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Natal peace worker refuses UCT award

A PEACE worker in strife-torn Natal has declined a University of Cape Town honorary degree for peace because he felt it was "premature".

Mr Sipho Mlaba, based in Mpumalanga, was one of four National Peace Accord workers selected for the special award as part of the university's 75th anniversary tomorrow.

Other recipients are Mr Mlaba's colleagues - Mr Meshack Kalebe, Mr Justice Goldstone, head of the Goldstone Commission, and Mr John Hall, chairman of the National Peace Accord.

Mr Mlaba, was described in a UCT statement as a "shining example of what co-operation and communication is capable of achieving".

He has declined the honorary degree because "he feels it would be premature at this stage".

Mr Hall said he had accepted the award "on behalf of the thousands of unsung heroes".
DURBAN. — While peace has returned to some townships and rural areas around Port Shepstone, others remain racked by political and factional conflict with at least 18 deaths recorded in March.

Unrest monitors at the Port Shepstone-based Practical Ministries said yesterday 12 deaths had occurred in the Cele tribal district in Mhlomnyama and four people were killed in the Paddock/Izingolweni district.

Two killings were reported from Bo-boyo and Izotsha.

The group praised the “positive peace initiatives” in the KwaMashu and KwaNdwalane areas, arising from local peace initiatives under the National Peace Accord, where there had been three months of peace.

A Johannesburg taxi-driver died in hospital yesterday after three armed men opened fire on him.

A police spokesman said the taxi-driver, who was alone in his vehicle, was flagged down by a man, at a bus stop in the vicinity of Louis Botha Avenue and Cavendish Street, Yeoville.

Two other men also approached the taxi from behind. Several shots were fired and the driver — about 30 years old — was hit in the head and chest. He died at the Hillbrow Hospital. Police found Makarov pistol rounds at the scene. There have been no arrests. — Sapa
One settler, one guest says 'APP'

BY JACQUE GOLDING

WHITE pensioners beware — the Anzanian People's Program has its eye on your cosy little seaside nest.

The mysterious APP has sent a letter to a pensioner couple in exclusive La Lucia; on Natal's north coast, informing them that they have been chosen to house a black student of the University of Durban Westville. The "Lending a Helping Hand" scheme, the letter explains, is part of an effort to "foster greater racial understanding".

"You will be pleased, we are sure, to know that we have arranged for a young female black university student to be a guest in your new home for the duration of her 1993 studies at Westville University," it says.

"Having spent her entire life in the ghettos of Inanda she may take some time to adjust to your way of life. We are sure you will do everything to help with this difficult transition period.

"Durban Westville knows nothing of the APP, whose logo shows a mortarboard and scroll and whose alleged address is the Dabula Peace Centre in Meadowlands, postal code 2230 (in fact, Ogies). What makes it additionally mysterious is that the postmark shows it was posted in the posh Sandton suburb of Bryanston.

"Durban-Westville's director of public affairs, Michael Sucliffe, said he had first heard of the APP when he was phoned by the "incurbed woman" who had received the letter.

"The letter was probably written by some white crank who wishes to create divisions between whites and blacks by targeting pensioners," he said.

The letter outlines a programme of action to "eradicate the racial tensions built up over the last 48 years by the White Regime".

The hosts are informed that they will find it difficult to cater for the student's needs and therefore visits to the Dabula Peace Centre for cooking lessons would be appropriate. "You will be able to be tutored in the preparation of some traditional African dishes such as mielie meal, curried chicken, sour milk and stamp-millet.

"Furthermore we feel that it will be a great advantage for you to visit her family and a minibus taxi will be made available over any weekend of your choice.

The APP's alleged chairman, Bhuncia Landele, ends the letter on a cheery note: "The comrades support you. Bless you," she says.
WHERE slaughter means an end to the killings...

Waging his finger, Ntsanu scolded the slip. "If you steadfastly refuse to be punished, then we will have to teach you a lesson.

The ritual was part of a joint peace rally between the African National Congress and Inkatha at Bellville, a violence flashpoint near Port Shor-:

Local residents Mjapako Ntsanu and Inkatha supporter

into following the example of their leaders. Some reluctantly came for-\nward — ANC supporters from the left and Inkatha supporters from the right — to perform the ritual.

Just then, an Inkatha impi knocked on the truck's side door, turned forward. Four gathered the crowd, and people began to Security officials surrounded the ANC truck, which peace monitors vainly tried to form a barrier between the impi and the crowd. The impi kept returning to

At the site of some of Natal's worst carnages, last weekend joined hands ...

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DURBAN.—Four people were massacred when gunmen armed with AK-47s and .303's opened fire on a kraal in ongoing faction fighting at Mvanja, in the Tugela Ferry district.

The four killed in the attack were Mr. Ndakayi Mdlela, 23, Mr. Musikapongwa Mfulwane, 22, Mr. Mfase Njoka, 18, and Mr. Mwini Ndlovu, 25. All in Natal, Mr. Isaac Ngubeni was shot dead at 4am in his home near Newcastle, KwaZulu Police said.

On the Reef, shots were fired at members of the East Rand Internal Stability Unit on foot patrol at Katlehong near Germiston early yesterday morning, police said.

The driver of a car opened fire on the policemen who returned the fire, halting the car. The driver ran away. Also on the East Rand, five teenagers were hit by birdshot when security guards opened fire on them, after they stoned a delivery lorry. The guards fired when the teenagers refused to disperse. — Saps.
10 die in attack on 'peace area'

DURBAN. — At least 10 people were killed today in an early morning attack on a homestead in Murchison, near Port Shepstone, Natal South Coast.

A peace committee spokesman said it appeared attackers opened fire with AK47 rifles and threw a grenade at a homestead.

The dead were aged between 18 and 23.

The spokesman said the killings occurred in Nkosini Aaron Ndwalane's tribal district which had been peaceful for the past three months.

A joint African National Congress- Inkatha Freedom Party rally was held in the area last weekend to celebrate peace in Kwandwalane, previously a scene of bitter fighting.

Meanwhile, Eastern Cape police have launched a hunt for the killers of an elderly couple in their Graham Street home in Bedford, Eastern Cape.

Police said friends found 70-year-old Johannes Tjaarda and his wife Adamina, 73, when they did not show up for church. Saps, Eca.
Natal child slain in squatter camp

DURBAN. — A child has been shot dead at the Lindelani squatter settlement near KwaMashu.

Police said the four-year-old child had been wounded in the stomach in an attack on his home yesterday morning.

At Nongoma in northern Zululand police are investigating the death of Mr Kenneth Mshali, who was killed at the weekend by people armed with AK-47 rifles.

Meanwhile, the Inkatha Freedom Party has demanded that a large reward be offered for information about the killing of a member of the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly, Mr Siphiwe Gumsi, who was gunned while driving home in a remote area in northern Zululand at the weekend.

The IFP's Western Transvaal regional organiser, Mr Jabulani Ngubane, claimed yesterday he had been shot at while driving home on Sunday evening.

Mr Ngubane said he had been returning to Tigli township at 7.30pm when he encountered a group of youths standing next to the road. A shot was fired at his ear, hitting the left front door. — Sapa
Men slain by ANC massacres.
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ANC, IFP to pray for massacre victims

DURBAN. — The ANC and IFP in the Port Shepstone area are to reaffirm publicly their support for the local peace initiative at a prayer meeting to be held this week in commemoration of 10 young ANC members massacred in the area.

The move has been announced as part of a nine-point "action plan" devised by the Port Shepstone peace committee to stop the derailment of the peace process in the wake of Monday's killings.

The ANC has rejected a police claim that six of the victims were wanted criminals.

• Gains made in bringing peace and stability to Natal should not be lost in recrimination and retaliation; the United Nations Observer Mission in South Africa said in Johannesburg yesterday.
7,000 died in Natal violence

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — About 7,000 people have died in political violence in Natal and losses to the economy are estimated to be more than R2 billion.

According to the latest Indicator South Africa report, more than 10,000 people have died nationwide in incidents of political conflict in the period between President F W de Klerk’s February 1990 speech and February 26 this year.


Mr Graham Howe, editor of Indicator South Africa, said the spread of civil violence to the rest of the country would continue to undercut progress in constitutional negotiations.

There was sustained nationwide civil violence linked to the legalisation of open political organisation and struggles for constituencies.

There was also suspicion and uncertainty about the new “democratic” ground rules for political competition and many observers doubted the government’s commitment to reform.

About 112 violence-related deaths had occurred in Natal/KwaZulu this month alone, violence monitor Ms Mary de Haas said yesterday.
Five killed in Natal unrest

DURBAN. — Five people were killed and three injured in the latest unrest in Natal, police said yesterday.

Two more people, aged 19 and 35, were killed yesterday at Murchison on the Natal South Coast after the killing of 10 ANC supporters there on Monday.

Three suspects were arrested soon after the latest killings.

Police yesterday put up a reward of R30,000 for information leading to the arrest of the killers of the 10 people.

A man was shot dead and another was wounded yesterday at Nkulubawana in the Natal Midlands.

Unidentified gunmen on Tuesday night shot dead two men and seriously injured a woman in an attack at Esikhaweni on the Natal North Coast.

Senior IFP member Mr Manuel Mdunge was shot and wounded by unidentified gunmen on Tuesday night at Umhlazi. The IFP said yesterday.

Khayelitsha fraca probed

THE local unit of the Goldstone Commission will investigate an incident at Khayelitsha yesterday in which a fracas ensued after shots were fired in the vicinity of the Lingulethu West town council offices.

Mr Justice Richard Goldstone said last night the commission was told a number of people had occupied the offices.
DURBAN — Police are offering a R50 000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the killers of 10 ANC supporters in Murchison, near Port Shepstone, on Monday.

Durban police spokesman Capt Bala Ndau announced the reward offer yesterday. He said informants could telephone Crime Stop on 008-111213 or investigator W/O Frikk Breedt on (0391) 2222.

The violence-related toll in Murchison this week has climbed to 12 with two more killings early yesterday. Police spokesman Lt Dawood Kader said three suspects had been arrested.

"The two latest victims, aged 19 and 25, were hacked and stabbed to death while sleeping in a house in Mtengwane.

"Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi condemned Monday's Murchison massacre saying: 'Violence is not in the interests of anyone.' He was speaking on his return from Britain yesterday.

"He said he had no preconditions for a summit conference with ANC president Nelson Mandela and would like such a meeting as soon as possible. "I can see him tomorrow," Buthelezi said.

"He also rejected with contempt" Monday's statement by ANC Natal Midlands deputy chairman Kheledize Mtambo that the Concerned South Africans Group, of which Inkatha was a principal member, might stage a "Unita option" — rejecting election results if they lost.

Meanwhile, unidentified gunmen on Tuesday night shot and wounded six-year-old IFP member Manuel Mdunge on his way home in Umlazi. Durban, party spokesman Ed Tillett said yesterday.

"Tillett said the car in which Mdunge was travelling was riddled with bullets and at least 20 spent cartridges were found at the scene. It was the second attack on senior IFP officials in Umlazi in the past week, he said.

"There is a systematic campaign to eliminate IFP leaders, to destroy the IFP and to sabotage peace initiatives in Umlazi," Tillett claimed.

Another two people were shot dead and a woman seriously injured in an attack on a squatter camp at Eshowe near Empangeni on the Natal North Coast, it was reported yesterday.

At Nkabelantwana near Bulwer in the Natal Midlands a man was shot dead yesterday and another wounded in an attack.

A police spokesman said five people fired on a group, killing Nqoeme Bumenzini.

In Khayelitsha near Cape Town yesterday, a policeman was shot and two wounded men arrested when police were attacked and involved in a 40-minute gunfight, according to police.

Sgt I Isaacu, Const S Ntongana and Const M Ntohewa went to the scene in an armoured-plated vehicle. Sgt Isaacu was shot in the leg.

The robbers fled with the police in pursuit. The heavy police vehicle became stuck in deep sand, however, and its occupants stopped out to try and calm an angry crowd, which, according to police reports, were being egged on to set the vehicle alight.

The SAP members were attacked and in the ensuing gunfight, Isaacu was shot. Two men were later arrested trying to have their bullet wounds treated at a hospital.

Police said members of the Internal Stability Unit prevented the crowd from setting the armoured vehicle alight. — Sapa.

ANC proposes tough arms laws

CAPE TOWN — The failure of the security forces to protect people from attack was a major cause of the spiralling demand for firearms, the ANC told a committee of the Goldstone commission investigating illegal arms yesterday.

The ANC told the committee in Cape Town that self-defence units and hostel residents' associations demanded firearms because they had little or no faith in the security forces' willingness and ability to protect them.

"For as long as the security forces are perceived as partisan or ineffective, there is little prospect of any statutory intervention (affecting) the proliferation of illegal firearms in our country," the ANC said.

The ANC said firearms should be confined to sporting activities and to securing a livelihood.

"Statutory amendments proposed by the ANC included:

□ Individually be restricted to two firearms and
□ That anyone found in possession of more than two illegal firearms be presumed to have been dealing illegally in such arms.

Weapons such as semi-automatic and automatic arms and large-calibre weapons should be statutorily restricted to a much greater extent, the ANC submitted.

Meanwhile, committee chairman M N S Stihole ruled yesterday that the terms of reference of the Goldstone commission's committee investigating the illegal importation, distribution and use of arms and ammunition will remain unchanged.

His ruling followed a complaint by counsel for the Inkatha Freedom Party, Louis Visser, SC, that the committee's mandate did not extend to the illegal possession of firearms.

Visser said the committee could not fulfill its task properly without also investigating the illegal possession of arms and ammunition.

Stihole said the committee would proceed with its inquiry as mandated. The hearing continues today. — Sapa.
Violent end for slasher, 2 weeks ago the armed group said it was releasing the slasher. Since then, more than 12 people have been killed in political violence.
that the murders of Geaba and his supporters this week and the backing to death of two IFP supporters two days later were politically motivated — in the usual sense of the term. Peace became a real possibility when Chief Ndelwane and Nigerian

Chief Moses Anafu, of the Commonwealth delegation in Natal, developed a firm friendship. Chief Anafu won the trust of warring factions, bringing them to the negotiating table.

Families in these rural hills and valleys are large and poor. Often the father is absent. Almost 65 000 people are crammed into an area of "approximately 7km by 7km as the crow flies", as Chief Ndelwane describes it. Most are unemployed. Shanty are starving.

In man ways Geaba was a typical product of this area. He story shows how hard-won peace was and how fragile it remains.

The youngest of nine children, Geaba was born in Murchison. His sisters say he was "very, very clever, polite and brave". He completed Std 5 at school before working as a delivery man for a local furniture store. He had a history of leadership roles.

In 1989 he joined the ANC and became a member of its local disciplinary committee. When leaders of the committee began tussling for leadership, Geaba saw an opportunity and mobilised supporters.

Serious

He and other youths rejected traditional chiefs and leaders. Witch doctors and traditional leaders were necklaced. People's courts started operating under disciplinary committees such as that led by Geaba.

An elder from the community said that before the youth of the area finally fled "some, including those led by Geaba, committed serious crimes. They burnt people. When there was fighting and Zakhele was among the youth, they knew they would win. He was their hero."

"But while they lived in the bush they continued with kangaroo courts — they would fetch ANC people from here and sentence them to up to 800 lashes."

In retaliation, traditional leaders began door-to-door searches, slaying comrades. Night camps were conducted by Inkatha captains. Those failing to attend were assaulted, fined or killed, the local Peace Committee testified before the Goldstone commission.

Most of the youth of Murchison, including Geaba and his followers, fled to the bushy areas around Gamalalake.

During the 16 months the young men lived in the bush they became emancipated. "The police used to attack them and they got scratches and sores from running away. Zakhele had a bullet wound across the back of his knees where police shot him," said his sister Bakheulekile, 45.

Last year, on June 16, hundreds of youths, apparently at Geaba's initiative, came back to the area, upsetting delicate peace negotiations. After initial fighting, villagers reluctantly accepted them back.

Many of the youths, however, continued to live in groups. Some demanded accommodation from villagers and extorted food or money. Geaba and others like him constituted — and still constitute — a destabilising factor to the peace process.

Geaba died leaving six illegitimate children and four pregnant girlfriends. But who killed him and his followers?

Iron Ndelwane, one of the most powerful advocates for peace in Natal's worst war zone, at his hill-top home

He told them Mayor Hermann Fourie, head of the internal Stability Unit in the area, hated him. Mayor Fourie, who sits in a neat office overlooking a tiny patch of clipped lawn, is a large man who prides himself on his study of facton fighting.

He says he is not allowed to speak to the press, and Durban headquarters refuse an interview.

All that he will say is: "My conscience is clear. I work with conflict and negotiations. Many of those who say they dislike me, don't even know what I look like."

One ANC leader in the area, who did not want to be named, said: "In the past we suited us to have young militants like Geaba, but lately we have been struggling to get these people under control. In recent times 90 percent of random shootings and robberies have been robbed. It is a very bad image for the ANC."

Disturb

But other ANC members say such suggestions are preposterous. Mzandla Tshembha, a senior official, says that in May last year the ANC investigated Geaba and his group. It found that it was a single-minded group, led by Tolmas Geaba, a relative of Zakhele Geaba, that had been terrorising communities.

Musi Mkhwanazi, the IFP leader in the area, is loath to talk about the killings, including the slaying of two of his members. "I don't like to entertain ideas of a third force but someone somewhere is political with plans to disturb the peace process."

"I want to say very clearly that this person will fail. People on both sides are committed to peace. We are tired of violence."

In the whitewashed Peace Committee offices in Port Shepstone, chairman Theo Cloete sits opposite a peace declaration signed by 35 different organisations in the area.

Next week the first phase of a R700 000 development programme — the first under the Peace Accord — is due for implementation. Part of it will rebuild 562 homes destroyed in the violence.

Mr Cloete says the success rate of the Port Shepstone police is "atrocious."

"In the eyes of the community the police do not get criminals and murderers off the streets — that's why we are seeing a resurgence of people's justice."
peace and don't value life

Shootings by trained people who

are acquainted with "killing" are deplorable.
‘I wonder if there is a God’

BY FRED KHUMALO

HEARTLESS bastards!
The angry, frustrated cry belongs to Doreen Malinga, an ageing Murchison woman whose son, Mazwi Malinga, 26, was among the 10 men brutally slaughtered by gun-wielding marauders this week.
The slaughter marks a terrible turn in Doreen Malinga’s life. It shattered her dreams. Her son’s future was her only reason for living, she said, and he was the family breadwinner.

He was one of two remaining sons of hers – the other two were killed in separate incidents as political violence tore into the heart of the Natal south coast reserve two years ago.

“When things like this happen, you feel like crying. You curse yourself, you curse the world. You wonder if God still exists,” said a visibly shaken Doreen.

When City Press visited the Nzama household at which the slaughter took place, we were greeted by a feeling of foreboding as we were ushered into the room where the men were, gunned down.
The walls were pock-marked with bullets and there was a gaping hole in the floor – reportedly made by a hand grenade which was hurled through a window.

A grieving Florence Nzama told how the “dogs of war” tore into the household, shattering the early Monday morning silence with guns and a grenade.

“The only thing I recall is that I was woken up by what sounded like thunder. When I sat up in bed and heard screams of anguish, I suddenly knew death had visited us,” said Nzama.
The fusillade lasted for about 20 minutes, said Nzama.

When the shooting stopped, all eight men in the room were dead, their blood-soaked bodies lying on top of one another.

Two more men who were sleeping in the next room were awakened by the sounds of the attack and fled through a small window.

They were cut down in their tracks.
The men had been staying at Nzama’s house for a few days, as they had been on the run from “an Inkatha warlord”.

Nzama said the men had been members of an ANC defence unit that had been instrumental in protecting the local community from Inkatha incursions over the past two years.
The dead men are Zawele Gcaba, Mazwi Malinga, Wee Mazuzane, Thinzana Hadebe, Koo Morafo, Genye Mkonke, Sifiso Ngcobo, Zwenkwe Hadebe, Tsholomo Mtholo and Sipho Ncane, all between the ages of 18 and 28.
‘Squabble’ claims 10 lives

DERBY. — A domestic squabble between two Zulu clans is believed to have triggered off the massacre which left 10 people dead in the settlement of Dufudu near Scottburgh on the Natal coast at the weekend.

The victims, nine men and a woman, were among a group of party-goers taking part in Good Friday celebrations. According to police, the group were drinking at a nearby shop when they were confronted.

Eight kraals and 12 huts were set alight in the ensuing violence.

Police said spent cartridges from AK47 and R1 automatic rifles, as well as shotgun cartridges, were found.

Police said the dispute between the two groups arose from a street fight between children from the groups. The parents apparently got involved in that fight.
23 die in Natal Easter unrest

DURBAN: At least 23 people have been killed in violence in Natal townships and rural areas, since Friday, police said yesterday.

The worst attack claimed 18 lives, when people were shot and hacked to death on Good Friday at in Dargle on the South Coast.

Two people were killed, eight arrested and police seized arms at Msinga near Greytown on Monday.

In another incident, a 26-year-old man was shot dead in Popompi township at Howick on Friday and in Kwamashu, two people were killed in separate attacks.

On Sunday, the body of an 18-year-old girl with two stab wounds was found in the Matukzak settlement at Umbuzo.

Also on Sunday, two women were shot dead in Mpondoland.
London embassy marks assassination

CHRIS BATeman

LONDON — In a gesture of reconciliation, the SA embassy flew its flag at half mast yesterday to mark SACP general secretary Chris Hani’s death. The move surprised the British Anti-Apartheid Movement, (AAM), which held an evening protest vigil outside the embassy — but secretary Mike Terry soon recovered to express polite appreciation. Ambassador Kent Durr said Pretoria had approved the gesture. “As Hani was a prominent and important political leader, we thought it would be appropriate to show our sympathy and join in the feeling of remorse and reconciliation so necessary in our country now.”

ANC chief for the UK and Ireland, Moolo Msimang, who joined AAM chief Archbishop Trevor Huddleston and others, for the vigil said the move was “significant”.

“It shows that De Klerk is worried by the turn of events and how the assassination is likely to interfere in the process . . . but one would have loved to see much more expression of urgency regarding an early date for elections”.

Ali bemused by chanting crowd

Political Staff

CAPE TOWN — Militant youth protesters delivered a knockout blow in Cape Town yesterday to an apparently dazed Muhammad Ali when he arrived on the Parade at the height of the demonstrations.

Ali seemed overwhelmed as he stared at the youngsters who crowded around the bus that brought him into the city centre and weakly raised a finger in acknowledgement.

The young demonstrators ignored his subdued response and they shouted “Ali, Ali” progressively louder, with their fists in the air.

When the bus moved after stopping for a brief period to leave the Parade area, the crowd followed him, still chanting and breaking the cordon ANC marshals and the police had thrown around the area.

The almost hysterical response of the crowd yesterday at what should have been a memorial rally for the late Chris Hani must have been one of the most surprising situations Ali has landed in.

Youths damage shops, cars during Maritzburg march

MARTIZBURG — Hundreds of youths who broke away from a march of 15,000 people smashed shop windows, torched cars and damaged other vehicles yesterday.

Journalists reported seeing at least three policemen and three civilians injured during a tense-filled day in and around the city.

There were reports of stone throwing and clashes between youths and police in Maritzburg’s townships.

Addressing a commemoration service in Market Square, ANC Midlands leader Harry Gwala reiterated a call for the suspension of constitutional negotiations because of SACP general secretary Chris Hani’s assassination.

Both Gwala and Winnie Mandela blamed government for Hani’s killing.

Gwala said President F W de Klerk could not escape blame for the murder as he had been urging the ANC to cut its ties with communists and had called for radicals within the ANC to be isolated.

Gwala said the recent breaking of Umkhonto we Sizwe members as criminals by law and Order Minister Herms Kriel had also lead to the murder.

He said the liberation movement had sacrificed so much that it now had to pause in the negotiation process until government acted decisively against violence.

The crowd moved to police headquarters to deliver a memorandum, but marshallers struggled to contain groups of angry youths who broke away and vented their fury on shops and cars.

At least four vehicles were torched and more than 50 damaged. Almost every street in the CBD had damaged shops and residential buildings.

 Midlands ANC secretary Sifiso Nkabinde described the damage as “unfortunate”. He said ANC leaders had tried to placate the angry crowd but “one has to consider the anger of the people on the ground . . . we tried our best but we could not contain their anger”.

Another Midlands ANC leader said he believed the groups which ran amok were agents provocateurs intent on discreditting the organisation.

Police said patrols in the Edendale Valley were shot at six times by people wielding automatic weapons. Security forces used rubber bullets and teargas in some townships after burning barricades were erected and private vehicles stoned.

In Durban, thousands of people converged on the city centre. Violence erupted when a group broke away from the main body and torched two cars and a motorcyclist in West Street. Several shops had windows smashed and looted. — Sapa
Death, chaos comes with mourning

Staff Reporters

Chaos erupted in some cities around the country yesterday as people mourned the assassination of Chris Hani.

In the worst clash — in Soweto — four people, including the secretary-general of the ANC’s Soweto region, Sam Ntambane, were killed and 246 were injured when police opened fire on a crowd outside the Protea police station.

The shooting occurred when a crowd marched to the Protea police station from the Jabulani Amphitheatre.

According to witnesses, the firing came without warning or provocation.

African National Congress spokesman Carl Niehaus confirmed last night that Ntambane was declared dead on arrival at Baragwanath Hospital.

Two accounts

The police version of the shooting differed to that of witnesses and the ANC.

Soweto police spokesman Captain Eugenie Henning said the crowd sent a delegation to meet Soweto deputy regional police commissioner Major-General Braam Strauss.

While the delegation was inside, the crowd attacked police with bottles and stones, Henning said.

He said police were then "forced to use firearms to disperse the crowd to protect their lives and property".

Three people were killed on the East Rand, one of them a marcher shot by residents of the Nguni hostel in Vosloorus. The two others were found dead in Katlehong and Tokoza earlier.

Looting and burning were also reported in Boksburg, Alexandra and Krugersdorp, prompting SAP liaison officer Major Eugene Opperman to express concern at the widespread intimidation and violence on the Reef, for which the leadership of the tripartite alli-
14 arrested after 7 shot dead

Own Correspondent
MARITZBURG. — Seven people have been shot dead in fighting at Mpophomeni, near Howick, bringing the death toll in the township to 11 in the past week.

Fourteen people have been arrested in connection with the killings.

Police spokesman Captain Henry Budhram said police from Howick were called out on Wednesday and found the bodies of six men who had been shot dead.

Two people were seriously wounded in another attack early on Wednesday and admitted to hospital. One of the injured later died as a result of bullet wounds.

The names of the dead have been released. They are: Mr Mthandesie Msomi, 34, Mr Bheki Maseko, 36, Mr Shunu Hlala, 28, Mr Vincent Mshali, 33, Mr Michael Bengu, 50, Mr Sipho Nene, 36, and Mr Vusi Nchunu.

Police have dismissed robbery as a possible motive, but said the murders might be linked to ongoing gang warfare in the area.

Meanwhile, urgent talks were underway between police and an ANC delegation, led by ANC Mpophomeni chairman Mr Chris Khoza, to discuss the killings and to find ways of ending the bloody confrontation between the two rival groups.
More killings
countrywide
puts toll at 26

By Bronwyn Wilkinson

At least 16 people were killed countrywide on Wednesday night and yesterday as violence continued following the chaos that claimed 10 lives during demonstrations over the death of ANC-SACP leader Chris Hani.

Police could not directly link any of the later killings to Wednesday's demonstrations.

At least 12 people were killed in separate shootings in Natal on Wednesday night — seven of them during what police described as gang warfare in Mpophomeni township, near Howick.

Those killed at Mpophomeni were Mthandisile Msoni (34), Bheki Maseko (26), Bhunu Hleta (26), Vincent Mishali (33), Jabu Mnikathi (33), Michael Bengu (50) and Sipho Nene (36). By yesterday, 14 people had been arrested in connection with the shootings.

On the East Rand, 21-year-old Thabo Mofekeng was shot dead by three robbers who ransacked his Vosloorns home on Wednesday night. Another man was stabbed to death when a mob attacked him in Katlehong and a man was shot dead in Tokoza.

Sapa reports that violence again flared in the Cape Peninsula yesterday, when a man was burnt to death in one of 30 shacks set alight in Khayelitsha.

In the eastern Cape, the road between Port Elizabeth and Uitenhage was closed yesterday morning following the stoning and petrol-bombing of several vehicles.

KwaZulu police said a father shot and killed his 20-year-old son after a misunderstanding about a toy gun in Georgedale, near Hambarsdale, on Wednesday.

In Umlazi, Sibongiseni Thabede (21) was found shot dead at the Lindokuhle station. Pitoli Ngubane (26) was shot dead in a house in the same area that night.
Blacks rescue white women from rampaging mobs

OWN CORRESPONDENT

Two meals were prepared for me to choose from. The first one contained two black men who were part of a large crowd of people gathered around the windows in front of the store. The second one was a group of people who were standing and shouting outside. The store was on fire, and a crowd of people were watching the scene from outside.

As we approached the scene, we saw a group of people gathered around the windows in front of the store. The police had arrived, and they were trying to control the situation. The black men who were inside the store had already left, and the police were trying to get them out. The crowd was getting larger, and they were shouting and waving. I tried to calm them down, but it was impossible. The store was on fire, and the police were trying to put it out.
ANC, SACP bouquets for two top policemen

ANIL SINGH, Weekend Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — The African National Congress and the South African Communist Party this week singled out two senior South African Police officers for praise in their handling of the tens of thousands of people who took part in the Natal procession to commemorate slain Communist Party leader Chris Hani.

The two officers were Major-General Johan Meintjies, the acting regional commissioner for Natal, and Colonel James Louwrens, the SAP's representative on the Natal Kwazulu Regional Dispute Resolution Committee.

This was not the first time Colonel Louwrens had come in for praise from the ANC.

In an interview the soft-spoken former Security Branch policemen was at pains to point out that he was not a "glory-hunter".

"It is part of my work being a policeman and I cannot see why such a big deal is being made. Let's not forget all the other policemen in the field. They played a big part as well," said Colonel Louwrens.

He said he was generally pleased with the behaviour of the crowd, which he estimated at 30 000 to 60 000.

"The majority of the crowd were well behaved. It was a small band of people that damaged vehicles and smashed windows. No doubt a small percentage of the crowd were the criminal element.

"Better planning is needed in future and there must be more marshals. I don't think the organisers of this week's procession anticipated such a crowd. I for one did not expect so many people," said Colonel Louwrens.

Colonel Louwrens, who was in the field with senior ANC/South African Communist Party officials during the procession, was also full of praise for the organisers.

He singled out the ANC's Jeff Radebe and SACP's Dennis Nkosi who, he said, gave the police "nothing but co-operation".

"We worked in close contact with Jeff Radebe and Dennis Nkosi as well as other officials. We worked as a team and were able quickly to iron out any problems that arose," said Colonel Louwrens.

In the past three years since the unbanning of the ANC and other political organisations, there has been a great change in the SAP in dealing with mass action.

"Yes, the SAP's special training programme in conflict management is really paying dividends.

"Some of these policemen are hardly out of college and are thrown into the deep end and have to deal with crowd control. They are doing a fantastic job.

"Crowd control calls for cool heads and no doubt there has been a big improvement in the police tactics in handling crowds.

"In Port Shepstone the SAP/ANC have started a workshop where common problems are discussed and this programme is working very well. We are not here to dictate terms. It is important to have what I term partnership-policing or community-policing. It is a very slow process, but we are getting there. In time to come, the SAP could be one of the world's best in crowd control," said Colonel Louwrens.

Does he see a place for him in the new South Africa and would he serve in a new police force?

"I am not a politician. I am a policeman at heart. It's like serving customers. If they want me I will be glad to help out.

"It is important for policemen to be impartial, democratic and non-racial. We cannot afford to take sides," said Colonel Louwrens.

Last year Colonel Louwrens was named by the Weekly Mail as one of the few good cops in South Africa.

Once a feared security policemen who had a reputation of being a tough cop, he was responsible for detaining and questioning people in the Durban area during the state of emergency.

Today, with the big changes taking place in the country, he is working with some of the ANC people he once helped track down, and members of other political parties, in a mutual effort to bring peace.

Based at police headquarters in Durban, Colonel Louwrens is now given the full-time job of keeping in close contact with political parties — be it ANC or Inkatha — in an effort to minimise political violence and intimidation and maintain law and order.
KOKSTAD businessmen struck back at a consumer-boycott on Friday by closing shop.

The boycott, which began a week ago in the southern Natal town, was called by the ANC/SACP/Costa alliance, demanding an end to the "government's blockade" of Transkei.

Businessmen, saying they would begin trading again tomorrow, added they would liaise with other towns for joint action against the boycott, which is expected to spread to northern Transkei towns next week.

A consumer boycott ended in Mzakia a fortnight ago after police agreed to remove security forces, but the ANC said it would be 'reinvoked tomorrow' in solidarity with other towns.
crimes after violent attacks

Two women die in the burned house, and an under-renovation house is damaged.

Recently, two women were killed in a house fire in the Shanty area. The women, aged 38 and 40, were found inside the house, which was under construction. The fire started at around 10 PM on Saturday, and the women were reportedly inside. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

Police have launched an investigation into the deaths and are trying to determine the cause of the fire. The area has been cordoned off, and forensic experts are on the scene.

Residents in the area have expressed their shock and condolences. "It's a tragic incident," said a local resident. "We never thought this would happen in our community."

Local officials have urged residents to remain calm and to follow the police's instructions. "We are working to ensure the safety of everyone in the area," said a local official. "We will provide updates as more information becomes available.

The incident has raised concerns about the safety of the area. "We need better security measures in place," said a local politician. "We will work with the police to ensure the safety of our residents.

The investigation is ongoing, and the police are seeking witnesses and information to help them determine the cause of the fire and the deaths of the two women.

The community has been paying tribute to the deceased women, and their families are being supported by local authorities.

Local officials have also emphasized the importance of fire safety in the community. "We urge residents to be vigilant and to take necessary precautions to prevent similar incidents from happening again," said a local official. "We will work with the community to ensure everyone's safety.

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Seven killed near Howick

SEVEN people were killed in Mpophomeni near Howick on Wednesday night in the wake of rallies held countrywide to commemorate the death of Chris Hani.

The murders took place just hours after a rally in central Maritzburg attended by an estimated 80,000 people. All the victims had taken part in the rally.

SAP spokesman Capt. Henry Budhram said the murders appeared to be connected. Witnesses said the perpetrators could be members of a gang called Amagota which has been terrorising the local community.
Tourists airlifted

At least two aircraft were sent from Natal to Transkei at the weekend to fetch holidaymakers from beach resorts following a spate of attacks on tourists. Several holidaymakers have been shot, molested and robbed in the homeland recently. In one case, a private aircraft was sent to bring a whole family home, while a second aircraft was sent to fetch holidaymakers from a hotel resort.
Car bomb blast in Natal

DURBAN. — A car bomb exploded at a shopping centre in Amanzimtoti — 35km south of Durban — shopping centre about 11.30am today, a witness said.

He said the car was parked at the Sanlam Centre shopping centre when it exploded.

The witness, who works at a nearby hotel in the South Coast holiday town, said he was unsure if anyone had been injured.

Police and troops had cordoned off the area, he added.

— Sapu.
Police offer R75 000 reward after car bomb

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — Terror gripped the South Coast holiday town of Amatintel yesterday, as a powerful car bomb ripped through the parking lot of a block of flats, injuring nine people, including a pregnant woman.

The police are offering a R75 000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the bomb blast.

The car was a Toyota Conquest that police said had been stolen in East London on Friday.

The explosion was heard 10km away and windows 300m away were broken.

Hundreds of policemen, paramedics, firemen and soldiers arrived at the scene minutes after the 11am explosion and the area was cordoned off as police with sniffer dogs combed the area for a possible second bomb.

Police yesterday said they had not made any arrests. However, it is believed a special team of detectives is hot on the trail of the bombers.

Pregnant Mrs Janine Lubbe of Duinside was admitted to Kingway Hospital. Doctors feared she might miscarry but she was given a clean bill of health and discharged.

Three men and five women were injured in the blast. Five people were hospitalised. Most injuries were cuts.
Car bomb rocks Amanzimtoti

STUNNED RESIDENTS: 'Miracle that no one has been killed'.

A powerful car bomb exploded in a parking bay underneath a 25-storey apartment block in Amanzimtoti on the Natal South Coast yesterday, injuring nine people, including a pregnant woman.

The bomb exploded underneath the Sandal Park block at about 11am and police were on the scene in the popular holiday resort within minutes. They evacuated residents from the building and paramedics treated most of the injured on the spot.

The pregnant woman was taken to the nearby Kingsway Hospital, treated and discharged.

"She's okay," said police spokesman Colonel Bill Dennis.

He said a Toyota Conquest carrying "lots of explosives" had been stolen in Durban on Friday and parked under the huge apartment block. "But we're not sure when.

The police have still to determine the type of explosives used."

Dennis said the blast injured three black men, two black women and four white women. Among the injured was a security guard at the block, whose leg was broken.

Another senior policeman at the scene remarked: "It's a miracle that no one has been killed.

"Hundreds of windows have been shattered and we are not sure if there's been any structural damage to the building," said Dennis.

Nearby hotels and shops also had broken windows.

Yesterday's explosion occurred about 200m from where a time bomb exploded in a packed shopping mall on December 23 1983, killing five and injuring 30.

Yesterday, stunned residents and holiday-makers were treated for shock at a mobile clinic after being evacuated from the block. Troops and policemen cordoned off the area and searched for further explosives.

"I thought the whole building was going to collapse and I immediately remembered the '85 bomb blast. Police then came up and told us to walk down the stairs and not use the lift." -- Sapa
The opposition party is putting forward a strong argument against what they believe is a lack of government transparency and accountability. According to the opposition, there have been numerous instances of the government hiding important information from the public, which they believe is a violation of democracy. They argue that the government should be more open and transparent in its decision-making processes to ensure that the public is informed and can hold the government accountable. The opposition has called for an independent inquiry to investigate these allegations and ensure that the government is acting in the best interest of the country. They believe that this will help to restore public trust and confidence in the government.
Mass action
chaos warning

OWN CORRESPONDENT
DURBAN - Right-wing
Durban city councillor
Mr. Duncan du Bois be-
lieves the city should be
prepared for a break-
down in electricity and
water supplies in the
event of mass action
“getting out of control”.

Mr. Du Bois defended
his warnings after being
criticised for issuing tips
on “emergency survival”
last week on city council
letterhead paper. Yes-
terday he said an “ugly
scenario” could develop
in coming weeks.
Three slain by Natal gunmen

Own Correspondent (21b)

DURBAN — A police reservist and two young motorists were shot dead by a gang of heavily armed men at La Mercy near Tongaat on the Natal North Coast yesterday.

Police reservist Constable Bob Wilson (35), who was based at the Tongaat police station, was patrolling the area with Constable S Mthembu at about 1.30 a.m. when they saw a car with eight people in it. They stopped the car and, as they walked towards it, were shot at with automatic guns.

Wilson was hit several times and lay dead on the road. Mthembu fired back at the men, then went to call for help.

Some of the gunmen drove off in the police vehicle, but were forced to stop after about a kilometre as one of the tyres had been shot.

Two men, Anesh Singh (25) of Brackenham, Tongaat, and his friend Vinesh Harries (23), were driving by when they had to avoid Wilson's body in the road. The two then spotted the police vehicle and stopped to report the incident.

As they got out of their car they were also gunned down.

The gunman then drove off in the young men's car.

The reservist's widow, Carol Wilson, said her husband had "lived for the police".

Wilson, an estate agent, is survived by his wife and sons Allistair (15) and Callum (13).
4 die in revenge attack

At least four attackers were themselves killed after they had opened fire with AK-47s and shot dead two mourners and wounded eight at an all-night vigil for slain Inkatha Freedom Party leader in Zululand. A woman and a man were killed and five women and three men wounded when attackers crept up and opened fire on their tent in Mazawula Reserve near KwaMbonambi, where a vigil for IFP regional chairman Mr. Caiphus Dlamini was being held.

Police spokesman Major Hamilton Ngidi said that after the attack the mourners had mounted a follow-up operation and caught up with the attackers a short distance away. Police found the bodies of four men believed to be the attackers at the scene, along with many 9mm cartridges and 20 AK-47 shells. Major Ngidi could not confirm whether the attackers were affiliated to any political party. He said security forces were in the area, which was quiet but tense following the shooting.

Mr. Dlamini was buried yesterday. At least 36 AK-47 and .303 shells were found at the tent where the mourners were killed, along with a damaged tear gas canister. The names of the dead and injured were not released last night. — Sapa
SLAIN AFTER VIGIL KILLS 4

The PDF of the page contains an article about the killing of four men after a vigil was held in their honor. The article discusses the aftermath of the incident and the reactions of the local community. It mentions that the vigil was held in response to the recent violence in the area, and that the victims were known for their involvement in local community activities. The article also highlights the continuing tensions and conflicts in the region.
Six die in Zululand violence

The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN.—At least six people have been killed in renewed violence in Zululand.

Two mourners were killed and eight wounded at the weekend when they were attacked during a funeral vigil for Inkatha leader Mr. Caiphus Dlamini, who was killed earlier last week.

It is believed the mourners then chased and caught the alleged gunmen, and killed them. Police later found the bodies of four men.

Meanwhile the leader of the Ndwalane tribe, Chief Aaron Ndwalane, has made a call for local leaders of the ANC and the Inkatha Freedom Party to meet urgently today to end renewed violence in the Natal South Coast area.

The situation in the area had been stable for months after peace was brokered between ANC and IFP supporters.

But violence erupted again after the assassination of Communist Party general-secretary Mr. Chris Hani on April 16, Chief Ndwalane said.

He said six people died there recently, including four killed at the weekend.
Six die after night vigil attack

IFP official buried:

SIX people died and eight were injured on Saturday night when Inkatha Freedom Party members retaliated after being attacked at a night vigil for a slain IFP official in northern Natal, police confirmed on Sunday.

Two people were killed and eight were injured at midnight when unidentified gunmen attacked mourners who had gathered at a vigil for IFP regional chairman Calphus Dlamini, Natal police spokesman Major Hamilton Ngidi said.

Some mourners then followed the attackers and killed four of them “not very far” from the tent in which the vigil was being held, Ngidi said.

The killings happened at KwaMbonambi, a town near Empangeni where political rivalry between the IFP and the African National Congress has claimed the lives of many people over the past years.

Ngidi said the shootings seemed to be related to this political rivalry. — Sapa
Leading peace man shot

DURBAN.—A prominent member of the Dalmaney Farm peace committee at Ntuzuma, Mr. Cromwell Mduli, is in a critical condition after being wounded in a grenade and machinegun attack on his home yesterday.

Mr. Mduli is also a member of the Local Civics Association. Mr. Mbulišeni Ngcobo and Mr. Siphiwe Mchunu were also injured in the attack.

The incident has been linked to a power struggle in the township’s civic structure.

In other incidents of violence in Natal:
- Two people waiting for lifts near Richmond were shot in two separate incidents yesterday.
- Mr. Kewu Naimande was shot in the stomach by men in a white van who had stopped and asked if he was from Ndaleni township. When he replied that he wasn’t, they shot him.
- In the second incident gunmen shot and injured Mr. Khokhuzi Ntshoane.
- Two Std 9 pupils were shot dead in Murchison, near Port Shepstone, in an attack by unknown people on Saturday.
Six held after Natal killings

OWN CORRESPONDENT

DURBAN. — Six men — including a special constable in the KwaZulu Police — have been arrested by the Durban Murder and Robbery Unit in connection with the killing of four people on the Natal North Coast at the weekend.

The men were arrested in Mpumulanga, near Hammarsdale, early yesterday morning by a team of detectives after a non-stop investigation since the killings on Saturday night.

The gang allegedly shot a security guard before robbing a store near Stanger and later allegedly shot a police reservist and two motorists. — Sapa
IFP claims of joint spying

Own Correspondent
DURBAN. — The Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) alleged yesterday that a policeman on Natal's Peace Accord structures held "secret" meetings with the ANC's Department of Intelligence and Security (DIS), and suggested they were jointly "spying" on the IFP.

