests had been made, said Pleke.

Productivity is based on labour’s trust, says ANC

LABOUR and management had to enter into a more trusting relationship in order to minimise trade-offs between a living wage and productivity growth, ANC economist Tito Mboweni said yesterday.

Addressing the 36th annual convention of the Institute of Personnel Management (IPM) in Sun City, Mboweni said there was “growing room” for cooperation between management and labour.

Mboweni said if organised workers were well informed about the possibility of wage growth eroding their companies’ competitiveness, they would be more prepared to “co-ordinate their wage demands with increases in productivity”.

“This entails a totally new and trusting approach to the relationship between capital and labour. Management will have to alter its secretive stance and provide unions with detailed information about a company’s economic position,” Mboweni said.

He added that pressure on trade unions to identify with the goals of national development “will be considerable under a democratic government”.

IFP non-traditional weapon

By CARMEL RICKARD

As violence and political intolerance reach new heights in Natal, Inkatha president Mangosuthu Buthelezi launched a campaign to woo whites and other "non-traditional supporters" in the region.

Fliers in the form of a letter addressed to "my fellow countrymen" were put under doors in many Durban suburbs during the week, inviting you and your family and friends to the Durban City Hall for a meeting due to be held last night. The purpose of the gathering was to "exchange views and jointly take stock of the state of the nation."

On the stock-taking agenda was the cultural weapons issue, Umkhonto weSizwe and its alleged role in the killing of Inkatha members as well as the decision of Inkatha to pull out of talks.

Buthelezi's approach came as the violence in the region raged more fiercely than ever. Some monitors estimate well over 40 people have died in the past week.

Reports of the latest killings indicate new levels of savagery. Incidents include two decapitations, the disembowelment of a woman and the burning alive of a six-year-old child, who was caught while fleeing from a burning hut and thrown back into the flames.

On Sunday morning Umngababa joined the list of areas raged by large-scale killings. Before dawn two groups described by...
Kaunda heads for Kwazulu

Political Staff 23/10/92

FORMER Zambian President Dr. Kenneth Kaunda is expected in Natal today for a meeting with Inkatha Freedom Party president Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi in the Kwazulu capital Ulundi.

Dr. Kaunda is in South Africa in a bid to broker peace between the IFP and the African National Congress.

He is co-chairing a hearing on a dispute over an alleged breach of the National Peace Accord by ANC president Mr. Nelson Mandela.

In July, Mr. Mandela told a special session of the United Nations that Inkatha was a South African government surrogate.
Man beheaded in brutal attack near Durban

A MAN'S head was cut off and taken away by his assailants in a most "inexplicably brutal" attack in the week from October 14 to 20, which saw 86 deaths countrywide, the Human Rights Commission said in Johannesburg yesterday.

The victim was one of two in the October 16 attack on Adam's Mission, south of Durban. The HRC weekly repression report said a six-year-old boy died after he was assaulted and thrown into a burning shack by his attackers in a weekend attack on Umgababa. His seven-year-old brother was stabbed, but found alive.

Thirty-seven people were killed in Natal compared with 21 during the previous week.

The PWV region, however, experienced a significant drop in killings to 12 from 41. Alexandra township, where 10 people were killed during the previous week, reported three deaths this week.

The HRC also noted 199 deaths in police custody over this period. These brought to 165 the number of recorded deaths in police custody this year.

Meanwhile, police spokesman Maj Henriette Bester said yesterday a policeman had been shot in the face with a service pistol by four men in Kagiso, on the West Rand, yesterday.

Const N T Tladi, 25, was in a serious condition in hospital. His assailants fled with his firearm. — Sapa.

Govt will continue to pay schools' rates

PRETORIA — The Cabinet had decided government would continue paying municipal rates levied by local authorities on public and state-aided (Model C) schools, National Education and Culture Minister Piet Marais announced yesterday.

Marais said the decision followed indications made by governing bodies of state-aided and private schools in the past that they would experience serious financial problems should they be held responsible for the payment of municipal rates.

Government had considered the matter, he said.

"Time-consuming consultations and negotiations with various institutions are, however, unavoidable,“ the Minister added.

He said it could now be announced that government would continue paying the rates until such time as another arrangement, such as possible exemption, had been determined through further negotiation.

"The Cabinet has also resolved that private schools will not be expected to pay municipal rates until such time as another arrangement has been determined through negotiation," Marais said.

Marais said this would mean state-aided schools would be better able to maintain the structure of their school fees within reasonable limits while certain private schools, which could have been faced with closure, would remain financially viable. — Sapa.
kwaZulu blocking our meetings, claims ANC

KwaZulu officials have been accused of systematically thwarting African National Congress meetings in northern Natal, despite repeated assurances by the homeland's chief minister, Mangosuthu Buthelezi, that there are no restrictions on political expression in the region.

The ANC in northern Natal gave the Sundumbili town council until yesterday to authorise a planned ANC rally. If the council turned down the application, ANC officials planned to take the matter to the supreme court.

ANC regional secretary Senzo Mchunu said the application was the fourth made by his organisation to the Sundumbili council. All had been refused, and the security forces ensured the prohibition was observed.

Mchunu said prominent members of Inkatha dominated the councils and that their repeated refusal to sanction rallies violated the national peace accord.

In another move highlighting ANC allegations that they are effectively "banned" in kwaZulu areas, the organisation formally complained to the national peace committee this week about the situation in Esikhawini.

Directed at the kwaZulu government, the Esikhawini township manager and the town council, the complaint says they are in breach of the peace accord because they consistently deny the ANC permission to use the local hall and stadium.

The complaint notes that the town council is headed by a member of Inkatha's central committee and that it is responsible to the kwaZulu department of the interior.

The ANC lists a number of examples where its meetings have been blocked by the local authorities. It notes that the township manager wrote to the ANC earlier this year saying that Inkatha had applied to use the stadium and the hall on every weekend and public holiday from February 29 until June 16.

The ANC claimed the facilities were not used by Inkatha or any other organisation on these dates. It alleged the township manager, the town council, Inkatha and the Inkatha Students' Organisation were together trying to prevent the ANC from communicating and meeting with its members in Esikhawini, thus violating the Peace Accord.

The ANC asked the peace committee to investigate these allegations and instruct the kwaZulu government, the town council and manager to admit that their actions were breaches of the accord.

They also want Ulundi to issue official notices to local and tribal authorities saying that every organisation has full access to community facilities.

Inkatha spokesman Ed Tillet said the actions complained of were not the responsibility of Inkatha but of the local councils. "Obviously, however, they have sound reasons for their action. We are not prepared to take any action against them."
ANC to challenge ban on Kwazulu

Two policemen shot dead

Khosa appeals for calm

Two protesters killed

"We are not in danger"

Convergence precedes in city

New Home..."Confluence of Good Samaritans and Good Neighbours"

DRUMMIE -- The Khosa Commission on Human Rights is investigating the killing of two police officers in Durban last night, and has called on residents to remain calm.

The commission's director, Mr. S. Khosa, said that the investigation would be conducted in a manner that would ensure the safety of all parties involved.

"We are not in danger," he said, "but we are in need of information."
The Ulundi march or these alternatives!

By FED KUMALO 25/01/92

WHILE debates are raging about the feasibility of an ANC march on Ulundi, there has emerged a school of thought not only cautioning against the march, but offering a thought-provoking alternative.