Meanwhile, the IFP has called on the Goldstone Commission to investigate claims that the SA Police were involved in an attack on mourners at a vigil for a slain IFP official near Empangeni.

IFP spokesman Mr Ed Tillett claimed yesterday that negotiations about a merger between South Africa's National Intelligence Service (NIS) and the ANC's DIS had reached an advanced stage.

The IFP has alleged that Colonel James Louwrens, who sits on the Regional Dispute Resolution Committee, held "clandestine meetings" with the head of the ANC's DIS in Natal, Mr Mo Shaik.

The SAP last night denied the allegations. "It is regrettable that whenever the SAP has to take steps against members of an organisation it is automatically accused of siding with any opposing organisation," a police spokesman said.
Man shot dead in Midlands violence

 Own Correspondent

 MARITZBURG — Violence has erupted again at Richmond in the Natal Midlands, with a man shot dead and two children seriously wounded in an attack on a house at Patheni early yesterday.

 Police spokesman Captain Henry Budhram said several men armed with AK-47s, R-4s and shotguns raked the house with gunfire.

 A hand grenade was thrown into a bedroom, injuring Gugu Sithole (11) and her sister Tobele (17).

 The children are in hospital in a stable condition.

 The attackers then moved about a kilometre from the house and shot dead Fana Mtungwa (40).

 He had apparently gone out to investigate gunfire and was fatally wounded.

 Police found several spent R-4 cartridges at the scene. No arrests have been made but police were hunting the killers, Budhram said.

 The motive for the attack was unknown.

 In a separate attack, a taxi driver escaped death when gunmen fired 16 bullets into his minibus on the Frapo road near Banana's Hill earlier this week.

 Budhram said Buleani Dlamini was driving passengers to Transkei when a white Ford Cortina drove past and the occupants opened fire.

 Dlamini was hit in the neck. He is in stable condition in hospital. None of the passengers was injured.

 The attackers sped off towards Transkei.

 Police believe this attack by gunmen in the Cortina is linked to several in the Richmond area in which two people were seriously wounded.

 Police also said a missing Ladysmith man, Bernani Khumalo (27), had been found dead in the veld in C Section, Ezalheni. Khumalo was shot three times in the upper body by men armed with AK-47s.

 A spent cartridge was recovered at the scene. The motive for the shooting was unknown.
'Thugs' were his targets

MARITZBURG — Mafanezi massacre accused Mabhunga Diadla, 53, said in the Maritzburg Supreme Court yesterday that he did not think he was attacking innocent people when he opened fire on a minibus taxi with an R1 rifle in March this year.

He believed those in the taxi were "thugs" who had killed Inkatha-linked schoolchildren in an ambush a few days earlier.

Ten people were killed and three others wounded in the attack.

He told Mr Justice Howard and two assessors yesterday that when the shooting stopped — he had emptied his R1 rifle magazine — he heard women crying and realised there had been a "mistake".

It had not occurred to him that the taxi passengers could be innocent people in the taxi.

His co-accused Nkayiso Wildred Mdlovu (on whose account the h镍 killed him and another man Sifiso Mkhiize took part in the attack) said the occupants would be those responsible for killing the children.

Mdlovu had said there should be no survivors.

Cross-examined by State advocate Les Roberts SC, Diadla said he could not remember replacing the gun's magazine.

In testimony yesterday, Mdlovu denied allegations by Diadla and said he was not present at the attack.

The hearing continues.

Struggling to finish his sentence, a man fell down a flight of steps into a pool of blood.

Regime' killed Tambo, says Yengeni

CAPE TOWN — ANC Western Cape head Tony Yengeni led students in the emotive MK song "Kill the Boer" during a heated memorial service for Oliver Tambo at UWC yesterday — and then said the former acting ANC president had not died of natural causes, but had "been killed by the apartheid regime".

Yengeni's remarks were last night described as "provocative" by government leaders, while the ANC said it was reviewing song lists from the past which did not reflect the organisation's "nonracial policy".

Yengeni, addressing a capacity-filled hall, also slammed ANC military hardliners Winnie Mandela and Harry Gwala, the Natal Midlands leader.

Heaped at the ANC leadership, saying it was losing touch with the grassroots.

"We must strengthen our mass-based structures because it is a dangerous mistake to leave your future in hands of leaders of the organisation," he said.

He said it was wrong to spread the view that Tambo died of natural causes.

"It must be made clear that he was killed by the apartheid system and the De Klerk regime must take responsibility."

ANC spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said the ANC was reviewing songs that did not reflect its nonracial policy.

While the song led by Yengeni at UWC was one of the songs sung in the past, there was a need for it and others to be reassessed in the light of ANC policy and the negotiations process, he said.

Government spokesman David Steward said the song was "seriously provocative" and that government was looking into the matter.

Yengeni said later the song could not be translated literally.

THE BREAKWATER LODGE
IN THE HEART OF CAPE TOWNS
V & A WATERFRONT
FROM ONLY
DURBAN. — At least 35 people have been killed in violence in Natal in the past five days, according to police. These deaths, added to the latest Human Rights Commission (HRC) statistics on unrest deaths, bring to at least 100 the number of people killed in the province this month, while 450 deaths have been reported this year.

The HRC said 1,432 people had been killed in Natal last year.

• Violence has erupted again at Richmond in the Natal Midlands, where a man was shot dead and two children seriously wounded following a hand grenade attack in Petheni yesterday.

• Two people were wounded when they were shot — allegedly by a taxi-driver — at the Noord Street taxi-rank in central Johannesburg yesterday.

• The Department of National Health's Social Relief Fund has given more than R2.5 million to victims of violence.

— Sapa
Violent month in Natal

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MARITZBURG — Nkonyezini massacre accused Mr. Mabhungu Diadla, 23, did not think he was attacking innocent people when he opened fire on a minibus taxi with an R1 rifle on March 5 — only “thugs” who had killed schoolchildren linked to Inkatha in an ambush a few days earlier.

Ten people were killed and three wounded in the attack in which Mr Diadla admitted he took part.

He told the Supreme Court here yesterday that when the shooting stopped and after he had emptied his R1 rifle magazine, he heard women crying and realised there was a “mistake”.

It had not occurred to him that innocent passengers would be in the taxi as his co-accused, Mr. Nkayiso Ndloua said the occupants would be those responsible for killing the children.

Mr Diadla has claimed Mr Ndloua forced him and Mr Sihloko Mkhize to take part in the attack.

Mr Ndloua denied this yesterday and said he was not present during the attack. He was at the home of a Mr Ntombela with a policeman, Mr Michael Mkhize.

He said Mr Diadla had arrived at his home that evening with a shotgun and asked that he keep it for him. Mr Diadla also showed him a place where he (Mr Diadla) had concealed other firearms.

The hearing continues.
Faction clashes claim 60 lives

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — More than 60 people have died in ongoing violence in the Bambayi settlement near Inanda, north of Durban, where two African National Congress factions clash almost daily.

Police report that the situation is so tense that they are "forced to change shifts" in the informal settlement.

At the weekend three people were killed — one of the victims was castrated — and police suspect the testicles were used for "muti" purposes.

At the centre of the violence are two factions — the Reds and the Greens. Both groups have been at each other's throats since last year.

In January this year six people were killed; in February, 23; March, 24; and April, 8. Police said the situation was tense and that they had deployed patrols in the area.

"The situation is so bad that we cannot leave the area. If we do the gangs are at each others' throats. We are forced to change shifts in the area itself," said a police spokesman.

It is believed that about 150 homes have been burned during clashes and about 50 families have fled from the area.
Addo killers found guilty

PORT ELIZABETH - Unkhothelele Siwebwe and another man were found guilty in the Port Elizabeth Supreme Court yesterday of murdering Addo farmer and businessman Andre de Villiers.

They will be sentenced today. The State has asked for a minimum of 20 years' imprisonment.

De Villiers was gunned down outside his farmhouse on August 17. Shots were also fired at his wife Elizabeth and son Louis.

"Unkhothelele Siwebwe and Mzimbi were setting to carry out this business," Mr. van Rensburg said.

The trials of both accused were adjourned until August 24.

SAPA reports that the court found that another accused, Xolani Ncimane, who died earlier this year of AIDS, and a fourth man, Kenneth Gabayi, had fired the shots that killed De Villiers. Gabayi is still at large.

Murder suspect dies in Natal shootout

DURBAN — Police tracking three killers who shot dead a man in his Winkelspruit home on Natal's south coast early yesterday came under "heavy fire" from residents in the nearby Umbelababa area who thought they were being attacked.

Hearing the exchange of gunfire between police and the three suspects, residents began shooting, forcing police to take cover. In a subsequent shootout with police, one of the suspects was killed.

Earl, Desmond Badenhorst, 34, was shot dead at his home. The suspects stole his hi-fi set, video recorder and some clothes. Some of the items were recovered.

Durban murder and robbery detectives have begun a major manhunt for the remaining suspects.

A search involving 100 policemen and soldiers is also on for Camperdown farmer Alex Kaloafatsi, 45, whom police believe was abducted from his farmhouse by gunners early on Tuesday. A R20 000 reward has been offered for information leading to Kalolafati's whereabouts.

A man suspected of murdering farmer's wife Sandra Swanspoo at Letsele below in the northern Transvaal yesterday was shot dead by police while resisting arrest, a police spokesman said. Three other suspects were arrested and two AK-47s and a 9mm Tokarev pistol confiscated.

Swanspoel, 37, was shot dead in her bedroom after her husband Johannes was attacked outside their house.

SAPA reports that six men were remanded after appearing briefly in the Durban Magistrate's Court yesterday in connection with a gang shooting in which four people died at the weekend. The six, of Mphumulana near Durban, were arrested soon after residents in the Tongaat area were terrified on Saturday night.

East Rand police have arrested two more suspects in connection with Monday night's Katlehong attack on Worldwide Television News cameraman Sam Mshibi.

Police spokesman Maj Ida van Zweel said murder and robbery unit members arrested the two men after Mshibi's car was found in Thokoza. Six men were arrested earlier in connection with the incident, in which Mshibi was shot five times. All eight suspects are to appear in the Alberton Magistrate's Court today.

In the Border region, a suspect in last Thursday's murder of Del-Sgt Ian Richardson of East London was shot dead by police and a second suspect arrested.

Meanwhile, Cape Town town clerk Graham Lawrence said Khayelitsha's municipal services would be suspended as guarantees of safety for council workers appeared to have been ignored.

Khayelitsha traffic chief Graham Bol and a colleague were injured when their vehicle was stolen by crowds yesterday, and a lorry was set alight.
State calls for death for revenge killers

Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG: The prosecution has called for the death sentence to be imposed on the killers of the 10 “innocent” occupants of a minibus taxi, which was ambushed in reprisal for the killing of six Inkatha schoolchildren at Table Mountain in March this year.

Deputy attorney-general Mr Les Roberts, SC, said this type of violence had to be stopped and the only way to get the message across was by imposing the death penalty on the perpetrators.

Earlier Natal’s Judge President, Mr Justice Howard, convicted Inkatha supporters Mabhungu Absalom Dladla, 24, and Nkayiso Wilfred Ndlou, 21, of 10 murder and six attempted murder charges.

Sentence is to be passed today.
Planned Maritzburg blockade cancelled

The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — The African National Congress Natal Midlands region has called off the planned blockade of Maritzburg city centre tomorrow, which was part of the week-long rolling mass action that begins today.

Following lengthy discussions between the ANC and the police, it was decided that a repeat of thecli- 
gage caused in the city during a memorial ser-
vie for the slain South African Communist Party 
leader Chris Hani should be avoided at all cost.

ANC Midlands regional-secretary Sfiso Nkab 
binde said that, instead of the city blockade, there 
would be a march to the police headquarters.

Meanwhile, the week-long programme of rolling 

tmass action begins today with a march to Natalia, 
the Natal Provincial Administration headquarters 
in Maritzburg.

According to the ANC, the rolling mass action is 
part of its campaign to speed up the process of es-

tablishing a transitional executive council and to 

push for the early announcement of an election 
date for a constituent assembly.

Mr Nkabinde said the week-long mass action in 
Maritzburg would be assessed at the end of the 
week, after which further action focusing on other 
Midlands towns — including Richmond, Mool Riv-
er and Bruntville — would be considered.
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Vrede once again town of peace

The potentially explosive situation in the northeastern Free State town of Vrede was defused yesterday when a black consumer boycott and a counter-ban on all blacks entering the town were called off.

The ban on blacks started at the weekend after a decision by the Vrede Action Committee because residents of nearby Thambalibile township embarked on a consumer boycott last week.

At a media conference in Johannesburg yesterday, ANC NEC member Teror Lokota, who met the action committee earlier, said the parties involved had settled their differences.

“The consumer boycott and the blockade have been suspended with immediate effect,” Lokota said, adding that a negotiating forum for residents of the area would be established soon.

He said meetings on Monday night and yesterday had defused the situation.

In another Free State township, Thabong, two pistols, found after a shebeen fight in April which left one policeman dead and one hurt, have become a matter of dispute between the ANC and the police.

At the conference yesterday, the two firearms were handed to representatives of the Goldstone commission, who were asked to establish their origin.

The ANC claimed security forces in the area were actively aiding forces opposed to the ANC and that the pistols were evidence of this. They claimed there was a plot to murder an ANC leader.

The police, however, denied the allegation. They said the pistols were those of two policemen who had gone to the bar, were assaulted there and robbed of them.

The police said the ANC’s possession of the weapons was unlawful.
killing continues: the April political death toll in the Port Shepstone area, which had been calm since the end of last year, stands at 24.

"The problem," says Natal regional peace committee chairman M C Pretorius, "is to translate the sentiments of the political leaders into public support from the ground and that is what we are trying to do."

At a regional and national level, negotiators are still pressing ahead with plans for a summit between IFP leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi and ANC counterpart Nelson Mandela, though no date has yet been set. Buthelezi insisted this week that violence must be the first item on the agenda of multiparty negotiations.

Meanwhile, interesting and encouraging initiatives are emerging from some unlikely quarters. Among the most unlikely, and yet the most logical, is the "concerned Zulus group." This comprises a 28-man forum of Zulus from the ANC (including ANC deputy secretary-general Jacob Zuma), the IFP (national chairman Frank Mdhlalose), the PAC (national executive member James Mkhwanazi), businessmen, clergy, trade unionists and academics. All are members in their personal capacities.

The forum was formed in March after a 17-man multiparty peace mission met the KwaZulu legislative Assembly caucus to seek King Goodwill Zwelithini's intervention to end violence.

Several meetings have since been held to consider the king's response and discuss strategies, the most recent a week ago. Group chairman Roger Sishi (president of the Inyanda Chamber of Commerce) comments: "We're progressing well. We are doing the groundwork for the king's involvement and we have made several recommendations to him. His favourable response has been discussed at our subsequent meetings. Unfortunately, I cannot provide any details at this stage because the whole issue is sensitive. We want to go public only when we are sure that everything is in order."

He believes the strength of the initiative is that it seeks a Zulu solution to a Zulu problem. "Zulus are dying in large numbers, and high-ranking Zulus from across the political and business spectrum are now working together. If they can't make a difference, who can?" Pretorius says the formation of the group is most encouraging: "Any direct contact between the parties can only lead to better understanding and settlement of misunderstandings."

Tony Minnnaar, chief researcher at the HSRC's Centre for Conflict Analysis, says another encouraging development in recent weeks has been a decision by the ANC and civic organisations to negotiate for the first time with the tribal chiefs in places like Iranda. Where this has happened elsewhere, there has been an immediate and marked drop in violence.

Minnnaar adds that the significance of this, apart from the fact that the two sides are talking, is that it is the first clear sign of recognition by the Left that the chiefs will play a part in any future settlement. "The chiefs control communal tribal land and even in the institution of a more democratic system they will have to be consulted over that system," says Minnnaar.

He rightly adds, though, that the real problem in Natal is to try to break the chain of revenge killings which gives grass-roots violence a dynamic of its own. Until that happens, leaders' initiatives will have little impact.
Baby killed as gunmen shoot 5 dead

SUBSTANTIAL REWARD Police hunt

Killers of colleague:

GUNMEN killed five people, including a one-year-old child, in an attack on the house of a KwaZulu policeman in Umbababa on the Natal South Coast on Wednesday night.

Durban police spokesman Captain Bala Naidoo said four gunmen wearing balaclavas and armed with AK-47 rifles entered a house in the township, about 40km south of Durban, at 6.45pm and ordered the occupants to lie on the floor.

They told two girls to knock on the bedroom door of Constable Alaon Mkhize (51) and then opened fire, killing him instantly.

Mkhize's wife Gladys was ordered to lie down and the killers opened fire again, injuring her and killing one-year-old Sithembile Mkhize, who was in her arms.

Naidoo said the attackers stole a 7.65mm pistol and ammunition before fleeing and shooting at the house, killing Mr Zwelakhe Msibi (54), Mr Velaphi Luthuli (48) and Sibusiso Shange (16). Police are offering a "substantial reward" for information leading to the arrest of the killers.

Both the African National Congress and Inkatha Freedom Party said yesterday they were investigating the killings. In another tragedy in Natal, a school principal went berserk yesterday, killing four relatives and seriously wounding three others in an apparent family feud at Shallcross, near Chatsworth, in Durban.

Police identified the dead as Durban businessman Mr Tilley Singh (45), Amith Singh (14), Kanal Singh (20), and Nishi Singh (27), all of Shallcross.

Those seriously wounded are Mr Singh's wife Bhinda (40), Adebah Singh (16) and his sister Charmaine (13).

A man gave himself up to police when they arrived at the scene. — Sapa.
Court pours oil on rough taxi waters

A SUPREME Court judge this week read the riot act to warring parties in Natal, saying they should resolve their dispute in a democratic way instead of threatening a "taxi war".

Mr Justice Keith McCall was hearing an urgent application brought by Natal taxi leaders. They asked that they be reinstated after national officials of the South African Black Taxi Association (Sabta) ousted them from their positions last month, froze their bank accounts and locked them out of their offices.

Both sides in the dispute warned in their court papers that if the dispute were not resolved quickly violence would erupt.

On Thursday Mr Justice McCall granted an interim order effectively reinstating the Natal officials. Certain disputed facts still have to be argued in court, but meanwhile the judge gave the reinstated Natal executive members the power to call a general meeting for the purpose of holding a new round of elections.

He said Sabta should not interfere in the affairs of the local taxi organisation, that the offices should be restored to the reinstated officials and that Sabta officials should stop telling the public that the Natal officials had been dismissed.

After the court hearing the reinstated officials told the Sunday Times they felt that justice had been done. They would contact members of the taxi industry in Natal as soon as possible about holding elections.

The new officials will be elected by 44 people: four representatives of each of the 11 Natal regions who form the management council.

Some of the 44, however, come from regions opposed to the reinstated officials, and special efforts will be made to contact them and urge that they participate in the elections.

The decision and remarks of the judge were heard by dozens of management council members, who said afterwards that his comments about the need to resolve business problems through democratic means had impressed them.

The judge said that he was appalled that the two sides were talking about taxi wars as a way of resolving what was basically a business dispute. Given the threats of violence, he had seriously considered referring the matter to the Goldstone commission.

However, he hoped that if democratic means were used the parties to the dispute would be able to resolve their differences on their own.

Sources close to the taxi industry said the court action could be a watershed for the organisation in helping its members move from the rough "township justice" approach which has characterised the industry so far to a more sophisticated, businesslike approach.
One killed as hand grenade tossed in crowd

DURBAN. — One person was set alight and another killed when a hand grenade was tossed into a crowd during a violent flare-up between two African National Congress factions at the informal settlement of Bambayi near Indiana.

Police said that at least four people were killed in the township during the clashes yesterday and seven were injured.

Last night police stepped up patrols in the area which is described as "extremely tense".

The two factions — Reds and Greens — have been clashing with each other for several months. It is estimated that more than 65 people have been killed this year in the area.

Hundreds of people have fled and scores of shacks have been burned down.

On Saturday night four people including a 10-month-old child were shot dead on Green Hill farm near Richmond, south of Māritzburg.

Police said six men armed with shotguns entered a homestead belonging to Mr. Gay Dhlâmlâni.

When Mr. Dhlâmlâni opened the door he was shot at point blank range. Three family members were also shot and killed.

The only witness to the shooting, a 90-year-old woman, was seriously injured.
Nine killed in violent weekend

Eight people — including a 10-month-old child — were killed in clashes in Natal at the weekend and a man was killed when a group of Inkatha mourners went on the rampage in Tembisa on the East Rand yesterday.

An ANC member known only as Mahini was shot dead in Tembisa and three other people were injured, said Isaac Mahlangu of the ANC Tembisa Peace Desk.

SAP spokesman Major Eugene Opperman said between 200 and 300 mourners were returning to Tembisa Hostel after attending a funeral "for a notorious leader of the so-called Toaster Gang" when the violence erupted at about 3.30 pm.

Opperman said the mourners allegedly attacked residents in Jiyana Section after two gunmen opened fire on them.

He said the "unprovoked" attack enraged the mourners.

Mahlangu said one of the mourners opened fire with an automatic weapon, but it was not clear whom he was shooting at.

Opperman said police appealed to the mourners, who then returned to the hostel. But Mahlangu claimed SAP and SADF members at the scene did nothing to stop the mourners from assaulting residents.

In Natal, four people — including a 10-month-old child — were shot dead on a remote farm near Richmond on Saturday night. Another four people died in a grenade explosion yesterday afternoon after two groups clashed in the Bambayi area near Durban.

It appeared the motives for both attacks were not political.

The Saturday night attack occurred on the Green Hill farm, located between Richmond and the Umkomaas Valley. Crime Staff and Scene of Crime Unit police were called to the scene.
8 killed in Natal attacks

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Another four people died violently yesterday afternoon after two groups clashed in the Bomela area near Durban. It appeared the motive for both attacks were not political. — Sapa
Maritzburg rally for peace

Hundreds of people, in the Natal Midlands re-committed themselves to the peace process at a rally in Maritzburg's City Hall yesterday. Representatives of the ANC, IFP, the police, Chamber of Commerce and clergymen pledged to work for a resolution to the problem. — Star 11/5/93
Violent weekend in Natal claims 19 lives

DURBAN. — At least 19 people were killed in another bloody weekend in Natal's townships and rural areas, according to police and ANC reports.

Four people were killed in KwaMashu, the ANC said, and four people were killed when violence erupted after an Inkatha Freedom Party rally on Sunday.

Durban police spokesman Captain Bala Naidoo confirmed that houses had been attacked after the rally.

In other weekend incidents, police reported four killings at the Bhambayi settlement near Inanda.

Violence in Bhambayi is believed to be linked to ongoing disputes over traditional healers and "multiplied" access to resources in the settlement is also believed to be a cause of the violence.

In the Midlands, four people, among them a 10-month-old child, were shot dead on a remote farm near Richmond, Captain Naidoo said.

In other weekend incidents of violence, police said two people were killed in Esikhawini, near Empangeni, in separate attacks on Friday night.

Another man was shot dead in Umbumbulu, near Durban, on Friday.

Sapa
Immediate Response of campus:

KEY DEMANDS

1. Lawyers call for the

2. Students deposed in Johnson's case

3. Superintendent suspended

4. Parents seek legal advice

5. Teachers demand higher pay

6. Parents demand resignation of principal

7. Students demand a new school

8. Teachers demand a new contract

9. Parents demand more funding

10. Students demand a new curriculum

11. Teachers demand a new policy

News in Brief:

Soweto cop killed

A junior police officer was shot dead in Soweto last night.

SPORTS:

Soweto 1, Waalkop 0

A late goal from Soweto in the last minutes of the game secured the victory.

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Police are appealing for information about the murder of a Soweto police officer.

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News in Brief:

ATTEMPTED MURDER:

A man attempted to murder his wife last night.

MEDICAL:

A new hospital is under construction in Soweto.

EDUCATION:

A new school is planned for Soweto next year.
Turmoil on South Coast

DURBAN — Motorists were stoned, businessmen closed their doors and the Transkei-Natal border post was sealed off by ANC demonstrators for several hours yesterday during a day of turmoil along Natal’s lower South Coast.

Youths stoned cars outside Port Shepstone, hitting farrier Martin Fromeman on the head and breaking the nose of schoolboy Kenneth Hales.

Police reported that cars travelling through Transkei were stoned near Hluzana.

The town of Harding came to a standstill as businessmen heeded a stayaway call by the ANC lower South Coast region and several shops closed in Port Shepstone, where thousands of protesters marched peacefully through the town.

Demonstrators carrying ANC banners also closed off the Natal-Transkei border bridge near the Wild Coast Sun for most of the morning.

The ANC is considering a consumer boycott in Port Shepstone and other towns from Monday. It said it was protesting against the continuing South African security checks at border posts and called for the arrest and trial of “known killers” in the area and the dismissal of two SAP officers.
Day of turmoil on Natal coast.

Own Correspondent

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Demonstrators also closed off the Natal/Transkei border bridge, protesting against continued South African security checks.
5 killed in Durban unrest

DURBAN. — At least five people — including a policeman — have been killed here over the past two days.

Constable Thulani Norman Shabalala was shot dead in Umlazi's G Section on Tuesday.

In another incident, KwaZulu Police said Ms Bibian Hlophe, 42, was shot dead at her home in Umlazi's M Section with a 7.65mm pistol early yesterday.

Police are investigating.

And in KwaMashu, three people were killed after an attack on a house early on Tuesday morning. Police said they had all been shot in the head.

In Sweetwaters, outside Maritzburg, Assistant Constable M D Masene was on duty at a satellite police station when he was shot and critically wounded.

On the Reef, six youths stabbed a Germiston man in neighbouring Katlehong township yesterday, then looted his bakkie and set it alight.

During April, 259 people were killed in political violence, the Human Rights Commission reported on Tuesday.

A Moltomo, E Cape, butchery was petrol bombed on Tuesday.

— Sapa
Two die in Natal Midlands ambush

TWO Inkatha supporters were killed and eight were wounded in an ambush in the Natal Midlands yesterday, according to Inkatha spokesman Ed Tilet.

The attack occurred at 6 pm on the Edendale Road near Georgetown. The Inkatha supporters were travelling in two buses to Elandskop.

According to Tilet, the buses were first fired at near Dambuza, the stronghold of ANC Natal Midlands leader Harry Gwala.
MARCH FOR PEACE... tens of thousands of Inkatha supporters, carrying about 280 coffins to highlight the deaths of their leaders, marched through Durban yesterday to demand that the government take steps to end countrywide violence and act against Umkhonto we Sizwe and the Transkei government.

Picture: HORACE POTTER

By MARLON PADDAYACHEE

TWO women were killed and 24 people wounded when two buses were ambushed in Estendale, outside Maritzburg, last night.

The buses were ferrying IFP supporters home after thousands had taken part in protests and marches throughout Natal yesterday when a group of unidentified gunmen opened fire.

The ambush took place about 3km outside Maritzburg's Estendale Hospital.

Meanwhile, new outbreaks of violence in the area, where India's peace agitator, Mahatma Gandhi, lived for 21 years, have damped next week's Gandhi centenary celebrations.

In a pre-dawn fight between ANC and Inkatha forces yesterday, two people were killed and 24 injured in a bloody shoot-out at the squatter settlement of Bambury, north of Durban.

The latest flare-up comes after last weekend's fighting, in which seven people were killed and seven injured when a hand grenade was tossed at a crowd near the Phoenix Settlement shrine.

The settlement, which was Gandhi's home before he left SA to head India's independence struggle, was destroyed in 1966 and more than 200 people have been housed in the area this year.

Gandhi centenary campaigner Mewa Ramgobin, chairman of the Phoenix Settlement Trust and Gandhi's former wife, Ela, is a descendant of the Indian leader; said it was a "shame and unfortunate" that violence had erupted on the eve of the celebration and the arrival of Gandhi in Natal on May 23, 1893.

He said the "continuing struggles" for leadership in Bambury prevented the trust from building Gandhi's house.
FIVE people were shot dead and one wounded in an attack on a homestead in the Edendale region near Maritzburg on Saturday night.

Police say two men in balaclavas confronted residents of a homestead at Edendale's Zayeka area at about 9pm while they were sitting around a fire. They made their victims lie on the ground before apparently shooting each one in the head execution-style with a 9mm pistol.

Four were killed instantly, one died in hospital a short while later and one person is still alive but in a critical condition. Police say the incident might be related to a feud in which two women were gunned down last week.

Meanwhile, no arrests have been made following several Saturday afternoon attacks on Edendale buses. Two buses were killed and 12 wounded when two buses carrying Inkatha Freedom Party members from a march in Maritzburg were attacked by men with AK-47 rifles. — *Sapa*
ANC, IFP hold peace meeting

NEWCASTLE: A historical meeting took place yesterday in Madongi township, near Newcastle in northern Natal, when local leaders of the Inkatha Freedom Party and the African National Congress addressed a community meeting to end violence in the area.

IFP and ANC leaders called for calm and peace among the residents in an area where more than 20 youths have been killed this year. — Sapa (275)
ANC/IFP peace plea

NEWCASTLE — An historical meeting took place in Madadeni township, near Newcastle in northern Natal, yesterday when local leaders of the IFP and ANC addressed a community meeting to end violence in the area.

IFP and ANC leaders both expressed concern about the level of violence in the township and said enforcing discipline among the youth was one of the measures they would take to try to bring about peace. — Sapa (276)
Six shot in head at Natal home

By Bronwyn Wilkinson

At least 12 people were killed in separate incidents in Natal on Saturday night, including two people who died after a day-long battle between policemen and gangsters who were waiting for a chance to attack a farm.

SAP spokesman Lieutenant-Commander Coert Marais said six people, including a 12-year-old boy, died after they were shot in a house in Zanadela.

He said two gunmen wearing balaclavas and SADF uniforms barged into the homestead at about 8 pm.

The gunmen ordered their victims to lie on the floor before shooting each one in the head at close range.

Four people died at the scene: Thembu Luthuli (28), Hlebha Madlala (33), Bonginkosi Mnkatsh (33) and Fakamali Ndluvu.

Sihiso Ndlela (12) died in hospital yesterday and the body of his mother, Florence Ndlela (39), was found near the scene yesterday.

A seventh person is in a critical condition in hospital.

Marais said it would be "premature" for police to speculate about a motive for the killings at this stage.

He said although witnesses had told police the killers wore SADF uniforms, this did not mean they were SADF members as stolen or fake army uniforms were commonly worn during attacks in Natal.

Two unidentified people died and another 12 were injured when gunmen sprayed the buses with AK-47 bullets.

No one has been arrested in connection with either attack.

Another two people died in battles in the Bambayi squatter settlement near Durban on Saturday.

Police said 12 houses were set alight in the fighting, which has continued in the area for months.

Also on Saturday, two gang members died in a firefight with policemen in a canefield at Paddock.

Constable Thokozane Mavundla was injured in the leg when a grenade exploded. Two police dogs were killed by the four-man gang.

Marais said nearby farmers reported seeing people hiding in the canefields and police sealed off the area.

Three armoured vehicles were used to flatten the cane in an attempt to flush out the gang while an SA Police helicopter circled overhead.

The gang fired at police, who fired back. During the battle, one of the gang members hurled a grenade at Mavundla.

Marais said two of the gang members were killed, another was arrested and one escaped.

Deadly ambush — Page 7
IFP protests over deaths, violence

DURBAN — The IFP at the weekend took to the streets in Natal in some of the biggest marches the province has seen to protest the killing of its officials and to demand an end to violence.

The otherwise peaceful demonstrations of the IFP's strength were marred by at least five incidents of violence against marchers, including two women being killed when a bus returning from a march in Maritzburg was ambushed.

Fourteen others were injured when the bus was raked by AK-47 fire outside the city, police said.

In Durban, more than 30,000 IFP supporters swarmed through the city centre en route to the SAP headquarters at C R Swart Square where regional organiser Mr Senzo Mthiyana handed over a memorandum to President F W de Klerk.

At the head of the march, a group carried 200 wooden coffins, each representing IFP officials who had been killed in violence since 1983.

Other IFP marches at Esikhawini, Eshowe and Newcastle were peaceful.

The IFP Central Committee at the weekend repeated its demand that federalism be put at the top of the agenda in constitutional talks.
Eight slain in unrest in Natal

DURBAN---Eight people were killed in unrest in Natal at the weekend.

Police said a group of four men were sitting around a fire at Shaya's Kraal in the Zayekha area of Edendale on Saturday night when two men dressed in SADF uniforms and wearing balaclavas appeared.

The uniformed men opened fire, killing all four. A 12-year-old boy who was wounded in the attack died in hospital yesterday morning.

Police also found the body of a woman, 55-year-old Ms Florence Ndiela --- at the scene. Several 9mm pistol cartridges and AK-47 cartridges were found at the scene.

The six were apparently slain in revenge for the killing of two women in Sweetwaters township last week.

Two people were killed and 16 were injured in violence between two warring factions in Durban's Bhammbhayi squatter settlement again at the weekend.

In unrest on the Reef, two policemen were wounded by gunmen wielding AK-47s in Mandela Park on the East Rand on Saturday. A police Caper was also came under fire in the squatter camp.

A Sebokeng couple narrowly escaped death when four gunmen armed with AK-47 rifles pumped bullets into their Vaal Triangle home just after midnight on Saturday. Police later counted 102 bullet holes in the walls of the house. --- Own Correspondent, Sapa
In 1985, the Xhosa people in the Eastern Cape province of South Africa faced a crisis that would end their culture as they knew it. The Xhosa people were known for their traditional way of life, which included the practice of circumcision for males. However, the South African government had declared the practice illegal, and they were enforcing it with force.

The Xhosa people were divided on how to react to the government's actions. Some Xhosa leaders, including King Goodwill Zwelithini, called for a peaceful resolution to the conflict, while others, including the young King Shaka, called for armed resistance.

King Shaka was a young warrior who was known for his bravery and his military prowess. He was determined to protect his people and their way of life. Despite the objections of some of his elders, King Shaka led his people in a rebellion against the government. The conflict was bloody, and many Xhosa people were killed.

In the end, the Xhosa people were forced to give up their traditional way of life. The government imposed strict laws that forced the Xhosa people to adopt European customs. The Xhosa people were never able to fully recover from the trauma of the conflict.

King Shaka's legacy is one of courage and determination. He is remembered as a hero who fought to protect his people and their culture. Even today, the Xhosa people honor King Shaka and his memory with festivals and celebrations.
17 die in Natal violence

ANOTHER weekend of violence in the Natal townships and rural areas has claimed at least 17 lives, including four children.

In the worst incident six people, including a child, died when two men allegedly wearing SA Defence Force uniforms attacked a homestead in Edendale, near Maritzburg, on Saturday night.

Police said two men in balaclavas confronted residents seated around a fire at Sibiyzi’s izinak in Edendale’s Zayeka area at about 9pm.

They made their victims lie on the ground before shooting each one in the head with a 9mm pistol.

Four were killed instantly and a 12-year-old, Sifiso Ndlova, died in hospital on Sunday morning. Police also found a woman’s body near the scene.

The dead were named as Themba Latinsho (28), Khoeipa Madlala (33), Bonginkosi Mnikathi (23), Fakumzi Ndlovu and Florence Ndlopa, whose ages are unknown.

Five other people were killed in the Mkhazi area of Kwamakhutha, near Durban, on Saturday night.

Gunmen entered the Mkhazi and Ngcobo homesteads and opened fire on the occupants, killing Thuthi Mkhazi (35), Percy Mkhize (13), Bonga Mkhize (13), Sane Mkhize (4) and Khoeipa Ngcobo (26).

Police found empty 303 and R1 rifle cartridges at the scene.

Two commuters were killed and 12 were injured in attacks on two buses in Edendale, also on Saturday.

Inanda’s Bhambayi remains flash point of fighting:

The buses, carrying Inkatha Freedom Party supporters from a march in Maritzburg, were attacked by men armed with AK-47 rifles.

Inanda’s Bhambayi settlement remained a flash point of fighting with two more deaths at the weekend. Police spokesman Captain Bali Naidoo said two groups clashed on Saturday, leaving two dead and 16 injured.

He said 12 houses were burned in the attack and a policeman was among those injured.

More than 70 people have died in fighting at Bhambayi since the start of the year.

Two people were killed in a shootout with police on a farm in Paddock in southern Natal on Sunday. — Sapa.
The ANC claim that the police used their firearms when they were not justified in doing so. At least one man died after being shot by the police, and more than 200 were injured in the clashes.

In response to the violence, the government announced a commission of inquiry to investigate the deaths and injuries. The commission, chaired by Justice Moseneke, will look into the causes of the violence and make recommendations for preventing similar incidents in the future.

Youths in Woodstock protested yesterday against the deaths and injuries. They claim that the police were过度 forceful in dealing with the demonstration.

The government has promised to investigate the allegations and make necessary changes to prevent such incidents in the future.

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Woodstock march on 16 April 1994

Youths

Photograph: Kevin Goods

Woodstock police station yesterday, where they detained 25 ANC leaders. peeled by police in a march.
Slovo plot suspect in court for remand

**IFP expresses concern about MK**

**COMMITTEE’S DECISION** Demands for its disbanding are being buried under other considerations:

*Sowetan Correspondent*

While thousands of Inkatha Freedom Party members took to the streets of the province at the weekend, the party’s central committee was meeting at Ulundi where it expressed concern that demands for the disbanding of Umkhonto we Sizwe were being buried under other considerations. This was part of one of the resolutions taken at the meeting.

Possibly the most striking event during Saturday’s marches was when a phalanx of IFP leaders carrying 275 coffins made its way through the Durban city centre. The coffins were carried in memory of IFP leaders killed since 1983 — one for each of the 275 leaders killed.

The marches were the start of the IFP’s mass action campaign to protest against the continuing violence.

In both Durban and Maritzburg there were claims that the marches there were the biggest in terms of participants;

Streets were packed from time to side but official estimates of numbers varied widely.

At the Ulundi meeting, the IFP central committee expressed “deep concern and consternation” about the escalating violence and intimidation which it said was hampering the proper course of negotiations and the holding of fair and free elections.

The committee resolved:

1. To applaud the firm stand its negotiation team has taken in demanding the redaction of violence and the disbanding of Umkhonto we Sizwe; and

2. To express appreciation to the negotiation council for receiving the IFP resolution on violence and the disbanding of MK.

3. To express concern that the MK issue was being submerged.

**Strike ballot for public workers**

*Disgruntlement over unilateral restructuring:*

It said the Samwu executive had received “extremely disturbing” reports that local authorities were “collaborating with the (President FW) de Klerk regime in implementing the Government’s restructuring and rationalisation plans, as well as De Klerk’s decision to peg wages”.

“All worker protests have been completely ignored. It is clearly a waste of time and energy for workers and unions to make further appeals or protests.”

Samwu said it was left with no option but to mobilise its membership and public sector workers for immediate action to stop “the Government and its agents in their tracks”. — Sapa.
ANC and IFP in Natal accuse each other of violence

DURBAN.—The African National Congress and the Inkatha Freedom Party in the Natal Midlands have become embroiled in a war of words over violence after a weekend IFP rally in Maritzburg.

Relations between the Natal Midlands executives of the two organisations have reached an all-time low while the situation in the region has been described as extremely tense.

ANC Midlands chairman Harry Gwala said yesterday his organisation “cannot entertain any bilateral meetings with Inkatha at whatever level until the leadership fully explains their behaviour in these marches”.

Two people were killed and 14 were injured when a bus came under fire after a march in Edendale on Saturday night, while six people were shot dead in Elandskop later that night.

The IFP has implied that ANC supporters ambushed the bus while the ANC claims the six people were executed by a “hit squad”.

Mr Gwala alleged that events preceding, during and after the IFP march through Maritzburg were not aimed at promoting peace as was claimed by the IFP.

He said residents of Incewadi and Vultulelo were forced to march and slogans were chanted during the march praising Janusz Walus, the alleged assassin of SA Communist Party leader Chris Hani.

Mr Gwala added that he believed the six people shot dead in Elandskop on Saturday night “may have been killed because they did not attend the march, as they had earlier been warned”.

He further claimed IFP members returning home from the march had attacked residents near Georgetown in Edendale.

The IFP’s Midlands secretary Philip Powell strongly denied this, saying the bus had been ambushed and two women passengers were killed.

Mr Powell said the IFP would call on the Goldstone Commission to investigate the attack and a link between this attack and alleged inflammatory statements by ANC leaders before the march.

He also denied that marchers praised Mr Walus, claiming that ANC monitors at the march had said they heard no such remarks.

Mr Powell described the Midlands as very tense, adding that IFP supporters were extremely angry about the weekend killings.

Meanwhile, talks between the ANC and IFP on a peace pact in the region have stalled and there is no indication when they will resume. — Sapa.
Natal farmers fight back against boycott

Own Correspondent

DURBAN - A "ceasefire" is tentatively holding together the southern Natal town of Harding after a day of drama characterised by tractor and trailer blockades, a consumer boycott, the torching of a truck and anger in the streets yesterday.

Five men were arrested during a "takeover" of the town by white farmers and businessmen. They were protesting against a "selective" boycott by the ANC.

Tension reached breaking point but was defused when the "ceasefire" agreement was thrashed out at a meeting of the Harding action committee (farmers), ANC, and the National Peace Secretariat last night.

Harding is the third town in the region, after Matatiele and Kokstad, to face consumer boycotts and counter-action by white businessmen and farmers.

The boycotts are part of an ANC-alliance programme aimed at having the South African security cordon around the Transkei lifted.

A consumer boycott against the town started on Monday and farmers retaliated with the blockade yesterday.
ANC starts stores boycott over cops

DURBAN. — The ANC/SACP/Cosatu alliance has embarked on an indefinite consumer boycott targeting mainly national chainstores in Port Shepstone in a bid to persuade the business community to join in a campaign to remove some “problematic senior police officers” in the area.

ANC spokesman Mr Siyabonga Cwele said the boycott was planned to cover the chainstores in Port Shepstone, Margate and Harding.

He said it was officially launched on Monday.

“Our targets are those shops owned by people who were eligible for the present government. We mean people who have MPs representing them in Parliament,” Mr Cwele said.

The Southern Natal Chamber of Business president, Mr Arnold Hofmann, said: “The boycott started on Monday on selected businesses. The chamber has found the boycott not to be effective.”

“For example, some of the businesses that were on the ANC list considered Monday and yesterday to be normal trading days,” Mr Hofmann said.
Free State farmers demand security measures

BLOEMFONTEIN — Free State farmers gathered at police stations yesterday to demand the introduction of security measures in the province.

They demanded a curfew and police searches of townships and squatter camps for illegal weapons.

Free State Agricultural Union security committee chairman Faan Malherbe said at Heizigville the measures should be carried out in cooperation with organised agriculture's security committees.

The farmers also demanded roadblocks on secondary roads and control points at township entrances.

Similar demands were made in Potchefstroom on Monday.

Meanwhile, ANC western Transvaal spokesman Rankos Molefe said agreements reached on Monday between security forces and western Transvaal farmers was a "declaration of war" and if implemented there would be mass action of "unimaginable proportion".

In a meeting on Monday about 550 farmers, police and the SADF agreed to "sharpen up" roadblocks, patrols and searches for illegal weapons.

The possibility of imposing curfews and unrest areas would be investigated.

The DP said yesterday it sympathised with eastern Transvaal farmers, but it urged them not to allow a racial war to develop.

DP eastern Transvaal official Mike Waters said although farmers' "determination to take the law into their own hands in the face of a diluting government" was understandable, they should act only in defence of their families and property.

Two more elderly couples were attacked and robbed on Transvaal farms yesterday.

A 64-year-old farmer was seriously injured outside Pieternell when he and his wife were attacked by two knife-wielding youths. The youths escaped with firearms and cash.

And near Boons in the western Transvaal, a 68-year-old woman was raped and her 22-year-old husband shot in the shoulder. Two attackers fled with a shotgun and cash. — Sapa.

Commission ready to probe Inkatha deaths

OFFICIALS of the Goldstone commission were available to meet Inkatha "as soon as possible" to discuss ways of pursuing an inquiry into the killings of Inkatha officials, Judge Richard Goldstone said yesterday.

Goldstone said steps had already been taken to investigate the deaths.

"Inkatha furnished the commission with a list of over 200 Inkatha officials and members who are alleged to have been murdered since the signing of the peace accord. That list was handed to the SAP with the request that the incidents, known to the SAP, should be identified and relevant information given in relation to the commission," he said.

The judge said the commission informed a senior Inkatha member on May 8 that it wanted "any relevant information concerning any murders which Inkatha alleged were not satisfactorily being investigated by the SAP". There had been no response as yet.

"On May 11, the commission was informed by the SAP that the Inkatha allegations have formed the subject matter of an investigation since November 1992. There has been contact in that regard between the SAP, the Inkatha Institute, the KwaZulu government and the SAP," he said.

Meanwhile, our Maritzburg correspondent reports that police yesterday offered a R20 000 reward in their investigation into the killing of two people in an ambush on a bus carrying Inkatha supporters at Georgetown near Edendale on Saturday night.

The supporters were returning from a peace march in Maritzburg when gunmen opened fire with AR-47s, killing two women and injuring 14 people.
NEWS IN BRIEF

Farmers demonstrate
A truck was torched during a demonstration by farmers and businessmen against "selective business boycotts" by the ANC in Harding in Natal yesterday.

Five men were arrested during the protest which blockaded the town centre. The ANC local action committee and other parties were meeting last night to try and solve the crisis.

ANC welcomes plan
The ANC yesterday welcomed the funding of Eskom's electrification programme. The programme was announced jointly by Eskom and the Life Offices Association on Monday. "We welcome any such funding, provided it is properly discussed and negotiated with local communities," spokesman Carl Niehaus said.

Hospital strike
The National Education, Health and Allied Workers Union (Nehawu) yesterday threatened to spread its industrial action campaign at the Johannesburg's Garden City Clinic to all Clinic Holdings' hospitals. The union said if management maintained its intransigent approach, the union would launch a national strike.

Women to be exempt
Rightwing farmers seal off Natal town

A group of men said to be radical rightwing farmers yesterday took over the Natal town of Harding, police and the ANC in the area said. ANC member Dr Deva Moodley was chosen as spokesman for the Indian business community yesterday after 40 armed white farmers began visiting Indian-owned shops demanding that they close.

Moodley said the farmers had brought in extra help and at 10am began setting up barricades to prevent anyone from getting into the town or leaving until their demands were met.

He said the farmers decided to blockade the town because of the selective boycott called by the ANC against white-owned businesses.

The other reasons are the ANC intimidation of customers, that businesses were being used as political pawns and the "undemocratic" behaviour of the ANC.

The farmers, calling themselves the Harding Action Committee, are demanding that the ANC pay representatives of the Consultative Peace Forum.

The other two demands are that the ANC and its alliance compensate white businesses for losses incurred during the boycott and that the chairman of the ANC Harding branch, Mr Yunus Khan, be fired immediately.

Demand for ANC compensation for white businesses:

Moodley said the ANC was prepared to talk about having a representative on the Consultative Peace Forum but that the other two demands were rejected.

"Last night there was a meeting in the town which involved United Nations peacekeepers, the ANC, the Harding Action Committee, members of the white community and representatives of businesses. They decided that no action be taken today.

"However, the farmers decided on their wave of intimidation when they visited Indian-owned shops and demanded that they shut down. While they made their demands, they video-taped the responses of the Indian businessmen," said Moodley.

He said some of the shops closed but others refused, which eventually led to the blockades being set up.

News in brief

SECUNDA Collieries declared today a day of mourning for the 53 victims of last week's mining disaster at Satol's Middelkopp colliery.

Management said yesterday all underground operations at the colliery would be halted for the day to allow employees to attend memorial services in Secunda and eMahlathini in the Eastern Transvaal.

Five additional services would be held at various Satol plants for employees unable to attend other services. The 53 died in a gas explosion at the mine, one of the worst mining disasters in recent years.

R200 000 reward

POLICE have offered a reward of R200 000 for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the attack in which three policemen and a policewoman were killed in Dobsonville, Soweto, early this month.

Soweto police spokesman Major Joseph Ntombi yesterday called on anyone with information to contact Major Fielfiel Dempsey at 011 980-7997 or the toll free number 0800 11 12 13. "Any information received will be treated confidentially," he said.

Correct words

In a report on the Sowetan Radio Metro Talkback Show last Friday, President of the Azanian Students Convention Mr Mark Mfikoe was quoted in Sowetan as having said "the political playing fields in Bophuthatswana have been levelled by Mangope's refusal to meet students' demands". Mfikoe has told Sowetan that his correct words were "to strive for free political activity in Bophuthatswana should be equated with the political tolerance of the repressive system that Bophuthatswana regime is because in essence, as the parameters of political activism widens so diminishes the room for political repression because political repression and liberation cannot exist in one room."

Robber kills pal

An armed robber was accidentally shot dead by an accomplice in the Natal Midlands on Monday.

Police said yesterday two men entered the home of Mrs Norah Ngidi in Mid-Illovo and fired a shot which hit a third man keeping watch outside the house. The man was hit in the head and died instantly.

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Five killed in crime and violence in Natal

DURBAN. — At least five people have been killed in incidents of violence and crime in Natal.

KwaZulu police reported the killing of Lucky Mfelepi, 18, in Pinetown's Kwandengezi township last night.

Mr Mfelepi and two friends were walking along a road in the township when gunmen fired at them for no apparent reason. The two other youths were taken to hospital with gunshot wounds.

In KwaMashu men's hostel north of Durban, Mbheki Seni Gcaba was stabbed to death.

Police spokesman Major Hamilton Ngidi reported the death of two suspected robbers in Camperdown, near Pietermaritzburg.

He said three men attempted to rob two KwaZulu police vehicles of pension funds due to be paid out.

The men opened fire on the vehicles but the police returned fire, fatally wounding two of them. The others fled.

In Durban, a man was killed and another wounded by the driver of a minibus taxi when they tried to hijack the vehicle. — Sapa.
100 have been killed in Inanda

DURBAN. — More than 100 people have been killed and over 500 shacks destroyed since violence erupted at Bhambayl in the Inanda area, north of Durban, in November last year while another five people were killed in Natal yesterday. ANC southern Natal region media officer Mr Dumisani Mkhayi said: “Since violence started in the area... no one has been arrested or prosecuted.”

Police shot and killed a suspect and the body of a man who had been shot was found in a car in the East Rand township of Katlehong yesterday, police said.

Homes, an abattoir, a truck and police vehicles were stoned and petrol-bombed in several unrest-related incidents in Burgersdorp and Middelburg yesterday. — Sapa
DURBAN. — ANC Natal Midlands chairman Mr Harry Gwala called on members of the SA Students’ Congress yesterday to learn how to handle firearms, saying if negotiations failed the students should negotiate through the barrel of an AK-47.

In an impromptu address at the Natal Technikon sportsground, Mr Gwala said he was not prepared to die for freedom, but was prepared to kill for freedom.

Earlier technikon and university students demonstrated in the city centre in solidarity with students at the University of Bophuthatswana (Unibo), seriously disrupting traffic for about five hours.

Unibo has been shut for almost two weeks following clashes between the homeland police and students.

Traffic and business came to a standstill as police lined up against protesters, but confrontation was avoided by police withdrawing to a distance.

In Cape Town about 500 high school pupils, led by five principals, marched peacefully to the Department of Education and Culture’s offices yesterday afternoon, calling for an immediate end to teacher retrenchments.

The Paarl Teachers’ Forum announced a five-day strike from Monday.

The Soweto Education Co-ordinating Committee claimed yesterday that more than 75% of Soweto matriculation pupils had submitted their examination registration forms to the Department of Education and Training without paying fees.

The Inkatha-aligned South African Democratic Students Movement said it opposed any bilateral meeting between President F. W. de Klerk and ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela to end the crisis in black education.

It said in a statement that pupils of all races paid examination fees and there was “no free lunch in life”.

The Cape African Teachers Union (CATU) said yesterday it supported the proposed strike by teachers from Monday, but wanted teachers to continue giving classes. It believed picketing and cutting ties with the department would be action enough. — Own Correspondent, Sapa
Police deny role in clashes

The police have rejected ANC allegations of involvement in a factional war in Inanda's Bhambayi settlement, near Durban, claiming the ANC is blaming the police because it has failed to resolve an internal conflict among its supporters. The ANC alleged some Internal Stability Unit policemen were "deeply involved" in Bhambayi's violence which has claimed over 400 lives this year — 22 last week alone. — Sape
Mandela woos votes in strife-torn Natal

DURBAN. — ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela will visit the strife-torn northern region of the Natal Midlands this weekend in an attempt to woo traditional leaders and rural voters.

His visit will focus on areas "targeted by the SAP, SADF and IPP for destabilisation," said ANC Midlands secretary-general Mr Sifiso Khabinde.

Violence in Natal has claimed seven lives in the past few days, bringing the week's total to at least 29.

- At least one person has been killed, four injured and a train set alight in violent incidents on the Reef since Thursday, police said yesterday.
- In Thokoza, two policemen were injured when gunmen shot at their vehicle.
- The SA Institute of Race Relations said 4,5 people a day were on average killed in the first quarter of this year, the lowest number in at least three years.
- It said the violence continued to be concentrated in parts of the Reef and KwaZulu/Natal.
- It said Natal's political violence was mainly in Empangeni, Durban, Maritzburg and Richmond.
- By April 21, 15,545 people had died in political violence since late 1994.
- Student and political rallies were banned for 24 hours in Bloemfontein yesterday. — Sapa
We’ll protect life in Dundee — AWB

DURBAN. — The Afrikaner Weerstands beweging is sending a “strong” contingent of commandos to Dundee today to “protect life and property” during a visit to the northern Natal town by African National Congress president Nelson Mandela.

“Col” Leon van der Merwe, commander of the Ytsersgarde (Front Guard), the paramilitary wing of the AWB, said yesterday some Dundee residents had requested protection and “we will protect life and property of those who ask for it.”

In response ANC Natal Midlands regional secretary Sifiso Nkabinde expressed concern at the AWB’s move and stressed that Mr Mandela’s public meetings in northern Natal this weekend would be peaceful and dignified.

The ANC president is visiting several towns in the area and will address a rally in Dundee’s Kaizers Stadium this afternoon.

“There’s absolutely no reason for the residents in these areas to panic or feel threatened,” said Mr Nkabinde.

He said the presence of AWB members in Dundee would antagonise ANC supporters, particularly in light of prevailing tensions in the area.

A northern Natal police spokesman said yesterday the SAP was aware of the AWB’s plans and “steps are being taken to ensure no incidents occur.”

“Col” Van der Merwe said AWB commandos would be confined to property and businesses of people who requested protection.

“We don’t regard our actions as provocative. Wherever they (ANC supporters) have gone with peaceful rallies we have seen what’s happened.

“We will be in civilian clothes so we’re not provoking anyone,” he added.

A statement by the ANC said: “There is, in our view, absolutely no reason for the residents in these areas to panic or feel threatened. We are an anti-racial organisation, and we welcome everyone to attend the planned events.” — Sapa.
TWO rival ANC factions at Bhambayi, a squatter settlement just north of Durban, are at loggerheads in their fight for power. There are many factors feeding the fires of conflict, but the struggle for political control of the area is cited by many as the main cause.

The two factions call themselves the "Greens" and the "Reds".

About 100 people have died as a result of the faction fighting which began in November last year, yet there have been no prosecutions.

An ANC official and a "red" supporter, Dumisani Makwetye, believe members of the SAP Internal Stability Unit have not only turned a blind eye to the bloodshed, but have taken sides with the "greens".

The ANC has demanded that security forces be withdrawn from the area, but an SAP spokesman vehemently denied police collusion and said the police would not withdraw.

**Burning houses**

Most of the police in the area are Indians and Makwetye has accused them of being racist and "out to avenge the 1949 riots in which scores of Indians were slaughtered by Zulus".

"This could have serious political implications for Natal and our country in general. It could add to the racial polarisation in our country," he said.

Early this year, following the burning of almost 500 houses in the area, ANC officials together with the Transkei consulate met with the SAP's Gen John Manuel and Col Marziedt de Beer to address the raging "war".

It was agreed the Internal Stability Unit would be allowed to patrol the area but would not be allowed to make arrests.

However, as violence increased, the agreement was ignored and the ISU were permitted to make arrests. But the killings continued.

Last week 22 people were killed in the area.

Residents admit the faction fighting began before the arrival of the Internal Stability Unit.

Residents say there are a myriad of reasons underlying the conflict, including political, criminal and economical reasons.

According to unrest monitor Roy Ainslie, who has been associated with the community for several years, as many as 90 percent of the able-bodied men are unemployed and he does not find it surprising that the level of criminal activity in the area is so high.

Another reason given is that there was a disagreement between two prominent ANC leaders over which ingenza to use to fortify the community from occasional attacks by Inkatha supporters from the nearby Mshayazane settlement.
KING Goodwill Zwelithini’s recent peace initiative and his recent peace bid, the latest in a series of initiatives aimed at ending the violence in the region. Members of the Commission of Enquiry into the violence in the region have now started their work. The Commission, chaired by Justice Sipho Thembi, will be tasked with investigating the causes of the violence and making recommendations for its prevention in the future. The King has called on all stakeholders to work together towards a peaceful resolution of the conflict.

Members of the Commission will be supported by a team of experts who will be responsible for gathering information on the violence and its causes. The Commission will also be tasked with making recommendations for the prevention of future violence.

The King has urged all parties to the conflict to work together towards a peaceful resolution. He has called on all stakeholders to work together towards a peaceful resolution. The King has also called on all sectors of society to work together towards a peaceful resolution. The King has urged all stakeholders to work together towards a peaceful resolution.

The Commission of Enquiry into the violence in the region will be tasked with gathering information on the violence and its causes. The Commission will also be tasked with making recommendations for the prevention of future violence.
DEATHS by gunshot wounds have increased by nearly 1,000 percent in the Natal region over the past four years — and more victims come from the 20 to 29-year age group than any other.

These statistics were released this week by a specialist doctor and lecturer in the department of forensic medicine at Natal University Medical School, Dr Reggie Perumal.

He was addressing the first joint conference of the British Academy of Forensic Sciences and the South African Medico-Legal Society, held in Durban.

In an interview, Dr Perumal said he had made a detailed analysis of the statistics from post-mortems carried out in Durban for the Natal/KwaZulu region.

In 1989, doctors performed autopsies on 521 people who died of stab wounds, and 554 who died from gunshot wounds. Last year, the stab-wound rate had dropped to 355, while fatal shootings accounted for 1,119 post-mortems, an increase of almost 1,000 percent.

Ninety percent of these cases were black men; most were aged from 20 to 29, with a second peak aged from 30 to 39. Very few victims were women, children or elderly.

He said those most affected were therefore the men of the "lost generation" — those who dropped out after the 1978 unrest — who had become unemployed due to lack of schooling.

High levels of alcohol were found in 30 percent of all the victims — a far higher proportion than the five percent elsewhere in the world who died from gunshot wounds. The alcohol level peaked in the 20 to 29-year-old age group, with many bodies showing more than double the legal limit.

Dr Perumal said this "unacceptably high level of alcohol abuse" indicated that the easy availability of alcohol was a contributing factor to violence.

The type of gunshot wounds on the bodies examined proved that military-type weapons were commonplace, with the AK-47 now being used even for petty crime.

Victims were also being killed more violently. Where a body would have one or two shots in the past, 10 bullet wounds were now the norm.

Fewer

The Durban government mortuaries carry out post-mortems on anyone, from any part of Natal, killed by the police. Almost a third of the country's population lives in this region.

Dr Perumal said police were responsible for an average 20 to 25 percent of the fatal shootings seen by him and his colleagues.

However, there had been a slight decrease during 1991/2. He agreed this could mean that police were being more disciplined and shooting fewer people, or that "some other force was doing the shooting for them".

One of the most interesting observations by Dr Perumal follows a week by week analysis from 1989 to 1992.

He noted the major political events during that period and the death rate, and concluded there was no correlation between increases in violence and political developments.

There is a perception that violence is stepped up shortly before important political events. However, Dr Perumal said he could find no evidence to support the "switch on, switch off" theory.

He said the continuing high level of violence was hampering efforts to improve health care in Natal. Many gunshot wounds had to be treated in the intensive care unit. The cost of hospitalisation in an ICU was about R4,000 per patient per day.

This added up to a large part of the budget which was badly needed for primary health care.
27 killed in Natal unrest

Own Correspondent

MARBURG — Two Inkatha Freedom Party supporters were shot dead and another six seriously wounded when a minibus taxi travelling through Wembezi near Estcourt was ambushed by an AK-47-wielding gunman early yesterday.

SA Police spokesman Captain Henry Budhram said a taxi taking 12 people to work at 6.15am was attacked by a man who flagged down the vehicle, and then opened fire at close range.

IFP spokesman Mr Ed Tillet said the minibus was travelling through Depo section, an ANC stronghold, when it was riddled with bullets. He also called for an increased security presence in the township.

Mr Tillet called for an immediate visible increase in the security presence in the township including foot and vehicle patrols.

The motive for the attack has not been established.

Violence has also flared up in the Eshowe area and the town is flooding with refugees from the nearby townships, where a series of attacks over the past two weeks has left at least 13 people dead.

At Bulwer at the weekend, four people, including a five-month-old girl, were killed and at least six people wounded in separate attacks by gunmen.

On Sunday a girl was killed in Bhidle and at KwaXoshekayhe many people were injured and were treated in hospital.

Three members of the KwaZulu Police and one South African policeman were shot dead and three other people were injured in an armed hijacking near Serela on the Natal South Coast yesterday.

Police found the body of an Edendale man, Mr Nsimothi Zondi, 23, on the Dambusa Road at the weekend. He had been shot once through the head.

In East London police yesterday uncovered an arms cache near Mooplaas in the Konga area.

— Own Correspondent and Sapa
IFP demands
security after
taxi fired on

Crime Reporter and Sapa

The IFP yesterday called for extra security in Natal's Wembezi township after two of its members died and six others were seriously injured in an AK-47 attack on a minibus taxi.

The minibus, transporting 12 IFP supporters to work, was ambushed at about 6.30 am, police said.

Natal SAP spokesman Captain Henry Budhram said the gunman waved the minibus down in Depo Section, pretending he wanted to go to Estcourt.

As the minibus stopped, the man riddled it with bullets.

Budhram said 11 bullet holes were found in the vehicle, and police recovered 13 spent AK-47 cartridges at the scene.

IFP spokesman Ed Tillet, who called for an immediate security force increase in the area, described Wembezi — an ANC stronghold — as a "hell run" for IFP supporters who had to travel through the township to enter Estcourt.

"IFP members daily have to run the gauntlet of stonings and being shot at," he said.
4 policemen die in ambush

Three members of the KwaZulu Police and one South African policeman were shot dead and three other people injured in a dramatic armed hijacking near Sezela on the Natal South Coast yesterday. The men allegedly took R256,000 in pension money. — Own Correspondent
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Missing man’s body found

The body of missing Camperdown farmer Alex Kalafatis was found yesterday. Police discovered the decomposed body in an abandoned house at Umbababa on the Natal South Coast. It appeared that he had been shot. Kalafatis’s burnt-out car was found about two kilometres from the house. Three suspects have been arrested in connection with his death. — Sapa.

Spotlight on abortion deaths

Preventing deaths from abortions is the theme of this year’s international day of action for women’s health, which falls on Friday. To mark this day, the women’s health project, a division of the Centre for Health Policy at the University of the Witwatersrand, is convening a workshop to discuss these issues. The workshop will be held on Saturday at the Central Methodist Church in Johannesburg. — Sapa.

Constable shot in Daveyton

A 32-year-old policeman, Constable Z S Muduge, was shot dead in Daveyton yesterday. Police said the municipal policeman was walking with a female colleague at about 5 pm when three youths came from behind and shot Muduge in the back of his head. The killers grabbed the policeman’s pistol and fled. The woman was not injured in the attack. — Sapa.

Scores flee after four slain

Scores of people are reported to have fled their homes in the Bulwer area in Natal after a series of violent incidents at the weekend in which four people, including a five-month-old child, were killed following a rally organised by the ANC Youth League. The Inkatha Freedom Party and the league accused each other of harassment before and after the rally. — Sapa.

Baby dolphin makes splash

The Seaworld Dolphinarium in Durban recorded a “splashdown” of a special kind at the weekend when Indian Ocean bottlenose dolphin Frodo gave birth at 3 pm on Sunday. Fathered by Gambit, it was the fifth calf born to the two dolphins. A special “maternity” net was used during the birth to shield the infant from the pool’s hard walls. — Own Correspondent.

Toddler drowns on farm

A toddler of 2½ was found drowned in a farm dam north of Pretoria yesterday. Police said Andre le Roux went missing about 8.30 am yesterday. After an extensive search, his body was found in the dam. — Sapa.

Two blasts rock Reef mine

Two explosions ripped through the Vaal Reef

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New rules for city’s hawkers

By Cyril Madlala

Johannesburg’s CBD pavements are to be leased to landlords in a bid to promote orderly hawking and overcoming congestion and littering, the city council decided yesterday.

Leasing to landlords, including those in Hillbrow and Joubert Park, will be on a permanent basis with lease periods of at least a year.

Littering

"We sincerely believe that leasing pavements will lead to more orderly hawking in the CBD and that problems such as littering and obstruction will be alleviated," management committee chairman Ian Davidson said.

Before applications for sidewalk leases were submitted to the management committee, the urbanisation department would consult hawker associations, hawkers, and any other party whose interest might be affected, the council said.

Davidson said landlords would be encouraged to erect hawker stands on pavements adjoining their properties.

“It must be emphasised that the council is not attempting to discriminate against hawkers in favour of CBD landlords. We are in fact trying to improve informal trading so that everyone who shares the CBD can benefit," Davidson said.

Landlords leasing sidewalks would have to permit street traders to use a portion of the leased site free of charge, but the number of hawkers and the vending areas would be subject to approval by the municipality.

Although pavements would be leased to landlords only, hawker associations and consortia would be invited to lease identified market sites within the CBD.

Leases would be required to upgrade the quality of hawking on the leased sites by providing temporary or permanent structures, refuse storage and, if possible, overnight storage facilities for the hawkers. They would be allowed to charge a nominal rental for the structures.

It was up to the landlords to ensure the sites were kept clean and traders did not obstruct pedestrians.

Cable theft hits phones

About 1 600 telephone subscribers in the Alrode industrial area east of Johannesburg will be without their services until Friday afternoon following the theft of cable on Monday, Telkom said yesterday.

A Telkom spokesman said three cables were stolen.

Slightly damaged and the copper content sold to scrap dealers.

"Last year in the Witwatersrand region we had around R5 million worth of cable stolen," Telkom hoped services would be restored to Alrode subscribers from about 4 pm.
More grief in Wembezi

ANOTHER two vehicles have been ambushed in Estcourt's troubled Wembezi township, leaving at least four people injured.

Maritzburg police spokesman Captain Henry Budhram said Margaret Zachwe and her son Kenyiso were injured early yesterday when their vehicle was fired on by gunmen near Wembezi in Natal's Midlands.

In a similar attack on Tuesday night, gunmen opened fire on a vehicle near the township, injuring the driver and a passenger.
ANC to meet KZP general

Kwazulu's ANC branch is to meet Kwazulu Police Commissioner Roy Dzung in Empangeni today to address ongoing violence in the homeland's rural areas where over 100 people have been killed in the past year. The meeting follows protests and appeals by the ANC and various tongas for an investigation into the activities of the KZP in Kwazulu. — Sapa (210)
At the heart of the agreement was the bringing together of ANC activists and the traditional leaders, breaking down the mutual mistrust which existed between the two groups. The leaders were encouraged to elevate themselves above politics.

Steven Collins, community conciliation and mediation co-ordinator at Idasa’s Durban office, points out that the traditional leaders have feared being sidelined and stripped of their powers in a new dispensation. They naturally fought to preserve existing power bases.

Moses Anathu of the Commonwealth Observer Mission agrees but stresses that fears of marginalisation probably stemmed from a lack of communication rather than any basis of fact. “I don’t believe the ANC ever planned to exclude the traditional leaders from the process of change. Whenever we’ve brought the ANC and traditional leaders together, it has gone like clockwork.”

Clearly others have picked up on this. Collins says there appears to be a growing tendency among the Amakhosi to distance themselves from political parties. “Some are even telling their people they can join whichever political party they choose.” That, says Collins, is a sign of change. Communities had in recent years become polarised with everyone being forced publicly to support one or other party.

Last weekend’s Mpumalanga peace rally, attended by thousands of ANC and IFP supporters celebrating the creation of peace in the area, is tangible evidence of the change under way.

Collins also points to the establishment of the group of concerned Zulus as evidence of a growing feeling that initiatives to end violence must transcend traditional political loyalties. Hence the involvement of luminaries like the ANC’s deputy secretary-general Jacob Zuma and IFP national chairman Frank Mdhlalo in the 28-person Zulu forum which also includes PAC, business, clergy, trade union and academic representation.

Their primary objective is to encourage the king to become actively involved in the peace process on a non-political basis, something he certainly appears to be doing — hence his calls for a meeting between Mandela and Buthelezi.

As Anathu says: “The king is at the highest level of traditional leaders. If he’s going to take an active part in bringing about peace, we will all applaud him.”

Political violence, in spite of a few widely publicised incidents, is declining in Natal/KwaZulu. According to Natal/KwaZulu regional peace committee chairman M C Pretorius, the average number of deaths from political violence is about 4.5 a day compared to more than 10 or 12 in the last couple of years.

The committee has taken several new steps to improve its ability to head off violence, among them the possibility of having marshals from opposing parties at marches. The suggestion came from the ANC and the IFP, which is encouraging indeed.
Gwala stirring up violence — IFP.

DURBAN.—A complaint about alleged inflammatory remarks made by the chairman of the African National Congress, Mr Harry Gwala, has been lodged with the National Peace Committee.

The Inkatha Freedom Party claims the remarks were calculated to incite violence and hatred.

Mr Gwala was reported to have made the remarks to students at the Natal Technikon in Durban on May 19.

He called on members of the South African Students’ Congress to learn how to handle firearms, because if negotiations failed, they must be prepared to win power through the barrel of an AK-47.

“I am not prepared to die for freedom, but to kill for freedom,” he said.

The IFP said it was deeply concerned that the African National Congress’s national leadership continued to allow Mr Gwala to use his senior office as a platform from which to launch “morally depraved utterances”.

The party said Mr Gwala continued to flout regularly the provisions of the National Peace Accord with defiant and contemptuous impunity.

In Pretoria, African National Congress Youth League president Mr Peter Mokaba received a tumultuous welcome from Medunsa students who yesterday welcomed him with the slogan he coined: “Kill the boer, kill the farmer”.

Mr Mokaba addressed students together with ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela’s estranged wife, Winnie, Mr Gwala and Transkei ruler General Buthelezi Holomisa.
Arrests ‘foil Apla raids’

The Argus Correspondents
DURBAN. — Arrests of Azanian People’s Liberation Army members in Natal may have prevented three planned attacks being carried out on bars in the province — two in Durban and one on the South Coast, police said today.

Three suspected Apla members were arrested in a games hall in Rockey Street, Johannesburg, on Saturday night.

Police said they were in possession of a stick grenade, 250g of Russian-made TNT explosive and 1kg of plastic explosive. The plastic was packed with 130cm nails for maximum effect.

Law and Order Minister Hermus Kriel said the arrests could have foiled a suspected Apla attack on a nearby restaurant.

Police spokesman Colonel Johan Mostert said police had identified three Natal targets after the interrogation of Apla members arrested in the province.

Colonel Mostert identified the targets only as bars and said police had decided not to name the venues — two in Durban and one on the Natal South Coast.

Investigations were continuing, Colonel Mostert said.

After the attempted bombing of a crowded Yeoville restaurant on Saturday, a Chinese stick grenade was detonated in a controlled explosion by bomb disposal experts about 9.30pm.

Another man was arrested and more arms were seized in a follow-up operation in Soweto late on Saturday night.

Colonel Mostert said the restaurant Rockerella’s had been the initial target in Rockey Street, but the men had apparently noticed police there and had moved off to the games hall instead.

He said they were arrested as they approached the games hall to place their bomb.

The men were members of Apla, the Pan Africanist Congress’s military wing, he said.

Colonel Mostert said if the explosives had gone off, the damage would have been “horrible”.

He said members of the Crime Combating and Investigation unit, investigating the activities of Apla, kept a watch on the restaurant on Saturday night and arrested the three men.

“As a result of the arrests and in follow-up investigations during the night, police went to a house in Diepkloof, Soweto.

“When police tried to gain entrance to the house they came under fire. During the ensuing fight, a man was wounded and arrested.”

Colonel Mostert said this was the second group to be arrested in a week.

Last week a group was arrested in Natal and — during interrogation of this group — police established that several public bars and restaurants had been targeted for attack.

The arrests on Saturday had been a direct result of the Natal interrogation, he said.

Mr Kriel said in a statement: “The incidents once again fully justifies last week’s actions by the police against the PAC and Apla.”

He said police would continue combating “atrocities” by the PAC and Apla.

Reacting to the events, PAC legal head Willie Seriti said his organisation did not know what evidence police had to conclude that Apla members were involved in the foiled attack.

He said the PAC had no knowledge of the men alleged to be implicated in the attack.
Natal deaths escalate

SEVEN men have been shot and killed in ongoing Natal violence since Friday. A woman has been stabbed to death.

Police have reported the killing of two men in uMngeni yesterday and four more deaths in KwaMashu.

Sapa. (27)
ANC's eight steps

A peace-offering mission to mend the rift between the ANC and IFP could go far in quelling violence in Natal. This report offers a new dimension to conflict resolution.
15 perish in Natal violence

DURBAN. At least 15 people were killed in attacks in rural areas near Estcourt in Natal's Midlands and in KwaMakutha township, 30km south of Durban, police reported yesterday.

Maritzburg police spokesman Captain Henry Budhram said four people were killed when the homestead of Mr Joseph Nkosi in Loskop, near Estcourt, was attacked at 8.30pm on Thursday.

The African National Congress claimed five people were killed in this attack, all of whom allegedly belonged to the organisation.

Captain Budhram said another homestead in the vicinity was attacked 30 minutes later, leaving two people dead.

Early yesterday the Sithole homestead near Estcourt was attacked by gunmen who killed five people.

In an attack in KwaMakutha four people were killed, according to KwaZulu police reports. — Sapa.
Inkatha, ANC row as 11 die in series of Natal attacks

By SIPHO KHUMALO

A MERE two weeks after ANC president Nelson Mandela was received with ululations in the small Natal Midlands town of Estcourt, 11 people died in a series of murderous attacks.

Police spokesman Maj Hamilton Ngidi confirmed that most of the victims were ANC members.

The ANC in Natal was quick to dub the killings as "an Inkatha campaign of genocide".

Inkatha spokesman Phillip Powell slated the ANC statement for its "inflammatory comments". He said his movement was still investigating the killings.

However, Inkatha official Ed Tilleit said the Ukhabhlambha constituency of the party had confirmed that the victims were Inkatha members.

Tillet found the police statement "strange".

The raiders struck in two villages starting on Thursday evening and ending in the early hours of Friday.

Police spokesman Capt Henry Budhizam said AK-47s and 9 mm pistols were used.

The Magebandaba home of Joseph Nkosi at Loskop came under assassins' fire. Four inhabitants died and two were seriously injured.

Ndumiso Nkosi, 13, Thabile Nkosi, 16, Sipho Nkosi, 19, and Thembu Nkosi, 24, were killed. Florence Nkosi, 50, and her husband Mfokaziwa were seriously injured.

Thirty minutes later the nearby home of Mana Ndlou was attacked and Sabelo Ndlou, 22, and Khwezi Sibeko, 22, died. Thwabasha Zuma, 32, and Sphiwe Hlongwane, 40, were critically wounded.

The killers went on to Ntabamphlope village nearby and killed five people at the Sibhele homestead. Bheki Nkomo, 20, Dumisani Sibhele, 20, Thoko Mbhele, 21, Phineose Hadebe, 22, and Sibusiso Mkhize, 19, died.

Meanwhile, KwaZulu Police said four people died in KwaMakhutha township south of Durban this week - Eric Mthembu, 56, his wife Remegia Mthembu, 55, Lucky Myeza, 55, and Tholakele Myiandu. Inkatha said these were their members killed while changing a tyre.
8-point plan for peace in Natal

IN the wake of the continued violence in Natal the ANC has come up with an eight-point plan for peace in the region.

The peace plan has been warmly but cautiously welcomed by Inkatha.

The eight steps to peace are:
1. The local ANC and Inkatha leaderships must involve themselves and their members at grassroots level in the process of peace and the creation of a climate for political tolerance;
2. The ANC/Inkatha leaderships must together preach the right to free political activity and an end to militarisation of politics;
3. There must be transparency in all deliberations of local and regional dispute resolution committees;
4. Both regional leaderships, with the assistance of dispute resolution committees, international observers and church groups must meet and engage themselves in the process of peace as a matter of urgency;
5. Mandela and Buthelezi must hold an initial peace meeting with the aim of jointly instructing an ANC/Inkatha preparatory committee to complete their tasks by a set date;
6. The preparatory committee present its report to the ANC/Inkatha leaderships;
7. A summit meeting between Mandela and Buthelezi be held with international observers, media representatives and other interested parties – and;
8. Joint peace rallies be held.
Squatters attack white homes

By FRED KHUMALO

AFTER 200 shacks outside Durban were demolished on Friday, squatters retaliated by attacking white houses nearby.

The local civic association has also threatened a consumer boycott against white businesses in the area.

The demolition, which was ordered by the Natal Provincial Administration (NPA), sparked a racial clash, with squatters petrol-bombing and stoning houses of a white suburb near Embo outside Hillcrest.

On Friday a house belonging to a white family was petrol-bombed and other houses stoned after the demolishers swooped on the “illegal” Embo settlement. Many of the squatters moved to the area after fleeing violence in the rest of Natal.

While the demolishers, escorted by police, smashed down the rock-and-daub shelters, squatters attacked the adjoining white suburb.

A police spokesman said that during the attack on a house, one of the occupants fired at the squatters. Three squatters were arrested.
Vow by ANC and IFP chiefs turns war zone into a haven of peace

By RYAN CRESSWELL

A LONG-STANDING pact between an African National Congress chief and an Inkatha Freedom Party chief has brought peace and rising prosperity to 70,000 people in a battle-scarred area of Natal.

When ANC regional executive member Chief Zibuse Mlaba, 37, of Ximba, and KwaZulu Legislative Member Chief Bangubukhosi Mdluli, 58, of Manyavu, got together in February 1991 to talk peace, the event went almost unnoticed.

Notorious

But it was the start of one of the first and most amazing peace initiatives in South Africa because it turned around the desperate lives of their people and offered them a future.

The two beautiful rural KwaZulu areas ruled by the chiefs are part of the Mphulanga area in the notorious Table Mountain region of the Natal Midlands.

In 1980 a war between ANC youths in Ximba and IFP men in Manyavu broke out and quickly escalated.

By the time the two chiefs made their peace pledge more than a year later, hundreds of people had been killed and thousands of refugees had fled the area.

In one battle alone, at the height of the trouble early in 1991, the ANC lost 50 men and the IFP lost dozens of its fighters on an open killing field.

Last Sunday that same battlefield was used by members from both areas to celebrate the completion of the first phase of a R16.5-million water project being constructed by Umgeni Water, and a community centre that will serve thousands of people.

The development project was funded by the Port Natal Joint Services Board.

Eskom has also moved into the area and electricity has been installed in hundreds of small huts.

After peace broke out the two chiefs went to industrialists in the area and got back jobs for scores of men who had been unable to go to work for months because they were too scared to cross into enemy territory.

Gunmen

A school for 1,000 students was recently built by the Independent Development Trust in Ximba.

Chief Masungu Mlaba is the brother of the Natal secretary of the ANC-aligned Congress of Traditional Leaders of South Africa (Contralesa), who was assassinated by gunmen in 1998.

Chief Mlaba said: "Nobody is forced to join any particular political party. We haven't had fighting here for years, and the crime rate is right down.

"The building projects in the area have helped keep the peace because we often talk to each other about the projects and they create jobs and a bit of prosperity."

Chief Mdluli, who had his tribal court and the shop in his area burnt down during the fighting, said people who had fled to other areas were "flocking" back.
Ten killed in Natal since Friday

DURBAN — At least 10 people have died in Natal since Friday, police said yesterday.

In Cape Town, at least eight shacks were destroyed by fire in Crossroads squatter camp at the weekend.

- A man was killed in Vosloorus and the bodies of three other men were discovered on the East Rand at the weekend.

On Saturday the body of two unidentified men were found in Katlehong and police killed a man found inspecting a body.

- In a large raid on the Mandela Park and Holomisa Park squatter camps near Thokoza yesterday 77 people were arrested and a large cache of arms confiscated.

- A policeman was strangled in the northern Transvaal on Sunday night.

Two members of the QwaQwa police were shot dead on Saturday morning. — Sapa
Taxis blockade town

DURBAN. - (276) A hundred taxi drivers staged a four-hour blockade in Isipingo on Natal's South Coast to protest against policemen who allegedly demanded cash bribes in return for dropping charges of traffic violations.

The taxi drivers dispersed after the dog unit arrived at the scene, said police spokesman Major Hamilton Ngidi. No charges against policemen were lodged after the protest.

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'No sign' of Natal massacre

PRETORIA. — A Goldstone Commission committee had found no evidence of an alleged massacre in Natal by a "third force" involving a Portuguese national, Mr Justice Richard Goldstone said yesterday in a statement accompanying the committee’s report.

The allegations concerning violence instigated by members of the South African Police were published in the Vrye Weekblad in October last year. They were based on information supplied to the weekly by Mr João Cuna, a former Mozambican army member who was recruited by Military Intelligence as an informer. Mr Cuna was arrested by the police shortly after publication of his allegations.

The Goldstone committee, subsequently, was appointed to investigate the allegations and conduct of Mr Cuna who claimed that he had been “instigated” to make the report to the magazine.

The committee found no evidence that Mr Cuna had participated in a massacre as described in the article or that there was a third force instigating and perpetrating violence.
IFP deaths: Goldstone call

DURBAN. — The Inkatha Freedom Party has called on the Goldstone Commission to investigate the "serial assassination" of its leadership following the killing of another three at the weekend.

- Three dentist men have been arrested in connection with the massacre of five people last Friday.
- The African National Congress has slammed a poice raid of members in Appelsbosch. — Sapa, Own Correspondent
Taxi drivers block routes

Scores of taxi drivers blocked access routes to Isipingo, south of Durban, for the second successive day yesterday.

On Monday, 100 taxi drivers staged a four-hour blockade in Isipingo to protest against policemen who they alleged demanded cash bribes in return for dropping traffic charges — Soweto Correspondents and Supa.
‘149 die’ in May Natal unrest

DURBAN. — At least 149 people — including nine children younger than 13 — were killed in politically-related violence in Natal last month, according to the Natal Monitor.

In its latest edition, the monthly unrest publication said of these, at least 55 deaths were recorded in the Durban area.

The worst conflict was at Bhambayi in Inanda, where 23 people were killed. There were 13 reported deaths in Kwamashu.

The publication reported 13 deaths on the South Coast, eight of them in KwaMakhatha.

Thirty-four people were killed in the Midlands, with Richmond, Ixopo, Sweetwaters, Wembez and Wartburg the worst areas.

* East Rand police yesterday morning found the body of a 54-year-old man who had been stabbed and thrown from a moving train between Drichoeck and Geldenhuis stations.

* Police yesterday closed a road in Grahamstown after three people were injured when stoned by protesters.

The group was protesting against the court appearance of people on unrest charges.

Police said after they failed to disperse, nine protesters were arrested.

They were later released on warning. — Sapa
Natal death toll up to 45 since weekend

DURBAN. — The death toll in Natal since the weekend rose to about 45 with the killings of a Northern Natal man in Esikhawini township, outside Empangeni, and three hostel inmates in Umlazi.

On Monday, the body of an unidentified man with two gunshot wounds was found in Old Crossroads.

In Natal, the weekend violence death toll of 33 climbed steadily as more deaths were reported by police, unrest monitors and political parties.

Police confirmed 41 deaths but the ANC and peace accord officials put the toll at 45.

A KwaZulu Police (KZP) spokesman confirmed the killing of four people in the township on Sunday.

The latest reports, SAP spokesman Major Bala Naidoo said three people were killed in Umlazi's Gibeon hostel when three gunmen attacked sleeping inmates early yesterday.

Another two bodies were found in other parts of the township overnight.

The KZP said three people — two children, aged four and eight, and a man — were killed on Monday night in an attack on a homestead in Nthongeni in the Midlands.

A 70-year-old man was also killed in nearby Nthongeni early yesterday, police said. He was shot while walking in an open field.

The breakdown in killings in Natal since Friday is Port Shepstone — 13; Bergville — four (according to the SAP), seven (according to the ANC); Esikhawini — six (KZP), seven (peace accord), Wembez — two; Patheni — three; Umlazi — five; Bhambayi — one; Kwambonambi — three and Ngquthu — four.

Police have offered a R50,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the Port Shepstone attackers.

Yesterday, three men appeared in the Bergville Magistrate's Court in connection with weekend killings there. They were granted bail of R1,000 each and the case was postponed to July 12.

A meeting between the Regional Dispute Resolution Committee (RDRC) secretariat and international observers will take place in Durban today to discuss the weekend violence, an RDRC spokesman said.

The Goldstone Commission would also send teams to Bergville and Patheni to probe weekend killings there, he said. — Sapa
MP condemns N2 protest

Natal National Party MP, Dr Johan Steenkamp, yesterday condemned demonstrations against police and security force patrols along the N2 freeway on the Natal South Coast. On Saturday ANC Youth League protesters, calling for the removal of security forces from Umngababa, closed the freeway for two hours. — Sapa
Soweto Day relatively calm

Staff Reporters

Despite some incidents of violence, countrywide June 16 commemorations passed peacefully yesterday as workers, students and pupils stayed home or attended rallies. (2-16)

"At least one person was killed and a policeman hurt in Natal violence linked to Soweto Day remembrances. Police found four bodies in Katlehong and the Zonk/Zorwe squatter camp.

"On the volatile East Rand, rallies passed relatively peacefully. But in one incident, Katlehong's local peace committee chairman Cathy Jensen was stabbed in the groin."

At least four people were injured and taken to Natalpruit Hospital during a commemoration service at Vosloorus stadium. Three of the injured sustained gunshot wounds.

Also in Vosloorus, a group of youths set a minibus alight.

"Five people were wounded after a Soweto Day rally in Ipc legeng in the western Transvaal when gunmen opened fire on them from inside a shop. Seven people were arrested.

A man was killed in Bambayi shack settlement in Inanda township north of Durban when police came across a group of armed men who fled, firing shots. Police returned the fire, killing one man.

A policeman was injured in Inanda when a patrol was attacked by youths who had erected street barricades.

There were incidents in Cape Town when SA Democratic Teachers' Union members and police clashed. A number of arrests took place.

There were pitched battles between police and protesting crowds in Ceres in the Boland, but the situation in the rest of the western and eastern Cape was relatively quiet.

Several stoning incidents and petrol bombings were reported by police in Kimberley and surrounding areas."
Fifth murder count probed

MARITZBURG — Police are investigating a fifth charge of murder against five policemen from Mountain Rise.

State prosecutor Mr Anthony Irons told the Maritzburg Regional Court that the men had been linked to a fifth murder in the province, but it was unclear which of the five were involved.

Four of the men are to appear in the Scottburgh Magistrate's Court on June 13 on charges of murdering former Mountain Rise police station commander Captain Jeffrey Durugiah.

— Sapa
Peace award for community

MARITZBURG. The community of Mpumalanga near Hammarsdale is to receive the first Africa Peace Award as part of a campaign initiated by the African Centre for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes. The presentation of the award will be made at a two-day peace seminar which begins in Durban today. — Sapa.
If recent emphasis has been on defusing tension between the IFP and ANC, the process can have been helped very little by the ANC Youth League’s decision to hold June 16 “defiance rallies” in KwaZulu areas.