Lead of a march to unseat the KwaZulu government, University of Ibadan sociology lecturer and political analyst Prof Herbert Vilakazi, suggests a huge rally encompassing all political and church organisations that boast African membership.

I am suggesting the staging of an event which should focus, mobilise and organise the attention and actions of our people similar to the manner in which the attention people was focussed on the release of Mandela," said Vilakazi.

Speaking at a Durban conference, Vilakazi said Mandela's release unified the oppressed people across the political spectrum as the ANC leader was seen as living proof of the black man's spiritual triumph over his oppressors.

Vilakazi wants his proposed rally to be addressed by the ANC, Inkatha, Zulu King and prominent church leaders. Its aim will be to uphold the Africanness of the participants and unify them regardless of their political affiliations.

He said: "Negotiations will not succeed unless there is an end to violence. If Africans are divided and are at war, with which section should whites make peace?"

Getting to the heart of what he believes to be the truth that has been ignored by political leaders, Vilakazi said: "The homelands are the key to success of our liberation struggle. The borders created homelands to weaken and cripple the freedom struggle, to divide us. And we fell into the trap."

Vilakazi's proposal is a follow-up to one he made in 1976, pleading with the leadership of then banned organisations including the ANC, PAC, Unity Movement and Black Consciousness.

In the '70s, Vilakazi wrote several analyses, cautioning the "liberation movement" against ostracising and adopting a confrontational attitude towards homelands.

Contrary to popular belief that homeland leaders have no following, Vilakazi said by ostracising these leaders, the liberation movement put a wedge between itself and ordinary people living in the rural areas.

He saw the Inkatha-PAC meeting in Ulundi early this month as laying the foundation for possible effective steps which could assist in unifying Africans and ending the violence.

He believes all the violence and confusion in local black politics stems from a "lack of original revolutionary theory" in the liberation movement.

"It was foolhardy," he said, "for the liberation movement to conceive of a patriotic front for the oppressed without homeland leaders."

In a similar Africanist vein, journalist-turned-communications worker for the Institute for Multirity Democracy, Nonuvenda Mathiane, said it was disturbing that all peace resolution committees are manned by non-Africans.

"The question that one is bound to ask is: why and since when have the Africans been compelled to appeal to others to solve the internal problem of inter-African violence?"

Like other speakers, Mathiane conceded that the violence was sponsored by the government who used other black people to perpetrate the killings.

"The final responsibility lies with the members of the African community who agree to be used against their own people."

"An undiluted African perspective to what is an African problem is needed if violence is to be combated," she said.

But southern Natal ANC regional executive committee member and lawyer Linda Zama said the primary problem that should be addressed is the distortion of Zulu sentiments and traditions by the KwaZulu government.

"The world has come to associate Zulus with bloodshed and tears," said Zama.

"There is something fundamentally wrong with the manipulation of our Zuluness to canvass political power."

She said it was imperative that the record be set straight: the carrying of lethal weapons has never been Zulu tradition, Zulus carried weapons only when going on hunting expeditions or into war.

Other than that, Zulus were careful what kind of cultural accoutrements they carried in public. They could be punished for carrying what appeared to be a dangerous weapon. To show respect for their fellow beings, they carefully chose the place to which they could go with their weapons.

"It is unZulu for people to carry these weapons and march in a threatening manner into town," she said.

She said the ANC needed to go to Ulundi and discuss this thorny issue with the KwaZulu government.

"Only when the ANC marches on Ulundi and seeks audience with the KwaZulu government can this issue be thrashed out, and further violence prevented."

"Only when Zulus understand each other and stop fighting among themselves in Natal, can unity be forged among black people."

She added that only when blacks are united can lasting peace be ushered in.
WHERE NOW? ... These kids were left homeless after attackers destroyed their home.

Natal — violence, violence and yet more violence

By FRED KHUMALO

THE cries of her six-year-old son as he was being hacked with pangas and finally thrown into her fiercely burning shack still haunt 50-year-old Nokuthula Njobe.

Last Sunday morning’s attack on Njobe’s house and the cold-blooded murder of her second child S'bonelo was part of a spree of violence that engulfed Emagcino section of Umgababa settlement in the Natal South Coast, resulting in the death of 11 people in a matter of hours.

The drama started when Njobe and her husband woke up to the sound of gunfire outside their house.

Sobbing and clasping her 15-month-old baby daughter Lungisani, Njobe said: “As my husband peeped through the window to see what was happening our house was lit by strong searchlights. My husband hid under the bed while my three children hid behind the cupboard.”

But then part of the house began to burn. Njobe’s husband ran out in a bid to protect his family.

Njobe heard men chasing her husband. She snatched up Lungisani and fled into the darkness outside the house, with sons Nosipho, 7, and S'bonelo, 6, running alongside.

Because young Nosipho and S'bonelo could not run fast enough, they were caught by their armed pursuers.

They were both stabbed with spears and hacked with pangas.

“They were screaming, but there was nothing I could do,” Njobe said, her voice breaking with helplessness.

“As I looked back, one of my children was being struck and then thrown into the flames of our house,” sobbed Njobe.

To this day, she can hear the sizzling sound of the flames as they ate into the child’s flesh.

By sunrise 11 people lay dead. At least 18 were injured and 50 houses burnt down. Njobe’s other son Nosipho was found badly injured, his body covered in stab wounds.

Emagcino is an ANC stronghold. The attack on the area is believed to be in retaliation for the massacre of eight Inkatha supporters who were ambushed while driving to work in September.

By Thursday, at least 45 people had died in different parts of the province. But the unofficial death toll puts the figure at 56. The death toll could have risen by the time you read this.

In a bid to end the violence in Umgababa and surrounding areas, Inkosi Phathisizwe Luthuli of the Umnini Tribal Authority, in conjunction with Inkatha chairman Dr Frank Mdhlalose, have called for an urgent imbizo, or meeting.

Mdhlalose, who came to Umgababa on a special visit to “see what is happening, to mourn the dead and express condolences”, said the imbizo is scheduled for November 1. It will be held at the tribal court in Umgababa.

As we breezed up the dusty road that snakes between the rolling hills, with abandoned houses scattered around, we wondered which hill would next erupt in bloodshed.
Police call on IFP, ANC to stop violence as 33 die in Natalbloodshed

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Peace: Mandela ‘willing to talk to Buthelezi’

Political Staff

FACING mounting pressure, the ANC said today that its president, Mr Nelson Mandela, would be willing to meet KwaZulu Chief Minister Mangosutha Buthelezi — provided thorough preparations were made in advance.

Both the ANC and the Inkatha Freedom Party are being subjected to unprecedented calls for a face-to-face peace meeting, following massacres in Folweni and Mpumuleni at the weekend.

ANC spokesman and national executive committee member, Gill Marcus said her organisation had said repeatedly it was prepared to meet the IFP at the highest level.

However, to make that meeting work, practical, on-the-ground issues would have to be addressed by way of preparation.

Although neither Chief Buthelezi nor IFP chairman Dr Frank Mdlalose could be reached for comment, both IFP spokesman Kim Hodgson and Inkatha Institute head Dr Gavin Woods said the IFP had consistently called for a meeting with the ANC leadership.

Dr Woods said that although much had happened over the past few weeks, he thought Chief Buthelezi would be willing to meet Mr Mandela.