This seems to contradict the spirit if not the letter of an earlier proposal by the ANC’s Southern Natal Region for the implementation of an eight-point peace plan which, as well as urging a Mandela/Butelezi meeting, recognises that the peace process must also be driven from grass roots.

An essential element for success must involve self-restraint on both sides and an end to deliberately taunting the opposition and seeking confrontation. Yet that is exactly...

what the youth league appeared to have planned.

It means one of three things: the league and the ANC alliance have different agendas; the league is unaware of the alliance’s peace moves because of poor internal communications; or the peace proposal was simply a publicity stunt without substance.

Certainly the IFP believes the third explanation. However, the ANC’s Southern Natal branch and its youth league deny a policy disparity, a communications breakdown or any intention to antagonise the IFP.

The ANC’s Southern Natal deputy regional secretary, Mpho Scott, says the peace campaign was to be the focus of the two June 16 meetings at Currie’s Fountain and Port Shepstone. “The peace plan is not a propaganda stunt. We have resolved to work for it and enormous efforts are being put into implementing it. Like anything with substance and foundation it’s not a quick fix.” Youth League regional organiser Lucky Gabela says the youth wing was instrumental in drafting the region’s peace plan which has now been adopted at national level.

Gabela adds that the preparatory committee formed to pave the way for a Butelezi/Mandela meeting did assign subcommittees to iron out the differences.

Of the proposed summit, he says the league is keen that it should proceed. “Some excellent resolutions emerged from the Royal Hotel (Durban) summit between the two leaders. But those resolutions were never implemented. They should meet again to discuss and identify what went wrong. Their findings should then be passed on to the regions to resolve. Butelezi and Mandela should then meet again at a more significant second forum where they reach an accord, something along the lines of a record of understanding.” That would give all parties specific enforceable instructions on implementation. The meeting, however, seems no closer.
Farm workers gunned down

Two women farm workers were killed and three others injured when gunmen opened fire on a Richmond, Natal, farmer taking his workers home on Friday night. — Sapa.
THE HOT SPOTS WHERE DRIVERS ARE KILLED

FIFTY-FIVE motorists and passengers have been killed in random attacks — excluding hijackings — on South Africa's roads so far this year.

Random attacks on the increase

By JAMES BRITAIN

The 55 people killed in the first six months of this year were among the victims of 621 road attacks. The figure for the whole of 1992 was 66 people, dead in 1,226 attacks.

Now motorists are being warned to be extremely vigilant when travelling during the school holidays in the next few weeks.

In the most recent drive-by shooting, two men were wounded when gunmen in a passing car opened fire on them on the Beesteekraal-Rustenburg road, north-east of Pretoria.

And last week, a passenger in a Translux bus and a policeman in a car escorting the vehicle were wounded when gunmen opened fire on them and threw a hand grenade at the bus from roadside bushes.

The bus was attacked just outside Graaff-Reinet while on its way from Pretoria to Port Elizabeth.

There have been so many attacks on this stretch of the R57 that four buses and private vehicles are now routinely escorted by police after dark.

Other "hot spots" are:

- The N2 between Cape Town and Somerset West, especially up to DP Malan airport, where seven vehicles were stoned on a single day last month. This stretch of road has been nicknamed the Hell Run by drivers.
- The Golden Highway between Johannesburg and Vereeniging.
- The Johannesburg-Pretoria road.
- The N3 south of Durban.
- The N2 south of Durban.

Roads throughout the Transkei are also considered extremely dangerous, and tour bus operators have withdrawn their vehicles from these routes.

RISKING

Mr Christo Bester, executive manager of Coach Express, which runs daily buses between Durban and Port Elizabeth, said bypassing the Transkei added nearly three hours to the journey.

Umhlanga Tours and Springbok Tours are also travelling around the Transkei, through the Free State, to avoid risking the lives of their passengers.

While police and provincial administrations have acted to curb the violence, the chief director of the Transport Department, Mr Ed Petzer, said South Africa's motorists were not facing a crisis.

"Thousands of people use these roads every day without incident. We shouldn't blow the thing out of proportion," he said.

In the Transvaal, however, road security is being investigated by new regional security committees which include representatives of the SA Defence Force, the SAP and the provincial administration.

In the Western Cape and Natal, SAPD troops patrol the DP Malan freeway and the N2 south of Durban.

MOTIVES

Two mobile police stations have been placed along the N2 at Cape Town and the provincial administration plans to line the road through the Crossroads squatter camps with concrete barriers.

Lieutenant-Colonel Gabriel Smit, of the SAP's Centre for the Analysis and Interpretation of Crime Information, said it was "very difficult" to define motives for attacks on vehicles.
32 die in bloody Natal weekend

DURBAN. — Thirteen people were killed in a series of attacks around Port Shepstone on Sunday night, pushing the weekend toll of deaths in Natal up to at least 32.

Police spokesman Maj Bala Naidoo said four balaclava-clad men dressed in trenchcoats attacked a home in the Lusaka ward of Murchison, killing six people.

Later, in nearby Newtown, two homes were attacked and another seven people were killed. Two people were injured in this attack and taken to Murchison Hospital.

The ANC claimed most of the dead were its supporters. ANC southern Natal executive member Dr Syabonga Cwele said, "It looks like someone is trying to destabilise the area."

At least five ANC supporters were killed at the launch of an ANC branch near Bergville in the Natal Midlands, according to peace monitors. The launch had to be aborted.

The ANC said this figure rose to 13 last night, following further killings of its members around the area.

A Peace Accord monitor said about 100 ANC supporters were about to enter the Woodford Stadium about 15km from Bergville on Saturday when they were approached by a group of Inkatha supporters who demanded they leave as they had not obtained permission to use the premises.

Police formed a barrier between the groups, but left as they began to disperse, said the monitor. Shooting broke out soon after that.

Violence also engulfed Empangeni's Esikhawini township with at least six deaths, including that of a KwaZulu policeman, reported on Sunday.

Eight other deaths were reported across Natal over the weekend and one person was killed yesterday at Inanda's Bhambayi squatter camp.

An 81-year-old woman was raped at gunpoint and robbed of R5 at Kwazakele in Port Elizabeth at the weekend.

Two other people were killed in violent incidents in the Eastern Cape over the same period. — Sapa
13 die in Natal attacks
5 shot in Natal

FIVE people were shot dead in Natal on Sunday, including a KwaZulu policeman, who was shot in Empangeni's Esikhawini township on the North Coast. A KwaZulu police spokesman said yesterday morning he had received a report on the death of the policeman only.

The dead policeman, Sergeant DS Dlamini, had apparently complained in evidence before the Goldstone Commission, about KwaZulu police behaviour, an unrest monitor told Sapa. The KZN said his death was the result of "lancing attacks on the police".
Security forces are keeping a close watch on Natal townships — the scene of a bloody slaughter which at least 34 people have died since the weekend.

The death toll was disclosed yesterday, 48 hours before the long-awaited meeting between ANC leader Nelson Mandela and the IFP's Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi scheduled for tomorrow.

Senior ANC officials have been sent to Natal to report on the situation.

The worst-hit area was Port Shepstone where 13 people died — two of them children — when hooded gunmen attacked three homesteads in the Newtown and Lusaka areas of Murchison on Sunday night.

The ANC, which claimed most of the dead were ANC members or supporters, last night reacted with shock and called the killings a pre-summit slaughter.

"These massacres, taking place on the eve of a crucial meeting between Mandela and Buthelezi, appear timed to coincide with the announcement of an election date by the Negotiating Forum this week," the organisation said.

"This has been a pattern of violence since September 1989: the violence flares up in the run-up to a major step forward in the negotiating process," the ANC said.

Mandela-Naboom said four hooded men killed six people in an attack on a homestead in Lusaka at about 7 pm.

Seven were killed when gunmen attacked two homes at 8.40 pm in nearby Newton. Two women were injured and taken to Murchison Hospital.

Police found spent 9mm cartridges at all three scenes.

Dents, at least five ANC supporters were killed at the aborted launch of an ANC branch near Bergville on Saturday, peace monitors said.

But the ANC claimed the number had risen to 13 by last night after further killings around Bergville.

Three people have been arrested.

Violence also engulfed Empangeni's Esikhawini township, with at least six deaths on Sunday. Police said a policeman had been killed in J2 Section.

Peace Accord officials and unrest monitors, however, said five people had been killed when patrons were attacked at a shebeen in J2 Section early on Sunday.

In Wembezi, outside Estcourt, two ANC supporters were killed in a shootout with Inkatha members on Saturday.

IFP spokesman Ed Tille said IFP organisers who had gone to Wembezi to sign up new members came under fire, allegedly from ANC members. They returned fire and two people were killed.

Three IFP supporters were killed in Patheul, near Richmond, on Friday.

RPF chairman Dr Frank Mdhlalose said last night: "All violence has an impact on all talks. The issue of violence was the first item on the agenda of the multiparty Negotiating Council.

"I am not prepared to attach any particular significance to this specific spate of killings," Mdhlalose said.

Meanwhile, the Government has welcomed the Mandela-Buthelezi meeting, saying it could make a "major contribution" to reducing violence.

Deputy Constitutional Development Minister Fanus Schoeman said yesterday that the two organisations were involved in violence, especially in Natal. — Staff Reporters and Sapa.
The Argus Correspondent and Sapa

DURBAN. Security forces are keeping a close watch on Murchison, Port Shepstone, the scene of a bloody slaughter at the weekend in which 18 people were killed, two of them children.

The victims were all shot dead in two attacks, at Newtown and at Lusaka in the Murchison area.

The African National Congress has claimed that most of the dead were members of the organisation.

Said ANC spokesman for Southern Natal Mr Dumisani Makhaya: “It is quite clear these massacres are designed to destabilise the peace process in general and the ANC in particular.”

Witnesses told police that the bloodshed began just before 8pm on Sunday when gunmen attacked two houses in the Newtown area.

In the first house three people were killed and three wounded.

In the second house the gunmen shot and killed four people.

Yesterday morning police found six bodies in the Lusaka area. All had gunshot wounds.

From Johannesburg it is reported that the ANC’s National Working Committee will send two high-profile delegates to Natal to investigate the weekend violence in which at least 33 people were killed.

National Executive Committee members Mr John Nkadineng and Mr Ebrahim Ismael Ebrahim will report back to the ANC soon.

Last night the ANC said the attacks were timed to coincide with the announcement of an election date by the Negotiating Forum this week.

The massacres come on the eve of long-awaited talks between ANC leader Mr Nelson Mandela and Chief Mangosothu Buthelezi of the Inkatha Freedom Party.

“Clearly this is an attempt to derail the meeting between the two leaders and to undermine the negotiation process,” an ANC statement said.

The organisation, however, committed itself to the meeting between the two leaders.

IFP chairman Dr Frank Mdlalose said: “All violence has an impact on all talks.”

“I am not prepared to attach any particular significance to this specific spate of killings,” Dr Mdlalose said.
Toll climbs to 33 as Natal violence rages

DURBAN — Violence raged through Natal townships at the weekend, with deaths of 13 people in two separate attacks near Port Shepstone on Sunday taking the weekend toll in the province to at least 33. Seven people died in East Rand violence and two in the eastern Cape. A Natal-based peace accord spokesman said: "This has been one of our bloodiest weekends." Two people were injured.

A Natal-based peace accord spokesman said: "This has been one of our bloodiest weekends." Police found spent 9mm cartridges at all three places, but could not say whether the attacks were related.

The ANC claimed most of the dead were its supporters or members. ANC southern Natal regional executive member Dr Siyabonga Cwele said: "It looks as though someone is trying to destabilise the area." In Johannesburg, the ANC's national working committee said yesterday it would send national executive committee members John Nkabinde, and Ebrahim Ismael Ebrahim to Natal to investigate.

The attacks were timed to coincide with the negotiating council's announcement this week of an election date, the ANC said. The Inkatha Freedom Party had no immediate comment. — Sapa.

Ciskei army officers held for 'coup plot'

EAST LONDON — Four Ciskei army officers were arrested over the weekend in connection with what sources close to the homeland's military said was a coup plot. The men were held as a result of conduct prejudicial to good military discipline, government spokesman Cedric Harrop said yesterday. "They are detained in military barracks and will be dealt with in terms of the military code of conduct."

Sources close to the military said the coup attempt was to have taken place on June 16. One of those involved was a bodyguard of homeland leader Oupa Gqozo, they said. The sources said the soldiers were unhappy about the September 1992 Bisho massacre in which homeland troops opened fire on an ANC protest march, killing 29. — Reuters.

Arrests made
33 die on eve of talks

A fresh spate of violence in Natal, which has claimed 33 lives, has clouded tomorrow's meeting between ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela and Inkatha Freedom Party leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi in Johannesburg.

At least 13 people were killed in a series of attacks in Murchison, near Port Shepstone, on the Natal South Coast on Sunday night.

In another incident, two houses were attacked in Newtown at about 8.40pm. Three people were killed in the first house and in the second.

The ANC's southern Natal region said most of the dead were ANC members or supporters.

The ANC's National Working Committee will send two high-profile delegates to Natal to investigate the violence which flared there over the weekend.

Mr John Nkadimeng and Mr Ebrahim Ismail Ebrahim will report back to the organisation soon after their findings.

"Clearly this is an attempt to derail the meeting between the two leaders and to undermine the negotiating process."

The NWC, however, recommitted itself to the meeting between Mandela and Buthelezi.

The IFP's national chairman Dr Frank Mdlalose said: "I will not attach any significance to the latest killings. All killings impact heavily on all talks."

The latest bloodshed precedes the crucial meeting between Mandela and Buthelezi at an undisclosed venue near Johannesburg tomorrow.

The two leaders meet more than two years after their first meeting on January 29 1991.

Since that first meeting, the first and only face to face encounter between them since Mandela was released from prison on February 11 1990, an estimated 7 177 people have been killed, according to calculations by the Human Rights Commission.

It is also estimated that the conflict between IFP and ANC followers has resulted in 15 000 deaths.

The meeting was hailed yesterday as the best hope for peace the country has had in years.

No details of the agenda or venue were made available but executive members of both organisations have said that the leaders would put peace first.

The meeting was set up after months of shuttle diplomacy by delegations of both the ANC and IFP as well as by the chairman of the National Peace Committee, Mr John Hall.

The Government yesterday hailed the meeting for "the contribution it could make towards curbing political violence."

"The Government would like to see the two leaders recommit themselves to making it possible for their followers to be more tolerant of each other," a spokesman said.

The meeting will be co-chaired by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and the Reverend Stanley Mogoba, head of the Methodist Church of South Africa.

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NEWS Mystery murders recalled in conflict

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Sowetan 23/6/93
Natal death toll 38
GUNMEN killed at least three dwellers at Umbazi's Gheelalands Hostel in Durban yesterday and police reported another two deaths overnight in the township.

Police spokesman Maj-Bala Naidoo said the gunmen "went from room to room" in a section of the hostel, shooting at dwellers before dawn. Meanwhile, KwaZulu police reported two overnight deaths in two separate incidents at Umbazi. The toll from violence in Natal since Friday is now at least 38.

Sowetan 23/6/93
Durban hotels battle
THE all-African owners are proving a boost to Durban hotels plagued by low occupancy rates - but prospects for a good school holiday season appear grim.

A Fedhasa spokesperson said enquiries had been particularly brisk in the last few days. However, she said the coming winter holidays were offering little cause for cheer. Enquiries were down to a trickle and the season was expected to be very quiet for hotels.

Sowetan 23/6/93
PAC sends support
THE Western Cape region of the Pan Africanist Congress has come out in support of its negotiating team's refusal to sign what it called the unilateral suspension of hostilities in Kempton Park yesterday. PAC regional organiser Mr Michael Siyolo said the organisation would suspend its armed struggle once all armed forces had ceased hostilities against Africans. He said it was useless

Sowetan 23/6/93
Kite-flying death
AN eight-year-old boy was electrocuted when his wire-framed toy kite got entangled in a power line at a village near Gweru, Zimbabwe. A police spokesman and Ephias Muziyi of Mhoba's Village was badly burnt on the face and chest when the kite touched live wires. He died in hospital. — Sapa.
Natal toll of violence rises

While the ANC and IFP prepared for today's crucial meeting between Nelson Mandela and Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the death toll in Natal continued to rise yesterday, with 12 more deaths since Monday.

Thirty-three people were killed in volatile Natal townships between Friday and Sunday.

Included in the attacks was the murder of three Glebelands hostel residents in Umlazi, south of Durban, yesterday.

On Monday night, police found two unidentified bodies in the township. (271)

In Esikhawini, KwaZulu Police reported that a security guard, Fred Cilliers (46), was shot dead on Monday night.

Also on Monday, an induna and two children, aged four and eight, were shot in Ntshongweni, in the Midlands.

Police are offering a R50 000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those involved in weekend killings at Port Shepstone.

— Crime Reporter.
Massacre blamed on 'enemy agents'

Sowetan 23/6/93

Sowetan Correspondent

SECURITY forces kept a close watch on Monday night on Murchison in Port Shepstone, scene of the bloody slaughter in which 13 people were killed, two children.

The victims were all shot dead in two attacks — one at Newtown and the other at Lasaka in the Murchison area.

The African National Congress has.. identified the dead as Katshana Mavundla (26), Lungisile Mavundla (15), Ncamiilele Khawula (34), Jabulani Mbiili (34), Russel Sibisi (40), Linda Mzimango (no age given), Elizabeth Ndiaba (38), Thokozile Ndiaba (18), Elias Mbele (32), A Mbule (45), Nkampu Khawula (36) Cabangani Nzigande (no age given) and Sandle Nzigande (12).

"It is quite clear these massacres are designed to destabilise the peace process in general and the ANC in particular. It is a deliberate attempt to sow terror amongst our people and is the work of enemy agents," Makhanya said.
More killings in KwaZulu

KwaZulu police yesterday reported three more killings in the territory, raising the death toll in politically linked violence in Natal to at least 48, since Friday. The KZP said two people were killed in Durban's Umzazi township on Wednesday afternoon. In Osizweni, near Newcastle, Bheki Cele (19) was shot dead on Tuesday and his body dumped in a stream. — Sapa (2715)
### News in Brief

#### Racial Clash

TWO men were seriously injured yesterday in Joubert Park, Johannesburg, in what police said was a racial clash between two groups of Africans and Indians. 

Witwatersrand police spokesman Warrant-Officer Andy Pickle said the fight was prompted by a "racist remark" by a member of one of the groups. He said the groups knifed and stoned each other on the corner of Bok and Quartz streets just after midnight. Five men from both groups were arrested and are expected to appear in court soon.

#### Teacher Struck Pupil

A MANGAUNG teacher was yesterday found guilty in the Bloemfontein Magistrate's Court of common assault.

Mrs Thelma Modionyane was fined R600 or two months' imprisonment, suspended for three years, after the court found that she had assaulted a pupil on April 23 last year with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

#### Death Toll Rises

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The KZP said two people were killed in Umhlazi township on Wednesday. — Sowetan Reporters and Sapa
Troubled Natal set to benefit from summit

Peace chief lauds Mandela-Buthelezi talks

In the first indication of movement at regional level as a result of the meeting, the ANC’s Southern Natal branch vowed to start a peace campaign to support the agreements.

The regional Department of Information and Publicity member of the ANC, Mr Dumisani Makaya, said the organisation would be seeking regional meetings with the IFP, business community and church leaders in the drive for peace.

“While we welcome the meeting between Mandela and Buthelezi, we are saying that it must go further,” he said.

Mr Makaya’s sentiments were shared by the IFP information centre in Durban. Spokesman Mr Ed Tillett said that “we are without a doubt committed to the (peace) process” and would set no pre-conditions to meetings between regional leaders.

But he cautioned that while the organisation was “buoyant” in the wake of Wednesday’s meeting, agreements struck at the January 1991 Buthelezi-Mandela summit had not been followed through. The IFP hoped supporters on the ground would take up the sentiments expressed by the two leaders and follow the same path.

Meanwhile, sources inside the talks have indicated that several hours were taken up with constitutional matters and while no agreement could be reached on the fixing of an election date, there had been progress in some other areas.

They said the IFP had moved significantly closer to accepting a transitional executive council.
Slack justice results in deaths

At least 149 people died in political violence in Natal last month, and violence monitors predict that this is likely to continue because of the failure of the criminal justice system.

A monthly report by three violence monitors said the failure of criminal justice to function had resulted in lack of prosecution of political murders.

It said the situation was not being helped by the release of Samuel Jamile under the Indemnity Act. (2/16)

The Durban region accounted for 55 deaths last month with many people also being killed in the North Coast, South Coast and Natal Midlands.
ANC probes family killings

(2-16)

By RYAN CRESSWELL

A MAN and his wife were relaxing around a small fire outside their home with their six children and a relative when two thugs walked up and opened fire on them with handguns.

The bloody attack in Murchison, Natal, only took minutes, but by the time it ended, Mr Kampela Khwula, 38, his common-law wife, Cabangami Nzimande, 34, and their son, Sendile, 12, lay dead. Five people were wounded, and traumatised orphans were left covering under a bed and a table.

This was just one of three attacks on Sunday night in the Newtown and Mqongwane areas of southern Natal, leaving 13 people dead and several families grieving.

It was the latest in a tragic series of at least 12 massacres around Port Shepstone in the past year. Peace monitors say the area has the highest massacre rate in SA.

Police and violence monitors in the area say they are not sure who the latest attackers could have been, although there has been intense fighting between ANC and Inkatha members in the past. But residents believe the gunners could be members of two gangs — youths, the C's and the C's, who claim to be ANC members and have been fighting each other for months.

ANC Southern Natal spokesman Dumisane Mahlabe said the organisation was "urgently investigating" the matter.

"We have been told some of the young people who live in the area and identify with the ANC are fighting each other," he added. "But we have no proof yet."

Pension
Miss Nzimande was shot at point-blank range while her one-year-old baby, Mzwandile, was still on her back.

Her eldest daughter, Zanele, 16, said this week: "I was shot in the leg, but I managed to get inside and hide under the bed.

"My mother got inside and closed the door, but these men kicked the door down and shot her. I heard two shots, and I heard my mother scream.

"When they left, I took the children and the baby from my mother’s back and we ran to the neighbours."

Neighbours discovered that one of the children, three-year-old Zanele, had been shot in the back. She is in a serious condition at Murchison hospital.

Mr Khwula was disabled and his family lived on a small disability pen-
40 killed in township violence

FORTY people died in a weekend of bloody violence in East Rand, Vaal Triangle and Natal townships, police said yesterday.

Six people were shot and killed execution-style in the Vaal Triangle township of Eboton on Sunday night after gunmen burst into a house and ordered party-goers to lie down before shooting them in the back of the head.

Later that night four people were shot in Eboton streets by gunmen travelling in a white Toyota Cressida. Police spokesman Maj Piet van Deventer said police had found the gutted wreck of a Cressida in Sebokeng's Zone 14 yesterday, and were investigating the possibility that it had been used in the attacks.

Sunday night's attack followed the killing on Saturday of 12 people in an apparently random attack in Sebokeng, when gunmen shot a youth and waited for a crowd to gather before opening fire again.

Police reported finding the bodies of eight people killed in East Rand townships at the weekend, seven of them in Krielhong. At least nine people were reported killed in separate incidents of weekend violence in Natal townships.

Yesterday two gunmen killed a man and injured another in Isando, near Johannesburg. Also yesterday, Sap reports that.

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Violence

police said a man was necklaced in Duncan Village outside East London after being tried for murder by a 'people's court'.

The ANC, meanwhile, said Saturday's attack in Sebokeng bore the hallmarks of a 'third force' operation. It said in a statement several similar operations had taken place in the Vaal Triangle this year, during which a pattern had become evident. Attacks occurred at weekends, at night, and were carried out by unknown gunmen driving unidentified vehicles.

It said they occurred with alleged security force connivance. Few attackers had been brought to justice. "Had the massacre occurred in a white area, the entire vicinity would have immediately been sealed off and the attackers arrested," an ANC delegation visited the area yesterday to investigate the attack.

Sap reports that police condemned the killing "in the strongest possible terms". But in a statement yesterday, Police Commissioner Gen Johan van der Merwe denied claims of third force involvement.

He said preliminary investigations indicated the killings were sporadic. Such attacks are extremely difficult to prevent, but he gave the assurance that reinforcements were being deployed.

The statement said police welcomed an investigation into the massacre by the Goldstone commission.
9 die in Natal weekend violence

Weekend violence again ravaged several Natal townships at the weekend with at least nine people reported dead yesterday.

This figure is, however, significantly lower than last weekend's toll of about 33.

Most of this weekend's killings took place in KwaZulu.

Not included in the weekend death toll was the related report of the killing of four men in the Sundumbili area, north of Durban, on Thursday.

Gunned down

KwaZulu police yesterday reported the gunning down of the four while they were walking along a road in the area.

Three men were arrested in connection with the killings which the KZP said appeared to be politically-linked.

Killing since Friday were reported from Umbilo, south of Durban, where a 29-year-old man was shot dead while walking in Q Section about 3am yesterday.

The victim was shot in the shoulder.

Three shots

He was walking in T Section about 6.15pm when gunmen approached him and fired three shots into his chest.

In the township's M Section, Allen Themba Xhewa (30), was shot and stabbed to death when gunmen knocked on his door early on Saturday.

The KZP also reported the killing of a 32-year-old man in Adami Musson near Amanzimtoti, on Sunday night. He was shot dead with an AK-47 rifle.

The death toll in politically linked violence in June in Natal appears set to become the highest monthly toll yet this year with close to 60 killings reported in the past 11 days.

The monthly toll in the province has risen steadily since the beginning of the year, according to the Human Rights Commission.

The HRC's statistics are: January — 107; February — 125; March — 118; April — 131; May — 138 — Daily
8 000 apply for SADF jobs

LLOYD COUTTS

About 8 000 people of all races and both sexes had applied for employment in the SADF's voluntary military service system, an army spokesman confirmed yesterday.

The system, launched by the SADF last December, was advertised in Sunday newspapers this week. Army spokesman Maj Merle Meyer said the response had been "overwhelmingly positive". Earlier recruitment drives had proved less successful.

Meyer said the system was aimed at supplying the army with sufficient junior officers and privates.

The SADF announced last year that it aimed to recruit 6 000 volunteers for a minimum period of two years at a time, up to a maximum of six years.

Chief of Staff Lt-Gen Willie Wolmarans said at the time the recruitment drive would contribute to reducing the SADF's dependence on citizen forces and commando call-ups in unrest situations.

Remuneration and benefits would be considerably better than those of the current military service and volunteer system, he said.

Gunmen held after deadly rampage at Natal kraal

MARITZBURG — Police arrested three suspects after a car chase near Greytown yesterday, after gunmen shot dead three women and went on a rampage during which they looted and burnt huts.

Three men armed with shotguns attacked a kraal at Bhambela, in the Nsele district, and opened fire on the occupants, police said.

Two women killed during the attack were identified as Dumuzile Theli, 46, and Irene Mkhize, 46. Two children were injured and are in hospital.

The gunmen then ran 500m down the road where they set a number of huts alight. At another kraal in the same area, the gunmen shot and killed an unidentified 40-year-old woman.

Greytown police were alerted by residents and pursued a bakkie in which the assailants were fleeing. The bakkie was forced off the road and three suspects were apprehended.

Two shotguns, believed to have been used in earlier attacks, were recovered.

On the East Rand, in Kathlehong, a policeman was shot dead outside a butchery, Sapa reported. Police said the motive was unknown and no arrests had been made.

Also in Kathlehong, the body of a man who had been stabbed was found between Pilos and Kwesine stations.

In Tembisa police arrested a man in possession of an AK-47 rifle and magazine.

A second man was arrested early yesterday after a car chase through the township. A pistol was found in his car.
3 women killed in attack

POLICE arrested three suspects shortly after three women were killed in an attack on two homesteads in the Nkwe area near Greytown in Natal’s Midlands on Monday night.

Captain Henry Budhram said the gunmen attacked the Mkhize kraal and killed two women before shooting dead another woman at a nearby home. Two children were wounded in the attack and were taken to hospital.

"Police were alerted and intercepted a vehicle. We arrested three men and seized two shotguns," said Budhram. Two of the victims were named as Dumazile Thuse (55) and Irene Mkhize (66). The third woman, aged about 40, has not yet been identified. In another attack on Monday night in Eastcourt’s Wembez township, gunmen shot at a minibus injuring two people. — Sapa
RIOTS & DISTURBANCES — NATAL

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JOHANNESBURG. — Inkatha Freedom Party supporters and residents of Natal in general are doubtful South Africa's first nonracial election will be free of intimidation, a new poll shows.

The finding emerged from a representative opinion poll of 2,600 adults in South Africa, excluding Transkei and Bophuthatswana, commissioned by the South African Institute of Race Relations and conducted by MarkData in May.

The institute said yesterday confidence about the election varied by regional, income, racial, language and political differences.

Wealthier people were more confident of a free and fair election than poor people and blue-collar workers.

When asked: “Are you worried that someone might try to stop you voting for your party?” 58 percent of respondents earning less than R569 a month said they were, whereas 86 percent of those earning more than R3,500 a month were not worried.

Residents supporting African National Congress president Nelson Mandela or IFP leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi were more worried about the prospects of coercion-free elections than supporters of President De Klerk.

Seventy-five percent of Mr De Klerk's supporters claimed to be "not worried", compared to 65 percent of Mr Mandela's and 82 percent of Mr Buthelezi's.

Natal people were far more concerned about voter intimidation than those in other regions.

Eighty-five percent of respondents living in the Pretoria/Witwatersrand/Vereeniging area, 83 percent in the rest of Transvaal, and 82 percent in the Cape believed they would not be forced to vote, but only 71 percent of Natal respondents were similarly confident.

Cape inhabitants identified the security forces, the African National Congress, private armies and self-defence units as likely to prevent a free vote, while those living in the greater PWV identified the IFP as a threat.

Respondents in Natal mainly identified "comrades", the ANC, security forces, private armies and the Inkatha Freedom Party, while people in the Transvaal, outside the PWV, identified security forces and the ANC.

De Klerk the prime enemy, says Marais

PRETORIA. — Afrikaners should focus their struggle against their prime enemy, President De Klerk, says Herstigte Nasionale Party leader Jaap Marais.

Addressing the HNP's annual congress in Pretoria yesterday after being re-elected party leader, Mr Marais said this "first-rate cheap traitor" led a government of "gullible, capitulators misrepresenting themselves as Afrikaners."

Mr Marais exhorted conservative whites to unite and hold demonstrations, such as picketing the Union Buildings for two days to force a white election.

If Mr De Klerk did not yield, the HNP would assume the right to act against him "outside the constitution", he said.

He added: "Our motto is not peace. Our maxim is struggle."

A long list of party members who died last year — many of them elderly people "cruelly murdered" — was read out to a hushed assembly of 150 delegates.

Mr Marais was undaunted by the HNP's failure to gain a foothold in parliament in the 2½ decades of its existence. He said this pointed to the HNP's commitment to its principles.

The HNP would not join the Afrikaner Volksfront because it would not negotiate with a "terrorist army - the ANC."

— Sapa.
5 die in minibus attack

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — Five passengers were killed and 13 others injured when a minibus was raked with automatic gunfire, causing it to spin out of control and overturn near Estcourt in the Natal Midlands at the weekend.

The minibus was travelling towards the township of Wembedi when a car pulled alongside it and men with automatic rifles and handguns opened fire, a police spokesman said.

The driver lost control of the minibus and it careered off the road and overturned. It is thought three men and two women died of injuries received in the accident and of gunshot wounds.

The injured were taken to Estcourt hospital.

Reports that some of the passengers were Inkatha Freedom Party supporters and that it was a retaliatory attack could not be confirmed.

A group of ANC members was attacked by gunmen in the town last weekend.
Peace committee plans a follow-up programme

THE national peace campaign co-ordinating committee last night announced a follow-up programme to last week's national peace day, which it described as an unqualified success.

Campaign co-ordinator Jayendra Naidoo said the programme included observance of international peace day on September 21, a peace pledge, distribution of promotional material, a media focus on the peace campaign and local activities.

Naidoo said a peace pledge declaring commitment to peace would be circulated and copies would be handed to political parties at the World Trade Centre on September 30. The committee noted that wearing peace campaign symbols had created a bond among people and it planned to distribute T-shirts, badges, ribbons, stickers and posters with the peace logo.

Meanwhile, the Human Rights Commission said yesterday August was another disastrous month for SA with 554 people killed in political violence.

THEO RAWANA reports that the HRC said the figure was the third highest on record, after the 706 recorded in August 1990 and 606 in July this year.

Total deaths for this year stood at 3,565, which was 5% ahead of the figure of 2,483 for the same period last year. The average daily death rate was now 18, with the East Rand and Natal accounting for 88% of the deaths.

The PWV region recorded 320 deaths in August. The East Rand dominated the violence with 310 deaths, followed by Johannesburg with 19. Natal recorded a death toll of 176 in August.

Sapa reports that police found 10 bodies in the East Rand township of Thokoza between Monday morning and daybreak yesterday.

The police also said three people were injured in crossfire on Monday when cars were shot at on an Old Vereeniging Road, Arode.

DIRK VAN EEDEN reports ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus said yesterday the ANC had no official strategy to "physically remove" white policemen from townships within 30 days.

ANC PWV deputy secretary Obi Bopela allegedly made this threat to police during Monday's protest march.

Police spokesman Col Johan Mostert said yesterday policemen were deployed in townships because of their skills and race played no role.

Gunmen kill three union members

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THREE Transport and General Workers' Union (TGWU) members had been killed and two had narrowly escaped death in a spate of recent attacks in northern Natal. TGWU general secretary Randall Howard said yesterday.

Howard claimed Inkatha Freedom Party members had drawn up a hit list intended to threaten the growing ANC presence in its former stronghold during the run-up to elections.

Two TGWU members, one a shop steward at Supercare in Empangeni and the other a worker at Umfolozi Transport, were shot dead on Saturday.

Both were attacked by six men travelling in a minibus, Howard said.

A month ago a senior shop steward at Umfolozi Transport was killed in a similar attack. Inkatha spokesman Ed Tillot said he could not dismiss allegations of violence in the region, but added: "For every ANC member killed we lose five."

According to Tillot, the violence, which started after Umkhonto we Sizwe cadres were deployed in the area as "shock troops of the ANC mobilisation drive", Inkatha supporters had launched a counter-offensive in self-defence.

Howard said the murders were not isolated incidents. He feared an escalation of attacks as poll day neared.
Natal violence claims 5 lives

DURBAN. — Five people were killed in Natal in separate incidents and five others were wounded when a minibus was sprayed with bullets.

Two people were killed in Bhambayi near Durban on Wednesday night, despite an earlier agreement between warring factions to join forces to try to stop the bloodletting.

Three people were shot dead in Durban’s KwaMashu township late on Wednesday night. Their bodies were found in a street in D Section at 10pm.

Natal’s death toll since September 1 has risen to at least 65.

Five people were seriously wounded when gunmen opened fire on a minibus taxi near Estcourt on Wednesday night.

A pupil was shot dead and another was injured in two attacks at Vosloorus schools this week.

In both attacks an unidentified gunman entered the school and opened fire on children.

A prayer group brought peace to Bhambayi yesterday when hundreds of residents of the squatter settlement poured into the streets, where they began greeting and hugging each other. The gesture of peace began when a group of women from neighbouring KwaMashu marched into the strife-torn shanty town.
Violence kills 184 in Natal

By RYAN CRESSWELL

At least 184 people were killed in political fighting in Natal last month, according to figures compiled by the Human Rights Commission. The HRC says the figures—35 townships and squatter camps—are the third-highest reported in the province in three years.

The organisation says there has been a recent shift of violence away from the Natal Midlands and the South Coast to the greater Durban area and the region north of the Tugela. Durban was the worst area, with 83 reported deaths.

During August, more than 70 homes were burnt in fighting between the Inkatha Freedom Party and the African National Congress.
# 10 killed in Natal violence

DURBAN. — At least 10 people were killed in weekend violence in Natal.

Six people were shot dead, more than 100 huts were burned and hundreds of cattle stolen in a faction fight at Nobanga in the Ndwedwe district on Saturday.

A KwaZulu police spokesman said four arrests had been made and an intensive investigation to track down culprits and confiscate weapons had been launched.

Two men were shot dead in separate incidents in Umlazi township south of Durban.

Police also discovered the body of an unidentified man at a school playground at Nuzzuma township north of Durban on Saturday. The man had been shot.

At KwaNdengezi township near Pinetown local resident Mr Bernard Nhobu answered his door and was shot in the chest by an unknown gunman. He died instantly. — Own Correspondent, Saps
Township ‘besieged’ as killings continue

DURBAN. — Following a weekend that left 12 people dead on the Rand and nine in Natal, police reinforcements were sent to Estcourt’s Wembele township yesterday after running battles between ANC and IFP supporters left at least two people dead and a number injured.

Earlier yesterday monitors said the Natal midlands township was “under siege” as IFP supporters barricaded exits and public transport was disrupted.

Witnesses said shots were fired throughout the township at the weekend and the ANC and IFP had “lined up for battle”.

In Umlazi, at least nine people have been killed.

South of Durban at Adams Mission in KwaMakhutha, the body of a 26-year-old man was found with stab wounds on Sunday afternoon.

On the Reef, saboteurs damaged an electricity substation between Sharpeville and Vereeniging in the Vaal Triangle yesterday morning.

In other Reef unrest police found 12 bodies of the townships of Thokoza, Katlehong and Vosloorus on Sunday.

This brings to at least 33 the number of people killed in troubled East Rand townships since Friday.

Durban’s Bhambezi shack settlement recorded its first peaceful weekend in four months after a peace initiative started last Thursday. — Sapa
Three bills overhaul Labour Law

The three bills overhaul Labour Law in the UK, introducing changes to the country's employment legislation. These changes include reforms to the Employment Rights Act, the National Minimum Wage Act, and the Working Time Directive. The bills aim to strengthen workers' rights, improve conditions in the workplace, and address issues such as equal pay and flexible working hours.
Natal murder toll rises to 25

Picture caption: "Natal: 15/6/615. \[Caption: Natal: 15/6/615.\]

NEWS

Compromise wins the day

The Argus Correspondent

MARITZBURG.—Security force leaders defused "a very dangerous situation" in Estcourt when they made important concessions to pacify a gathering of thousands of angry supporters of the Inkatha Freedom Party.

The most important of the concessions was to agree to withdraw the "coloured" 3 South African Infantry Unit from the troubled Wembezi township.

This had been demanded by the IFP supporters — an estimated 4 000 to 5 000 who had gathered in protest and had marched through the town to the local police station, where they handed over a list of demands.

Their anger was directed largely at the 3 SAI, who they blamed for the deaths of two of their number at the weekend.

The IFP protesters were met at the police station by Regional Commissioner of Police Wynand van der Merwe and the officer commanding Group 5, Jon Hougaard.

Colonel Hougaard said last night that a compromise was obviously called for in the circumstances. This compromise was arrived at with the agreement that the IFP would "withdraw its implis".

"It was a very dangerous situation," said Colonel Hougaard, who praised General van der Merwe for the diplomatic way he had handled the crisis.

It had been agreed by General Van der Merwe, with his support, that there should be a "tactical withdrawal" of 3 SAI.

"They were immediately replaced by a new unit in the area, one that has already been deployed there."

He said General van der Merwe had agreed that some of the KwaZulu Police should be stationed in the area, as requested by the IFP. This meant that KwaZulu Police, South African Police and Defence Force personnel would be deployed in the area in future.
Natal murder toll rises to 25

THREE people were murdered in Natal in the past 24 hours, raising the recorded toll in the province since Friday to 25, KwaZulu Police said yesterday.

The homeland police have arrested four suspects in connection with murder. The KZP said the body of Mr Nkosikile Ningi (28) was found with stab wounds in Umlazi, south of Durban, early yesterday, bringing to 10 the number of people murdered in the township since last Friday.

The body of an unidentified youth was found with gunshot wounds in KwaMashu, north of Durban, on Monday.

At the weekend, Mr Sabelo Gita (24) was shot dead in the Masoromophone area in Mudenzi, Northern Natal, and his companion, Mr Theminkosi Msweyi, was seriously wounded in an attack by three gunmen. The motive for the attack is not known.

A South African Police constable is fighting for his life after attackers burst into his house in KwaNdengez, near Pinetown, on Monday night and shot him. Sapa.
Natal IFP leader killed in ambush

DURBAN. — An Inkatha Freedom Party leader in the Natal Midlands was shot and killed in an ambush in the Ikopo district yesterday. His driver was hacked to death nearby.

SAP spokesman Capt Henry Budhram said Mr Ethelbert Malinga, 64, was killed in an ambush on the Webbstown Road at 8am. About 100 metres away, Mr Malinga’s driver, Mr Bongani Mtaka, 42, was found hacked to death in a taxi.

Mr Malinga had been looking for Mr Mtaka when he was ambushed and his vehicle overturned.

Violence also flared again in Ladysmith’s Ezikhendleni township on Tuesday, leaving one person dead and five injured, police said yesterday.

In Thokoza on the East Rand at least three people were killed in continuing violence on Tuesday, police said yesterday.

The body of a man with bullet wounds was found in Maboeja Street, Everest Section, at 8am and the body of another man at No Two Hostel at 3.46pm.

A woman was found dead with a head wound at Unit F, Extension Two, at 5.15pm, police said.

The identities of the three and the motives for the killings are not known.

In a neighbouring Katlehong area, nine squatter shacks were burnt down between 3pm and 4.10pm, police said. — Sapa
ANC may withdraw

DURBAN — The African National Congress has threatened to withdraw from all peace structures in the East court/Wembezi area in Natal in protest against the withdrawal of the coloured battalion from the area.

The battalion was withdrawn earlier this week after protests by the Inkatha Freedom Party.
3 shot dead in Natal violence

The Argus Correspondent.

DURBAN. — Three people were shot dead in Natal yesterday. One was a train passenger who was gunned down in Duffs Road here (270).

The other two victims were shot dead in a bakkie near Ixopo on the 15th of January while travelling in the Webbstown location (271). Police found the bodies of Ixopo Inkatha Freedom Party members, Ethelbert Malinga, 64, and Bongani Mntanga, 42, in the bakkie.
Five die in Inanda attack

DURBAN. — Five people were shot dead and two were injured when gunmen went on the rampage in Inanda yesterday, morning.

And in an incident on Tuesday five people — including a one-week-old baby — were killed and two shacks were set alight in the Obizane reserve near Munsini.

Police spokesman Capt Bala Naidoo said several AK-47 cartridges were found at the scene of the Inanda shootings.

The motive for the attacks was unknown.

On the Reef, knife-wielding men attacked six commuters and flung them from a train at Soweto's Dube railway station on Wednesday evening, police spokesman Maj Joseph Ngobeni said yesterday.

Three of the wounded suffered head injuries.

Three people were shot and killed and five others were wounded when a gunman opened fire with an AK-47 rifle on taxi passengers at the Daveyton railway station early yesterday.

Police found 45 spent AK-47 cartridges. — Own Correspondent, Sapa
ANC threat to Natal peace

DURBAN.—The ANC has threatened to withdraw from all peace structures in the Estcourt/Wembezi area in Natal in protest against the withdrawal of the coloured battalion from the area. The battalion was withdrawn earlier this week after IPP protests. The commander of the ANC's military wing in the area said the "unilateral decision" was unacceptable. — Sapa
ANC may someday withdraw

The African National Congress has threatened to withdraw from all peace structures in the Estcourt/Wembezani area in Natal in protest against the withdrawal of the coloured SAFOR battalion from the area.

The battalion was withdrawn earlier this week after protests by the Inkatha Freedom Party. The commander of the ANC's military wing in the Natal Midlands, Mr. Ntela Sikhosana, said the "unilateral withdrawal" was against the spirit of community policing. He objected to the deployment of KwaZulu police units in the area. - Sapa (2.7.6)
Three die in bus depot shooting

DURBAN. — Three people were shot dead in a bus depot attack in Bhambayi today. The attack has sparked fears of renewed political fighting in the shack settlement, which has experienced a tentative calm for just over a week.