Renewed calls for a meeting between the two leaders come in the wake of the Natal massacres at the weekend which claimed at least 26 lives.

Twenty IFP supporters were slain in cold blood at a religious ceremony at Mpumuleni, southern Natal on Saturday night — apparently in revenge for attacks on ANC supporters’ houses in nearby Folweni on Friday night when six teenagers were shot dead.

Among those calling for the meeting were President De Klerk and Pan Africanist Congress president Clarence Makwetsa, who said a meeting between Mr Mandela and Chief Buthelezi had now become “a necessity rather than an option”.

● See page 8.
Plea to ANC, IFP leaders

26 die in Folweni attack
and counter-attack

By Ismail Lagardien
Political Correspondent

Political leaders yesterday implored ANC leader Mr. Mandela and Inkatha Freedom Party president Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi to meet after a weekend of slaughter in Natal.

At least 26 people were killed during a traditional celebration on Saturday night.

Police confirmed that 15 gunmen with AK-47 rifles stormed into a kraal in the Mphapheni reserve near Folweni and opened fire.

The attack was allegedly a retaliation for an attack on Friday night in which six teenagers were killed.

President FW de Klerk yesterday pledged the support of the South African Police to the KwaZulu police in their investigations.

He also said the Goldstone Commission would be requested to broaden and intensify its investigations of violence in Natal.

"I furthermore believe that Mandela and Buthelezi owe it to the country, and more specifically, to the people of Natal, to meet as soon as possible," De Klerk said.

The PAC said a meeting, between Mandela and Buthelezi was now a "necessary rather than an option".
Myburgh to see killing fields

The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — Deputy Law and Order Minister Mr Gert Myburgh was to visit the Natal south coast area of Folwenu today to get a first-hand appraisal of the security situation.

Eight people were shot dead in Folwenu on Friday night and at least 20 were killed in nearby Mpumalanga on Saturday, apparently as part of the continuing fighting that has racked the area.

The police internal stability unit has been put on full alert at Folwenu to prevent possible revenge attacks.

In response to those killings and others at the weekend, which brought the number of deaths to 24, the Pan Africanist Congress said a meeting between African National Congress president Mr Nelson Mandela and Inkatha Freedom Party leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi had now become a necessity rather than an option.

ANC Youth League chairman Mr Mdu Ngobese said that of those shot dead with R1 rifles and shotguns in Folwenu on Friday night three had been prominent ANC activists and five ordinary ANC members.

"We know our enemies and we are not hesitating to blame the IFP," said Mr Ngobese.

Within 24 hours another 24 people had been shot dead by about 15 balaclava-clad men with AK-47 rifles. The ANC has denied any part in these shootings and has said its information was that the 24 victims were not political figures.

But IFP spokesman Mr Ed Tillet said that at least three of those injured in Saturday's shooting had told him they were IFP supporters.

Dr Frank Mdlalose, national chairman of the IFP, said: "I cannot doubt that MK (Umkonto we Sizwe, military wing of the ANC) was responsible for this massacre."

This was the seventh such massacre since August 18. At least 86 people had been killed in these attacks, Dr Mdlalose said. MK was increasingly mobilising in the area and was sending recruits to Tanzania for military training.

ANC spokesman Mr Carl Niehaus rejected "unsubstantiated allegations of ANC involvement" and re-affirmed the ANC's commitment to the peace process.

"As far as we are concerned at head office, no decisions have been taken by the ANC for a concerted campaign against the IFP in Natal," said Mr Niehaus.

President De Klerk said the Goldstone Commission would be asked to broaden and intensify its investigations of violence in Natal.

"I believe Mr Mandela and Chief Buthelezi owe it to the country, and more specifically to the people of Natal, to meet as soon as possible."
UN team depressed at killings in Natal

DENNIS CRUYWAGEN, Political Staff

The slayings and mayhem in Natal have left their mark on the United Nations observer mission sent there to help stop the violence.

Hours before ANC Midlands deputy chairman Mr Reggic Hadebe was slain yesterday, deputy head of the group Mr Ismail Steiner said he was "depressed by the killings. "We are working as hard as we can, but we are a bit depressed and frustrated by the escalation of violence. It's horrific and disappointing."

We appealed to all political parties to try another approach because the violence can't be allowed to continue."

Mr Steiner said the Inkatha Freedom Party and the ANC had to understand violence was not the only way to settle disputes.

He said a meeting between ANC leader Mr Nelson Mandela and IFP president Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi could help bring peace to Natal.

"It's a gesture which will be a positive sign to people at the grassroots level."

Chairman of the Natal KwaZulu regional dispute resolution committee Mr M C Pretorius said there were many reasons for clashes between the ANC and IFP.

The main cause of violence though was the climate of political intolerance in South Africa.

"People do not recognise the right of the next man to have a different political view. It happens in the white community as well as the black community."

Other major causes were poverty and unemployment, the vying for membership between the ANC and IFP and mass action.

"Talk of a march to Umland has seen the parties squaring up to each other. The political divide created by one group saying 'We'll march' and the other saying 'We are ready for you' unfortunately does not restrict itself to the day of the march, but is translated into violence."

Mr Pretorius added that the major disputes around negotiations also impacted on the parties.

"Followers listen carefully to what their leaders have to say. Violence erupts if they understand their leaders to say there is a major conflict."

The attitude of the security forces has also been cited as contributing to the violence.

"I believe that in the last two months there has been a major improvement, although it will take a long time for the community to accept the police forces we have in our area."

Asked about accusations that the KwaZulu police were siding with Inkatha, he said: "That's the perception held by the ANC. These accusations are made every day."

He said the past few days had been "particularly black."

The committee had identified 13 flashpoints throughout Natal, including Port Shepstone, Richard's Bay, Umbumbulu, Folweni, Richmond, Mool River, and Estcourt.

"These areas are critical. Basically, whenever you have the one side dominating an area, the violence isn't that bad. You find violence when the balance is indeterminable."

Asked if peace would ever prevail in Natal, he hesitated before answering.

"I'm remaining quiet because I'm confident we'll have peace. What we have done as far as the National Peace Accord is concerned is to create workable structures to assist bringing about peace."

These structures were operating more and more effectively.

Mr Pretorius said the impact of the international observers would also play a positive role in bringing about peace.

They were providing "a window of opportunity" because "no party wanted to be seen as the aggressor by the international community."

Mr Harry Gwala, the fiery, militant head of the ANC Midlands region, said Natal was South Africa's answer to Beirut.

"We are trying to transform society into a more democratic one, but conservative organisations such as Inkatha want to cling to the past."

Natal has been seen as an Inkatha stronghold, but "you find them coming for you if you want to organise in the region."

He accused security forces of siding with the IFP.

The survivor of three assassination attempts, Mr Gwala said he was not a fatalist, adding: "You must expect anything when you are working in the struggle."

His militancy had led to some IFP members calling him an ANC warlord.

Why? "It's because I've always called on our people to defend themselves. In March 1990 more than 70 people were killed in Edenvale after an invasion."

"We rallied our people and said we'll kill those who came to kill us. We are not at war with Inkatha but against those who want to kill us."

Is it possible to bring peace in an atmosphere laced with war talk?

"We can ask people not to retaliate, but the situation here is far from normal. People's emotions are very much charged and they won't listen to you."

He said he was prepared to meet anyone in the interests of peace, including Chief Buthelezi.
JOHANNESBURG. — A meeting of all political leaders to discuss the violence in Natal is being prepared by the National Peace Committee (NPC).

This was disclosed yesterday by African National Congress president Mr Nelson Mandela in reaction to calls for him to meet Inkatha Freedom Party president Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi in an attempt to quell the increasing Natal violence.

Mr Mandela said he had met NPC chairman Mr John Hall on Monday and had assured him he would be "more than prepared" to attend the talks.

President F W de Klerk, the Pan Africanist Congress and the Law and Order Ministry have called for an urgent meeting between the ANC and IFP leaders following weekend massacres in which at least 28 people died in Mpumulanga and Polokwane. ANC and IFP sources claim the death count could be as high as 32.

A special 14-man SAP investigation was launched yesterday to assist KwaZulu Police in nailing down the killers responsible for the massacres.

IFP supporters killed by gunmen

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — Another seven people — believed to be Inkatha supporters — were butchered and a man was injured when camouflaged and masked gunmen opened fire on them in their homes at the EziMelini squatter camp at Umlazi on Monday night.

After they had been mowed down with automatic fire, the victims were apparently stabbed and their bodies burned.

Also on Monday, the body of a man, later identified as Mr Moses Cele, was found in Mangosuthu Slums, Umlazi. He had been shot.

An IFP spokesman has condemned the killings, saying 52 IFP members have died in "seemingly random massacres" in Natal since August 18.

A KwaZulu Police spokesman confirmed the slayings and said two of the attackers — one of whom had been wounded — had been taken into custody.

● The Goldstone Commission said yesterday it would hold preliminary inquiries into the political violence and intimidation ravaging Natal.

Folweni —

centre of
the ‘war’

in one of the other huts and four more died outside
as they tried to flee. Mishak says he and his relatives in the kraal were
not aligned to any political party.

Mourning

About a kilometre from the kraal, on the other side
of the main road that slices through Folweni, the
Nhleko family are also in mourning.

On Friday night the two Nhleko boys, 17-year-old
Themba and 15-year-old Mtatjiele, were abducted
from their home by a group of baldcled men
armed with AK-47s.

Neighbours recounted yesterday how the two boys
and five others were taken by the gunmen to an open
area nearby. They were told to lie on their stomachs
and were shot in the head at close range.

Six of the youths died instantly and the other, a
schoolgirl, is in hospital.

The boys were members of the ANC, as are most
residents of their part of Folweni.

The Sabelo family and the Nhleko children were
essentially simple people.

And their families are entitled to ask a question of
South Africa’s politicians: How much longer must
peasants be the cannon-fodder of their trade?
Hadebe killing heightens tension

ANC official latest victim of Natal strife

TENSIONS were heightened in volatile Natal yesterday when a top ANC official was killed by unknown gunmen in an ambush.

Controversial ANC Natal Midlands deputy chairman Reggie Hadebe died when the car in which he was travelling was attacked near Ixopo.

Two other ANC officials — John Jeffries and Shakes Cele — were also in the car. Cele was slightly injured. The men were returning from a regional dispute resolution committee meeting in the town.

The attack took place on a winding road through the Umkomaas Valley at a place known as Dead Man’s Corner.

Hadebe’s assassination came as the province was still reeling from the Folweni massacre at the weekend.

And Sapa reports that seven bodies were found in Umlazi yesterday morning. Five of the dead were killed by unknown gunmen who went on a rampage and attacked a squatter settlement in the township.

The latest incidents bring the death toll in Natal unrest to at least 50 since the start of the weekend.

Yesterday’s killings came as the national peace committee’s executive was meeting on a farm near Pilgrim’s Rest, in the eastern Transvaal, to find solutions for the crisis in Natal.

National peace secretary-cum-chairman Anoné Goldenhays said yesterday that the “think-tank” of the peace committee had been deliberating since Monday. His deliberations would end today and it was expected that the organisation would submit proposals on how violence in Natal could be ended.

ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus said the meeting at Ixopo had been attended by police and two tribal chiefs, one of whom tried to have the meeting postponed because not all the chiefs had attended.

Niehaus said the meeting went ahead, but speculated that time spent on wrangling over whether it should continue was used to prepare the ambush.

Deputy Law and Order Minister Gert Myburgh announced yesterday that a special 14-member investigative police squad had been appointed to assist KwaZulu police with their investigations into the recent violence in Natal. It is expected that Goldstone commission chief investigator in Natal, Maj Frank Dutton, will participate in the investigation.

The commission’s Natal investigating team has visited Folweni, where more than 20 people were massacred on Friday and Saturday. A report on the findings of their investigations was expected soon.

Sapa reports that the SAP, the KwaZulu Police, the SADF, the ANC and Inkatha were invited to furnish the commission with information.

"At this meeting an attempt will be made to reach agreement on the incidents which require investigation," the commission said.

ANC president Nelson Mandela yesterday welcomed calls for him to meet Inkatha president Mangosuthu Buthelezi, but he said a multilateral summit of all political leaders would be "more effective in finding solutions to ongoing violence."

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Hadebe killed

However, Buthelezi said on television news last night that he would consider only a one-on-one meeting, without conditions, with Mandela.

Speaking to journalists after meeting senior Singaporean minister Lee Kuan Yew in Johannesburg, Mandela said he was worried about levels of violence.

He said he had assured national peace committee chairman John Hall, who is organising a summit on violence, that he was "more than prepared" to attend such a meeting.

He said while he appreciated that calls for him to meet Buthelezi were "reasonable", he felt a meeting of all political leaders would be more effective than a one-on-one meeting.

Inkatha chairman Frank Mdlalose said yesterday there would be no peace in the country unless private armies were disbanded.

Sapa reports Law and Order Ministry spokesman Craig Kotze said the SAP would do everything possible to track down Hadebe’s killers.

The killing stressed the need for a high-profile meeting between Mandela and Buthelezi, he said.

Meanwhile in the Transvaal, an assassin shot dead Thokoza township civic leader Vusi Tshabalala yesterday afternoon, police confirmed.

Tshabalala, assistant general secretary of the local civic association, was gunned down as he walked in a street in the East Rand township, fellow campaigner Makgabo Moletho said.
ANC leader killed in ambush

Natal on brink of open war

Peace talks restore

New bid to

from Chris Withered

Hadda Killing

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on November 9, 1980, a group of ANC officials were killed in an ambush near Natal. This event marked a significant escalation in the conflict between the ANC and the South African security forces. The ambush was part of a broader campaign by the ANC to disrupt the government's operations in the area. The attack highlighted the violent nature of the struggle for liberation in South Africa at the time. The aftermath of the ambush renewed tensions and efforts were made to resume peace talks to end the conflict. The document contains a news report on the incident, discussing the impact on the political landscape and the prospects for peace negotiations.
Zulu War

New crisis

MARTIN CHALLENGER
Political Staff

President De Klerk is poised to send more troops and police to the Richmond and South Coast areas after at least 102 killings in Natal and KwaZulu this month, including the assassination yesterday of senior African National Congress executive Mr Reggie Hadebe.

Government sources said today that the latest outbreak of fighting in Natal and KwaZulu was receiving the president's personal attention.

He was planning to discuss the situation with the cabinet today and the state security council tomorrow and would take certain steps.