A local peace committee spokesman, however said initial reports indicated the attack was not linked to the year-long war between two factions in Bhambayi but was connected to a dispute in nearby Shembe.

Police confirmed the shooting and said they would release details later.

Meanwhile, representatives from the ANC and Inkatha Freedom Party, as well as other Bhambayi community leaders, are meeting in Durban today for ongoing peace talks. They agreed in principle last Monday to a cessation of hostilities and said they hoped to put this in writing soon.

This followed a year-long feud in the squatter settlement which has claimed more than 250 lives. Some monitors believe the toll is much higher.

Peace descended on the community last Thursday after a local prayer service and since then almost daily reports of killings have become a thing of the past.

However, both sides at the peace talks have cautioned that elements may attempt to scuttle the peace initiative and have indicated that much more work needs to be done to restore normality to the shantytown.

While there have been no reported killings recently, there have been isolated incidents of violence in Bhambayi. In the latest reports, at least three shack dwellers were injured at the weekend, said the peace committee spokesman. — Sapa.
Death count increases to 56 as violence continues

NATAL and the East Rand had an equally bloody weekend, with the violence death toll rising to 56 yesterday afternoon.

The number of weekend deaths reported in Natal rose to 26 yesterday afternoon when the Human Rights Commission presented its tally.

The incident claiming the most lives was at Nkandla near Umkomaas, where eight members of a family were slain.

At Wembeni near Estcourt, residents' fears of violence sparked by ANC and Inkatha funerals were realised when two adults and three children were killed in an attack.

In southern Natal's Ixopo district, Inkatha Emazabekweni vice-chairman J J Ngubane, 55, was killed while travelling home on Friday.

Inkatha spokesmen have claimed that Transkei, 12km from Ixopo, is being used by the ANC as a springboard for attacks on Inkatha in Natal. Transkei leader Maj-Gen Bantu Holomisa and the ANC have rejected the claims.

On Sunday, Ixopo farmer Dudley Hlongwane was shot and killed by gunmen believed to have been stealing oranges. His manager shot and killed one of the attackers.

Three deaths at Bhambhy squat-ter camp, north of Durban, did not put off peace talks between warring Inkatha and ANC delegations.

At Umkomaas on the South Coast, three people died when a hand grenade was thrown into a house.

Six more people were killed in isolated incidents throughout Natal.

The East Rand's weekend death toll also continued to rise yesterday with the discovery by police of a further three bodies in Thokoza. They had all been burned.

Most of the weekend's dead in Thokoza and in adjacent Katlehong were killed by gunfire.

A military ambulance driver and a patient were wounded early yesterday when gunners opened fire on the vehicle near Thokoza.

"The ambulance was clearly marked with red crosses and emergency lights," the SA Medical Services said.

The wounded driver and patient were taken to hospital.

In Germiston's industrial area of Wadeville, two men were killed and four were injured in a gun attack on Sunday.

Yesterday a policeman was shot and another injured as they gave chase to a suspected stolen vehicle in Vosloorus. The car's occupants opened fire on the police.

In the Vaal Triangle a taxi driver was killed and a passenger was injured before daylight yesterday when gunmen hijacked the taxi.

Meanwhile, clergymen have forced police to identify 71 victims of East Rand violence through fingerprints, the Rev Peter Moerane of the SA Council of Churches said yesterday.

The SACC official posted at the Far East Rand branch said there were 111 unidentified bodies, but 40 of them were too charred to identify through fingerprints.

"The council continues to reject the reason given by police earlier that these people who are supposed to be SA citizens could not be identified," he said.

The 40 charred bodies could not be buried last week as planned because there was a lack of land.

"Thokoza graveyard is almost full," said Moerane.

Burial arrangements would be made at a meeting with community organisations tomorrow, he said.

In the Cape, a hand grenade was lobbed into Khayelitsha police station on Sunday. Police said nobody was hurt. Yesterday morning, a bus driver was killed in the area. — Sapa.
It's war, Inkatha warns SADF

Inkatha leader Victor Thwala said yesterday that fighting would continue until the Inkatha and ANC were defeated. He said Inkatha forces would fight to the death to defend the natal homelands. 

ANC leader Thabo Mbeki said Inkatha's intentions to fight were illegal. He called for talks between the ANC and Inkatha to stop the fighting. 

The Inkatha vigilante group, the Amakhosi, has been hit by a series of attacks in recent months. 

ANC members were killed and wounded in a gun battle in the Inkatha stronghold of Bisho. 

The Inkatha vigilantes have been accused of many attacks in the region. 

ANC leader Mbeki said Inkatha was a threat to the security of the country. 

The ANC and Inkatha have been at loggerheads for years over political and territorial control issues. 

The ANC has condemned Inkatha's actions and called for a peaceful resolution to the conflict.
2 hurt after Umlazi rally

DURBAN.—Two people were injured and a vehicle was damaged by a group of men leaving Sunday's King Shaka commemoration rally in Umlazi, according to a peace monitor. (276)

The monitor, from the Umlazi peace committee, said a group of men surrounded a car and pounded it with sticks before stabbing the occupants with assegais.

Mr Mbuliwa Mhlaba was seriously injured and his brother Mzelekeni sustained minor wounds. — Sapa
3 ANC members jailed for bus ambush killings

DURBAN. — Three ANC Youth League members received heavy prison sentences in the Supreme Court here yesterday for ambiguishing a bus and killing six men in April last year.

Isaac Shange, 19, and Jabulani Cele, 19, were each jailed for 30 years and Jabulani Ngxwane, 22, for 32 years on six counts of murder and eight of attempted murder. The judge said the three had tried to undermine the security forces by wearing SADF overalls in the ambush at Mashiwase. They believed the bus to be carrying Inkatha supporters. — Sapa
Five killed in taxi attacks

DURBAN — Five people were killed and five others injured in attacks on taxis in Natal on Tuesday.

Four people died and four were injured when gunmen opened fire on three minibus taxis in Musi- chison, near Port Shepshan, on Natal’s South Coast, police said yesterday.

Gunmen opened fire on a taxi in Umngeni, north of Durban, instantly killing a commuter and seriously wounding the driver.

About 30 taxis blocked the N2 yesterday in protest against recent taxi attacks in the area, violence ministry police said.

On the East Rand, police said four bodies were found in Thokoza and Kathlehong on Tuesday. (2/62)

In Thokoza, while examining a body, police were fired on by persons armed with AK-47s. (2/62)

In Khweziko, police found the body of a man believed to have been attacked by a group of people attending a funeral.

A man shot in Kathlehong died on his way to hospital.

Police fired rubber bullets at about 150 people caught breaking electric poles in Geluksdal. (2/62)
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5 die in Natal attacks

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Main highway

And taxi drivers blocked the main highway yesterday in protest against recent attacks in the area.

Naidoo said gunmen struck at about 6pm, when the three taxis stopped at Ganayasa on their way from Port Shepstone to nearby Marchison.

Those killed were: Isaac Ogle (30) Fawile Vilikazi (59) Agnes Vilikazi (32) and an unidentified 26-year-old man.

The injured were: Lawrence Chappin (35) Thulani Duzane (31) Sipho Magwaza (30) and Niombifikale Cale (34).

Naidoo said no arrests had been made by yesterday morning.

A violence monitor in the area, Mr Selvan Chetty, said about 30 taxis blocked the N2 yesterday in protest against recent taxi attacks in the area.

Torch vehicle (2-46)

Another taxi driver had been stabbed and his vehicle torched at the weekend.

"It seems to be linked to a taxi conflict with political overtones," he said, but could not elaborate.

In another attack, gunmen opened fire on a taxi in Umfolozi, north of Durban, instantly killing a commuter, Mr Bhaski Kabela, and seriously wounding the driver, Mr Praveen Daniel. — Sapa.
Peace bid in Natal 'a lesson for the rest of SA'

A specialist in conflict resolution says South Africa can learn a lot from the peace process in northern Natal, where former bitter enemies have become friends.

They regarded one another as enemies and wouldn't go into the same room together, let alone talk to one another.

That was the situation 18 months ago in a region of northern Natal where tension was high and conflict between rival groups like the African National Congress and the Inkatha Freedom Party seemed to have reached uncontrollable levels.

This week, former bitter enemies sat down together like old friends — about 120 of them — talked, negotiated and worked out a plan for lasting peace in the greater Empangeni region of Zululand, in the heart of Inkatha country and close to Ulundi.

This initiative could provide important lessons for South Africa's national peace process, says Mr Robert Conway, executive director of the South African Foundation for Conciliation (Safcon).

Mr Conway, a specialist in conflict resolution, chaired this week's meeting in northern Natal and has been involved in that region's peace initiative since its inception.

He said in an interview in his Cape Town office on his return that northern Natal was in many ways a key to a peaceful future for South Africa.

"If you can get all the groupings together in a peace committee in such a key area, then the way is open for doing the same on a national level."

It could be the key to getting the Inkatha Freedom Party to return to the negotiating council at Kempton Park and to take part in next year's elections.

Mr Conway said the people who attended this week's meeting included representatives of the ANC, the IFP, SA police, the KwaZulu police, the SA Defence Force, business interests through the Zululand Chamber of Commerce and Industries, churches, the National Party, the Democratic Party, municipalities and the mayor of Empangeni. In fact, all the stakeholders in the area were there.

In a region which was once one of the areas worst affected by the Natal violence, these stakeholders reached the point where they agreed in principle to the necessity of establishing a peace committee.

Mr Conway described the meeting as "very constructive", especially in so far as it had endorsed the efforts of a task group set up to get the parties to find ways of bridging their differences.

"The key advance is that ANC and IFP people are working together to make it happen," he said.

A lesson from the northern Natal experience was that the question of bringing about peace in South Africa should be seen as a long-term process.

"Given our history, it is unrealistic to expect peace to be brought about overnight. The time limit for boxing in the peace process is often dictated by the agenda of politicians. In many ways, the Peace Accord is a political agenda document rather than a peace document," said Mr Conway.

The bringing about of peace was likely to take longer than most people expected.

"Even when a new government is in power, peace is not going to break out. There will still be the basic conflicts with which people have been grappling for the past 45 years."

He added that too much money was being spent on administrative matters and not enough was used for professional mediation to promote peace.
16 killed in Natal faction fight

Durban — At least 16 people were killed in a faction fight near Harding in southern Natal on Monday.

A police statement said a group of about 100 people attacked the Nhlanza faction about 5.30 am on Monday with spears, knives and firearms.

Sixteen men were butchered and some decapitated when the attackers were repelled by a group of men who lay in wait.

A police source in the area said the latest fighting was in retaliation for an attack last month that claimed four lives in the nearby Moyaazel ward.

The police source said Monday's attack was launched by men from the Stezimoza, Quebe-la and Nhlonkoyemikono wards. They were, however, met by a group of men who had anticipated the attack and a furious 30-minute battle ensued.

During the fighting three men were decapitated, one man's heart was cut out and several victims had their genitals cut off, said the source.

Local human rights lawyer Claire Kate confirmed that two factions had clashed.

A clerk at her office, Alan Ndokwana, said the latest fighting was related to a three-year-old feud between the Nhlanza and Quebe-la wards, about 30 km south-east of Harding.

"There is a grudge between the two factions but we do not know exactly what it is. It's not political," he said.

The Port Shepstone Peace Committee said it would attempt to arrange a meeting to try to prevent further killings. — Sapa.
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A clerk in the office of a local human rights lawyer confirmed that the conflict was related to a traditional dispute and was not political.

Between 180 and 190 people died in Natal in September, according to the Human Rights Commission and the Natal Monitor.

The HRC said the toll was probably higher as many killings went unreported. It said the highest regional toll was in the greater Durban area, where 69 people died.

The HRC said the killing of four South African Communist Party supporters at a rally in Sondelweni on the North Coast highlighted the threat to free political activity there.

It claimed that a group of IFP supporters attacked the rally, and the KwaZulu Police failed to intervene.

The East Rand toll over three days rose to 34 by Monday night with the discovery of five more bodies.
Slow death for town torn by political feud

Even the supermarkets are labelled ‘ANC’ or ‘IFP’

ESTCOURT. — An invisible line runs through the centre of this town, dividing it into ANC and IFP sectors.

To cross that line and shop in the area of the opposition is to invite attack.

In a bizarre kind of trade-off, the ANC supporters get OK Bazaars, Checkers and most of the upmarket shops, while the IFP supporters get the bus rank, the Indian stores and a large supermarket.

The Natal Midlands town of Estcourt is being torn apart. A chasm between the ANC and the IFP divides the town into two sectors, strangling the lifeblood of businesses.

While neither side officially patrols the dividing line, on Friday afternoons the youth gather on corners at the intersection of Albert and Harding streets, the central business district’s ‘war zone intersection’.

Hurling taunts and jeering at the opposition across the street, the “corner boys”, as they are known, charge an entry and exit “toll” of up to R10 when the supporter of another party crosses the line.

While refusing to pay usually has bloody consequences, either on the street or later in nearby Wembazi township.

Shoppers move about in groups for protection, but incidents of violence break out all too often.

Soldiers and police, armed with shotguns and R4 rifles, patrol the area on foot, their high profile contributing to the “town at war” image.

Caught in the middle are the town’s whites and Indians. Gun sales are soaring as uncertainty and a siege mentality prevails.

The ANC side has the white shoppers and the better stores, but there are not many people on the streets.

The IFP side, however, is a hive of activity with pavement traders plying their wares, selling anything from fabric to fruit.

Most trade in the town comes from blacks, and with the fewer ANC supporters come fewer buyers.

However, the message was the same at businesses on both sides of the “Maginot Line” down Albert Street: “We are fed up.”

Turnover is down 40 per cent on average from last year and people are seriously considering packing up shop and moving to another town.
DURBAN. — At least four people were killed in Natal violence this week, the KwâZulu Police said yesterday.

Two youths were killed when attackers fired shots and threw handgrenades into a house in the Nodwengu area of Ndwedwe, north of here, on Tuesday.

A third youth was fatally shot in the doorway of his home nearby.

In KwaCeza, in the Mahlabatini district near Ulundi, police are investigating the murder of a security guard while on duty early on Thursday. — Sapa
Violence claims 11 lives

VIOLENCE claimed the lives of at least 11 people in Natal at the weekend, including two policemen suspectedly killed by Apla members, and a one-year-old child who was burnt to death.

According to the KwaZulu police, six bodies were discovered in the greater Durban area at the weekend. All six men were either stabbed or shot to death.

The KZP said among the dead was an SA Defence Force member, who was fatally shot in KwaMashu, north of Durban. His firearm and ammunition were stolen.

The SA Police reported a gang fight in the Mkhathini area of Stanger, on the Natal North Coast, during which one man was fatally shot.

Police said the two groups, armed with bottles, stones and firearms, clashed on Saturday.

Teargas was used to disperse the crowd.

No arrests were made.

A year-old child was burnt to death, a woman was stabbed to death and a second child "sustained chop wounds" after an attack by 20 men on a house in Isipingo on Sunday.

In Bhongweni, near Kokstad, two policemen were abducted and weapons were stolen by assailants who scribbled "Apla" (Azanian Peoples' Liberation Army) on the police station wall.

The bodies of the policemen were found in Transkei on Sunday. — Supa.
IFP student leader, friend knifed to death

The Argus Correspondent
DURBAN.—An Inkatha Freedom Party student leader at the University of Zululand and a friend have been stabbed to death.

Mchion Mkhize, 26, vice-chairman of the IFP at the university, was with a group of IFP sympathisers in Vumulubela township, near Empangeni, when they were attacked by eight men about 8pm yesterday.

Mr Mkhize and the other student were stabbed to death and three people were injured. The other victim's name has not yet been released.

IFP spokesman Ed Tillett said in a statement that the attack was politically motivated and linked to an IFP meeting on the campus planned for Saturday.

Mr Tillett said Mr Mkhize was the second IFP leader killed in Natal since the weekend.

Wembeni IFP leader Duke Mbongwa was hacked to death during a "so-called faction fight" at Mangweni, near Loskop, at the weekend, Mr Tillett said.
Midlands clans kill 24 in bloody feud

DURBAN — At least 24 people died when two clans clashed at Loskop near Estcourt in the Natal Midlands yesterday morning, police said.

Police spokesman Capt Henry Budhram said the Ngqondi and Mnyangweni clans attacked each other with knives, spears and firearms. Five people were seriously wounded and about 100 huts were gutted.

The attack appeared to have been motivated by revenge for the killing of two members of the Ngqondi clan on October 3, and the burning down of 92 huts belonging to the Mnyangweni clan two days later, Budhram said. "The faction fighting there is linked to an old land dispute." Police reinforcements would remain in the area.

Estcourt local dispute resolution committee co-chairman Dave Carnegie said the fighting did not appear to be politically linked. The committee would ask the local chief to intervene.

Yesterday's killings follow weekend fighting in the area in which Inkatha Freedom Party official Dake Mhongwa died.

Inkatha said its vice-chairman at the University of Zululand, Michlon Mkhize, and another student were killed in an attack near the Valindela township near Empangeni on Tuesday night.

Police reported that 12 bodies were found in East Rand townships on Tuesday and yesterday, raising the death toll in the region to at least 26 since Saturday.

Police patrols were also attacked, twice in Kwahekon and once in Thokoza. One man was wounded and arrested after police fired back and a bystander was wounded by the attackers, police said.

The Human Rights Commission said 90 people died in political violence countrywide between October 13-19.

Meanwhile, the Vaal region of the ANC Youth League has declared war on criminals after last week's killing of geologist Barry van Wyk in Sebokeng.

Youth league spokesman Mothobi Xaba said his organisation was against the killing and kidnapping of people, such as doctors and EKocam technicians, who were trying to bring progress to the townships.

He did not disclose what steps would be taken, but said the criminal element had to be shown its actions would no longer be tolerated by the community.

Telkom public relations senior GM Johan Adler said Telkom had established a task group to liaise with civic organisations to ensure its technicians' safety.

Between May and August, 133 Telkom vehicles were damaged, stolen or hijacked.

A joint operation centre has been launched in one war-ridden Bhembanyi, near Durban, with police, ANC and Inkatha officials monitoring the shack settlement to ensure a successful peace initiative.

More than 260 lives were lost in the past year, but a local peace initiative in September and talks have virtually halted the conflict. — Sapa.
Natal peacemaker murdered at home

DURBAN. — Prominent Port Shepstone clergyman and peacemaker, the Rev Richard Kgetsi, was assassinated at his Murchison home on Tuesday night, according to the chairman of the Port Shepstone Peace Committee, the Rev Danny Chetty.

Mr Chetty said his colleague was deeply involved in local peace efforts and bringing warring communities to peace talks.

"He was sitting at his typewriter in the lounge while his family was watching television when a shot was fired through the window, hitting him in the back."

Although in pain and shock, Mr Kgetsi managed to drive himself to the nearby Murchison Hospital and was rushed to Port Shepstone Hospital, where he died.

"People nearby said they saw a gunman walk to a car after the shooting and drive away, indicating this was an assassination," said Mr Chetty.

"His loss is a direct attack on the peacemakers here."

Townships around Port Shepstone have been wracked by political fighting between the ANC and IFP for several years.

Elements of the security forces and other groups opposed to peace have been blamed for sabotaging some fledgling peace initiatives, although police have vehemently denied this.

The area has also been the focus of Goldstone inquiries into violence.

Mr Kgetsi, who Mr Chetty said was about 48, leaves his wife and four children.

Police said they are aware of a killing in Murchison and would supply details later.

The ANC reacted with shock and horror at the murder of Mr Kgetsi, saying it formed part of a broader strategy by "third-force elements to frustrate efforts to create peace and stability in our communities."

— Sapa
Shock waves in tense area

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10 teenagers shot dead in Zululand

The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — Ten teenagers, nine of them card-carrying members of the African National Congress, were shot dead in an attack on a homestead in Nqutu, Zululand.

Eight others were injured in yesterday’s attack on the homestead of Alpheus Molefe, who was also injured.

Chief Molefe’s son Tsepo was one of the teenagers killed in the attack.

Among the injured were a three-year-old child and a woman, who had broken bones after being shot, according to an ANC spokeswoman.

A planned ANC rally in the area was cancelled yesterday after the organization’s head office security section got information that there might be trouble.

The spokeswoman said Chief Molefe was an ANC member in an isolated band of ANC members in the middle of an Inkatha area.

Six people, including two children, were killed in Ixopo last night. Police said they were shot dead when men armed with AK-47s stormed a house at Stanton location.
Killings halt ANC rally

OWN CORRESPONDENT

DURBAN. - Ten people were shot and killed just seven kilometres away from the soccer field where a controversial ANC rally was to be held in Nqutu near Dundee in northern Natal yesterday.

The rally, which was to have been addressed by Mrs Winnie Mandela and ANC youth league leader Mr. Peter Mokaba, was cancelled apparently after IFP threats to disrupt the mass meeting.

A statement from the ANC's Natal midlands region said information was received that the IFP had stockpiled weapons in the area the previous week and intended occupying the stadium yesterday.
Six killed in Natal attack

DURBAN. — Six people were killed — including two children — when a group of AK-47-wielding men opened fire on a kraal in Isopo.

A police spokesman said gunmen attacked the kraal on the farm Stanton on Sunday.

At the kraal, police found the bodies of four people — three-year-old Lungisini Mkhize, Mrs Johanna Mkhize, 70, Khumelani Mkhize, 4, and Lambetha Jill, whose age is unknown.

The bodies of two men, Mr Godfrey Zungu and Mr Similiquila Memela, were found in the veld.

Two other people were injured in the attack.

No arrests have yet been made and police are offering a substantial reward for information.

Law and Order Minister Mr Hernus Kriel has condemned Sunday's killing of 10 ANC supporters in Natal's Ngulu area and said they were victims of "the curse" of political intolerance.

"It is clear that until the ANC and IPP leaders, as well as other community leaders, do far more to establish a culture of political tolerance, effective combating of violence will be impossible," Mr Kriel said.

A total of 462 people died in countrywide political violence in October, according to the Human Rights Commission's latest report.

Violence in Natal and the East Rand accounted for 90% of the deaths. The HRC said the rest of the country was "relatively" peaceful. — Sapa
3 killed in Natal attack

At least three people were killed today in heavy fighting in Natal.

Police spokesman Major Bale Naidoo said a group of gunmen went on the rampage in Malanga-
zi, situated about 26 km south of Durban, "in the early hours of
the morning."

He said the men opened fire on sleeping residents and razed
several huts.

"Police are still at the scene investigating and the motive for
the attack is not yet known," said Naidoo. (2-16)

He added that the fighting was continuing and sounds of gunfire
could still be heard in the area when dawn broke, he said. —
Crime Reporter.
ANC blames IFP for Nquthu attack

DURBAN. — The toll in the Nquthu massacre in Natal’s Midlands at the weekend rose to 11 yesterday.
Meanwhile the ANC has suggested the perpetrators were linked to the IFP.

“What happened at Nquthu is part of that war because they (the IFP) have always said there won’t be any elections in this country in this violent climate. They don’t only perpetuate violence, but intensify it and extend it to areas that have not been violent,” Midlands’ ANC chairman Mr Harry Gwala said in Maritzburg.

He said his organisation was not at war with the IFP and wanted to create a climate for peaceful elections.

IFP national spokesman Dr Ziba Jiyane said it was ironic that “a man with a long commitment to violence should accuse a movement committed to peaceful struggle, of violence and that he should do so without a shred of evidence”.

On the Reef, the bodies of two unidentified men were found in East Rand townships on Monday, police said yesterday.

A man was shot dead in Katlehong’s Mosheshoe section and the body of another man was found in Thokoza.

‘Gunmen attacked a minibus in Wadewille, seriously wounding a man, while two police patrols came under fire — one in Heidelberg Road, Alberton, and the other in Tswana Section, Katlehong. No injuries were reported.

Damage to the vehicle in the Alberton attack was estimated at R1 000.

Police also arrested two men for unlawful possession of an AK-47 rifle and ammunition and a CZ 7.65mm pistol and ammunition in separate arrests in Katlehong and Thokoza.

Sapa, Own Correspondent
215 died last month, says Human Rights Commission

No end to Natal killings

Durban — Violence raged through Natal in the past week, with the latest reports of 13 killings in Umlazi near Durban pushing the toll to at least 50 since Friday.

And the Human Rights Commission released preliminary figures of 215 political deaths in Natal last month — the highest in three years.

Peace monitors have expressed grave concern at the “alarming escalation” of violence in Umlazi, 15 km south of Durban.

Two Inkatha Freedom Party strongholds in Umlazi's Zimeleni and Mahlakazi shack settlements were attacked on Tuesday night, leaving at least 10 people dead.

Three others were killed in Umlazi's township earlier this week.

The Network of Independent Monitors said seven people died at 9 pm on Tuesday in an attack on Zimeleni by unknown gunmen.

The KwaZulu Police confirmed six deaths — four people shot dead and two burnt to death.

Several homes were gutted in the attack.

A few kilometres away in Mahlakazi, four homes were set alight by attackers who shot dead a 12-year-old girl. Two adults were burnt to death.

The attack came after three months of peace, following a successful pact between the ANC and IFP in the area.

However, a local peace committee official said both sides had met yesterday morning and recommitted themselves to the initiative.

Local IFP chairman Sydney Mncwango confirmed that his party was still committed to peace.

Nevertheless, some residents fled the area.

"I will never go back there. I'm taking my wife and baby back to the farm," said Mandla Mkhize as he hitched a ride to hospital to have his and his wife's wounds attended to.

Umlazi is not the only site of escalating violence in Natal. The Port Shepstone area recorded more than 40 deaths last month and at least 15 this month.

Natal's North Coast has also suffered sporadic attacks.

At least 45 people were killed in this region last month.

The Natal Midlands remains volatile, with regular attacks in most major urban townships and sporadic violence in rural areas claiming at least 65 lives last month, according to the HRC's report.

— Sapa.
Natal squatters burnt to death

DURBAN. — Malakazi and Zimeleni squatter settlements south of here erupted with at least nine people killed — some burnt beyond recognition — and scores more injured in violence yesterday.

Six people were stabbed and burnt to death killed when a group attacked houses at Zimeleni, outside Umlazi township.

Police said three of the victims were stabbed to death and the others — one a two-month-old infant — burnt beyond recognition. They said three others were critically injured.

In Malakazi, three people — including a 14-year-old girl — were killed when four houses were torched at dawn yesterday.

Two of the dead were burnt to death.

On the East Rand, gunmen ambushed a minibus in Vosloorus on Tuesday night, killing one man and wounding three other passengers. The bodies of two other people who had been shot were found in Katlehong on Tuesday, while the badly mutilated body of a man was found on a railway line in the Vaal Triangle. — Own Correspondent.
Killings: Cheers as 5 go free

Own Correspondent
DURBAN. — Jubilation greeted the acquittal in the Durban Supreme Court yesterday of five men on 24 charges of murder and 22 of attempted murder following a massacre at Folweni on the Natal South Coast.

After Mr Justice Broome's judgment, the gallery erupted in loud cheers as well-wishers congratulated Mr Sibusiso Darington Magwanyana, Mr Mlungisi Alfred Nzana, Mr Lucas Mringele Ngubane, Mr Mduduzi Matobza Ngobese and Mr Mzikawukhethu Ellas Mhite.

The five were found not guilty of murdering 24 people who were guests at a traditional gathering at the home of a Folweni resident on October 24 last year.

Mr Justice Broome said the state had not proved the case against the accused beyond a reasonable doubt.

He said the testimony led by five state witnesses had not directly implicated the five in the crime and the state had failed to establish a prima facie case against the men.

At the end of the day the court had been left with the "conflicting and unsatisfactory" evidence of two state witnesses.

The judge described this evidence as "vague and ambiguous".
More Natal deaths

Durban.—Police reported yesterday a further six killings in Natal's strife-torn townships this week, pushing the toll to 56 in seven days—an average of eight a day.

The badly decomposed body of Mandla Mekum (23) was found in Ezakheni, near Ladysmith, on Wednesday (276).

Eni Hadebe was stoned to death in Estcourt's Bheluzulu Reserve on Wednesday. The killing of Nhlanhla Khonale, in Ntambanana, Emanzimqangi, was reported on Tuesday.—Saps.
Bomb scare halts Mandela meeting

GREYTOWN.—African National Congress president Nelson Mandela and senior ANC officials were evacuated from Greytown's town hall today when police reported a bomb threat.

Mr Mandela was hurried from the hall.

He was midway through answering questions at a "peoples forum" at 12.40pm when ANC officials interrupted and asked that the hall be evacuated.

A senior policeman at the scene said: "Somebody telephoned and said there was a bomb."

Another policeman was overheard saying that the hall had been hurriedly searched before Mr Mandela's arrival.

Police with sniffer dogs rushed to the hall soon after it was evacuated.

It was not known whether they had found anything.

Earlier, several hundred supporters had toyed through Greytown, in the Natal Midlands, on their way to the meeting.

Mr Mandela, on a week-long campaign in Natal, earlier spoke to about 1,000 supporters at nearby Ekhuleni.

He urged them to vote for the ANC on April 27 next year to ensure their socio-economic needs were addressed.

The ANC leader also gave a quick lesson in voter education by displaying a piece of paper with a cross on it, and urged his supporters to put their mark beside the ANC's symbol.

Mr Mandela's schedule takes him to Howick later today, where he will visit the site where he was arrested in 1961.

He is scheduled to address Maritzburg businessmen and opinion-makers tonight. — Sapa.
Seven.

INSTITUTIONAL AIDS

Department of Water Affairs

The DWAF, as the director of the Department of Water Affairs, is responsible for ensuring that sufficient water is available for the country's needs. The DWAF is the national body responsible for managing water resources through the Water Scheme, which is the main source of water for towns and industries.

With a few small exceptions, raw water is supplied by Water Boards.

Water Boards

There are two water boards of which they supply water:

1. Rand Water Board: 2,328 Ml/d
2. Magalies Water Board: 59 Ml/d

The role of the boards has been to supply water in bulk to local authorities. They are not responsible for the developing and maintaining of water resources, but transfer raw water, treat it and deliver it to local areas. Neither of them supply directly to individual domestic consumers.

Bophuthatswana Government

Water supply to urban Bophuthatswana is the function of two government departments:

• the Department of Water Affairs (for "urban" areas - the proclaimed towns) established in 1987, and
• the Bophuthatswana Water Supply Authority (BWSA) (for the "rural" areas - the dense settlements) established in 1989.

In the proclaimed towns there is a distinction made between "economic areas" (Mmabatho, Thaba'Nchu and Batebelegi) and sub-economic areas (all the other proclaimed towns). In the economic areas, the local authority is responsible for operating, maintenance and cost recovery.

In the other proclaimed towns the supply of domestic water is the responsibility of the Bophuthatswana Department of Water Affairs.

In the unproclaimed towns - the dense settlements or "non-economic areas" - the supply of water is the responsibility of BWSA which is also responsible for recovering costs.

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"Schutte 1991"
Tourists stay away from Drakensberg

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. - Drakensberg resorts are losing business as tourists stay away in fear of harassment and violence as they "run the gauntlet" through KwaZulu to the 'Berg.

Five tour parties turned back to Durban in fear of their safety before reaching the Natal Parks Board Giant's Castle reserve at the weekend.

One group was threatened by young men when their vehicle was stuck on muddy roads.

"Something has to be done or our revenues are going to be seriously affected," said a senior parks board employee.

He said he would try to arrange convoys and meeting points for travellers to ensure their safety.

Threatening children reportedly converge on cars stuck in mud, demanding up to R100 for assistance and responding violently if refused.

Locals also reportedly divert streams on to roads to make mud baths, to bog down vehicles, the NPB employee said.
ANC, IFP fighting breaks peace accord

JOHANNESBURG. — Four people died and two were wounded in fighting between ANC and Inkatha factions in Bhambayi, north of Durban, on Wednesday night.

The latest round of fighting ended two months of peace following an agreement between the two sides to accompany the internal stability unit and peace monitors on their nightly patrols.

* Eleven men were arrested and arms seized when a police task force raided a hostel in Voorloors on the East Rand early yesterday.

* Police yesterday reported shots being fired on three occasions at internal stability unit East Rand patrols late on Wednesday.

* Seventy-six people died and 38 people were injured in political violence during the week ending on Tuesday, the Human Rights Commission said in its weekly report yesterday. — Sapa
3 die in Bhoboyi attack

By ALI MPHAKI and Sapa

THE situation in strife-torn Bhoboyi township near Pont Sheponge was described as "tense" last night following the death of three family members who were gunned down in their home on Friday night.

Residents are baffled at the deaths, saying the attack happened less than 500 metres from a regular Internal Stability Unit "strong point", and that there was a strong presence of SADF personnel patrolling the area.  

A four-year-old child miraculously escaped death after the gunmen, disguised in balaclavas, burst into his home and killed three members of his family before setting the house on fire.

The dead have been identified as Ditissile Cele, Qalumuzi Cele, and Thulisile (surname unknown).

Responding to the allegations that police were nearby at the time of the attack, SA Police spokesman Major Bala Naidoo said residents should make statements to a nearby police station, which he promised would be investigated.
11 slain in Natal

At least 11 people were killed in a weekend of crime and violence in Natal, police reported yesterday.

The SA Police reported eight killings in the province while the KwaZulu Police said three people had died violently in the homeland.

Durban police spokesman Major Bala Naidoo said 44-year-old Mr M Khumalo was shot dead while travelling on a train between Umlazi and Durban on Friday.

A man was shot dead by two attackers near Bhambayi, outside Durban, on Friday morning. (276)

Naidoo also reported the stabbing to death of 23-year-old Busi Hadebe in Mount Edgecombe, near Durban.

Moses Gabela (21) was shot dead in Stanger where his body was found on Friday night, while a man was killed in the same area after an argument.

Mr Francis Ngwenya (85) was stabbed to death in Mountainrise, Maritzburg, on Saturday.

In Alexander, also in Maritzburg, a 25-year-old man was stabbed during an argument on Saturday and Mr Themba Khumalo, also aged 25, was shot dead in the crossfire when robbers held up a shop owner in Ezikhosi, Ladysmith, on Sunday. — Sapa.
8 more die in Natal unrest

DURBAN — Police have reported another eight deaths in Natal, bringing the death toll to at least 19 since Friday.

On the East Rand on Monday, the bullet-riddled body of an unidentified man was found on a soccer field in Madondo Street in Thokoza and a woman was stabbed with a knife and a screwdriver in Mgadi Section in Katlehong.

A group of men threw bricks at a police vehicle in Phola Park on Monday night. — Sapa (271)
Cops: ANC man shot in the heart

DURBAN. — KwaZulu police yesterday confirmed that a member of the ANC’s Natal Midlands regional executive committee, Mr. Phillip Ndlouv, died after being shot through the heart at his Mpumalanga home at about midnight on Thursday.

And the ANC Midlands branch said another of its members, Mr. Noel Sibiya, was shot in the leg when he and Mr. Ndlouv arrived home at midnight.

Mgvaluanga KZP station commander Captain Caiphas Ngwabe said the killer, armed with a 9mm firearm, shot the KwaXimba ANC branch official in the chest.

He could not confirm any injury to another person.

But, he said, police were aware of a suspect who had threatened to kill Mr. Ndlouv.

Sapa
25 killed as violence rocks Natal

DURBAN. — Politically-linked violence continued in several Natal townships at the weekend, claiming at least 25 lives and fuelling fears that the toll would rise.

Police and the Human Rights Commission said at least seven people were shot in the Iniwe area between Mntamvuna and Empangeni on the Natal North Coast.

An HRC monitor said gunmen attacked an African National Congress stronghold, leaving at least seven dead in several homesteads.

Iniwe is in one of the most volatile regions in Natal.

Police at Empangeni reported that a home was set alight. Mr Madani Gumede was shot dead and his wife was wounded in Gobandlovu, adjacent to the Esikhawini township, at the weekend.

Gingindlovu police reported that two people were shot dead in the Mvuthini area, and another was stabbed in Nqutshini about 40km west of Mntamvuna.

Weekend violence in the Sundumbili township, near Mandini, claimed at least one life and left 17 homes gutted by fire.

A monitor in the area said scores of residents were fleeing Sundumbili today.

Port Shepstone unrest monitor Selvan Chetty said two people were shot and hacked to death in their home in Bhoboyi on the South Coast last night.

He said the bodies were discovered this morning, and police said they were investigating.

In nearby Paddock, police said Mr Sipho Shibe, 35, was killed in an attack by gunmen on Saturday night. Two others were injured.

A police spokesman reported three murders in the Amahlongwa area of Umkomaas, also on the South Coast.

He said three men were shot dead on Friday night, but there were no further details.

In nearby Msane, police assistant J S Dladla was found dead on a road. His throat had been slit and he had been stabbed in the chest.

A woman was killed in nearby Umagababa on Sunday. She had been shot dead and a man was injured when gunmen opened fire on them.

A 15-year-old youth was shot dead on Saturday after being abducted from his home in Isipingo, also near Durban.

The owner of a taxi and a tuckshop was shot dead in his bed in an Estcourt hospital at the weekend.

Mr D Miya, of Wembezi township, had been recovering from a gunshot wound in Emnmaus Hospital, reports Sapa.
Bloody weekend for reeling Natal

DURBAN. — Natal has recorded one of its bloodiest weekends this year with at least 25 people killed in townships and rural areas since Friday.

The toll in the province looks set to top 200 again this month. Northern Natal was worst hit at the weekend, with police reporting 13 deaths since Friday.

Violence also flared in Umlazi and surrounding areas, accounting for 10 of the deaths.

In Inhwe, between Mthunzi and Emanzini, eight people were killed and three injured in an overnight attack on a homestead hosting a traditional ceremony.

And a weekend wake for the Pongola branch chairman of the ANC, Mr Mike Mcedsha, ended in chaos and bloodshed when two armed men opened fire on a group of the mourners, wounding eight.

Police arrested 10 men at the Phola Park squatter camp after about 20 people attacked the Edenpark police station on Sunday evening, police said yesterday. — Sapa.
ANC claims plot in Natal

DURBAN.—The ANC in Natal is to seek an urgent meeting with police and defence force chiefs to discuss concerns that the right-wing and Inkatha are preparing for a bloody “counter-revolution” in the region.

The ANC and IFP have both claimed in the past two weeks that the one is launching a massive military campaign against the other. (276)

IFP spokesman—ny that the party has a confidential document exposing a plot by uMkhonto weSizwe to recruit, train and deploy extra soldiers to kill IFP leaders. CT S0117

The ANC has rejected the allegations.
planned Ciskei takeover

Bloody weekend for Natal, ER

Worst hit 13 die in Natal

violence, 8 at a traditional ceremony:

Forty-three people were killed in a weekend of violence in Natal and on the East Rand.

Natal recorded one of its bloodiest weekends this year with at least 30 people killed since Friday, and the province's toll is likely to top 200 again this month, following Oosobe's unprecedented 215 reported killings.

Northern Natal was worst hit by violence at the weekend, with police reporting 13 deaths since Friday.

In the latest report yesterday, eight people — including two children aged six and eight — were killed and three injured in an overnight attack on a homestead hosting a traditional ceremony at Nhle. Between Munzini and AmaPondo.

Police spokesman Major Bala Ndloo said a gunman with an AK-47 rifle opened fire on the gathering.

On the East Rand — the country's other violent flashpoint — police arrested 10 men at the Phola Park squatter camp after about 50 people attacked the Eden Park police station on Sunday night.

Two policemen were injured and two of the attackers were killed, increasing the weekend toll in East Rand townships to 13.

Police confiscated an AK-47 rifle and a number of G3 assault rifles.

Police spokeswoman Lieutenant Janine Smith said nine bodies were found on Sunday — five at Katlehong and four at Tokozana. Four bodies were found in the Katlehong-Tokozana-Vosloorus area on Saturday and Friday.

In Natal, scores of residents were fleeing Sundambili yesterday morning and at Port Shepstone two people were shot and hacked to death in their home in Bloroyi on the South Coast on Sunday night.

In nearby Paddock, Mr Sipho Shibe (35) was killed by gunfire on Saturday night. Three other men were shot dead in the Amashlanga area of Umkomaas, also on the South Coast, on Friday night.

In nearby Mkhumza, Constable JS Dladla was found dead on a road.
RIOTS & DISTURBANCES, NATAL

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Seven murdered in Natal

DURBAN.—Seven people were murdered in Natal on Thursday, the police said yesterday.

SAP spokesman Major Bala Naidoo said Ms Matilda Nkosani, 37, and Constable J. T. Khuzwayo were shot dead by gunmen at a shebeen in Umkomass, on the South Coast.

Two people were also killed in the Nkulu Ward near Port Shepstone after their house was set alight.

Philani Ngwabe, 15, was shot dead while playing soccer in Paddock, in southern Natal.

A former police reservist and another man were shot dead at Qinabashwodi reserve near Port Shepstone's Gamaalakhe township, on the Natal South Coast.

A Johannesburg police sergeant stationed at the Tsakane police station on the East Rand is critically ill in hospital after he was shot several times by a gunman while on patrol early on Friday. — Sapa
ULUNDI.—The Inkatha Freedom Party cannot comment on a police report citing IFP supporters as aggressors in political violence in Northern Natal until the report has been submitted to the party, according to national spokesman Ziba Jiyane.

Dr Jiyane said yesterday the IFP had not seen the document, but had called for a copy.

The report blames the violence on the continuing struggle for political domination by the ANC and the IFP, but states IFP supporters are the aggressors in most cases.

The report, which warns of an increase in unrest in the run-up to the election, is apparently signed by Natal regional commissioner Colin Sleyn and has been submitted to the Transitional Executive Council.

Dr Jiyane said: "This seems very strange, given that the IFP has received repeated reports of ANC violence and intimidation against its members in the region."

He said the IFP had no reason to believe claims contained in any confidential report submitted to the TEC, including those made by civil servants "kowtowing to the ANC-dominated TEC, which has subsumed the functions of the nationalist government." — Sapa.
SADF has hands full in fight to silence the guns

JOHN PERLMAN
CHIEF REPORTER

BHAMBAYI — If body counts are the yardstick, then the impending state of emergency did help to stem the bloodshed in Natal for a time.

But as the townspeople and squatter camps around Durban, it’s hard to say whether or not one could draw the conclusion: the fighting in South Africa’s worst war zone were not at peace — they were simply drawn breath.

But in Bhambayi, the worst of the squatter settlements north of Durban, the government was not even trying to fight the battles. In Bhambayi, situated in a valley, with Kwa-Mashu on one side and Inanda on the other, there was a drive-by shooting in KwaMashu, but most of the township seemed content to sit in groups round food and some beer.

Quiet

"There was a vigorous, noisy march in Inanda — just members of the Methodists Church celebrating Good Friday. By mid-afternoon Bhambayi — where seven men were slain this week — seemed set for the same kind of day.

"Everything’s just quiet," said a group of police monitors. And then all too familiar hell descended on the place as guns suddenly began to blaze.

In seconds the empty streets filled with armed fighters, men and even some women. On their foreheads were marks of black charcoal paste:

Silencing guns

"Muti, so we should not be killed," one said. Through the gaps in the maze of shacks you could see the same kind of ragged army edging its way towards enemy territory.

This community is torn in half into "rebs" and "greens," ANC and IPP, but the line of the two is a ragged one. Cross a narrow alley between near-identical shacks and you’ve crossed a border. It’s a war that pits brother against brother.

Nobody was killed in a battle that lasted more than 20 minutes. The police made sure of that. But the mayor made it very clear what this emergency is all about.

"This weekend, the 16th to turn for help of migrant men from the Reef adds fuel to red-hot conflict, and some ANC leaders in the province expect Natal to shoulder from the shock of Monday’s Johannesburg massacre.

As it is the imposition of the emergency faces one enormous difficulty. The IPP is already branding the SADF as biased. The ANC is welcoming the army, backed considerably on a relentless hatred for the Internal Stability Units.

"Stability took nine guns from us last week," said one young "comrade" in KwaMashu’s B-section frontline. "But they never went to the hostel because they are afraid." An older member, a peace committee representative in a squatter camp nearby, said: "Without the ISU there, it wouldn’t have taken us two months and the IPP would have been defeated. We would drive them out of this place."