These would include declaring parts of the South Coast and Richmond unrest areas, effectively imposing mini states of emergency and allowing police to curb people's movements, the sources said.

He also asked organisations with peace monitors in South Africa, such as the United Nations, the Organisation of African Unity and the Commonwealth, to send more people to the troubled province.

Early today a team of detectives was searching for clues at the scene of the murder of Mr Hadebe, the ANC deputy chairman for the Natal Midlands.

Mr Hadebe was shot in the neck when the car he was in was ambushed in a hail of bullets on the Isopo-Richmond road. Natal police today offered a R25,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of his killers.

Police reinforcements are believed to be on standby in the area in case there is a fresh outbreak of violence, and the police Special Investigation Unit has been asked to help in the Hadebe murder inquiry.

Deputy Law and Order Minister Mr Gert Myburgh was in Polokwane yesterday and is to report to the cabinet today.

Mr De Klerk said: 'The killing of Mr Hadebe gives rise to further very deep concern over the situation in the province.'

He expressed the government's condolences to Mr Hadebe's family and said he would give urgent attention to political violence in Natal and KwaZulu after a full assessment of the problems, then consider what action to take.

The chances of a meeting between ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela and Inkatha Freedom Party leader Dr Mangosuthu Buthelezi have improved in the past 24 hours.

Mr Mandela yesterday backed the idea of a full meeting of signatories to the National Peace Accord to discuss violence in Natal and KwaZulu, and Dr Buthelezi said he had no doubt about the importance of meeting Mr Mandela.

Dr Buthelezi said he was prepared to meet Mr Mandela without preconditions, and had sent this message with former Zambian president Dr Kenneth Kaunda. However, he said it would be naive to think that such a meeting could end the violence, as it had become endemic.
Ambush killers, victim met at talks
Talking ‘won’t end war’ in Natal

MARITZBURG. — War is raging in Natal where violence has reached greater scales than in Ireland or Beirut and “no amount of talk” between African National Congress leader Mr Nelson Mandela and Inkatha president Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi can end it.

Emphasizing this at a press conference yesterday, ANC Natal Midlands chairman Mr Harry Gwala said he did not how people could believe a meeting between the two leaders could achieve peace.

Past meetings of the two had given rise to handshakes and back-patting but had not had any effect.

“No amount of talk between them will bring an end to the violence in Natal,” said Mr Gwala.

Northern Natal ANC chairman Mr Aaron Ndlovu said the killings put the Peace Accord in jeopardy.

He said a multilateral forum needed to be set up under the auspices of the National Peace Accord.

“If we can’t (curb) violence maybe we have to review the whole strategy.”

Attitudes

In another development, ANC southern Natal regional organiser Mr Bheki Cele said the recent intensification of conflict had hardened attitudes.

As a result, the planned protest march on Ulundi would take place before the year-end, he said.

In contrast to Mr Gwala’s pessimism, support for a peace summit between the ANC and IFP leaders was expressed across the spectrum yesterday. However, Democratic Party leader Dr Zach de Beer said a meeting was not enough and that a shift in focus by political groupings was needed urgently.

In Harare, the head of the Anglican Church in Southern Africa, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, urged Africa’s church leaders to call on Mr Mandela and Chief Buthelezi to restrain their followers from “mindless bloodletting”.

The Institute for a Democratic Alternative for South Africa called for an urgent peace summit between Mr Mandela and Chief Buthelezi. — Own Correspondent and Sapa
Attack on KwaZulu MP

DURBAN. — KwaZulu MP Mr David Ntombela said he survived yet another assassination attempt when his car was allegedly shot at yesterday afternoon. Mr Ntombela and three companions were apparently returning home from a Regional Dispute Resolution Committee meeting in Durban. 

Police spokesman Captain Henry Budhram said Mr Ntombela had reported the incident late yesterday, but he could not confirm details independently or say whether police had inspected Mr Ntombela’s car.
Fears of more dying

WIDESPREAD CONCERN Calls for meeting between Mandela and Buthelezi to defuse tension:

THERE is widespread concern that the assassination of Natal Midlands ANC leader Mr Reggie Hadebe on Tuesday could intensify the violence in the strife-torn province and put the country on a perilous slide to civil war.

Calls have been made for an urgent meeting between ANC leader Mr Nelson Mandela and the IFP president Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi to defuse the tensions now building up in Natal.

President FW de Klerk said yesterday that Hadebe's killing gave rise to "further very deep concern over the situation".

And National Peace Committee chairman Mr John Hall meets Buthelezi today to discuss the possibility of a meeting with Mandela on the violence.

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Charges of military training camp

Desperate push for Natal peace meeting

NATIONAL peace committee chairman John Hall is shutting down hotbed of violence in Umzumbe and Umzimkulu in a desperate bid to convince ANC president Nelson Mandela and Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi to meet to discuss spiralling violence in Natal.

Tensions were kept at a high pitch yesterday with the ANC charging that a murdered ANC official, Reggie Hadebe, was killed because of an investigation he was conducting into Inkatha military training in the region—a claim Inkatha strongly denied.

National peace committee spokesman Phil Gove said Hall had been trying to resolve a peace accord dispute between Mandela and Buthelezi—the last obstacle to a meeting between the two leaders.

The talks broke after Mandela described Inkatha as a government surrogate during a speech to the UN.

According to Puuquet, Hall was scheduled to meet Mandela in Johannesburg yesterday and Buthelezi today.

ANC northern national assembly speaker Thobani Masiyiwa said Hadebe and ANC intelligence officials had been investigating alleged Red Ant and KwaZulu Police involvement in the training of Inkatha members.

Inkatha Transvaal official Thembu Dlamini said his party was involved in military training. He said the ANC was desperately trying to find causes for Hadebe’s murder.

Masiyiwa said Hadebe had managed to establish that:

- KwaZulu Police were training Inkatha members at Mandeni near Umbi;
- ANC chiefs had each been asked to send 20 young men to the camp for military training, after which they returned to their areas;
- Benno was helping to train the group in guerrilla warfare skills.

KwaZulu denied that Mandeni camp was being used for military purposes. Mandeni was a youth camp, which taught community development skills, it said.

He said Inkatha continued to believe Hadebe was a military training camp for MK was responsible for Saturday’s AK-47 killing of more than 30 Umzimkulu residents.

ANC Midlands leader Harry Gwala claimed yesterday that Hadebe was on an Inkatha list compiled in Umzini, Sapa reports.

Inkatha central committee member Walter Fidelgat denied the allegation.

Gwala also said the national peace accord was in jeopardy following Hadebe’s murder. He called for a review of the accord nationally in light of its failures, particularly in Natal.

The ANC’s three Natal regions cited several examples of Inkatha’s withdrawal from local peace structures.

Fidelgat said his organization had suspended involvement in some local structures because “our people are being killed and there is no home from these meetings.”

Puuet said the convening of a summit of peace accord signatories was a top priority, given the deepening crisis in Natal.

Buthelezi has said he is prepared to meet Mandela, even if the dispute has not been resolved. But he warned it would not normalise his relations with Mandela.

The Natal crisis topped the agenda at yesterday’s Cabinet meeting but at the time of going to press it was not known what government had decided.

Police spokesman Burger van Rooyen said troop reinforcements would be sent to unrest flashpoints, where more than 30 people have been killed since the weekend.

Police yesterday offered a R25,000 reward for information about Hadebe’s murder. Deputy Law and Order Minister Gert Myburgh said a special investigation team had been formed to probe the killing.

In an earlier statement, Inkatha condemned the killing of Hadebe, saying although he was “no friend of Inkatha,” his assassination was to be deplored.

In another development, ANC sources said the Natal regional organiser Sbeke Cela said yesterday the recent escalation of conflict in the region had hardened attitudes.

As a result, the planned protest march in Umtata would take place before the end of the year-end, he said.

DP leader Zoch de Beer said Buthelezi, Mandela and President F W de Klerk should “heed the findings of a recent poll indicating decreasing confidence in them.”

“The DP urges all political leaders to seize this opportunity to focus on how to alleviate future violence by resuming negotiations as speedily as possible any further delays move us closer to civil war.”

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Attacked for living in the 'wrong area'

MARITZBURG — Beauty Ngobe, a 46-year-old Inkatha supporter whose husband was gunned down in front of her three years ago, allegedly by ANC activists, endures attacks on her house in Imbali township, 10km from Maritzburg, almost every night.

Her crime is to live in an ANC area of Imbali.

But she is stuck in a vicious cycle, as her house, poikemarked with bullet holes, is unsellable.

Beauty says one Friday in September, township ANC activists threw a hand grenade onto her roof while she was eating dinner with her five children, aged between four and 22.

The grenade rolled off, and exploded behind the house's side wall.

"They pay kids to do it," says Dennis, Beauty's 18-year-old son.

"The ANC tactics approach kids who have nothing, give them a grenade or an AK-47 and say, 'Here, if you kill so-and-so we'll give you R10. So the kids do it.'"

Dennis says he holds no bitterness towards his fellow Zulus, and that he hopes for a time when he can live in peace with his neighbours.

During a night spent with the Ngobe family in Imbali, the house was shot at several times and stoned once — normal procedure for a Friday night, according to the family.

The allegations and counter-allegations of the ANC and Inkatha seemed like the distant rhetoric of politicians.

Many of the people who are dying in Natal have little passion for politics.

Like the Ngobes they differ from their enemies only nominally, by virtue of a name: "Inkatha" or "ANC".

Dennis Ngobe, in spite of being an Inkatha member, was fond of Reggie Hadebe, whom he said had strived vainly for peace in the region.

"It's not Reggie, or even (ANC President Nelson) Mandela who orders the fighting. It's the touts right here," he said.

ANC regional executive member Hadebe died after being shot in an ambush on Tuesday. — Sapa-AFP.
Olive branch offered to IFP

PEACE PIPE
National Peace Committee

wants ANC, IFP to meet to discuss violence:

By Ismail Lagardien
Political Correspondent

The National Peace Committee is planning a meeting—possibly within days—between ANC leader Mr. Nelson Mandela and Inkatha Freedom Party leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi to discuss the crisis in Natal.

NPC chairman Mr. John Hall will meet Buthelezi today to invite him to such a meeting. Mandela has already accepted an invitation for talks involving signatories of the National Peace Accord.

The meeting will discuss the violence that is sweeping Natal, which led on Tuesday to the assassination of ANC Natal Midlands deputy chairman Mr. Reggie Hadebe.

Hadebe was killed when the car in which he, ANC legal adviser Mr. John Jeffries and executive member Mr. Shakes Cepe were travelling, was ambushed near Richmond.

The Cabinet met yesterday to discuss the crisis in Natal and the State Security Council will meet today to discuss measures that could be implemented to prevent the violence from escalating into civil war.

It is understood that State President FW de Klerk is considering sending troops into the region and possibly declaring parts of Natal "unrest areas".

De Klerk yesterday said he was shocked by Hadebe's murder.

The IFP said yesterday it was "very disturbed" by the killing.

"Though he was no friend of the IFP, we abhor this senseless killing."
Measures to curb violence

Cabinet tight-lipped about steps to prevent more killings.

By Ismail Lagardien and Themba Molefe Political Staff

The Government last night announced a series of measures aimed at curbing the spiralling violence in Natal after the intensified chaos of the past week.

Stunned by the assassination on Tuesday of Mr Regge Hadebe, the deputy chairman of the ANC’s southern Natal region, President FW de Klerk last night said that South African Defence Force deployments in the battle torn province would be doubled and certain areas in the region would be declared unrest areas.

De Klerk said that the South African Police would also increase its manpower in the region.

He said special measures would be taken to “stop the infiltration of Umkhonto we Sizwe members from the Transkei.”

De Klerk repeated the call for a meeting between ANC president, Mr Nelson Mandela and IFP leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

The Government would also request Mr Justice Goldstone “to become more personally involved in the commission’s ongoing investigations into violence in Natal,” De Klerk said.

ANC president Nelson Mandela, however, yesterday flatly rejected a face-to-face meeting with Buthelezi as a way to end Natal violence.

Speaking at the end of the Patriotic Front summit in Port Elizabeth, he said despite repeated peace initiatives and a one-on-one meeting between him and Buthelezi, there had been no progress on the issue.
FW deploys more troops in Natal

PRESIDENT F W de Klerk yesterday announced a doubling of SADF troop levels in strife-torn Natal, and increased policing of the area to combat "Umkhonto we Sizwe infiltration from the Transkei".

He said parts of Natal would soon be declared unrest areas and internal stability division forces would be increased.

De Klerk's announcement followed a meeting of the State Security Council yesterday and a Cabinet meeting on Wednesday to discuss the rise in Natal violence.

He said government still believed a political solution to the conflict remained a priority and a meeting between ANC president Nelson Mandela and Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi was essential.

Judge R Goldstone would be asked to personally involve himself in the Goldstone commission's investigation into violence in Natal, De Klerk said.

A government spokesman said De Klerk was scheduled to meet national peace committee chairman John Hall today.

Hall confirmed the meeting and said he was satisfied talks between Mandela and Buthelezi would go ahead. He said his meetings with the two men this week had been "constructive".

However, Sapa reports Mandela flatly rejected a face-to-face meeting with Buthelezi as a way to end Natal violence.

Speaking at the end of the patriotic front meeting in Port Elizabeth, he said despite his repeated peace initiatives, and a meeting between him and Buthelezi, there had been no progress on the issue.

The ANC's position was that violence could not be ended or reduced by a meeting between two individuals. "What is required is the collective wisdom of political leaders across the spectrum who should come together to address the matter."

Buthelezi said yesterday that although the dispute over Mandela's speech to the UN security council had not been resolved, he was prepared to meet the ANC leader. Internal Stability Division head Gen Johan Swart said at the news conference in Pretoria where De Klerk's statement was read out that police were investigating a link between Umkhonto and the weekend massacre of 20 people at Folweni. He said Umkhonto infiltration of Natal had increased dramatically in the past three weeks.

The ANC denied the allegations, describing them as a smokescreen to cover secret SADF operations in the Transkei.

Former Defence Minister Roelf Meyer said previously that 5 000 to 10 000 SADF troops were deployed across SA in support of the SAP. It is understood a significant number of these are in Natal.

In Maritzburg ANC deputy president Walter Sisulu told a memorial service for slain ANC Natal official Reggie Hadebe it was vital not to perpetuate a war between Inkatha and the ANC. He urged the "comrades" not to seek revenge for Hadebe's murder. ANC Natal chairman Harry Gwala also called for calm.