In a difficult climate, the SADF’s popularity remains unshaken. Effective dissemination of weapons, especially guns, will be the key to the prevention of conflict. But it’s a question of control:

"If it may well be that the emergency achieves its goal of securing a free and fair election, but securing peace in Natal is going to be a different matter."
A MEMORANDUM bluntly stating that free elections in KwaZulu-Natal were impossible without direct political intervention was the primary catalyst for the eventual declaration of this week's state of emergency there.

The confidential three-page memorandum, with 15 pages of supporting documentation, was presented by independent Electoral Commission chairman Judge Johann Kriegler to President FW de Klerk and ANC leader Nelson Mandela in Pretoria on March 24.

An edited version was released to the media the same day. The state of emergency was declared on March 31.

Appended to the original document — a copy of which has been seen by Weekend Star — was a nine-point memorandum from the IEC to Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, setting out the guarantees the IEC wanted from Ulundi regarding co-operation in allowing the election to take place in KwaZulu-Natal.

It was the reaction to this memorandum by Buthelezi, King Goodwill Zwelithini, several KwaZulu Ministers and members of the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly that led the IEC to give its own ultimatum to De Klerk the following day.

List of demands

In the memorandum to Buthelezi dated March 23, the IEC proposed that in order to “execute its mandate of conducting an election within the territory of KwaZulu”, it requested that Buthelezi “cause instructions to be given forthwith that”:

■ The KwaZulu Department of Education makes schools available for use as polling stations.
■ Principals give telephone technicians access to their schools.
■ KwaZulu government buildings, including tribal authority and magistrate’s offices, be made available for election purposes.
■ The KwaZulu Department of the Interior co-operate with the IEC on matters including the issuing of identity documents and seconding staff.
■ The KwaZulu Department of Justice make facilities available for the IEC Adjudication Secretariat.
■ Amakhosi and other KwaZulu officials and authorities assist the IEC and observer groups.
■ The KwaZulu departments of Health and of Pensions and Welfare co-operate with the IEC, in facilitating special votes.
■ The KwaZulu Police provide security for IEC staff and secure the election process, as well as participate fully with other groups in security planning.

‘Operation Access’

The IEC memorandum to Buthelezi also proposed the establishment of a working committee, and informed the KwaZulu authorities that the IEC intended to launch “Operation Access” in the region soon.

The response of the KwaZulu authorities to the IEC delegation was subsequently described in the IEC’s document to De Klerk and Mandela as “stage-managed to humiliate the IEC”.

Describing the atmosphere as “confrontational and aggressive”, the IEC concluded that the requisite assurances sought from the KwaZulu authorities had not been given.

In the final paragraph of the confidential memorandum presented to De Klerk and Mandela, the IEC stated: “In order for the IEC to conduct free and fair elections in KwaZulu-Natal, the requisite degree of stability and co-operation has to be established in the province as a matter of urgency.”

“How that is to be achieved is not for the IEC to determine. Nor will it be in a position to advise whether substantially free and fair elections can be conducted in KwaZulu-Natal unless and until such stability and co-operation have been attained.”

(47 Sauer St, Johannesburg)
De Klerk shown chilling intelligence reports

Why FW cracked down in Natal

SAF has hands full in tight to silence the guns.

JOHN PERLMAN
Base reporter

BHAMBAYI — If body counts are the parlour game, then the mounting state of emergency did help to stem the bloodletting in Natal for a while.

But after sending in tear gas and rubber bullets around Durban, it is hard not to come to one cruel, brutal evaluation: The fighters in South Africa's worst war zone were not at peace — they were simply dodging bullets.

But in Bhambayi, a quiet settlement north of Durban, they were not even doing that. Bhambayi is in a valley, with KwaMashu on one side and Isandlwana on the other. There was one deadly shooting in KwaMashu, but most of the violence seemed confined to the squatter camp where violence was expected to break out and spread to other, more stable areas.

US backs tough moves

WASHINGTON — The United States has expressed support for the state of emergency in South Africa's KwaZulu-Natal and called for a full-scale military operation to contain the escalating violence in the province.

US Department spokesman says the US backs tough moves against the violence.

Troops began to arrive in KwaZulu-Natal yesterday as security chiefs gathered to plot how the tough measures announced by the government would be applied on the ground.

There was no immediate indication from the KwaZulu government or the Inkatha Freedom Party on whether there would be active resistance to the imposition of the emergency regulations, but it was clear that there was considerable unhappiness in the province.

The organization's national chairman, Dr Frank Mthembu, said: "The strict, drastic, tough measures announced will not be given up lightly.

The atmosphere around the Inkatha Freedom Party headquarters has been tense, with activists gathering in the area to show their support for the government's actions.

The government has also announced the deployment of the South African National Defense Force (SANDF), which has been called up for duty in KwaZulu-Natal.

A heavy police presence was also visible in the area, with many vehicles and police officers patrolling the streets.

The atmosphere was tense and there were reports of clashes between security forces and Inkatha Freedom Party activists.

The government has said that the state of emergency will remain in place until the situation improves.

The state of emergency was declared on October 7, 1995, following a series of violent outbreaks in the province.

The emergency measures include the deployment of the military, the closure of certain areas, and the imposition of an overnight curfew.
Emergency

It has been widely speculated that the imposition of the regulations might scupper the summit that would have brought King Goodwill Zwelithini, IFP president Mangosuthu Buthelezi, ANC president Nelson Mandela and De Klerk together in the next few days. However, Sapa reports that Buthelezi said yesterday the meeting appeared to be on, and he held out some hope for it: "otherwise I wouldn’t be going."

But he added that if it went ahead it would be in a "sour atmosphere" because of De Klerk’s "appalling and shameful" declaration of the state of emergency and Mandela’s remarks that the KwaZulu Police (KZP) would be confined to barracks.

The emergency regulations contain no reference to the KZP being confined to barracks.

Senior KZP officers were present at day-long discussions with the SAP and the SADF in Durban yesterday to plan security operations under the state of emergency.

One of three additional companies of SADF troops that are to be deployed in KwaZulu/Natal arrived in the region yesterday. The remaining two companies of between 100 and 150 members each are expected today or tomorrow.

In terms of the state of emergency regulations published on Thursday night, the security forces have been given ranging powers, including arrest and detention without trial for up to 30 days. Fines or prison sentences of up to 10 years can be imposed on anyone contravening a broad range of regulations.

Besides the ban on the carrying of certain weapons and unauthorised military training, the regulations are designed to safeguard normal political activity.

They outlaw any interference with lawful gatherings, and forbid any threatening or intimidating activities. These include the publication, possession or dissemination of material containing threats to life or property, or the obstruction of any person carrying out his or her duties.

(© Sapa/Winne van der Berg)
Natal heaved a sigh of relief yesterday as the SADF poured into flashpoints and KwaZulu chief minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi tentatively agreed to participate in next week’s summit meeting.

GREG KNOWLER, Weekend Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — An uneasy calm has fallen over townships here since the declaration of a State of Emergency with violence monitors describing it as “spookily quiet, but very tense.”

This is in stark contrast to the huge bloodletting in these townships during the past 12 days which left more than 110 people dead.

Yesterday, southern Natal African National Congress unrest monitor Roy Amslie said “It’s the quietest two or three days we’ve had. We heard there were plans to launch a major attack on KwaMashu residents, but the inside word is that people are scared of a reaction from the South African Defence Force.”

On the emergency regulations, he commented “So far, it’s working.”

The KwaZulu capital of Umlulan was also quiet with most residents and government officials enjoying the Easter holiday.

A contributing factor to the drop-off in violence could be King Goodwill Zwelithini’s call for peace over the Easter weekend. This has been supported by both the ANC and the Inkatha Freedom Party.

ANC spokesman Zipho Mkhize said anyone defying the king’s call for unity and reconciliation was not only a threat to Zulu stability, but to democracy. “The land, self-determination and dignity of the King are no longer things to fight and die for in this time of history. Negotiations and discussions are going to win the day and not guns,” he said.

An IFP spokesman said his organisation had always been committed to peace and “we would support a truce.”

On Thursday night, there were two deaths in Umbilo, while a taxi was ambushed and a passenger shot dead in the Nongoma area in northern Natal early yesterday. Another person was shot dead in Nongoma on Thursday.

Government moves to re-establish law and order in the region are getting into top gear. Minister of Justice and Defence Kobie Coetsee yesterday appointed South African Police Regional Commissioner of Natal, Lieutenant-General WH Tshumwaya.

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AS THE SADF starts tightening its steel tourniquet to staunch the bloodshed in Natal, plans to detain about 600 people are being laid in a bid to stop the violence.

Security sources said the round-ups would start in two weeks.

The extent of the clampdown will depend on the level of violence, which has dropped dramatically in the key flashpoints of KwaMashu and Umzimkulu since Monday’s violence in Johannesburg.

The appointment of a previous electoral officer stressed that all approaches in previously unreachable traditional areas were to be made through magistrates and chiefs, who would put requests to tribal committees. The KZN memo was is to all commanders with instructions to report any breaches. That could force the IEC to wait six weeks or even more for a decision.

It is yet another collision between the irresistible and the immovable, underlining the fears that democracy will further erode traditional Zulu hierarchies and controls, already weakened by Westernisation and education.

It is an obstruction that not even the full strength of the SADF could remove, let alone the 3,000 extra men the military planners say are capable of stabilising Natal in three days in the event of a violent explosion.

Certain that key Inkatha Freedom Party leaders would be among those listed for detention, IPP Natal provincial organiser Senzo Mzinyathi warned that a round-up would increase tensions among IPP supporters, who already feel hopelessly beleaguered.

"If they remove leaders from communities, things will go out of control," he said.

"No indunas will be there to tell people not to kill."

Speaking on condition they were not identified, IEC officials said they saw little alternative to detention.

"There is no guarantee that the body will die if you cut off the head, but if nothing is done people opposing the election will turn this into a real war," said a director.

"We are trying to make the impossible happen by being a bridge between the old system and a new way of doing things."
Natal tense while troops roll in

By PETER De JONNO, MEGAN POWER and EDITH BULBRING

VIOLENCE has decreased in flashpoints around Durban following the imposition of a state of emergency in KwaZulu-Natal and as the SADF boosted its forces by 1 000 men (246).

Areas around Durban were reportedly quiet but tense yesterday, with only isolated criminal activity.

But, "violence" continued elsewhere in the province.

In one incident, three Good Friday worshippers, including two children, were killed and 11 injured when a Zion church near Estcourt in the Natal Midlands came under AK-47 fire.

The SADF plans to implement the state of emergency regulations by degrees. A Natal Command source said the regulations promulgated on Thursday would be fully enforced as circumstances required.

The Natal Command spokesman said the soldiers and police were now empowered to confiscate traditional weapons and any other unlicensed weapons displayed in public.

The regulations also prohibit the training of IFP members at KwaZulu self-defense camps in Northern Natal.

The emergency regulations can also be used against KwaZulu policemen if necessary.

Paratroopers from 44 Parachute Brigade were moved into the Durban area yesterday to support infantry from 121 Battalion now patrolling Kwamashu and Bambhayi.

Those areas north-west of Durban were quiet despite widespread fears of a backlash from IFP supporters against the state of emergency.

Residents of ANC areas welcomed the SADF patrols.

And as the deployment of troops in Natal appeared to put a halt to the escalating violence, there were hopes that leaders' summit would bring a lasting political solution to the conflict in the region.

Indications are that the summit between President PW de Klerk, ANC leader Nelson Mandela, IFP leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi and King Goodwill Zwelithini will take place this week.

The summit, which was supposed to have been held this Wednesday and Thursday, was postponed by King Zwelithini following the shootings of Zulu supporters at the march in Johannesburg on Monday.

Sipho reports that Mr. Mandela said yesterday he hoped the meeting would result in an agreement that would enable the state of emergency to be short-ened.

Chief Buthelezi indicated on Friday that the summit appeared to be on and said he held out hope, "otherwise I wouldn't be going."

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SADF poised to take over SAP's duties at flashpoints

By PETER De IONNO

THE SADF will take over visible policing and crime control in Natal and other flashpoints in two weeks' time.

The soldiers will be replacing thousands of South African policemen who were to have secured polling stations.

"Depending on the level of violence, which Military Intelligence predicts will rise after the election, and the new government's wishes, the military will maintain effective control for several weeks after moving onto the streets on April 15," said 1a.14.1994.

The Citizen Force call-up of more than 10,000 is substantially larger than previous muster to compensate for expected refusals from up to two-thirds of campers.

However, a Natal Command spokesman, this week refused to comment on a report that an exercise two weeks ago to test the response of Durban commandos to a 12-hour riot for township duty that was intended to raise two companies, received a poor response.

Troops from the Durban Light Infantry, Regiment Port Natal, and Natal Field Artillery, are also being called up.

"Five counter-insurgency companies, each about 1,000 troopers, will be drawn from Citizen Force regiments. Each of Natal's 12 commando regiments is expected to contribute a platoon."

The conscripts will boost the five companies already deployed: Two in the Natal Midlands by Group 9, one in the Durban area and two from 121 'Zulu' Battalion at Group 27 in Eshowe.

Additional manpower in Natal could be found in two companies training with 121 Battalion and two more also training with 2 SA Infantry Battalion in Marlothburg.

The spokesman was anxious to allay fears: "These measures will only be needed if the current heightened violence moves to mass violence. Then we will have large-scale deployment."

"We know that the situation is becoming more tense as the elections get closer but people only have to look around them to see that the majority of people are getting on with their lives. There is relative stability."

(News by Peter de Ionnio, 12 Diagonal Street, Johannesburg)
Natal death toll climbs to 40

BY CHERYL HUNTER

At least 40 people have died in Natal since President de Klerk declared a state of emergency in the area on Thursday, according to SAP spokesman Colonel Marais de Beer.

Nine people, including a five-month-old baby, were stabbed and chopped to death by an unknown number of attackers in Nkulu ward, Port Shepstone, on Saturday.

Witnesses said several people, allegedly identifying themselves as SAP members, demanded to be allowed into the Mzelelu house in the kraal.

When they were refused entry, they forced their way in and fired several shots at occupants who tried to escape by jumping out of windows. The attackers took Gugu Mzelelu (five months), Cyvisa Mzelelu (70), Philithisile Mzelelu (8), Hlangwane Mzelelu (13), Phindile Mzelelu (8), Phumele Mzelelu (18), Prudence Mzelelu (18), Lindwe Mzelelu (16) and Doris Mzelelu (49) outside the house and stabbed and hacked them to death.

The family were all ANC supporters. Police do not know the motive for the attack.

Earlier that day, three people were killed and 11 injured when an unknown number of gunmen opened fire on a rural church meeting near Estcourt.

The men sprayed the small congregation of 25 members with bullets as they worshipped inside the local Zionist church at about 2.30 am. S Hadebe, M Mvelase and P Hadebe were killed instantly.

Police later found 32 AK-47 cartridges outside the church and another seven inside the building in the ANC stronghold.

At about the same time, two people were killed in a separate attack on residents in the surrounding area.

De Beer said police entered the Bhekuzulu area, west of Estcourt, at about 2 am after hearing shots in the vicinity. They found the bodies of T Hadebe and R Shabalala, who had been shot dead near a house that had been torched.

On Friday night two SAP members and a civilian were killed near the KwaMashu Hostel, north of Durban.

Later, a man who had been shot dead was found in the township. De Beer said.

KwaZulu police reported that Thokozani Ntuli (24) and Mzi-khoza (27) had been shot dead in Sundumhlwane on the North Coast, and that two men had been killed in separate incidents in Ntshangana, near Empangeni, and Umlazi, south of Durban.

In Ladysmith, a man, alleged to be a robber, was killed outside the town's taxi rank on

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Leaders set date for crisis summit

The crisis summit between President de Klerk, ANC leader Nelson Mandela, Inkatha Freedom Party head Mangosuthu Buthelezi and King Goodwill Zwelithini will take place on Friday, the Government and the ANC confirmed yesterday.

The Star understands that the meeting will be held in Pretoria.

It is believed that De Klerk, Mandela and Buthelezi agreed on the date during a meeting of the Zion Christian Church at Moria, near Pietersburg, yesterday.

The meeting—seen by observers as the last chance to avoid wholesale confrontation over the election in KwaZulu/ Natal—was put off last week after the deaths during a march in Johannesburg to show support for the Zulu king.

On Thursday De Klerk declared a state of emergency for the whole of KwaZulu/Natal, saying it was being imposed to prevent a further slide towards violence and anarchy in the province.

IFP sources told The Star yesterday that the three-day-old state of emergency—under which at least 40 people, including women and children, died at the weekend—was a major impediment to the success of the meeting. Another hurdle was the ANC's continuing plans for rolling mass action in the region.

Further bloodshed is feared following reports from KwaZulu of a planned mass step-away tomorrow to protest against the deaths of marchers in Johannesburg last Monday.

A senior IFP central committee source told The Star that the IFP would, in preliminary meetings with the Government before the summit, request that the state of emergency be set aside.

"I could not understand why the Government could not wait for a few days, at least until after the summit, before imposing the state of emergency. The problem now is not only the proclamation but also how it is implemented," the source said.

He said it would be unfortunate if the summit and international mediation, which was also expected to start this week, took place under a state of emergency.

Separately, the ANC has raised serious doubts about the effectiveness of the state of emergency after 15 of the organisation's supporters died in separate attacks in Port Shepstone and Estcourt on Saturday. The ANC's subregion offices in Umlazi, outside Durban, were shot at, allegedly by people using KwaZulu Police (KZP) vehicles.

The organisation said it was urgent that the powers of the state of emergency in relation to the KZP be clarified and

MEETING between leaders seen as last chance to avoid terrible confrontation in KwaZulu/Natal in run-up to election
KILLED AT PRAYER ... A policeman keeps a look-out yesterday after Ms Ethel Darisa, 38, was killed while praying for peace at Easter in the troubled KwaZulu township of Bhambayi near Durban.

SADF presence to double

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — More than 1 200 SA Defence Force troops are “on the ground” in KwaZulu/Natal after the proclamation of a state of emergency last week, and the number will be doubled in the last two weeks before this month’s election.

This was said at a media briefing here at the weekend by army spokesman Colonel Franz Verfuss after a meeting between the joint commanders of the security forces in the province, Lieutenant-General Colin Steyn and Brigadier Deon Ferreira.

Most of the troops were currently concentrated in strife-torn townships around Durban — Bhambayi, Ndwedwe and Kwa-Mashu — and in the Murchison area of Port Shepstone.

“We can’t be everywhere at once and will make deployment decisions on a day-to-day basis,” Col Verfuss said.

Three additional infantry companies — two from 34 parachute battalion and one from 2 SA infantry battalion — had been deployed, one each to the Midlands, northern Natal and coastal areas, since the state of emergency was declared.

Five infantry companies and 18 infantry platoons — between 1 000 and 1 400 men — would be deployed in the province between April 15 and May 15.

Col Verfuss said the emergency proclamation made no mention of limitations on the KwaZulu police.

However, the emergency regulations were “very clear” on the issue of illegal military or paramilitary training, including the training of KwaZulu self-protection units.

Col Verfuss said the SADF would crackdown on illegal weapons.

It was known there was a “continuous flow” of AK-47 rifles into the area and there had also been unconfirmed reports of RPG-7 rocket launchers being smuggled into the province.
Three leaders pray together for peace

PLACE PRAYERS... in various Provinces, for our country and our Church. This month, the Friday Masses at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston will be dedicated to the intentions of the Three Leaders.

The prayer of the Three Leaders... is based on the prayer that is said on the feast of Saint Peter and Saint Paul, as recorded in the liturgy of the Church.

The prayer is as follows...

Three leaders pray together for peace.

The prayer is a request for the Holy Spirit to guide us in our dialogue, to inspire us to seek the common good, and to grant us the courage to work for justice and peace.

The prayer is a reminder that we are all called to be instruments of peace, to work for the reconciliation of our country, and to promote the values of the Gospel.

The prayer is a call to action, to engage in dialogue with those who have different views, to listen to their concerns, and to work together for the common good.

The prayer is a recognition of the difficulties we face, but a hope that with the help of the Holy Spirit, we can overcome our differences and work towards a more just and peaceful society.

The prayer is a commitment to pray for the Three Leaders, and for all those who are working for peace.

The prayer is a reminder that the work of peace is not easy, but it is necessary, and it is within our power to make a difference.

The prayer is an invitation to all of us to join in prayer, to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and to work together for peace.

The prayer is a call to action, to be instruments of peace, to work for justice and peace, and to pray for those who are working for peace.
Bloodshed continues

POLICE have reported a bloody start to the new year in Natal, with 65 killings since Friday.

Most of the murders were crime-related. At least 180 people had died in faction fighting, crime and political violence during the past fortnight.

Included in the toll were two deaths at Nqutu, northern Natal, where gunfire opened fire on security forces involved in an arms raid yesterday.

A seven-year-old child and a 50-year-old man were killed in the crossfire, and three security force members were injured.

A police spokesman said the raid, involving members of the SAP, SAPF and SAP, followed a tip-off about the flow of AK-47s into the area.

Police recovered six AK-47s and a large quantity of ammunition.

ADELE BAILEY reports that a resurgence of violence has been seen in East Rand townships after a relatively peaceful period and the launch of several peace initiatives.

At least 17 bodies were found in the townships during the weekend, police said yesterday. In the week before Christmas, the daily body count had dropped to about one a day. — Sapa.

Kriel studying TEC demand on KwaZulu

GOVERNMENT has not yet decided whether to bow to the Transitional Executive Council's demands for police to be sent to KwaZulu.

Sources close to government said yesterday that Law and Order Minister Hermus Kriel was considering the issue and no decision had been taken, Sapa-Reuters reports.

This was confirmed by Law and Order Ministry spokesman Craig Kotze.

Kotze said it was unfortunate the perception existed that the SAP could simply invade KwaZulu. It had to be borne in mind that an established basis for co-operation already existed between the two police forces.

However, Kotze emphatically denied saying the SAP would probably ignore a demand to deploy police in KwaZulu.

The TEC said last month that national police should protect lives and property in four areas in northern Natal, two of them in the KwaZulu homeland.

The demand appeared to be a direct challenge to KwaZulu Chief Minister Mampintsha Mphafu, who refuses to recognise the council's authority.

The issue is likely to be the first real test of strength between the NP government, which is reluctant to interfere in KwaZulu, and the TEC.

The government says the TEC is an advisory body, but the council says it has executive powers over crucial areas in the run-up to the April 27 election.

The ANC yesterday rejected government's stated position that it and the TEC did not have the power to send security forces into black homelands.

"The TEC has got powers over self-governing territories. Security forces can be ordered into any area of the country, including the self-governing territories," said ANC spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa.

Another area of potential friction between the TEC and KwaZulu involves the government's purchase of a R30 million luxury jet.

INGRID SALGADO reports an ANC spokesman said yesterday the KwaZulu government's purchase of the eight-seater jet would contravene the Independent Electoral Commissions Act as Inkatha Freedom Party would use it during the elections to the disadvantage of other parties.

The spokesman said the TEC's independent elections commission should investigate the matter urgently.

It was questionable whether the KwaZulu government should be allowed to make the purchase during its final days, the ANC said.

The ANC, which had previously called on the TEC to impound the Hawker 800 jet, said the purchase was a "total abuse of taxpayers' money".

It said the TEC would look into the matter at its first sitting.

Meanwhile, Regional and Land Affairs Minister Andre Fourie has said the central government had no problems with the jet as the KwaZulu government had not asked for additional funds for its purchase.

The homeland government had stayed within its allocated budget, he said.
35 killed in Natal on New Year’s Day

DURBAN. — At least 35 people were murdered in Natal on the first day of 1984, in a weekend in which 65 people were killed.

The South African Police said 51 people had been killed since Friday morning, and the KwaZulu Police reported 14 murders.

Three security force members were injured, two civilians killed and three injured in a shoot-out during an armed raid in the Nqutu area yesterday.

As members of the SAP, SADF and four SAAF helicopters arrived they came under attack from people with automatic weapons.

The security forces returned fire and a 50-year-old man and a seven-year-old child, were killed in the crossfire.

In the Natal Midlands 20 people were killed, at least 10 in areas near Ladysmith.

The other killings were reported from areas throughout the province, including Inanda, Port Shepstone, KwaDabeka near Pinetown, Phoenix, north of Durban, Umlazi, Mpumalanga, Bambanani and Mpofo.

At least 16 bodies were found in violence-torn East Rand townships over the weekend, police said. — Sapa and Own Correspondent
Natal death toll now 68

DURBAN. — Police yesterday reported a further two murders in Natal in the past two days, pushing the death toll from violence in the province since the start of the New Year week end to at least 68.

Police said a man was stabbed to death near the Point Yacht Club on Monday morning.

The body of 80-year-old Mrs Bee Bee Khan was found dead at her home on Monday. She had been bound and strangled. Contents valued at R10,000 had been stolen from a safe.

The bodies of two men apparently burnt to death have been found in the boot of a car on the Koster-Rustenburg road in the western Transvaal. — Sapa
Man killed in Natal and 11 homes gutted

DURBAN.—A man was shot dead in the Natal Midlands, and 11 homes were gutted in Ematimatolo and in Ndwedwe on Tuesday.

Police spokesman Captain Henry Budhram said Mr Mhlangeni Chamane, 23, was dragged out of his home and killed by three men.

On Tuesday five homes in Vulam,lomolo were gutted.

Meanwhile, the KwaZulu Police (KZP) yesterday reported that six huts were gutted in Nhlangakazi.

Five bodies had been found on the East Rand, police said.

The burnt bodies of three women were found yesterday in the Zonkislawe squatter camp, and in Katlehong, the bodies of two men were found, one at Mazibuko Hostel, the other in Skosana Section. The second man had been shot dead.

Gunmen and police traded gunfire and arsonists attacked a butchery and greengrocer on the East Rand yesterday. — Sapa
2000 died last year in Natal strife

DURBAN — Almost 2,000 people were killed in political violence in Natal during 1993, the Human Rights Commission said yesterday.

The commission said at least 211 people were killed in December, but this figure was expected to rise as late reports of political killings filtered in.

The preliminary toll in Natal was 1,978, almost 700 up on the previous year.

In 1992 the commission recorded 1,319 political killings and at least 965 people were murdered in 1991.

The toll for 1993 averages 163 deaths a month — almost six killings a day. The highest monthly toll was 221, in November.

Monitors fear a spate of killings as the April 27 elections draw nearer. — Sapa.
DURBAN. — IFP supporters are largely the aggressors in political violence in northern Natal, according to a confidential police report submitted to the Transitional Executive Council in December.

The report — apparently signed by Natal regional police commissioner Lt-Gen Colin Stem — warns of an increase in unrest before the election.

IFP political director Mr Ziba Jiyane dismissed the commissioner's findings yesterday, saying IFP members were the victims. — Sapa
Violence claims 8 lives in Natal at the weekend
DURBAN — At least eight people were killed in Natal at the weekend, police said today.

The body of 12-year-old S'l Thembiso was found in bushes at Stanger. He had been shot.

• Husband and wife Jeremiah and Emnine Dube were shot dead in their beds in the Madlankais area of Estikhawini on the North Coast.

• At Umlazi, south of Durban, Constable Sipho Zwane was stabbed to death when he intervened in an argument.

• In Durban's Point area, Jacobus van Wyk, 60, was found stabbed to death.

• In Pinetown West, Sithuhu Mzi- mane, 60, was stabbed to death.

• In Port Shepstone, Mabele Ntunjwa, 30, was shot and killed in what appeared to be a politically-motivated attack.

• Zamanani Mkhize, 17, was fatally shot in a drive-by shooting north of Durban. — Sapa.
Journalism student killed in shoot-out with 'Apla'

The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN.—Journalism student Mobseen Jeenah, one of three men killed in a police shoot-out with suspected Apla members, recently wrote a newspaper article warning of attacks by Apla in Natal.

His article appeared in the Sunday Tribune two weeks ago. It stated that one of Apla's "unit commanders" claimed that Natal would be the target of a series of attacks.

The article was one of several written by Jeenah for the Daily News and Sunday Tribune as a student journalist over a period of two years.

Jeenah referred to the commander as "Sizwe" and said that Apla's "Operation Shock and Show" campaign would be extended to the Natal region.

Jeenah's colleagues at the Technikon described him as a bubbly and intelligent person.

A friend, Ms Gaynor Kast, said: "He was a positive person who always had the welfare of others at heart. He wanted everything to be right, just and fair."

In the Sunday Tribune article, Jeenah quoted Sizwe as saying orders were filtered down from the high command based outside the country to cadres within the country.

A police spokesman said police had no knowledge of an Apla cadre with the operational name of "Sizwe" based in the Durban area.

In August last year Jeenah protested at the Leon Commission investigating the students' representative council at the ML Sultan Technikon. He was general-secretary of the council at the time.
Natal ANC fights fire with water

The surprise election of Jacob Zuma to the ANC's Natal premiership has strengthened the organisation's hand against the IFP, reports Farouk Chothia

The African National Congress' surprise choice for the premiership in Natal, deputy secretary general Jacob Zuma, sent a powerful message of peace and reconciliation to the Inkatha Freedom Party this week in an apparent attempt to win the organisation's support for the April 27 election and to calm its fears of ANC rule.

As he is seen as a traditional Zulu, the 52-year-old Zuma's nomination has intensified calls among IFP moderates to participate in elections — or risk seeing a major haemorrhage of its support to the ANC, sources close to the IFP said.

Commented one source: "There are now two claimants to the aspirations of Zulus — one working under the banner of the IFP and the other under the banner of the ANC. If the one stays out, the other will draw support."

IFP national political director Ziba Jyane said that while Zuma "respects" Zulu culture and tradition and this needed to be welcomed, it was unlikely he would pick up rural support as ANC hardliners were still determined to destroy the chieftaincy.

But some sources close to the IFP said that Zuma's nomination could harden Chief Mqbonqo Buthelezi's resolve to boycott elections, as it has heightened the chances of an IFP defeat in elections in Natal.

Zuma is not known to have publicly criticised the IFP on any occasion in the four years since the ANC's unbanning, and is the ANC's strongest advocate of peace talks with the IFP.

This is in sharp contrast to ANC Midlands leader Harry Gwala, who responds to fire with fire, and the movement's Southern Natal chief, Jeff Radebe, who adopts a mix of moderation and militancy in his approach to the IFP.

Zuma's victory at the ANC-led Patriotic Front's nomination conference last weekend in Durban was by the narrow margin of 17, polling 149 votes against Radebe's 132 and Gwala's 114.

Unlike the two defeated candidates, Zuma has forged ties with top IFP moderates and Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini.

ANC sources said Zuma's nomination could encourage both IFP leaders and the implementation of the Transitional Executive Council decision to deploy the South African Police in kwazulu-controlled areas where free political activity is being thwarted.

He added that the TEC should also intervene in cases where the ANC is found to be preventing free political activity.

Zuma also insisted there be no further devolution of powers to the provinces, and that there should be a single ballot for both the national and provincial legislature in elections.

In the interview, Zuma said he believed Natal's whites, Indians and coloureds would not oppose the name kwazulu for the province as they too "pledge their loyalty" to the king. Any name-change should be discussed at a provincial level and enshrined in a permanent constitution.

Zuma said the economy should incorporate both privatisation and state intervention, carried out "rationally, carefully and clearly" in a bid to address poverty. This could be used by the IFP to woo back the province's conservative business community.

He denied a National Party claim that he is a South African Communist Party member.

It is unclear how Zuma pulled off the victory at the nomination conference. Some sources claimed that Congress of South African Trade Unions delegates — comprising a fifth of the representatives — tilted the balance in his favour.

There was a feeling in their ranks that Radebe, though a senior SAPC member, was too close to the business community and, as ANC Southern Natal chairman, had not taken into account Coastline's views on reconstruction and development.

Sources pointed out that Zuma was the ANC's first chairman in Southern Natal and still commanded support among key activists in the region. Radebe was seen as lacking the stature to be a formidable candidate against Buthelezi and to attract rural voters, they said.

It appears that Zuma was the favoured choice of the ANC head office — a claim he denied, saying head office had not backed any candidate.

Gwala's poor showing was a major setback for him. It reflects a rejection of his hardline stance by the ANC-led alliance's first and second-tier leadership — though he is still seen as the most popular leader with the rank and file.

While admitting that the nomination race was "competitive" and "tensions" developed, Zuma promised that the three would "work together" as a "collective."
Pupils desert Natal schools

DURBAN. — Pupils in the violence-torn Bo- 
boyi/Murchison area near Port Shepstone are 
leaving local schools for fear of their lives after 
two pupils were abducted and later found dead. 
A principal said: 
"Only a few pupils have registered in my school. 
The situation is tense and pupils do not feel 
safe."

"Last week two youths on their way to register 
for school were abducted by a group of men. 
Their bodies were found by police today."
100 slain this year in Natal ‘killing fields’

DURBAN. — Political violence in Natal remains at horrific levels, with around 100 people killed this year and the Human Rights Commission reporting a total of 2,000 political deaths in the province during 1993.

The HRC yesterday released its revised death toll for last year, but noted that it could be higher as many killings went unreported.

Many areas of Natal have earned the unwelcome label of South Africa’s “killing fields”, and with elections just three months away monitors fear that the already staggering statistics may rise.

A graphic representation of last year’s statistics shows a steadily rising death toll, from 103 in January to 226 in December — a monthly average of 167 political murders.

“The violence in Natal is largely attributed to the conflict between supporters of the Inkatha Freedom Party and the African National Congress,” says the HRC.

But the commission adds: “There was a high incidence of involvement of members of the security forces in violence, as victims, alleged attackers or colluders in the violence.

“Reports were received from various areas of KwaZulu policemen refusing to help victims they perceived to be ANC supporters.”

The Transitional Executive Council has attempted to overcome this by requesting deployment of the SAP in at least four flashpoints in northern Natal/KwaZulu, especially Sandumbili near Stanger.

While at least 444 deaths were recorded in this region last year, the greater Durban area — which includes the sprawling Umuzi, Inanda and KwaMashu townships — was worst hit, with 683 political murders.

The South Coast, mostly the townships around Port Shepstone, and the Midlands, recorded tolls of 326 and 361 respectively.

Despite the high death counts, peace efforts intensified last year, and there are plans for increased initiatives in the months before and after the April 27 election.

While the National Peace Accord recorded dismal failures in some areas, successes were achieved in many others, and Natal’s Regional Peace Committee has a comprehensive year plan to try to end the carnage in townships and rural areas.

This weekend sees a three-day peace conference for community and business leaders from in and around Inanda, one of Durban’s largest townships. — Sapa.
Pupils chased away by Inkatha ruling

By SIPHO KHUMALO

THOUSANDS of pupils at four Umlazi schools bordering Inkatha-controlled squatter settlements were left roaming the streets this week following a demand by squatters that they prove their membership of Inkatha.

Sources said about 3,200 pupils were affected.

When City Press visited three of the schools – Umbelebele High, Shumayela Primary and Sandile Pre-primary – this week, they were all deserted and their gates locked.

At Umbelebele, close to Unit 17 hostel, Inkatha graffiti had been sprayed on the walls.

All the teachers, including the principals, had abandoned their schools and were reporting at the Circuit Inspectors’ offices in Emaweni.

Teachers who spoke to City Press on condition that they would not be named, said a group of hostel and squatter camp dwellers invaded their schools and told them they could not teach if they were not Inkatha members.

"At Umbelebele they said only Inkatha pupils should be enrolled because they were not being accepted elsewhere in the township," said one teacher.
New hope for peace in strife-torn Natal

DURBAN. — Peace prospects in the strife-torn areas of Bhambayi, Nkuzuma and Imanda, north of Durban, received a boost at the weekend when ANC and Inkatha Freedom Party community leaders committed themselves to working together to end violence.

At a three-day peace conference the ANC and IFP agreed to hold a joint peace rally in a bid to combat violence in their areas.

Supporters of both parties slept in the same rooms, played sport together and held discussions about their parties' policies in a friendly atmosphere.

ANC official Mr Siphiwe Ximba said the meeting went very well and everybody showed they wanted peace.

IFP leader Mr Thomas Shabalala described the achievements as a "miracle".

Four bystanders were injured in a politically-motivated shootout at the lolo taxi rank, near Kokstad, on Saturday, police said. — Own Correspondent, Sapa
Weekend violence claims 19 lives

At least 13 people were killed in Natal at the weekend and six in KwaZulu-Natal, Thokoza and Daveyton on the East Rand, police said yesterday.

Police said they had found the bodies of six people who died in East Rand violence on Friday night and Saturday.

Nine people had died in two attacks near Durban, they said.

Five people were shot dead on Sunday in Nganyambleni, south of Durban, only days after an attack left four dead.

Maju Bala Naidoo said about 25 men armed with AK-47 rifles, shotguns and panther trucks attacked a settlement about 11pm.

Two people were wounded.

In the Ndwedwe district north of Durban, four people died early Saturday when at least 100 men attacked a residential area, setting fire to houses and torching the Muvundla store.

According to the Human Rights Commission, 130 people died last year in UmBumbu, the administrative area for Nganyambleni. In the same period 30 people were killed in Ndwedwe.

In another weekend violence a woman 50, was fatally wounded by two gunmen in her home near Hibberdene on the South Coast on Saturday. Her husband escaped injury.

In Ladysmith’s Ezakheni township, in the Midlands, a 25-year-old man was shot dead when a gunman burst into his home and opened fire with an AK-47 rifle on Saturday. Another man was wounded.

Two policemen were captured by about 30 armed men in Vosloorus on Saturday night and their police vehicle, a Volkswagen Fox, was stolen. One of their service pistols was also taken before the policemen were released.

And police said reports this earlier on Saturday that the Vosloorus horrific attack of two policemen were petrol-bombed. Damage to the houses had been estimated at R7,000 and R1,000 respectively.

Also on Saturday a man died and another was seriously injured when shots were fired from a red minibus in Tembisa. Four men were arrested in Daveyton on Sunday for possession of petrol bombs.

And another seven people were arrested in Daveyton for the illegal possession of firearms.

In KwaZulu-Natal’s Motsamela section, a man was arrested in connection with the murder of a policeman.

Call to discipline pupils

THE Congress of SA Students (Cosas) has called on teachers to take stronger disciplinary measures against errant pupils in a bid to prevent further violence in schools.

"The call came after a weekend of violence when more than 200 delegates from 12 organisations met to discuss the matter," Cosas national cochairman Mahlonela Khana said in an interview.

"Cosas southern Transvaal cochairman Mahlonela Khana said in an interview that adults had been abandoned in schools.

"All this has been done on the pretext that it is in the name of the struggle."

"Many teachers feared retribution if they tried to discipline pupils, and very little punishment was meted out as a result.

"The situation is so bad that schools have broken down to such an extent that the school day was shortened and the number of examinations was reduced."

Bid to resolve police dispute

AN SAP proposal to relocate an internal security discipline unit from Pretoria to a disused army base near Delmas — was part of its strategy to deal with the run-up to elections, a spokesman said yesterday.

He confirmed an SAP police union statement that officials had not discussed the move with members of unit 19 before informing the rank and file.

Sapu and police officials met again yesterday to try to resolve the issue.

Sapu national secretary Peter-Don Brand said management had undertaken to resolve the issue in cooperation with Sapu. But he said concern had been expressed over the proposal if personal matters were implicated against individuals.
Nine killed in village attack

DURBAN.—At least nine people were killed when about 50 men armed with rifles and pangas attacked the Ngonyamoni settlement near here on Sunday night.

Among the dead were Mr Reginald Dimba, 52, Mr Sihle Nombela, 26, Mr Mlungisi Majori, 50, Mr Makasazane Sithole, 40, and Mr Boyi Ngadi, 34.

Four people were killed in an attack on the settlement last week and five people were murdered there last month in what Umlazi Peace Committee co-ordinator Ms Stephanie Miller said was a traditional dispute.

• Four people died when about 500 men went on a rampage in the Ndwedwe district, torching houses and a store.
• In Hibberdene Ms Bakwapi Shezi, 30, was shot dead in her home by two gunmen.
• Constable Mbongeni Sithole was shot dead in bed in his home near Dundee on Friday.
• Six people were killed in the East Rand townships of Katlehong, Thokoza and Daggafontein.

In one incident a man died and another was seriously injured when shots were fired from a red minibus in Tembisa.

• Two members of the ANC Youth League have been arrested in connection with the murder of two policemen. They are Mr Sunday Skosana and Mr Ngadi Oriel Pule. — Sapa
Natal weekend violence toll now 22

DURBAN. — Police say five more people have died violently in Natal, bringing the weekend toll to at least 22 by today. All five were killed in separate attacks.

Welcome Zula was fatally shot while sitting outside his Stanger, North Coast, home yesterday.

Mr B E Mkhize was shot dead while standing at a bus stop in Inanda, north of Durban.

At Ladysmith, Busisiwe Mbatha was fatally shot through the window of her Steadville home on Sunday.

An unidentified man was shot and killed when his Estcourt home was petrol-bombed on Sunday. One person was arrested.

In Sundumbili on the North Coast, Mpuhene Mzimela was shot dead and two people were injured in an attack on a home on Sunday.
Murders: IFP man guilty

MARITZBURG. — An IFP supporter was convicted in the Supreme Court here yesterday of murdering eight people at a traditional meeting in the KwaNdeni reserve near Campdown in 1992.

Haba Khomo, 29, of Woodyglen near Mpumalanga, was a key member of an armed gang that opened fire on the gathering held at the Ndlovu homestead. Khomo was convicted on eight counts of murder and one of attempted murder.

The attack took place on the evening of March 7, 1992 while the Ndlovus were holding a party for one of their daughters.

The court heard that Khomo had mingled with guests at the homestead.

A witness said Khomo later that night shot a guest at point-blank range.

He began whistling and signalling, which was followed by a burst of gunfire.

Khomo will sentenced on Monday. — Sapa (276)
Black businessmen face harassment

BLACK businessmen were targets of physical attacks in some Natal areas as they did their share of promoting democracy and voter education, Fabcos public affairs director Mike Ntlatleng said yesterday.

Fabcos, with other black business organisations, has accepted the Consultative Business Movement (CBM) manifesto committing business to promoting voter education.

But Ntlatleng said the Independent Forum for Electoral Education needed to be made aware of the concerns of the black business sector.

One Fabcos member was assaulted as he collected people for a voter education session in Natal.

He said big business could shout the virtues of voting, allow employees to go and vote and get identity documents, but they were doing this from the comfort of their offices.

"Black business - which is non-aligned - has to weigh whether to say to people vote or even tell them how to vote," he said.

"You have to mention things such as Cosas and the multiparty negotiations, and immediately you are seen to be taking a political stance," he said. Businessmen were seen to be taking sides by organisations like Azapo.

Taxi carrying the bumper sticker "Vote April 3rd" could be a valuable vehicle for spreading democracy messages.

"But you have a taxi operator carry that," Ntlatleng said.

"Independent Electoral Commission head of communication Hamphrey Khoza said..."The IEC has been empowered to do whatever is necessary to ensure free and fair elections. If such incidents take place, the IEC will take whatever steps are necessary."
Natal unrest toll up to 40 for past week

DURBAN - The deaths of 11 more people in Natal over the past few days in unrest-related violence has brought the toll in the province to at least 40 for the past week. Also, police have offered a R100 000 reward for information which will lead to the arrest of the killers of nine people at Ngoyameni near Isipingo, south of here. The nine died this week when about 15 people attacked residents while they were asleep.

In one of the latest incidents, police said Mr James Nhala and Mr Cele Madlala were shot dead outside Estcourt in the Natal Midlands on Thursday evening after they became involved in a shootout with the driver of the taxi they were travelling in.

The KwaZulu Police said Mr Victor Dlamini was fatally shot in Mpumalanga, halfway between Maritzburg and Durban, on Thursday night. Also on Thursday, the body of Mr Simon Dlamini, 30, was found at Durban’s Brighton Beach.

Mr M Nxumalo was shot dead in Nongoma, KwaZulu, on Thursday when gunmen apparently attacked the kraal he was staying in.
JOHANNESBURG. — The ANC wants adapted forms of the East Rand peace plan to be implemented in violent areas of Natal before the April election.

The ANC’s TEC law and order sub-council member Mr Sydney Mufamadi said yesterday, as the plan was being implemented under protest from the IFP on the East Rand, that the primary aim would be to ensure the election was free and fair in Natal.

However because conditions in Natal were different to those on the East Rand, the plan would have to be adapted.

“The philosophy that underpins the plan will be the same.”

Mr Mufamadi’s suggestion came as thousands of Inkatha Freedom Party supporters took to the streets of Thokoza to protest against the implementation of the peace plan, particularly the withdrawal of the ISD.

IFP Transvaal chairman Thembo Khora said the SADF was biased in favour of the ANC.

“This impromptu meeting is the consequence if the government and the ANC make decisions without consulting the IFP,” he said.

When the IFP group met army officers on the Kwezakhele Street bridge, they were invited by the SADF commanding officer in the area, Commandant Michael de Goede, to work closely with the SADF and even join patrols.

This was rejected by the crowd shouting “stability, stability”, and waving placards saying “why don’t you listen to our cries”, and “TEC is feeding us to the SADF.”

Roads in Thokoza were sealed off by SADF patrols while inside the township a group of IFP supporters went on the rampage.

ANC supporters confronted the IFP marchers but peace monitors managed to disperse them.

The gathering dispersed when Mr Khora said he would request an urgent meeting with the Ministers of Defence and Law and Order to put forward the IFP’s feelings.

The East Rand peace plan could lead to the ANC implementing ethnic cleansing in the township, the Afrikaner Volksfront said yesterday. The AVF said it supported the Inkatha Freedom Party’s rejection of the peace plan. — OWN Correspondent, Sapa
THE ANC expects adapted versions of the East Rand peace plan to be implemented in strife-torn areas of Natal before the April elections.

The ANC's representative on the TEC law and order subcouncil, Sydney Mufamadi, said yesterday that the primary aim would be to ensure the election was free and fair in so-called "stable crisis" or flashpoint areas.

Because Natal conditions were different from those on the East Rand, the plan would have to be adapted. "However, the philosophy which underpins the plans will be the same."

Mufamadi expected peace plans to be implemented in areas of northern and southern Natal which the TEC had identified as flashpoints.

Implementation of the East Rand peace plan began yesterday with the withdrawal of the controversial police internal stability unit from Katlehong, Thokoza and Vosloorus.

SADF troops, which had moved into the area over the past few months, took charge.

SADF spokesman Maj Christo Vermeulen said yesterday that as far as the SADF was concerned there were enough troops in the area. Extra troops would be deployed only on the instruction of the task group which, in consultation with the TEC, would oversee the peace plan.

Mufamadi said he expected the East Rand community to reject the deployment of any "mercenary" SADF units such as SA2 Battalions. He did not rule out future deployment of members of the recently established national peacemaking force.

Government would "obviously be obliged" to implement the East Rand peace plan, but he expected the TEC to monitor the project.

Once normal policing conditions had been restored in the area Mufamadi expected controversial ANC-aligned self-defence units and Inkatha self-protection units to cease operating. "If you have proper policing then that takes away the need for defence units and Inkatha self-protection units to exist."

Mufamadi expected the SADF to help with the socioeconomic reconstruction of the area, possibly in cooperation with members of the defence units and host-based self-protection units.

SAPA reports hundreds of Inkatha Freedom Party supporters took to the streets in Thokoza to protest against the withdrawal of the internal stability unit and deployment of SADF troops in the area.

Inkatha Transvaal chairman Thamsanqa Khoza said the SADF was biased in favour of the ANC and claimed the SADF had attacked Inkatha-supporting residents in Thokoza over the past few years.

Roads in Thokoza were sealed off by SADF patrols and inside the township Inkatha supporters torched about 100 pensions collecting centres from administration offices. As the elderly people huddled inside the building, men armed with bonkerys, axes and steel poles stripped cars and looted shops.

Meanwhile, the Afrikaner Volksfront claimed the East Rand peace plan could lead to the ANC implementing ethnic cleansing in the townships. It supported Inkatha's rejection of the withdrawal of the stabilisation unit from East Rand townships.

NUM blames right-wing union for office bombing

NUM president James Molelata yesterday accused the right-wing-aligned Mine Workers' Union of being responsible for a bomb blast which caused damage of R260 000 to the NUM's Klerksdorp office.

He said the MWU's president said at a conference last year that miners had access to commercial explosives which they would use to disrupt their perceived enemies.

"It is abundantly clear that the recent threats of violence by the president of the racist and right-wing Mine Workers' Union are being carried out."

The union would discuss at a congress next week its reaction and plans to guard its property and members. Security had been added to the congress agenda as "an emergency item", but Molelata could not elaborate on what steps might be taken.

"The NUM is not going to be a sitting duck of the right-wing miners and their cohorts," he said.

Ciskei applies to join the TEC

PRETORIA - Ciskei submitted a formal application to join the TEC yesterday. Ciskei chief negotiator Mickele Webb said the application followed a TEC resolution earlier this week which said that unless Ciskei joined the council it would have to withdraw immediately from TEC structures such as the national peacemaking force and the defence subcouncil.

Webb said Ciskei had intended its Supreme Court to give an opinion on whether joining the TEC was in conflict with the territory's Bill of Rights.

The TEC resolution had, however, forced Ciskei to cancel the court's consideration of the matter. Webb said Ciskei's application would be considered by the full TEC at its meeting next week. If approval is granted, President F W de Klerk would be required by the TEC Act to appoint Ciskei to the council.
Natal unrest claims six more lives

DURBAN. — Police in Natal and KwaZulu reported yesterday six further deaths from unrest and crime in the province this week.

The SAP said a man was found stabbed to death in the Soweto area of Inanda, north of Durban, on Thursday afternoon.

In Greenwood Park, Durban North, 17-year-old T Nkos was fatally stabbed after an argument in Umhlangane Road, on Thursday afternoon. The SAP also reported the death of M. Essa Naicker, 52, who was stabbed to death in Chatsworth on Thursday night after an argument at her home.

A man has been arrested by a mob of youths, 27-year-old man was found dead on Tuesday in Ulundi. The KZP said he been stabbed several times.

In rural KwaZulu a man was beaten to death by a stick-wielding assailant on Wednesday. The arrested attacker claimed he had been bewitched by the dead man.

On the Reef, police arrested 20 suspects for train violence and took 53 people in for questioning after they met a train from Vereeniging to Johannesburg Station yesterday morning. Police spokesman Captain Eugene Henning said four people were arrested for carrying dangerous weapons, including a firearm, on a train.

"We seized 18 knives, 15 of which were lying loose in the coaches." — Sapa
Durban — Twelve people, including three children and three teenagers, were massacred near Richmond yesterday in a pre-dawn attack by about 20 heavily armed men.

SAP spokesman Captain Henry Budzum said police arrived at Masunkazane about 7am to find the bodies of 12 people shot in five houses.

A group of about 20 men had arrived in the area about 4.30am, entered seven houses and opened fire on the sleeping occupants, he said.

Police found seven 7,62mm and nine 12-bore shotgun cartridges strewn around the area. Some of the houses had been looted.

The dead have been identified as Sandile Diabini (7), Thuleleni Diabini (17), Lalani Diabini (65), Nonlanhla Madondo (6), Hlomphle Madondo (16), Khoni Madondo (6), Roseline Madondo (50), Esther Zaca (50), Zanele Zaca (63), Fikilephi Zaca (17), Noxe Mchunu (50) and Petna Molo (60).

Police said they expected to make several arrests soon.

The chairman of the ANC in the Richmond area, Sifiso Nkabinde, said the dead were all ANC supporters.

"The massacre is a real shock to us," he said. "We call on the IIP to the area to come clean — if it’s a declaration of war against ANC supporters in the area, then they must say it loud and clear.

"In July last year there were two Massacres in the Richmond area.

"On July 2, eight IIPF supporters were shot dead at Papholi, while seven ANC supporters were burnt to death and two shot dead at Hola Hela a day later."
• Village raid leaves 12 dead

27 die in bloody Natal weekend

AT LEAST 27 people were killed, three were injured and a woman was raped in a bloody weekend in Natal, police reported yesterday.

Twelve people were killed in a predawn attack on a community in Masimkaze, near Richmond on Sunday. Police suspect the killings were politically motivated.

A high-level police delegation sent to the area said it expected a breakthrough in investigations.

On Saturday, a 25-year-old woman was killed during an argument with four men at Brighton Beach. Four people were arrested.

Mr Petros Dlamini was stabbed and killed after an argument over a bus fare near a Verulam bus rank on Saturday; police spokesman Major Bala Naidoo said.

A security guard at Nkosini School in Hambanathi on Natal’s north coast was shot dead on the same day.

In Inanda, north of Durban, Lucky Williams (31) was shot dead on Saturday. And at Isipingo Mr Ashin Sokraja (20) was shot in the head on Saturday night after intervening when two men attempted to steal a woman’s car.

In Montclair, Durban, Mr Frans Marareni (45) was stabbed to death on Saturday night and Mr Clive Kamnais was stabbed to death with a screwdriver in Phoenix on Sunday.

Mr Vusi Kalula was stabbed and killed on the way to a shop in Verulam.

The body of an unknown man with head injuries, was found at Glebeclands hostel.

Mr Jeffrey Nyaklzazi (18) was shot dead on Sunday night when three intruders burst into his Cato Majors house.

Mr Junis Myeni died instantly when shots were fired through the window of his kraal in Nyanda. — Sapa
Gunmen with AK-47s mow down residents

Children killed by gunmen in Natal

Durban — At least 27 people were killed in a spate of bloody attacks in Natal at the weekend, police said yesterday.

In the worst attack, 12 people, including six children, were massacred when about 20 gunmen with AK-47 rifles moved down residents indiscriminately at Masunkazane, near Richmond, early on Sunday.

Initial reports said the gunmen ran through the rural settlement shooting people in their homes, and in some cases looking for the dwellings during the predawn attack.

A suspect was detained and police said a breakthrough in investigations was imminent.

Natal CID chief General Johan Meintjes said 18 detectives had been sent to the area to investigate.

“We are confident we will get them,” Meintjes said.

“We have an experienced team and we must make a breakthrough,” Meintjes said.

The KwaZulu Police, meanwhile, said Raymond Ndlovu (45) was found dead on a road in Mpuumalanga outside Durban on Sunday morning. Police believe he was killed on Saturday night.

In KwaMashu, north of Durban, Paul Mosekwini (29) was shot dead after he was kidnapped from his house. The motive is unknown.

And the bullet-riddled body of a 37-year-old man was found at Umlazi railway station, south of Durban, on Sunday morning, said the KwaZulu Police.
IFP hostel attacked by 2 000

DURBAN — At least 10 rooms were gutted and 50 others looted when more than 2,000 ANC supporters attacked an Inkatha Freedom Party block at the Glebelands hostel, near here, early yesterday.

Police rushed to the scene to quell the fighting and the fire brigade put out the fires. No deaths were reported.

On Saturday, a meeting between IFP supporters in the block and ANC supporters living in an adjacent block also turned violent. Shots were fired but no one was injured.

- On the Reef a young man was shot and killed and another was wounded yesterday when unknown gunmen in a car shot at residents of Eldorado Park.
- Police have arrested 38 people after an armed attack at the Zevenfontein squatter camp north of Johannesburg in which four people died and nine were wounded. The victims were reportedly ANC supporters.
- A youth was "necklaced" to death in Tembisa last night, police said.
- In the Eastern Cape, one person was killed and three were wounded in two separate attacks on minibuses in the Border region at the weekend.
- The Human Rights Commission, the SAP, the IFP and the ANC agree that violence in Katlehong, Thokoza and Vosloorus appears to be abating — Own Correspondent, Sapa.
15 die in massacre on eve of voting workshop

By George Mahabeer

ONE of the most shocking political massacres in Natal in recent months, young people, including a boy believed to be just 10 years old, were gunned down in an abandoned house early yesterday morning.

A Kololo police station officer described the killing of the group of ANC supporters at Creighton in southern Natal as "one of the most brutal" they had seen in the province's notorious killing fields.

The killings come after a week of rising tension in Umlazi, the capital of IFP-controlled KwaZulu, where a pamphlet distributed by the ANC "letterhead campaign" named 211 people, including senior civil servants and IFP officials and KwaZulu cabinet ministers, Chief Simon Gumede.

At least five of those named have fled the town. SABC radio reports that scores were fleeing and could not be confirmed.

At Creighton, 11 bullet-riddled bodies were found on the blood-soaked floor of a tiny, roofless room.

Another three bodies were found close to the house - apparently killed as they tried to escape through a small window.

Two victims, found wounded but alive in the hit list, were rushed to hospital where one of them, Mr Samuel Ndlovu, 25, later died. The sole survivor of the attack, who has not been named, was in a satisfactory condition in the Edendale Hospital last night.

Residents of the Isithunzi Mahlebe community at Creighton - a small village south-west of Maritzburg - gave three different versions of the killing.

Some claimed the group had gathered at the house to discuss plans for the ANC's voter-education programme, which was to have been held at the Mahlebe school yesterday afternoon. Others said the ANC supporters were forced off their homes at gunpoint by four armed men.

The third theory is that the ANC youths were trying to get in the village and were lured into the house.

All the bodies were found around a wood fire, at which it seems they were braaing meat. The youths had been shot several times with high-calibre firearms.

Ixpopo branch ANC chairman Emmanual Magubane, who was at the scene, said: "Politics has gone mad in South Africa."

"One of the dead men, Duduzi Miya, 28, was an organiser for the ANC in Mahlebe. He stayed with me for more than two years and is a tragedy we have lost him."

"We have more than 4 000 supporters in this area and we have no doubt the IFP is behind these killings."

Retired railway ticket examiner Tobigoana Miya, 58, said he last saw his 28-year-old son Duduzi at 5pm on Friday night - "Duduzi is now dead."

Among those who died were Motlomi Mahunge, 13, Mbuso Nkasa, 14, Dumsani Dzuelu, 13, Tshwana Dzulugu, 14, and his brother Siyabonga, 17, Selkaleza Mbangwa, 16, Bongwela Mnguni, 16, Thelizini Cyril Shobo, 16, Mandlenkosile Mhlebe, 28, Sipho Mdlou, 13, Givi Mdlou, 13, Sibusiso Dzulzule, 15, Duduzi Miya, 28 and Kholisa Mfafa, 16.

(News by George Mahabeer, 11 Diagonal Street, Johannesburg)
ANC 15 DIE IN ATTACK

Thirteen kids among slain supporters

BY SIPHI KHUMALO
and Sapa

FIFTEEN people, mostly youths, were gunned down in a dawn massacre that shocked the tiny village of Maphela near Creighen in the Natal Midlands yesterday morning.

The dead were trapped inside an abandoned house, where they were camping before an ANC election meeting that was scheduled to take place in the area yesterday.

The house was attacked with an assortment of firearms, while some of the victims were hacked to death.

When City Press arrived at the scene yesterday afternoon, bodies were still scattered all over the three-roomed house.

Shock, and family members lured the streets and watched in disbelief as police removed the bodies.

The massacre occurred shortly after 12 ANC supporters were shot dead outside Kznwini, 15km from yesterday's bloodbath.

Residents said a group of 16 youths had gathered in the village the previous night and decided to camp in the house.

Police spokesman Major Baha Naddeo said four people were suspected to be behind the attack.

Speaking at the scene, local station commander Sergeant Bert Lombard said an assortment of weapons were used in the attack. Police suspected the attackers to be outside, he said.

Fourteen of the victims died on the spot and one died in hospital. Two of the victims were adults.

An ANC branch was launched in the area a fortnight ago.

Berhelez said that government has yet to receive an official report on the matter.

This frail granny is charged with murder!

BY MARTIN NSOLENGE

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GRAINS... Hundreds of PAC supporters were at Jon Smuts Airport yesterday to welcome the body of PAC secretary of the PAC secretary and Apin head of the PAC, who died in an assault on his house last week.

The PAC has declared Wednesday a day of mourning. Memorial services will be held countrywide, with the main event at the Jabulani Amphitheatre from 5pm. Phama will be buried in Bafana near Umtata next Saturday.
JOHANNESBURG. — ANC leader Mr Nelson Mandela yesterday blamed Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi for a massacre of 15 young ANC election workers in Natal.

He said the Inkatha Freedom Party leader was fanning violence with his opposition to the April elections.

Chief Buthelezi said he "regretted conjecture" by the ANC about who was responsible for the carnage.

He condemned the killings, saying: "We are never going to have peace and prosperity in South Africa by eliminating each other through such terrible acts of violence."

Attackers used automatic weapons and knives early on Saturday to kill the 15 ANC supporters — 13 of them teenagers — preparing to conduct a voter education programme in the rural Natal village of Mahiele near Cresighton.

One survivor is in Edendale Hospital, Maritzburg. Another survived the initial assault but died soon afterwards in the hospital.

A police spokesman said the survivor was in no condition to be questioned yesterday but investigators would talk to him as soon as he was fit enough.

Police have offered a "substantial" reward for information leading to the killers' capture.

After SAP crime combating unit chief Major-General Johan Meintjes visited the scene on Saturday, a senior Port Shepstone police officer was appointed to head the investigation.

Mr Mandela told reporters yesterday the massacre was the result of what "we regard as irresponsible talk".

He did not name Chief Buthelezi, but referred to calls from leaders in the Natal region to resume the election.

ANC deputy secretary-general Mr Jacob Zuma said the massacre was an indication of what rural ANC supporters might face in the run-up to elections. — Sapa
53 die as Natal's violence continues

DURBAN. — At least 10 people have been murdered in Natal, adding to a weekend toll of 43.

The worst affected region was Stanger on the North Coast, police said.

A bus passenger was shot dead through the vehicle's window by gunmen. Nearby, a Mr Mathabulo was fatally stabbed and fell into a stream, and a security guard shot and killed a man.

Stanger police said these attacks appeared to be linked to political rivalry in the area, but declined to comment further.

Also in Stanger, the body of an unidentified man, aged about 20, was found with stab wounds near a bridge. The body of a man of about 34 was found in Doringkop, and another man was stabbed to death in an argument.

In Verulam, north of Durban, a 26-year-old man was stabbed to death in a fight over cigarettes.

In Umla, a 38-year-old woman was found shot dead and the body of an unidentified woman was found with gunshot wounds in the head.

In KwaDabeka, near Pinetown, the body of a 23-year-old woman was found with gunshot or stab wounds in the face.

The Network of Independent Monitors said so-called faction fighting which claimed seven lives in Loskop in the Midlands at the weekend was politically linked.

A NIM source said conflict broke out between Inkatha Freedom Party supporters and people who were perceived to be African National Congress supporters because the latter failed to pay traditional taxes.

In nearby Bergville, the NIM source said, a Mr Gamede was killed on Sunday after allegedly refusing to attend an IFP gathering at Taylor's Hall near Pietermaritzburg. This brings to eight the number of deaths linked to the rally. — SSA.
42 killed since Friday

Bloody weekend in Natal

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Durban — At least 42 people have been killed in Natal since Friday, in the province’s bloodiest weekend this year.

Most of the killings were politically linked, police said.

In the worst incident, 15 people, mostly youths, were killed in an attack on a group of ANC supporters preparing for a voter education workshop in Mabuhle, near Creighton, in southern Natal on Saturday morning.

Six people were killed in the Ntombeni area, about 10 km from an IFP rally in Taylor’s Halt, outside Maritzburg, on Sunday.

One other person was killed and seven injured around Maritzburg in attacks apparently linked to the IFP rally.

A doctor at Edendale Hospital said a man had been shot dead in the area on Sunday. Buses to and from the rally had also come under fire, police said.

In other weekend reports, police said seven people were killed at Loskop near Estcourt.

Police said two security guards were shot dead at the KwaThanda railway station in Campbells on Saturday.

The KwaZulu Police reported five apparently politically linked weekend killings.

Four people were killed in separate attacks in Durban’s Umzimkulu township on Saturday.

On Friday, police said former Maritzburg attorney John Lovell Green (76) and Richmond farmer Mike Morris (56) were shot dead at their homes.

In Inanda, Durban, the body of Wellington Zungu (61) was found in a road on Sunday.

In Phoenix, the body of a man was found on Saturday.

A woman was stabbed to death at Maydon Wharf in Durban harbour on Sunday, and Nellie Body was found dead near Victoria Embankment.

KwaZulu Police reported the killing of a shop assistant in Mtatshini Reserve on Friday night. Three colleagues were injured when gunmen opened fire on their vehicle as they were travelling home. The killers fled with R5 500. — Sapa.
35 die violently in grim Natal weekend

DURBAN — At least 35 people were killed in another bloody weekend in Natal, police reported yesterday.

In the worst incident 15 people, mostly youths, were massacred in Saturday morning's attack on ANC supporters preparing for a voter education workshop in southern Natal.

- Two security guards were shot dead on duty at KwaThandaza railway station in Camperdown on Saturday.
- Seven people were killed in what police called a 'faction fight' in Leskop, near Estcourt.
- KwaZulu police said four people died in attacks in Umlazi on Saturday.
- One person died and eight were hurt in attacks related to an Inkatha rally in Taylors Hall near Maritzburg on Sunday, police said.

- Schools were closed in Durban on the West Rand yesterday after Sunday's fighting between municipal police and internal stability division members. IFP Youth Brigade spokesman Mr Charles Lilowe said his house and about 23 others were torched. He said IFP and Azapo members lost homes in fighting between ISD members defending IFP houses and municipal police upset at ISD's 'action against Azapo members.'
- A boy, 13, was injured when two men — one allegedly white and one black — threw him off a train near Johannesburg yesterday, police said.
- Police said the man shot and burnt to death in Alberton industrial area at the weekend was Mr. Peter Bajek, 45, of Germiston. — Sapa
Families flee Reef violence

By Molgedi Pola and Sapa

A COUPLE OF FAMILIES in Bakkendorl on the West Rand fled their homes yesterday after an alleged Inkatha Freedom Party supporter left a trail of destruction, burning 15 houses resulting in injuries to five people.

And in Nandlal, at least 41 people were killed during another bloody weekend. In the worst attack, 15 youths were murdered when four men killed and stabbed them during a water distribution fight.

Six of those killed were attached near an Inkatha Freedom Party rally at Taylor's Hall, outside Mafikeng, on Sunday. The details included a four-year-old boy, Sams Spence. They were shot dead in the Neobahn area, about 5km from the event.

Most people spoken to in Bakkendorl yesterday said they did not know the cause of the violence. All they could say was that a group of men were robbing and killing them.

A spokesperson for the Inkatha Freedom Party said two men were killed in the Nandlal area.

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Natal death toll rises to 45

DURBAN: — At least 13 people were murdered in Natal on Monday, and the weekend toll rose to 45 with further killings reported yesterday.

The region worst affected was Stanger where the police reported six people killed. Details of the other killings were not given.

KwaZulu Police said three people were murdered in homeland-administered areas on Monday, and three people were killed at the weekend.

Mr Mandlenkosi Qumbisa, 33, was shot dead in Umlazi and Mr Monile Cele was shot dead in KwaMashu.

In Mpumalanga, Mr Zwelethu Hlongwa, 50, was killed while waiting at a bus stop on Sunday in the Montebello area of Ndwerwe, Natal Midlands, Mr Ndabayakhe Elliot Luthuli, 65, and Ms Khethiwe Rosaline Luthuli, 65, were killed in the same area, but it could not be immediately established if the murders were connected or the victims related.

Ms Evelinah Bahlangene Hlongwane, 70, was killed at her home in the Matholamnyama area of Ndwerwe — Sapa.
Natal violence kills 22 since weekend

DURBAN. — Twenty two people have been killed in violent episodes in Natal since Monday.

Three men were shot dead by men armed with AK47 rifles in Ngonyameni, south of Durban, on Tuesday, the South African Police said yesterday.

KwaZulu Police said a man was killed in nearby Umlazi on the same day, pushing Tuesday’s toll through violence to nine.

• On the reef, an ANC Youth League member was attacked by a mob wielding iron bars and sharp objects while he was putting up election posters near Fords Day Station in Johannesburg on Tuesday night, the organisation said.

• In Johannesburg, a member of the South African Defence Force deployed in Vosloorus on the East Rand was killed when unidentified gunmen opened fire on an army checkpoint late on Tuesday night. — Sapa
22 slain in Natal since Monday

THREE men were shot dead in Ngonyameni, south of Durban, on Tuesday, police said yesterday.

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SAP spokesman Major Balu Naidoo said the three were murdered by men armed with AK-47 rifles and shotguns while they were having a drink. They were Alfred Mdaba (53), Ntshelwa Mngadi (53) and Wilberforce Mpanza, age not known.

At Bhambayi, north of Durban, an unidentified man was shot dead by police who came under attack in the shack settlement.

Police said the man pointed a gun at them and a hand grenade thrown at their police vehicle exploded.

At Mnqezini on the North Coast, Sinqo Cele and Sipho Dladla were shot dead in their house by four men armed with AK-47 rifles.

At KwaMbonambi, also on the North Coast, Thulani Ndlovu (25) was found shot dead in the Nthalobosini Reserve on Monday. His firearm had been taken.

A member of the South African Army deployed in Vosloorus on the East Rand was killed when unidentified gunmen opened fire on an army checkpoint late on Tuesday night.

Witwatersrand Command Headquarters said in a statement on Wednesday the name of the victim was being withheld until his next of kin had been informed.

A house was burnt down — police estimate damage at R10 000 — in Tsakane. Police who arrived on the scene were stoned but there were no injuries and no arrests. A funeral service at Vosloorus a motor vehicle was set alight. No one was injured and no arrests have been made.

— Sapa.
Fair elections in Natal, killings may threaten free election.

By FEMI ATUNSE

In the past elections in Natal, candidates and voters at risk, reports FRANK CHOTELA.

In the face of violence in Natal, analysts warn that insecurity hinders impartial election.

In seeking to avoid violence and ensure free elections, the importance of voter education and participation in election processes is highlighted.

The recent elections have been marred by violence and intimidation, with several candidates and voters reported to have been targeted.

The main challenges include the lack of security, political polarization, and the influence of organized crime.

The election commission is taking steps to address these challenges, including increasing security measures and promoting voter awareness campaigns.

However, the road to free and fair elections in Natal remains fraught with challenges, and the outcome of the election is uncertain.

The importance of peaceful elections cannot be overstated, as they are fundamental to democratic governance and the rule of law.
ANC seeks protection in Ulundi

Farouk Chothia

The ANC has called for the deployment of the South African Defence Force and the South African Police in Ulundi. In the wake of Inkatha Freedom Party supporters flushing out suspected ANC members from the homeland capital, ANC Northern Natal deputy chairman Willem Mchunu said a combined force of the SAPF and SAP — overseen by international policemen — needed to replace the kwaZulu Police in Ulundi and other violence-torn areas in Northern Natal, including Mandini, Ubonbo and kwaMthethwa.

Mchunu said a "credible security force" was needed in Northern Natal immediately — and not two weeks before elections — to reduce intimidation in the region.

He said recent incidents in Ulundi were intended to strike fear into residents to prevent them from going to polling booths on April 27.

"Even if (IFP leader Chief Mangosuthu) Buthelezi says people are free to go and vote, no one will dare to do so for fear of being identified. It is not only the ANC that will suffer — but also the Democratic Party and the National Party," said Mchunu.

He said it was therefore imperative for a "credible security force" not only in Ulundi, but also in the rest of the province to protect themselves against possible attacks from the ANC. Some residents said they attended the meeting because they feared that if they did not do so they would be labelled ANC members.

While the meeting was in progress, the atmosphere in Ulundi was tense and the KZP stepped up patrols to protect residents from possible intimidation and attacks. The meeting, however, went off peacefully.

KZP station commander Thalente Mlombo is also named on the list as an ANC member. He has denied the charge.

IFP deputy secretary general Simon Gumede, whose name also appeared on the list, has announced his resignation from the organisation. However, he said he had decided prior to the publication of the list to quit.

Since the distribution of the pamphlet a fortnight ago, Ulundi has been in the grip of fear — and several residents have fled the homeland capital.

A cashier in the kwaZulu Department of Finance, a Mrs Hlani, left Ulundi after her name appeared on the list, and her home has been broken into and her furniture burnt.

IFP supporters held a meeting in Ulundi last Sunday and, sources said, they decided to set up defence units to protect themselves against possible attacks from the ANC. Some residents said they attended the meeting because they feared that if they did not do so they would be labelled ANC members.

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IFP central committee member Muzikayise Ngema said while he had no idea where the pamphlet originated from, he did not believe the ANC had drafted it, nor did he believe the IFP had drafted it to flush out suspected ANC members.

Another IFP central committee member, Joseph Masangc, appealed for political tolerance among Ulundi residents who had to realise there were supporters of various political parties living in the homeland capital.

He said if the identities of the culprits become known, the IFP would ensure they are brought to book.

Ngema said the IFP would not prevent any Ulundi resident from exercising their "democratic right" to vote in elections.
ANC, IFP youth collaborate

DURBAN. — National leaders of the African National Congress Youth League and Inkatha Freedom Party Youth Brigade met here and agreed to work together to resolve specific problems plaguing the country.

Working committees were set up yesterday to deal with violence and problems in education and to establish youth structures.

The working groups would make recommendations to their principals.

An IFP source said the committees would respond during theANCYL's and IFPYB's next joint summit on April 4.

The organisations undertook to work side by side, particularly in areas troubled by violence. — Sapa.

(News by C Govender, 322 West Street, Durban)
Weekend attacks claim 11 lives

Guns of killers swept through an ANC stronghold in the war-torn Bhambayi shack settlement north of Durban late on Saturday night, leaving 11 people dead.

There were conflicting reports as to the number of people killed. Residents said eight people were dead and seven injured, while police said 11 were murdered.

What prompted the killings mystified residents, but a local ANC leader attributed the slayings to the ongoing conflict between the rival “red” and “green” gangs. The two gangs are linked to the ANC and Inkatha Freedom Party, respectively.

Residents in the ANC strongholds of Angola and Cuba — an area of about 3km square — reported that gunmen attacked different homes between 10pm and midnight.

Sinali Mgcazana was shot dead when intruders burst into his house while he was dining with a group of sangomas, one of whom was injured.

“The gunshots shocked me and I pulled somebody who was walking past my house inside. We went down for cover. I heard shooting for about four minutes,” said an Angola resident, who did not want to be named.

In nearby Cuba, shopkeeper Patience Ndlela said two of her vehicles were set on fire by a group of men who broke into her store.

About 50m away, gunmen burst into another house which they set on fire before murdering Betty Dlamini, Mildred Khamalo, and Bizo Mphatha.

A nearby house was also gutted by fire, but no injuries were reported. However, immediately behind this house, Mr Mhawaye was killed in his one-room dwelling.

A stone’s throw away across a dirt road, gunmen killed Ndlela Shoji and Lindiwe Cele. Shoji’s 14-year-old niece escaped.

ANC secretary-general Mr Cyril Ramaphosa and other regional leaders were due to visit the area late yesterday.

— Sapa.
Violence claims 13 lives

At least 13 people were killed in Natal and the Transvaal as political violence spread at the weekend to what were relatively peaceful areas.

Eleven people were reported killed on Saturday in the Bhambayi shack settlement north of Durban when groups of killers went on the rampage there.

Two people were killed and three injured in Duduzo near Nigel yesterday morning.

Warring factions in Bhambayi had made peace last month and this held up until Saturday.

Duduzo has been quiet since the turbulent 1980s when the first necklace victim in the country was executed there. The weekend violence appears to give credence to the theory that political violence changes locations and is switched on at will by "an invisible hand." (27)

Since the Government and the ANC agreed on an South African Defence Force clampdown in Tokoza and Katlehong, the epicentre of the violence for some months, the East Rand has been quiet. The violence has instead spread to Bekkersdal on the West Rand and this weekend to Duduzo on the East Rand. ANC leader in the Duduzo hostel Mr Isaac Vambo and another member were shot dead in their beds in different parts of the hostel.

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11 killed in Durban township

DURBAN. — At least 11 people were killed and 20 homes were gutted by fire when gangs of AK-47 and shotgun-wielding marauders went on the rampage through the war-torn shack settlement of Bhambayi at the weekend.

ANC secretary-general Mr Cyril Ramaphosa yesterday blamed the SA Police’s internal stability division for the massacre and demanded it be disbanded.

Law and Order Minister Mr Hernus Kriel said yesterday the latest killings were a grim warning that the intolerance of ANC and IFP supporters would deprive people of freely exercising their democratic right of choice during the elections.

The first victim of the latest wave of violence was Mr Sisili Mgcisana who was in his hut with a group of sangomas when the shooting started at 10pm.

A resident told how she heard a relative, Mrs Mildred Khumalo, pleading and praying for her life before she was silenced by gunfire and an explosion.

Two others, Mrs Betty Diamini and Mrs Buzo Mbatha, were also burnt beyond recognition in the same house.

An elderly man, known only as Mr Mthiyane, was gunned down in another nearby shack.

A 14-year-old girl told how she hid while the attackers gunned down her uncle, Mr Ndleleni Shoxi, and Ms Lindiwe Cele.

Two other victims were named as Mr Lucas Diamini and Mr Bheki Ndlorou. Two victims have not been identified. — Own Correspondent
More resign from NPKF

ABOUT 117 members of the National Peacekeeping Force in training at the General De Wet Training Centre near Bloemfontein have resigned since the start of last weekend.

An NPKF spokesman said yesterday their reasons varied from domestic problems to dissatisfaction with conditions at the base. About 70 members resigned last week as a result of a strike over pay.

The spokesman said, however, that conditions at the base had returned to normal and training had been resumed. A delegation from the Transitional Executive Council was due to visit the base yesterday afternoon to help deal with personnel problems.

In another development, Law and Order Ministry spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said gangland police were investigating charges of assault following a knife fight involving members of the NPKF in Bloemfontein at the weekend in which three were injured.

Meanwhile, the Inkatha Freedom Party said yesterday that the R129 million allocated to the NPKF was a waste of taxpayers' money.

Natal killing spree now 27

AT LEAST 27 people were murdered in Natal at the weekend, 11 of them in a killing spree in Bhambayi, north of Durban. Sowetan 8/13/94

At Madadeni, near Newcastle, teenagers Thokozani Ngema, Veli Ngema and Misu Maseko were shot dead on Sunday, KwaZulu police said.

Gunmen swept through the Bhambayi settlement on Saturday night killing at least eight people. Police said 11 bodies had been recovered.

There had been no arrests for the Bhambayi killings by yesterday afternoon. - Sapa.
Ulundi’s own ‘peace force’ assembly line

By SIPHO KHUMALO

CLAD in military uniforms with their heads camouflaged with leaves, a group of KwaZulu self-protection trainee moved in to ambush a bomb in guerrilla fashion.

The sound of gunfire echoed throughout Ulundi.

Women ululated and sang the praises of Zulu heroes of past battles.

And proudly looking on stood AWB Southern Natal region commander Morton Christie, who said he helped train the fighters.

It was a mock attack on Thursday to mark the passing out of a further 1 400 KwaZulu Self-Protection Unit members in Ulundi.

The graduates engaged in mock attacks and counter-attacks to display what they have learnt from an intensive four-week military training.

It was the third passing out parade – pushing the number of recruits trained since KwaZulu Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi called for the establishment of this force last year to more than 3,000.

And a fresh batch of 1,500 trainees are to undergo yet another four weeks training.

Philip Powell, commander of the KwaMhla camp where the trainees study defence tactics, told City Press that he men signalled the end of Umkhonto weSizwe’s ‘free reign’ in Natal and KwaZulu.

“MK has had a free reign – now they are going to face a challenge. These boys are going to stop them,” Powell said. He did not elaborate.

The trainees are drawn from throughout KwaZulu/Natal and from Transvaal hotels, Powell said.

“When chief or mayor provides 10 people from his area to undergo training, they then go back to their communities to form a core leadership group that will further train the locals.”

Trainees undergo physical training and are taught how to use and maintain firearms, organisational and marching skills, said Powell.

In particular they are trained in the use of pump-action guns, 9mm pistols, German-made G-3 rifles, R1’s and R4’s.

“These are firearms used by KwaZulu police – and if you know how to use an R4 you will also be able to use an AK-47,” said Powell.

The philosophy behind this training, he said, was to extend community policing.

Each trainee is provided with a competence certificate to facilitate their applications for firearm licences, said Powell.

“Since the introduction of this training there has been a definite decrease in violence in the amakhosi areas in KwaZulu,” he said.

Powell dismissed as “propaganda” the ANC’s charge that since the deployment of these units there has been an increase of violence in the Natal Midlands.

“Take Phatzeni area in Richmond,” said Powell.

“In the past there was an attack almost every week but now that has stopped.”

Phatzeni is the Inkatha stronghold in the Natal Midlands. The ANC in the Natal Midlands has claimed this area serves as a springboard for attacks in the neighbouring areas in Richmond.

EAGLE EYE . . . AWB Southern Natal region commander Morton Christie. • Photos: FRANCE DIBATSANA

COMRADES? . . . REC chairman Pat Hlongwane with AWB members at the parade.
Three members of the Ba'hai faith were shot dead by gunmen during a service in Milnerton, near East London, yesterday. \[143194\]

A local Ba'hai leader and six armed men had entered the service and ordered whites present to stand aside. Three Iranians, who had been living in South Africa for some years, were then shot. Black congregants were not harmed.

At Umlazi in Durban, four people were killed in clashes between the Inkatha Freedom Party and African National Congress yesterday. Three were killed in the afternoon following the killing earlier in the day of an IFP supporter.

The three were killed after ANC supporters left their gathering place near King Zwelithini Stadium in the township.

Police reinforcements were deployed in the township last night.

The stadium was occupied by IFP supporters earlier yesterday ahead of a planned ANC rally there, resulting in increased tension between supporters of the two parties. \[Saps\]

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**Inkatha won't be in April election**

By Donwald Pressly
Political Staff

THE Inkatha Freedom Party will definitely not be contesting next month's election, a senior MP and central committee member confirmed yesterday.

But the Freedom Front, led by former Africaner Volksfront leader General Constand Viljoen, will be contesting the poll. Several Conservative Party MPs — including Dr Pieter Mulder and his brother Coenie — are expected to be nomneces under its banner when candidates' lists are announced this week.

The Freedom Alliance is now all but in tatters, with former Bophuthatswana President Lucas Mangope deposed by the TEC this weekend, announcing he would participate in the election under the banner of the North West Christian Democratic Party (Ciskei's Brigadier Oupa Cepazo left)

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**Talkback**

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IEC defuses tense situation as calm returns to Umlazi

Five killed during clashes between ANC and IFP

Political Staff
DURBAN. — The situation was back to normal in Umlazi today after KwaZulu police reported that at least five people were killed and several injured in clashes between the Inkatha Freedom Party and the African National Congress yesterday.

Major conflict on the streets of the township, south of Durban, was prevented after the Independent Electoral Commission stepped in during a tense standoff between the IFP and the ANC.

Monitors worked through the weekend at the King Zwelithini Stadium — which hundreds of IFP supporters, some with guns and traditional weapons, had invaded in an apparent move to prevent an ANC election meeting from taking place yesterday.

About 2000 IFP supporters arrived on Saturday while ANC officials were preparing the venue at which ANC national chairman Thabo Mbeki was due to speak.

Their numbers dwindled to about 500 by yesterday when they were persuaded to leave after negotiations led by IEC Natal representative Steve Collins.

The ANC went ahead with its rally plans. Mr Mbeki, Transkei military leader Bantu Holomisa and local ANC leaders addressed several thousand supporters on the streets of Umlazi outside the stadium.

The Umlazi Peace Centre reported that two people were injured after being shot, several vehicles were damaged, a hand-granade exploded within the stadium, a policeman was robbed of his gun and a house was shot at.

NO-GO AREA: Police took cover yesterday as gunshots were heard outside the King Goodwill Zwelithini stadium in Umlazi near Durban. IFP supporters had barred ANC supporters from entering the stadium to attend an election rally. The ANC held the rally in the street outside the stadium.

Cracks in ANC support, says Bester

GEORGE. — Jay Naidoo’s tongue-lashing of delegates to the Cosatu Western Cape congress at the weekend was a wake-up call that voters would get if they brought the ANC to power, says Democratic Party Western Cape premiership candidate Hennie Bester.

He said cracks in ANC support in the Western Cape region were beginning to show.

“It is becoming more and more evident that Western Cape voters are deserting the ANC in droves because they realise that the ANC will not be able to deliver after the election, but will lead us to economic ruin.”

Mr Naidoo said at Cosatu’s regional congress on Saturday, “I am angry that the region did not get its act together. We are six weeks away from the election and a lot depends on how we mobilise our ranks. If we can’t organise a regional congress, how are we expected to win an election?”

Mr Bester said it was not surprising that unionists and workers were reticent to work for an ANC election campaign.

“It is not the role of unions to run political campaigns.”

Mr Bester asked: “The ANC blatantly disregarded the interests of Western Cape clothing and textile workers when it placed the order for ANC election T-shirts with foreign companies.”

Mr Bester added that Mr Naidoo’s “tirade” was unlikely to have much effect. — Sapa.
Right does its in, out, in, out election dance

WHILE Bophuthatswana was calm last night, violence flared sporadically elsewhere, and divisions within far right ranks became more obvious.

The National Party welcomed the decision by former Afrikaner Volksfront leader Constand Viljoen to take part in the election under the banner of the Freedom Alliance but said in a statement in Pretoria last night that General Viljoen was naive if he believed he could retain his post as military adviser to Conservative Party leader Ferdie Hartzenberg.

"Mr Viljoen has ignored warnings by the NP and other people that he was making a big mistake by associating with the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging," said the statement.

- The rightwing Pretoria Boerekommando is uncowed by the public execution of AWB members in Mmabatho, saying they would not follow General Viljoen into the election.

Commandant Willem Ratte, a former 32 Battalion commander, said at the Wonderboom Fort occupied in Pretoria yesterday: "We can’t agree with General Viljoen. We can’t take part in our own funeral by taking part in the Azanian election."

- The Inkatha Freedom Party would not contest the election in spite of the "progress" made at Friday’s meeting on international mediation between the party and the African National Congress, IFP central committee members confirmed yesterday.

Walter Felgate and Ziba Jiyane said the central committee meeting in Ulundi before the successful round of talks with the ANC finally decided against taking part in the election.

- The IFP’s self-protection units trained in Natal and Transvaal would be deployed in communities hit by violence, IFP president Mangosuthu Buthelezi said yesterday.

He told about 500 people at a rally in Kimberley — most of them mineworkers bussed in from other areas — that these units would protect Inkatha supporters from the ANC, which he accused of murdering much of his leadership.

"No matter how many of us you kill, you cannot kill our resolve. We will fight to the last man," he told the crowd, which was armed with sticks and knobkerries.

- Home Affairs Minister Danie Schutte hinted yesterday that senior IFP members were to join the NP.

Mr Schutte told members of the Italian community in Durban that the NP would accommodate some of the IFP leaders in the candidate list for the National Assembly.

He said several IFP leaders had indicated willingness to join the NP, but declined to say who.

- Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel has lifted unrest restrictions placed on 32 areas during the violence in Bophuthatswana.

The fate of University of Durban-Westville’s deputy public affairs director, Jeya Wilson, hangs in the balance after weekend disclosures that she was not eligible to use the title of "Doctor." She also withdrew from the Democratic Party’s national assembly and provincial list of election candidates soon after informing the DP of her uncompleted Oxford doctorate.

- There has been no infiltration of Ciskei’s security forces by Umkhonto we Sizwe cadres, as claimed by Returned Exiles Committee member Patrick Hlongwane, Ciskei’s council of state said yesterday. Mr Hlongwane’s claims to this effect were intended to incite unrest and discontent.

- The DP demanded that the government and the Transitional Executive Council immediately introduce measures to prevent the unauthorised carrying of weapons.

"We are sick and tired of provocative behaviour by parties, trade unions and politicians, and by the roaming gangs of armed criminals, in paramilitary units or not, shooting indiscriminately at innocent people," said DP PWV leader Tony Leon.

Compiled by IFS Robertson, 122 St George’s Mall, Cape Town.
Economy growth linked to need for more teachers

PRESIDENT De Klerk and Pan Africanist Congress leader Clarence Makwetu answered questions from readers of The Argus yesterday.