Meanwhile, our Durban correspondent reports that a headman, Nicholas Ntimande, his father Mhlabeni, 72, and Jeffrey Seveshe were killed in Umbumbulu yesterday by gunmen. This brings the number killed in the Natal/KwaZulu region to at least 34 since Saturday.
A family caught in Natal's crossfire

JOHANNESBURG — Mrs Ngoni Nkuna, now 56, who has lived in the same house for 10 years, was forced out of her home by ANC torchlights who torched her home. She has been living in a shelter since the attack.

The family, consisting of her husband and four children, was forced to leave their home as the ANC torchlights entered the area. Mrs Nkuna said she was not aware of the attack and was surprised when she returned home to find her house burnt down.

The ANC has been accused of extra-judicial killings and human rights abuses in the province. The family is now living in a shelter provided by the local authorities.

ANC man shot in Ciskei

The ANC man was shot in the head after he was caught on camera while trying to escape from the police. The incident took place in the early hours of the morning.

The ANC leader, who was on his way to a meeting, was shot dead by a group of armed men. The police are investigating the incident and have launched a manhunt for the perpetrators.

Transkei strike broadens

The Transkei strike has spread to other parts of the province. The workers have called for a general strike to protest against the government's policies.

The strike is expected to cause further disruptions to the normal functioning of the province. The government has not yet commented on the strike.

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JOHANNESBURG. - Mrs Beauty Nkonyana, 40, a 16-year-old Inkatha supporter whose husband was gunned down in front of their three-year-old son in front of their three-year-old son, allegedly by ANC activists, has taken a veil of anonymity over herself and her family. "They say kids to do it," says Mrs Nkonyana. 

The ANC musters approach kids who have nothing, give them a grenade or an AK-47, and say, 'here, if you kill someone we'll give you R500.'"

Many of the people who are dying in Natal today are just pawns for politicians, and, like the Nkonyanas, suffer from their enemies only nominally. Their punishment is the killing of their children.

Nicolle Ngoba, in spite of being an Inkatha member, was killed by ANC militiamen. Placard bearer Jack Mabite, was shot by ANC at a party of the Mntambo Bizana, the ANC's third regional commander.

Many ANC supporters have been killed in the violence. 

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Natal: Troops to be doubled

The government and the ANC will meet to plan 'bosberaad'

DURBAN — Amid indications that an urgent meeting of National Peace Accord signatories is in the offing, President de Klerk said yesterday that the Defence Force will double the number of troops currently deployed in Natal.

President de Klerk also announced that unrest areas are to be declared in the violence-racked province and "high density" police patrols would be instituted to "stop the infiltration of Inkatha members." 

AFP reported that both parties had tentatively agreed to the summit date, but the Director-General of the State President's office, Mr Dave Siswana, told a press briefing last night that he had no knowledge of such a meeting.

And senior Department of Constitutional Development spokesman, Mr Martin Kleylaen, said: "We don't know anything about this." 

The government said that the ANC would meet on the proposed bosberaad "over the next two" but an ANC firm date has been set as yet for discussions on a joint government talk with Inkatha leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi to end violence in Natal.

"The position of the ANC, which has been endorsed by the Facilitation Panel, is that this violence cannot be ended or reduced by a simple meeting between the two individuals what is required is the collective wisdom of political leaders across the spectrum who should come together to address the matter," Mr Mandela said.

Transkei strike broadens

The Transkei People's Congress (TPC), the political wing of the homelands' Transkei People's Union, warned yesterday that a general strike planned for this weekend was likely to become a multi-sectoral strike.

"We are prepared for a multi-sectoral strike if necessary," Transkei TPC general secretary, Mr Mzolo, said.

Mr Mzolo said the TPC, which has threatened several strikes since May, would call for the Transkeians to stop working this weekend. 

The TPC issued a statement yesterday calling on "all members of the National Congress of South Africa (Transkei) to be involved in the strike." 

The Transkei TPC planned to call the strike with the Transkei People's Union, an umbrella grouping of nearly all the political parties and organisations in the homeland.

The group has called for a one-day general strike on July 13 to coincide with the country's National Day of Action against Apartheid. 

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A family caught in Natal’s crossfire

Johannesburg: Mrs Beauty Nkomo, a mother-of-six, was killed yesterday morning when armed men attacked a hostel in the Umbumbulu area of Pinetown. 

Also, a policeman was killed and two others wounded while on duty at the hostel yesterday.

Political Staff

DURBAN—Amid indications that an urgent meeting of National Peace Accredited authorites in the new atmosphere that the Peace Agreement and the violence in the context of the ANC led government, a dozen police officers were attacked in the Pietermaritzburg area.

In the meantime, the ANC led government has been urged to meet with all political leaders in the country to plan for the future.

The government announced last night that the Defence Force would be deployed to the troubled areas.

The government has been urged to take immediate action to ensure peace and stability in the country.

The meeting was called to discuss the situation in the country and to work towards a solution to the problems.

ANC man shot in Ciskei

Transkei strike broad

The Transkei Police were on high alert last night after reports of a strike by Transkei workers.

In the meantime, the Transkei Police have been called to the scene to ensure peace and order in the area.

The strike was called to demand better working conditions and an end to the violence.

The Transkei Police have been urged to ensure that the situation is under control.

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JOHANNESBURG.—Mrs. Beauty Ngobe, a 40-year-old Inkatha supporter whose husband was gunned down in front of her three years ago, allegedly by ANC activists, endured attacks on her house in Umthathi township, 18km northeast of Marienburg, almost every night.

Her crime is to live in an African National Congress (ANC) stronghold. For 11 years, she has been under attack, her house pockmarked with bullet holes.

Her husband was shot by ANC terrorists in 1989 as she sat in her kitchen, drinking a glass of water. When she returned to the house the next morning, she found a note warning her to leave the area.

In September, ANC terrorists again attacked her house. This time, they shot bullets into the house. Mrs. Ngobe and her two children, aged four and two, were unharmed.

ANC terrorists have also attacked her several times, with an AK-47, and said, "If you kill us, we'll kill you.

Many of the people who are dying in Natal have little power for politics, and, like the Ngobes, differ from their enemies only nominally.

Behind the Ngobes' incomprehensible deaths lies a vast network of ANC leaders, most of whom are not involved in political violence.

But the Ngobes' fate highlights the real cost of ANC's war against the South African government.
Save peace a chance
A community which
Hadebe’s last words of warning

By LAKELA KAUNDA in Pietermaritzburg

The day before he was gunned down, Natal Midlands African National Congress deputy chairman Reggie Hadebe telephoned from his hometown, Ixopo, and said he believed professional “non-racial hit squads” were operating in the area.

He said a hit squad had ambushed Ixopo ANC branch leader Emmanuel Magubane on Sunday. He escaped injury.

Hadebe said Magubane had recognised the attackers, one of them a prominent local white businessman.

He added that he had information that Inkatha was training operatives in the Natal Midlands with the help of the state and Renamo. He said he wanted to confide in independent people like the United Nations observers so that the information would be taken seriously and not seen as an ANC propaganda stunt.

He pointed out that he would stay in Ixopo overnight to attend a regional dispute resolution committee meeting with Inkatha and the police on Tuesday and would return to Pietermaritzburg in the afternoon. He said he would then provide tangible evidence which would stand before the Goldstone Commission.

He was shot dead by a professional hit squad at Dead Man’s Bend on the Ixopo-Richmond road after leaving the meeting.

NEIL MCMAHON reports that Hadebe, in what is believed to be the last interview before his death, said that Natal people had to defend themselves.

Hadebe spoke to McMahon at length about the “low-intensity warfare” destroying communities in the Natal Midlands.

He discussed the cause of violence in the region and the prospects for peace. Often portrayed as a fire-eater and an “ANC warlord”, he was candid about the involvement of some ANC members in the violence, but said the riddle of people who live peacefully in their homes was non-negotiable.

“The ANC has never really encouraged people to kill others,” he said.

“What we have done is encourage people to defend themselves only when attacked, and they’ve done so.”

Hadebe was adamant that the state was fomenting violent unrest, in collaboration with Inkatha: “This violence can be solved very easily,” he said. “It has been going on for such a long time because it has been deliberately orchestrated to achieve political aims.

“It is very clear that it is being used as a negotiating strategy. I believe that if there was resolve by the parties to stop the violence once and for all, we would definitely find ways to heal the wounds.”

Hadebe laid heavy stress on the anger felt by ordinary people in the strife-torn areas. “The anger is felt not only against Inkatha but also against the government. There’s an element of resolve and determination to do everything possible to bring it to an end.”

Describing the conflict as “more complicated” than a simple Inkatha-ANC war, Hadebe spoke of ANC leaders being murdered by Inkatha warlords, the destruction of whole communities by Inkatha and the police, and people not aligned to any party becoming victims of the violence.

“Some people who align themselves with us, they take their own initiatives of revenge. People take the law into their own hands,” he said.
NS Natal slides towards anarchy, residents are becoming resigned to an all-out civil war.

"The only way this thing can end is if the government leaves us alone and lets us fight it out. At the end of the day we'll all be tired and then we can sit down and talk," said learned Mshinga, an Inkatha resident in Umzini, the site of a massacre earlier this week. Similar sentiments were echoed by African National Congress supporters.

Peace structures in the province are collapsing and massacres and assassinations are gathering a momentum impossible to contain. In many areas, particularly the Midlands, the Inkatha Freedom Party has pulled out of local peace committees and the ANC is threatening to follow suit.

The ANC Midlands region has called for a review of the National Peace Accord, saying: "The NPA is now in jeopardy if meetings called by the regional dispute resolution committee (DRDC) secretariat with United Nations observers are used by trained assassins to eliminate leaders." With the violence of recent months other peace structures have not even got off the ground.

In the past week alone more than 50 people have been slain in the province, including ANC Midlands leader Reggie Hadebe, who was assassinated on his return from a peace meeting in Ixopo on Tuesday. An attempt was made on the life of David Ntombela, IFP leader in the same region, the following day. Gunmen opened fire on his vehicle as he, like Hadebe, was returning from a peace meeting. He returned fire, however, repulsing the attackers. Since then, three IFP leaders have survived ambushes in various parts of Natal.

Hopes of peace are dwindling with a growing perception on the ground that the only way to end the war is to fight it out.

Said a shaken Harry Gwala, ageing ANC Midlands leader: "We haven't had peace for the last 10 years, but whatever peace is left is dangerously stretched now ... the atmosphere (in the Midlands) is highly charged. You could light a match and everything would explode."

Frantic top-level efforts are underway to reverse the slide into anarchy. National Peace Secretariat chairman John Hall held separate meetings with Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi and ANC president Nelson Mandela this week. The Natal violence added substance to the agenda at Wednesday's cabinet meeting and the security council met yesterday to chart a plan of action.

While the South African Defence Force is pouring troops into the many trouble spots, the DRDC is setting up monitoring centres, to be manned by local monitors and UN observers.

There is growing pressure for a Buthelezi/Mandela summit, despite fading hopes that such a meeting could stem the tide of violence. Yesterday Mandela rejected a bilateral meeting, calling instead for a summit of NPA signatories.

The war has taken on a frightening new face, with professional hit-squad attacks the order of the day. Whereas the ground war of the late 1980s was to some extent replaced by a more sophisticated strategy adopted by both sides of eliminating key leaders there are now no rules. Peace monitors talk of a "complete breakdown of law and order", with heavily armed self-defence units taking the struggle into their own hands and a growing lack of communication between the leadership and grassroots supporters.

The proliferation of guns in the war zones is frightening; defence unit members openly brandish firearms in anticipation of further attacks.

In the recent spate of massacres—nine in the past two months—whole families, including women and small children have been gunned down. Inkatha supporters have borne the brunt of the latest attacks, carried out by gangs of mysterious men in army and police uniforms.

In Inkatha-controlled Mpumalanga, near Durban, several husks were sprayed with AK47 fire at the weekend, leaving 26 dead. Many of the victims were sangomas who had gathered for the "graduation" of a young sangoma, Abigail Sabela. Witnesses said some of the attackers wore army uniforms. Two days later...
Natal slides into war

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S Natal slides towards an all-out civil war, the violence has gathered a momentum that can no longer be contained.

In the past week alone more than 50 people have died in brutal slaughters, including African National Congress Midlands leader Reggies Hadebe, assassinated on his return from a peace meeting.

An attempt was made on the life of David Nombela, Inkatha Freedom Party leader in the same region, on the following day.

At leadership levels, hopes of peace are dwindling. On the ground, the belief is simple: the only way to end the war is to fight it out.

A resident in Ulundi, site of a massacre earlier this week, commented: "The only way that thing can end is if the government leaves us alone and lets us fight it out. At the end of the day we'll all be tired and then we can sit down and talk."

Said Harry Gwala, ageing Natal Midlands leader: "The atmosphere is highly charged. You could light a matchstick and everything would explode."

Inside today's issue, The Weekly Mail reports on:

• A police investigation into whether bands of Romeor solders infiltrated into Natal's flashpoints over the past month to train Inkatha units and fight alongside them.

• National Intelligence Service agents also visited Mozambique to investigate whether deported Inkatha leader Bruce Anderson had been smuggling AK-47s to military units in Reef hotels.

• We interview a teenage Inkatha warrior, armed and trained for a week at a lowveld police camp in preparation for the ANC march on Ulundi.

• We profile one community where the peace effort has actually worked. Mpumalanga, once the bloodiest area in the Natal conflict, has enjoyed peace for two years.

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The moment of jubilation for two conservative Christians, part of a prayer-singing crowd demonstrating outside Johannesburg's Market Theatre on Tuesday night against the controversial film 'The Last Temptation of Christ.' The crowd has just been told that the Director of Publications - who had earlier approved two screenings of the film at The Weekly Mail Film Festival, then changed his mind under pressure - has succeeded in blocking the screening with a last-minute court order.

One woman, eyes red and swollen from weeping, explained why she had come all the way from Pretoria to protest. "The film is a blasphemy against God ... it says that Jesus is a lesbian and everything ... Jesus is a clean saviour and we don't want him in a dirty movie so we're here to ban it."

Watching the demonstration was Film Festival guest Paul Schrader, the man who wrote the film script.

Schrader, a practising Christian himself, dismissed the blasphemy charges as nonsense and argued that the conflict is really between the film's portrayal of Christianity as struggle, and the "simple view" of his opponents.

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