President De Klerk was asked: How are you to solve the problem of unemployment, especially in education where so many teachers are unemployed, although bursaries are still going to students to learn teaching?

The precondition for solving the problem of unemployment among teachers is the same as that for solving the general problem of unemployment—a growing economy.

If the economy grows, more jobs will be created and the problem of unemployment will be reduced. This, of course, can only happen if an environment friendly to investment is created, such as opportunities for private enterprise, guarantees regarding private property, security for investment, peace and stability, and an absence of negative factors such as nationalisation and social engineering.

If the economy grows, it would yield growing means for social spending, ie, on education. This would enable the education authorities to employ more teachers.

It is estimated that to accommodate the growth in the black student population, something like 14 000 additional teachers will have to be employed each year.

Teacher training is not something that can be turned on and off at short notice and, therefore, training has to go ahead even in less prosperous times in order to make provision for the future.

Trained teachers often find employment in other sectors where their training is also an asset to their employers and the community. Such teachers often return to the profession once opportunities open up again.

One reason for the current overproduction of teachers has been that political pressure was brought to bear on especially the Department of Education and Training to accept more teachers into the training colleges than their projections indicated.

Mr Makwetu was asked: The PAC attacks “settlers”, meaning whites, and says they have no place in South Africa. But...
NEWS 23 killed in Natal

5 die in tense stand-off

**OCCUPIED STADIUM**

IFP, ANC supporters clash:

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Police said Patrick Sibiya (40), Muzoifulu Dlamini (20), Nonhlanhla Mbanjwa (28), Wycliff Cele (40) and Clifford Ngidi (44) were shot dead in different sections of Umhlatuzi on Sunday night. In Eshowe, on the Natal north coast, a man armed with an AK-47 rifle on Saturday opened fire on a taxi rank, killing N Ndlovu (29), ZG Shandu (45), D Mthethwa (39) and J Cele (46). Five others were injured in the attack, which police attributed to an ongoing taxi feud.

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In Umbumbulu, on the south coast, a 78-year-old woman was stabbed to death on Sunday and his wife Nolusani Mabuza and his wife Agnes, both 62, were shot to death by unknown gunmen on Saturday.

An unidentified body was found at the Glebelands soccer stadium, south of Durban, on Saturday.

The unidentified body of a man was found in Umhlatuzi’s B section on Saturday morning.

In Port Shepstone, on the Natal south coast, Munyisi Njnakwe (21), and Xolani Nkewe (22), were shot dead by gunmen on Saturday.

Percy Mncayana (20) was found strangled to death in Amashamini, on the south coast, on Sunday.

In Tongaat, on the north coast, the stabbed body of Amos Mbanjwa (43) was discovered in the Estuary area on Saturday. Constable Mngisi Mdluli was shot dead in Umhlatuzi’s J Section on Friday night. — Sapè.
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Fears of upsurge in bloodshed for Natal

By RODNEY PINDER

DURBAN — A free and fair election looks like an impossible dream for thousands of black people in Natal, trapped in a never-ending nightmare of bloodshed. Violence monitors and other analysts say political storm clouds are building fast before polling next month.

They fear an upsurge of killing and intimidation that will make a free vote impossible over large parts of the province, where 25% of all South Africans live.

More than 10,000 people have died in 10 years of warfare in Natal between Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi's Inkatha Freedom Party and Nelson Mandela's African National Congress. An Inkatha election boycott will make things worse, regional experts say.

**Popular uprising**

Inkatha is refusing to take part in the April 26-28 poll, which is expected to produce an ANC-dominated government, unless its demands for virtual regional autonomy are met.

The time for a deal appears to have run out.

Buthelezi vows to fight "to the last man" against an ANC government and President F.W. de Klerk says he fears a repeat in Natal of the popular uprising that last week ousted another black homeland leader, Bophuthatswana President Lucas Mangope.

"No way can there be a free and fair election in big chunks of Natal if Inkatha doesn't come in," says church peace activist Paddy Kearney.

Gavin Woods of the Inkatha Institute, a research body, predicts that "the civil war, now contained and localised, will be stopped up" as a result of the boycott.

He says political turf wars and population shifts as people flee fighting in townships, villages and valleys have made 90% of Natal's black communities — where most of its 6.5 million people live — no-go areas for one party or another.

**Authoritarian chiefs**

"Secrecy goes out of the window" with an Inkatha boycott, says Karen MacGregor, editor of Natal University's Indicator South Africa research publication. "Anyone going to the polls will be seen as voting against Inkatha."

The situation would be acute in Inkatha's rural strongholds run by authoritarian chiefs who see their traditional power structures threatened by ANC revolutionaries.

Voting would be impossible for those tied to their homes with no escape to the anonymity of the workplace — women, the unemployed, the ailing and the old, she says.

Monitors say the long conflict in Natal, where more than half of South Africa's political violence occurs, has produced a unique tapestry of death featuring warlords, drug lords, blood feuds, robbers, renegades and agents provocateurs as well as ANC-Inkatha battles and infiltrating even within these groups.

**Peace monitors**

Hatreds and suspicions are such that even a black computer train crash that killed 64 people last week was widely perceived as being political. Many blacks are convinced it was a sort of a kamikaze express — derailed by an extremist driver.

Peace monitors say actual deaths from violence are slightly down — at least 380 killed in the first two months of this year — but violence is rising.

"Some Inkatha chieftains in rural areas are confiscating their subjects' identification documents to prevent them voting and refusing to allow in voter education workshops by churches and other independent groups, some human rights activists say."  

**Sinister reminder**

A concerned Inkatha official, who cannot be named for fear of reprisal, told a human rights group in a sworn affidavit that one powerful chief had told a clan gathering "there will be no voting in Eswatini" — the Zulu homeland created by apartheid and ruled by Buthelezi. He added that Inkatha loyalists would be given guns "to be used against people who will vote."

Woods says ANC thugs mark warers' doors with ink blots and stroll down streets rattling matchboxes in a sinister reminder of a favoured method of dispatching political enemies with burning tyres around their necks.

A sad-eyed woman at a hospital in Natal's hauntingly lovely but hellish "killing fields" says Inkatha warriors killed her 14-year-old son two nights earlier, sliced off the top of his head and scooped out his brains.

A priest says similar tales are recounted by many refugees. Mythology has it that vital parts of youths and enemies impart strength to their killers.

Violence monitors say they have reports of white neo-nazis training Inkatha fighters on farms and equipping them with weapons that are flooding into the province by sea and road.

**Mass action**

The ANC, which polls show is followed by at least half the Zulu people, has vowed to resist any attempt to deny blacks their first vote.

Southern Natal publicity head Dumisani Makhaye predicted "unprecedented mass action" in support of a democratic election if Inkatha sought to deny voters their long-awaited rights.

"If the majority of South Africans' demands are disregarded through undemocratic means, then South Africa will experience violence it has never thought of," he declared. — Sapa-Reuters
Three more killed in Natal

DURBAN — Three people were killed in Natal on Wednesday, police said yesterday.

In Port Shepstone’s Quinabout location, Mr Makaya Mshugana, 46, was shot and stoned to death after he and two others were attacked and robbed by a gang.

Police said one of Mr Mshugana’s companions was stabbed but was not seriously injured.

Three shacks were later burnt in what appeared to have been a revenge attack.

In KwaMbonambi on the Natal North Coast, a Constable Ngobese was shot dead by a group of men who attacked him and a colleague, a Constable Msimela, who was injured.

In Durban’s Queensburgh area, the unidentified body of a man was found at a dump. He had been stabbed.

At Vosloorus yesterday afternoon Mr Jacobus Gabriel van der Venter, 43, a former police dog handler from Alberton, was shot in the head while sitting in his car at the Lesedi Shopping Centre.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Colonel Dave Bruce said he was shot when a group approached the car.

Mr Van der Venter managed to drive for some distance before losing control and crashing into a fence. He was admitted to hospital, where he had immediate surgery. — Sapa
Johannesburg. - A former investigating officer into a massacre of 11 ANC supporters, Lieutenant Westleigh Mbatha, suggested yesterday he had deliberately been put on sick leave by the KwaZulu Police because he was about to make a breakthrough in his investigations.

Lt Mbatha was giving evidence here to a Goldstone commission of inquiry into allegations of a cover-up to protect the perpetrators of the massacre in Ngutu, northern Natal, in November last year. He implicated senior KwaZulu police officer and Ngutu district commissioner, Brigadier B Ndlovu.

Mr Justice Richard Goldstone said he hoped to give a ruling on the inquiry next week. — Sapa
ARMED: IFP supporters armed with AK-47s and other automatic rifles stage a display of strength for fellow supporters as they arrive at an Ulundi imbizo (gathering). Further reports on page 16.

Confrontation looms ...

CHRIS WHITFIELD and VENILLA YOGANATHAN
Weekend Argus Political Staff

ULUNDI—Clouds of confrontation have begun to gather over KwaZulu after King Goodwill Zwelithini suggested that the region was on the point of UDI.

The atmosphere is extremely tense and addresses by leaders have been taken on an increasingly bellicose tone.

Speaking here yesterday at the Imbizo—gathering of the king’s subjects—which was to have been addressed by ANC president Nelson Mandela, the Zulu king urged Zulus to defend “at all costs” their freedom and sovereignty.

He added that such sovereignty would be denied by an election under the interim constitution.

The ANC announced that it would embark on a plan of rolling mass action to prove to the world that it had the majority support of Zulus in Natal, ANC spokesman Dumisane Makhaye said yesterday.

Reacting to the king’s proclamation, Mr. Makhaye said: “We will organise events and marches that will clearly show that Zulus want to take part in the election.

“We warn everybody that our people, especially Zulus, are sick and tired of people abusing their history and their title.

“If the king is used by any political party to retain an apartheid structure such as the KwaZulu bantustan, then it is a sad day for the Zulu kingdom because it will precipitate the demise of the kingdom,” he said.

Mr. Makhaye also warned that should the king decide to secede KwaZulu/Natal from the rest of the country, a mass rising would be sparked.

“It will precipitate resistance from ordinary Zulus, chiefs who have not been consulted and 98 percent of princes and princesses.”

He said that while the ANC did not believe in ethnicity, it might become important for the organisation to prove that Zulus wanted to take part in the election and were mature enough to do so.

After the rally volleys of gunshots were heard through Ulundi as the crowd dispersed, the firing was apparently directed into the air by what an Inkatha Freedom Party official described as civilians with AK-47s and other arms. One youth was apparently wounded in the hand.

Mr. Mandela has cancelled his appearance at an ANC festival at the University of Zululand in Empangeni today following assassination threats.

IFP Empangeni leader Mzizi Blessed Qwala, speaking at the Imbizo, called on the crowd to attend the festival. The king, who KwaZulu officials claimed was offended by Mr. Mandela’s absence, said he hoped there was no substance in the assassination allegations.

“It would be rank foolishness for anyone to attempt such a thing. A thing like that would literally burn this country to ashes. I hope that is no more than a scare story.”

(News by C. Whitfield, DF Sauer St., Johannesburg and V. Yoganathan, 18 Oxford Street, Durban)
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Aim ... police open fire in KwaMashu, outside Durban, where they allegedly killed a youth whom they say had shot at them yesterday. Residents said police placed a weapon near the youth after shooting him.

Senior ANC member killed in Natal

At least 31 people, including a senior Natal Midlands ANC member and a policeman, were killed in politically related violence in Natal/KwaZulu at the weekend, said the police.

Early today, police were still receiving reports of intimidation and violence in KwaMashu. Durban SAP spokesman Major Bahl Naidoo said five houses were gutted in the area during the night, but police media liaison personnel had not received detailed reports of violence in other areas.

He said it was possible that the death toll could have risen through the night and violence continued to ravage the province.

Natal Midlands SAP spokesman Captain Henry Budhran said four people, including ANC Midlands official and Richmond ANC Youth League leader Mzwandile Mbonwane, were shot dead in Ndaleni on Sunday. The ANC confirmed the killings and said it was investigating.

Mbonwane was a prominent ANC Midlands spokesman and was on the organisation’s candidates’ list for the provincial legislature.

The others killed in the attack were Mzo Mkhize (22), Mfantseni Latsha (21) and Mziwendaba Ximba (22).

R-4 cartridges were found at the scene.

Budhran said five people were killed in separate attacks in Ndwedwe, a rural area north of Durban, and three more were killed in the squatter settlement of Bhambayi, outside Durban.

Police earlier reported only one killing in Bhambayi.

ANC spokesman Roy Allsop told Sapa that two more people were killed near Port Shepstone late on Sunday.

He said the deaths followed clashes between IFP and ANC in KwaMashu.

Allsop said three people were wounded in KwaMashu when hundreds of IFP supporters refused to allow an ANC election rally to take place. Police reported that one man had been killed and seven injured in the clash.

They also reported six other weekend deaths, including that of a policeman in Umlazi on Sunday night. They said Lance-Sergeant R Khan (28) died instantly when he and colleagues came under fire.

KwaZulu Police reported 10 killings at the weekend.

Judge Krieger sent to volatile Natal

By Mathatha Tsedu
Political Editor

PRESIDENT FW de Klerk and ANC leader Nelson Mandela yesterday dispatched Independent Electoral Commission chairman Mr Justice Johann Krieger to Natal as the province totters on the brink of all-out clashes.

The decision was taken in Pretoria yesterday at a meeting between the three men to discuss the situation in Natal and look at methods to ensure free and fair elections in Natal.

Krieger is to meet King Goodwill Zwelithini and Inkatha Freedom Party leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi at Ulundi tomorrow. He is expected to make an announcement after the meeting tomorrow.

De Klerk and Mandela yesterday declined to comment on the matter, thus indicating the sensitivity of the situation and fear of exacerbating an already tense and dangerous situation.

With the ANC and IFP both launching opposing mass action campaigns around Durban in particular, and Natal generally, tensions are already running high. At least 36 people were killed and over 26 houses torched in violence this past weekend in the province.

Humiliated (27 Feb 94)

The ANC has over the past two weekends been humiliated by alleged IFP supporters who have occupied stadiums and barred the organisation from holding election rallies around Durban.

The people identified themselves simply as "Zulus" but IFP officials were seen at the scene giving instructions.

The ANC said it would launch the "mother of all mass actions" on Friday to demonstrate that the people of Natal, especially those who speak Zulu, supported the holding of elections.

"The main motivation is the deteriorating situation here in Natal where the IFP and some rightwingers are determined to block our campaign. Southern Natal ANC chairman Mr Jeff Radebe, said yesterday.

The IFP central committee, also claiming majority Zulu support for the rejection of the interim constitution, has pledged to "devise national, regional and community action programmes to give people constructive ways of opposing the ... elections".

(Report by Mathatha Tsedu, 61 Commando Road, Imbali West, Johannesburg.)
Homes torched in flare-up of Natal violence

DURBAN. — Fresh political violence has erupted in areas of KwaMashu, near Durban, with the African National Congress reporting four homes burned down in clashes between hostel dwellers and residents.

Police spokesman Bala Naidoo confirmed that reinforcements had been sent to KwaMashu, but he had no details.

Earlier unconfirmed reports said that hostels had burned.

ANC Southern Natal official Roy Ainslie said four houses had been torched and looted in B section near the hostel.

He said the Defence Force was deployed in the area last night and appeared to be preventing further conflict.

KwaMashu has been the site of recent violent political conflict between Inkatha Freedom Party supporters and ANC members.

Mr Ainslie said two people were killed in the Sonkombo area of Ndwenwe, near KwaMashu, on Sunday night and 17 houses had been burned down.

This follows the weekend killing of five people. — Sapa.
Scores die in Natal violence

HUNDREDS flee from their homes as the death toll rises in townships and rural areas in the bloody region

Durban — More than 60 people have died in the political violence that has swept through Natal since Friday. Hundreds have fled their homes and there are fears of further casualties.

The toll rose steadily last night as reports of killings streamed in from rural areas and townships throughout Natal and KwaZulu.

Last night attackers shot and seriously wounded a 22-year-old SAP officer in KwaMashu, who was inspecting a Casspir. Police said the occupants of a vehicle opened fire as they sped past the armoured vehicle.

SAP spokesman Major Bala Naidoo said the townships were “relatively quiet” last night.

KwaZulu Police spokesman Sergeant Siyabonga Veachi said two more people were killed in violence in KwaMakutha township, south of Durban, and another two were killed in Umlazi.

She said the KZP was having difficulty keeping track of the number of deaths in townships, especially KwaMashu, because residents “hated the police”.

The worst affected areas were north of Durban, with the KZP reporting at least 11 killings in the Sonkombo area of Ndwedwe since Sunday. At least three people died in KwaMashu.

Six deaths since Sunday in Muhloko, near Newcastle, and three killings in Vryheid’s Mondlo township pushed the confirmed toll to 61 in five days.

In Sonkombo, more than 250 ANC supporters prepared to flee their homes yesterday. A group of about 20 pleaded with members of the SAP to arrange transportation for them.

They said they had been sleeping in nearby forests since the latest offensive began on Sunday, and which has claimed at least 13 lives — police in Ndwedwe reported 11 deaths and 48 houses burnt.

Ndwedwe was tense yesterday, with residents scattering at the sight of a car. The area was mostly deserted and houses were gutted by fire.

Angry ANC residents said: “They (the IFP and KZP) came here for a meeting on Sunday and left burning houses and dead people because this place is an ANC stronghold. They want to finish the ANC in this area.”

The residents claimed the attackers came from hostels in nearby Lindelani.

The recent killings could have been in retaliation to last month’s suspected ANC attack on Sonkombo commuters which left nine people dead, a KZP source said.

He said the usual territorial and battle lines had been drawn along the hills of Ndwedwe, with the Nithangakazi, Wosiyma, and Mublekholo areas being declared virtual no-go zones.

Local KZP station commander Lieutenant M Zondi dismissed allegations of police complicity in the violence.

In KwaMashu, scores of residents fled B section, fearing overnight attacks from hostel dwellers.

The IFP’s Ed Tillet said the violence was sparked by the drive-by shooting of a hostel dweller yesterday afternoon.

Natal said three members of a Gxingambe, North Coast, family were gunned down by a group of men who burst into their homestead.

In Port Shepstone, on the south coast, Dennis Meyer (67) was found shot dead on Saturday at the Oribi game ranch, where he was a supervisor.

Two firearms were apparently stolen.

Two youths were gunned down at their Mubataha home in northern Natal, the KZP said.

In Umlogazi’s Q section, the body of Richard Sithi (30) was found on Monday. In nearby P section, two bodies with gunshot wounds were found. — Sapa.
Peace worker among 12 killed in Natal

The South African government has confirmed that 12 peace workers were killed in an attack in Natal, according to local media reports.

The attack occurred on Monday evening, and the government has said that the peace workers were providing humanitarian assistance to civilians affected by the conflict.

The government has condemned the attack and vowed to investigate the incident further.

The latest developments come amid growing concerns about the ongoing conflict in the region, which has seen a significant increase in violence in recent months.

The government has called for calm and urged all parties to work towards a peaceful resolution of the conflict.

A statement from the government reads: "We condemn the attack and express our condolences to the families of the victims. We are working closely with the relevant authorities to investigate the incident further and bring those responsible to justice."
Scores flee in terror as Natal death toll climbs

**Political Staff**

DURBAN — Spiralling violence in Natal, which has claimed at least 60 lives since Friday night, has resulted in scores of people fleeing their homes.

The worst hit areas are KwaMashu near Durban, Ndwedwe and Ntuzuma on the north coast and Mondlo at Vryheid where homes were torched and people attacked in night-time raids by armed men.

The African National Congress in southern Natal yesterday called for the immediate deployment of the National Peacekeeping Force and the Defence Force to bring the situation under control.

ANC organiser Bheki Cele accused the security forces of "seeming paralysis" in the face of Inkatha Freedom Party occupation of venues booked by the ANC for election meetings.

Mr Cele said at best the security forces were powerless, at worst they were acting in collusion with the IFP.

In KwaMashu, where violence forced many people from their homes when hostel dwellers from Section A rampaged through Section B on Monday, community organisations and the ANC declared a stayaway for tomorrow.

The area is under virtual siege with many people unable to get to work.

Southern Natal Communist Party chairman Important Mihhize was hospitalised after being attacked near the hostels. His car was set alight.

Mr Mihhize said his life was saved by Cosatu members living in the hostel.

But IFP spokesman Ed Tillott said the renewed outbreak of violence in the township was sparked by the drive-by shooting of a hostel dweller on Monday.

At Mondlo, near Vryheid, the ANC said six people were killed and ANC offices were stoned by IFP supporters.

However, KwaZulu police said one person was shot dead and two were stabbed to death.

At Sonkomho in Ndwedwe, at least 11 ANC members have been killed since Sunday. ANC monitor Roy Ainslee said as many as 200 homes could have been torched.

Mr Ainslee said refugees were living in sugar cane fields and appealed to the Red Cross to assist.

In a statement released by Cosatu assistant general secretary Zwelinzima Vavi, the trade union movement said the low intensity civil war in Natal had flared into "an open war of terror against democratic forces".

Mr Vavi said it appeared as if Zulu King Goodwill's announcement of KwaZulu as a monarchy on Friday was used as a signal to unleash vigilante elements who had been trained in northern Natal.

Cosatu warned that it was not prepared to stand by while its members and leaders in Natal were attacked.

*(Photo by V Angama, 18 Osborne Street, Durban)*
Another 19 murdered in Natal

Durban — Violence has claimed at least 19 more lives in Natal townships and rural areas this week, bringing the number of people killed since Friday to 80.

On Tuesday, Sipho Mkhize was shot dead in Pinetown's KwaDabeka township and C Majola was fatally shot in Chesterville, south of Durban.

An unidentified man was stabbed to death at the Kwamashu men's hostel.

At the Ntshingana Clinic in Zululand, Khulekani Mazibuko was hacked to death and in the northern Natal area of Mondlo, outside Vryheid, Michael Mthethwa was stabbed to death after he opened fire on a group of people with an AK-47.

In Esikhaweni, on the North Coast, S Mthethwa was stabbed to death.

On Monday, 10 people were reported killed in Pinetown West and two bodies were discovered in Kwamashu's B section.

In Port Shepstone's Myuthuni reserve, two were killed in an attack by about 200 people.

In Vryheid, a man was hauled out of a taxi and shot dead.

One man was shot dead in KwaDabeka, two were gunned down in Umkali and another was shot and killed at KwaMakutha.

— Sapa
52 die in four days of Natal violence

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Political violence continued to rage in Natal townships with hundreds of people fleeing their homes yesterday.

Over the past four days an estimated 52 people have lost their lives in this province, as the country edges towards its first all-race elections.

In the tense KwaMashu area, three people were killed on Monday night and at least 13 houses razed.

Scores of residents in KwaMashu’s B Section fled the area yesterday fearing fresh slaughters, allegedly from hostel dwellers. Those who remained were preparing to repel impending attacks.

Local police station commander Major Sipho Zondi said: "We are investigating an allegation that hostel dwellers started the Section.”

He strongly denied ANC claims that the men had failed to repel the attackers and were openly siding with the IFP hostel inmates.

"It was at night. We can’t watch 20,000 hostel dwellers. Look, my men are here now and they’ve been here all night.”

The IFP’s Mr Ed Tillet said the violence in B Section appeared to be in retaliation for an alleged attack on hostel dwellers alighting from a nearby train on their way home from work on Monday.

KwaMashu has been tense since the weekend occupation of a stadium booked for an African National Congress rally, by men claiming to be "Zulus.” At least six people had been killed since Sunday in Mbabane, Newcastle, KwaZulu police officer Captain Dumisani Nhlabi said yesterday. — Sapa.
Dying in name of peace

BY CYRIL MADLALA

His dream was to see peace in South Africa before April 27, but this week Isaac Shandu, IFP peace field worker at Port Natal Peace Operations Centre in Umlazi, died in the name of peace.

Shandu (55) was shot dead while mediating between the feuding Msomi and Khwezi factions at Engonyameni, near Umlazi, on Tuesday night. His body, and that of local Induna Petros Mphathobekhala Mbookazi, were found not far from the venue.

In an interview last week Shandu said his aim in life was to stop the killing and bring peace to the Umlazi region through initiating peace committees and peace meetings.

He worked closely with ANC peace field worker Vaseo Hlengwa, setting a good example of politicians from opposing parties collaborating for peace.

"My vision is to see stability, and then our people can establish themselves economically, because it's peace and economic growth which we need in our country," he said.

Shandu's murder comes two days after Hlengwa escaped injury when his car was burnt after an attack at Kwa-Makhutha, also while on duty.

The KwaZulu/Natal executive of the Regional Peace Committee yesterday arranged with the National Peace Secretariat to call a special meeting of all political leaders in the region to discuss their attitudes towards the Peace Accord.

A distraught Stephanie Miller, co-ordinator of the Port Natal Peace Operations Centre, said Shandu's murder was a tragedy for the whole peace process.

The IFP expressed "disbelief and revulsion" at the assassination of Shandu, who was also a senior leader in the organisation.

IFP spokesman Ed Titlen said three other IFP members had been killed during the attack. Police said only two other bodies were found.
DE KLERK anxious to meet Buthelezi in last-ditch bid to prevent 'painful action' being taken in his territory

BY CHRIS WHITFIELD
and JOVIAL RANTAO

The Government is poised for a security crackdown in KwaZulu/Natal as the death toll in the violence sweeping the province continues to spiral amid massive tension over next month's election.

The first step being considered after a series of meetings yesterday includes mass deployment of troops in the province. This could take place after the weekend.

President de Klerk said after a meeting on the issue with ANC president Nelson Mandela last night that he would be seeking urgent talks with KwaZulu Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi. De Klerk added that his main task would be to prevent "painful action being taken in his (Buthelezi's) territory."

After their meeting, both Mandela and de Klerk declined to disclose details of the plans they had discussed, but de Klerk stressed that they did not include the topping of the KwaZulu government.

Independent Electoral Commission/IEC chairman Mr Justice Johann Kriegler, who had attended part of the Mandela-de Klerk talks last night that free elections would not be possible in Natal unless, "appropriate political and governmental action was taken to obtain the co-operation of the KwaZulu government."

"In order for the IEC to conduct free and fair elections in KwaZulu/Natal the requisite degree of stability and co-operation will be established in the province as a matter of urgency."

The developments came amid tension over a march planned by Cosatu through central Durban later today to demand free and fair political activity in the province. The organising told The Star yesterday that they expected a crowd of 50,000.

1,000 policemen

There have been claims that "Zulu loyalists" plan to disrupt the march, which marks the launch of the ANC alliance's mass action campaign in Natal.

By early today, more than 1,000 policemen lined the route of the planned march from Currie's Fountain to central Durban. There was no evidence this morning of any disruption.

The streets of Durban were quieter this morning with businesses open as usual. But the CBD is set to close up early.

Sources said last night that speculation of a fallout between de Klerk and Mandela during last night's two-hour meeting were exaggerated. A Government source said: "They just wanted a bit more than we wanted."

According to the sources, the Government favours a series of steps over time. The first - to take place almost immediately - would be designed to address the current violence and then others would be implemented if free and fair political activity continues to be hampered.

Earlier yesterday in Durban, de Klerk had hinted at the security crackdown, saying: "We will definitely talk about making wider use of the SAP." It is understood some in the Government have proposed a state of emergency being declared in the region, but de Klerk said last night this was not being considered.

It is understood that efforts to arrange a meeting between de Klerk and Buthelezi were under way last night.

Patrick Laurence reports from Umlazi that a huge

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Govt considers troop deployment as violence escalates

South African Police

Natal/KwaZulu crackdown looms

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the IFP action in kwaMashu gave an ominous sign of where power now lies in the IFP. Carrying a gun, Philip Powell — a key figure in the military training of IFP supporters (see Page 4) — was present. Lindelani squatter baron and alleged "warlord" Thomas Mandla Shabalala was also in attendance.

The ANC's candidate for the premiership in the province, Jacob Zuma, stayed away. A Zulu traditionalist with close ties to senior IFP leaders, Zuma has fought shy of all flashpoints in the province, indicating that he either does not want to antagonise the IFP or that he is being gradually marginalised in Natal.

Sources said Zuma had contacted senior IFP leaders in an unsuccessful bid to stop IFP supporters from occupying ANC-bought venues. Against this backdrop, the ANC is moving towards a militant approach, announcing the start of a mass action campaign. Hundreds of thousands of its supporters are expected to march in Durban today to protest against the violence and to show Zulu support for elections.

The Human Rights Commission reported that 84 Natalians had been killed since the weekend, compared to the previous average of 28 a week. IEC officials say their election preparations have been severely hampered to the point where it may be impossible to set up polling booths in kwaZulu-controlled territory.

At this Wednesday indaba with the KIA, Krieger outlined a host of problems facing the IEC, including:

- The reluctance of the homeland's Department of Interior to help issue voter documents and of the Department of Justice in setting up electoral courts.
- IEC officials were being barred from schools and government buildings needed as polling booths.
- The KZP's refusal to co-operate with the IEC. Krieger pointed out that it was the only police force in the country not serving in IEC structures.
- Sources said that in kwaZulu-controlled territory the biggest critical issue is that of policing jurisdiction, and that Krieger had failed to raise this issue adequately with the KIA. "He needed to seek Botha's agreement on the right of both the SAP — and more importantly the SADF — to operate in the homeland," said one source.

But the problems of the IEC and TEC are run much deeper in Natal/kwaZulu: there they lack the power to force the SAP, let alone the KZP, to carry out their orders.

In kwaMashu last weekend, the SAP Internal Security Unit refused to take orders from TEC chairman Pravin Gordhan and senior IEC officials, insisting it was in charge.

It was abundantly clear that the policemen and spear-wielding Inkatha supporters — who occupied the stadium under the disguise of holding a "Zulu prayer meeting" in defence of Zuluism's kingdom — were colluding with Inkatha's safety wing. The ISU allowed the Inkatha supporters to cut off all security round the stadium. The police and ISU again told me to leave another attempt was made to storm the stadium. As I prepared to leave the site, I was suddenly surrounded by Inkatha supporters and, despite the obvious danger, refused to go anywhere near them.
ANC bid to rescue homeless

ANC spokesman Mr Salcom Kader said a police escort was being arranged to ferry the residents to Verulam. A number of people were killed and injured in the attack.

Police said yesterday that at least 11 people had been killed in Sondombo since Sunday and a number of houses torched.

Kader said he visited the area on Wednesday night and saw homeless people standing on the dirt roads with their belongings.

"We couldn't get them out last night. This morning we are arranging buses with a police escort to get them out," he said.

A crisis meeting has been planned in Verulam for community leaders to discuss how best to accommodate the refugees. Kader said they would be housed at the local civic hall.

On Tuesday about 20 ANC members pleaded with members of the SA Police to arrange transport out of the area.

"They said they were trying to "get out" before they were killed in fighting between the Inkatha Freedom Party and the ANC.

Residents reported that about 20 armed strangers visited the area on Monday looking for ANC members. Residents said they had been sleeping in nearby forests since Sunday.

Police said 48 houses had been burned down since then. — Sapa.
70 000 march for fair poll

Weekend Argus Correspondents

Most of whom were armed with spears, pangas, sticks and stones, and held banners, marched, demanding the release of all ANC members arrested since the declaration of a state of emergency.

The march, which started at the Durban City Hall, wound its way through the CBD, past the Union Buildings, and ended at the Durban City Hall.

A few broken shop windows were reported in the CBD, but there were no reports of violence.

In a memorandum read out at the march, the ANC called for a peaceful resolution to the current political crisis.

The atmosphere at the Durban City Hall was tense, with police officers standing guard outside the building.

Most stores in the area had closed early, and many windows were boarded up.

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MARCHING FOR PEACE: Tens of thousands of African National Congress supporters made their way down West Street in the Durban city centre yesterday. Police estimated the crowd at 60 000 while the ANC claimed 200 000 people had turned up.

"Mother of all rallies"

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Some supporters raised banners making derogatory statements about Zulu King Goodwill Zwelethini, and people responded in loud agreement to Jay Nadoo's declaration: "Natal is part of South Africa. In five weeks there will be no more bantustan. We are marching to the new South Africa."

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ELECTION MARCH

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TheJson

Natal death toll over 100

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Violence mars end of march

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ANC supporters and volunteers gathered in the townships to protest against the exclusion of black voters. The police used tear gas and rubber bullets to disperse the crowd, resulting in several injuries.

The march was organized by the Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU) and the South African Communist Party (SACP) in an effort to support the ANC's call for universal suffrage.

Despite the violence, the ANC supporters remained determined to demand their right to vote and to protest against the apartheid government's refusal to grant them this basic democratic right.

The protest was met with a heavy police presence, and the atmosphere was tense as the supporters marched through the streets.

The violence that marred the end of the march was a sad reminder of the challenges that lie ahead for the ANC in its struggle for democracy. Despite the setbacks, the ANC continues to push for change and to work towards a better future for all South Africans.
DURBAN. — Violence erupted in KwaMashu last night with at least one person being shot dead and three others wounded in drive-by shootings.

This brought to at least 13 the number of confirmed deaths since the start of the weekend.

But violence monitor Ms Mary de Haas and the ANC said they had unconfirmed reports of another 10 killings, mostly in northern Natal.

Ms De Haas said the situation in areas around Eshowe on Natal’s North Coast, was worsening. Well-known Durban attorney Mr Mafika Pmbali was shot dead and his car set alight in the township.

The SA Police said two people were killed in KwaMakutha and two people were fatally shot in Ndwedwe. In Bhambayi four people were murdered. An ANC northern Natal spokesman said six people were believed killed in Ntshandzana.

East London police are probing a failed rifle grenade attack on the Highgate Hotel — where five people died in an attack last May — on Friday night. — Sapa
Natal death toll rises to 120 as more people die in violent clashes

Zuma said the houses at Nomzamo near Durban had been set alight on Saturday. He said he had called for the arrest of all those who had set the houses on fire. The police have so far arrested 11 people in connection with the violence. The death toll has risen to 120 as more people died in the violence. The police have announced that they will be investigating the incident.

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HUNT LAUNCHED
18 seriously injured
in pre-dawn attack on commuters

Three people were slaughtered and 18 seriously wounded in a pre-dawn attack when a busload of commuters was ambushed at Tongaat yesterday.

The bus was approaching the Tongaat and Emona river bridge near Nydewede when armed men came out of the bushes and sprayed the bus with bullets.

Police said that at least 62 people had been killed in Natal since Friday.

However, all of them were not political killings.

In the North Coast bus ambush, the driver, Mr Robert Mhethwa, who was wounded in the head, bravely drove off to a bus depot where he reported the incident to owner Mr Ghan Ramnudon.

Screaming passengers jumped out of the bloodied bus, some with gunshot wounds in the head and body.

It was then found that three people had been shot dead.

Local police and Internal Security Unit members were summoned and an intensive search was launched for the attackers.

The total number of deaths in political violence in the province in the past nine days is 123.

The Emuna area is believed to be an IFP stronghold — for 10 days there has been violence around Nydewede.

Quite dark

A passenger, Mr Kenneth Mncwanga, said it was quite dark when the gunman struck.

"All I heard was gunshots and people began to scream.

"Luckily for us the driver sped away, otherwise more passengers might have been killed."

(South and S Miller, 18 Oribana Street, Durban)
Natal’s violence toll for the past 11 days climbs to 150

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60 000 IFP members to march in Emnpangeni

Peace patrol ... in SADF Eland Armoured Vehicle cruises through Kwamashu, outside Durban. At the weekend in a bid to stop the

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The military are on the lookout for rivals.

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He said police lawyers would observe the march to advise on the confiscation of weapons and the arrest of their owners.

Meanwhile, the SADF has said it intends to clamp down on the paramilitary training being conducted in KwaZulu "self-defence camps".

Captain Kim van Niekerk of Natal Command said the emergency regulations had "enabled" the SADF to act against the camps. She did not know when the crackdown would come, but quoted her superior, Colonel Franz Verwaal, as saying "the self-training is to stop."

Yesterday the SADF completed the deployment of about 400 extra troops in KwaZulu-Natal, bringing its total strength in the region to 1,200.

Asked why the deployment was so meagre in what is the country’s most violent province, Van Niekerk said: "We are deploying as we get the manpower. The SADF has a vital manpower shortage."

The SADF hoped to send more troops to the region after Citizen Force troops reported for duty on April 15.

In one of the worst attacks in KwaZulu-Natal this weekend, nine family members, including a five-month-old baby, were murdered in their home near Gamalakkie, about 20 km from Port Shepstone.

Local ANC leaders blamed the IFP for the attack.
PORT SHEPSTONE. — Political violence soared in Natal at the Easter weekend with police yesterday reporting at least 19 deaths. This brings to about 64 the death toll in the embattled province since the declaration of the state of emergency last Thursday.

And an unrest monitor said yesterday that four people were killed near Eshowe.

Monitor Ms Mary de Haas named the dead as Mr Wiseman Mkhize, Ms Linda Mkhize, Ms Linda Mariboko and Mr Mkosha Dludla. Mr Dludla’s facial skin was removed and his genitals hacked off, she said.

Violence initially appeared to be subsiding after the emergency was declared, but reports of killings have continued to stream in.

Meanwhile, the ANC has claimed that the massacre of nine members of the Mzelemu family in Nkulu at the weekend was the work of IFP supporters.

The ANC also called yesterday for increased deployment of the SA Defence Force following the killings and said violence in the area was escalating.

Commenting on the family massacre, a member of the regional executive of the ANC here, Dr Siyabonga Cwele, said a witness to the shooting was adamant that one of the attackers was an IFP member.

Mr Ravi Pillay, the sub-regional secretary of the ANC, said that for a local leader of the IFP, Mr James Zulu, to visit the home of the murdered family was a “height of deceit” after he had made threats against ANC supporters at a recent Inkatha rally here.

IFP spokesman Mr Ed Tillett said it was “grossly irresponsible” for the ANC to jump to these conclusions before the matter had been properly investigated.

He said it was “mischief” of the ANC to link Mr Zulu’s remark with the weekend massacre.

And Ms Noreen Ramsden of the recently-formed Coalition for Child Survivors of Violence coalition has condemned the killings. — Sapa
ANC urges 'greater SADF presence'

PORT SHEPSTONE — ANC officials in Port Shepstone have urged a greater South African Defence Force presence in townships and rural areas near the South Coast town, where nine family members were killed in a single attack at the weekend.

Local leaders told a media conference they would meet regional ANC chiefs to press for wider SADF deployment in the area after the massacre, near Gama-lakhe, about 20km from Port Shepstone.

ANC South Coast official Siyabonga Cwele said the massacre, in a rural homestead, was not an isolated incident.

He and local ANC officials alleged at the media conference that “third-force” elements were sabotaging efforts at honest policing.

They said continued violence in the greater Port Shepstone area was not properly investigated in most cases because of interference by top policemen who were using “any means”, including criminal elements, to destabilise the area.

Local ANC secretary Ravi Pillay said: "I'm convinced that when the Goldstone Commission releases its report on the 'third force', top Port Shepstone security officials will be exposed."

Investigations into violence under a certain policeman had been more of a "headache than a help", he said, adding that this had been reported to the Goldstone Commission with the blessing of some policemen. Independent investigators should look into police probes. — Sapa.
Carnage follows 
Natal emergency

Sowetan Reporters and Sapa

At least 64 people have been killed in Natal since the State of Emergency was declared last Thursday — an average of about 12 deaths a day.

But, Natal police spokesman Colonel Bill Dennis said there had not yet been any arrests or detentions under the emergency regulations.

At least 19 people were reported killed in ongoing political violence in Natal townships during Saturday and Sunday alone.

Three people were shot dead on Sunday night in Munzini, Northern Natal, according to Dennis. He said five men armed with AK-47s and other firearms attacked a group of people. Twenty were wounded. Another man was stabbed to death near his burnt-out car in Kwamashu, north of Durban, at about 6pm on Sunday.

Four more people were killed in separate attacks in Umlazi, near Durban, on Saturday. Three were stabbed to death and the other was shot.

In Mandeni, on Natal’s North Coast, two people were killed and three injured when gunmen burst into their house and fired at them on Saturday morning. Nonhlanhla Nkwayana and Bongani Nxumalo died instantly.

And in Umbumbulu, a man was shot dead by unknown gunmen on Friday.

The ANC in Southern Natal claims that Inkatha attackers carried out Saturday night’s brutal killing of nine ANC supporters in Port Shepstone.

About 10.30pm on Saturday night, a large group of armed men attacked the Mzelembu kraal at KwaMvundla near Port Shepstone, and killed most of its occupants.

Mildred Mzelembu escaped. She is in a serious condition in hospital. Five of the dead are children.

The dead were Doris Mzelembu (45), Eleni (60), Hlelangwe Mzelembu (15), Phumelele Mzelembu (18), Khululekile Mzelembu (12), Phindile Mzelembu (8), Phoilelisiwe Mzelembu (3) and Cindy Mzelembu (5 months).

Zulu chiefs calling for 
memorial stayaway

By Sowetan Reporter and Sapa

ZULU tribal chiefs of the Natal Midlands have called a stayaway today in memory of victims who died during the march in central Johannesburg last week.

Inkatha Freedom Party chairman for the Vulindlela area Mr David Ntombela said a memorial meeting was planned to take place at 11.30am at the Kwamashu Sports Ground and at Mahtini, near Wembezzi, also at 11.30am.

Ntombela stressed that “only those truly sympathetic to those who died and their families should attend”.

About 53 people were killed during the day when thousands of IFP men marched through the streets of Johannesburg to show support for King Goodwill Zwelithini’s call for a sovereign Zulu state.

Of the 53 people killed about nine were shot dead by ANC security personnel outside Shell House in Plein Street. Meanwhile, a clash between IFP Mpuuma chairman Mr Philip Zondi and ANC Natal Midlands chairman Mr Harry Gwala, arising from the current strike at Edendale Hospital, seems likely to have a sequel in court.

The IFP has laid a charge of “crime injuria” against Gwala after he allegedly addressed striking workers and made defamatory statements against Zondi.

Gwala has denied the claims.

Zondi said he was deeply concerned and feared for his life and employment at the KwaZulu run hospital.
At least 64 people died in Natal during last weekend's spiralling violence, just three weeks before the forthcoming elections. Political Editor Mathatha Tsedu examines the implications of emergency measures:

Mangosuthu Buthelezi ... making a political point or pointing to the fate of the IFP if it contests the April elections?

The horror killing in Natal at the weekend, in which nine people — including a five-month-old baby — were hacked to death, underlines the level of anarchy in the region.

ANC member Mr Nduluzozi Mzeleni, has blamed the killing of his family on the Inkatha Freedom Party, and asserts that the mass murder was designed to stop him from voting.

Port Shepstone, on the South Coast, was still reeling yesterday from the killings in which an entire family aged between five months and 70 years was wiped out by men who entered their homestead by force, claiming to be policemen.

The incident happened less than 48 hours after State President FW de Klerk declared a state of emergency throughout Natal last Thursday, empowering security forces to deal with the spiral of violence that has claimed at least 64 people over the past weekend alone.

Mzeleni killings are particularly significant in relation to the emergency regulations, for behind the need for the regulations is a desire to create conditions in which free elections can be held in Natal.

Natal, from urban areas to rural areas, is divided today into either ANC or IFP strongholds.

Such areas are under the strict control of the respective organisations, and residents have to behave in a way that conforms with the dictates of the ruling power of the area.

It is not possible for anyone who does not owe allegiance to the dominant power to remain in an area while publicly displaying disloyalty.

The Nkulule ward, in which Mzeleni lived, is an IFP stronghold. Mzeleni is an ANC member who refuses to leave and has now paid the price. Which brings in the soldiers who now roam the plains of KwaZulu in their iron monsters, hoping to quell the violence.

Means of control

Given this kind of situation where strongholds are a means of control, the soldiers are facing a losing battle. For if indeed the purpose is to ensure free and fair elections, an IFP stronghold cannot be reasonably expected to vote while the party is outside the process.

And no one in such an area will dare take risks, lest they face what Mzeleni experienced on Saturday night.

It is therefore a political solution that is needed to ensure Natal cools down a bit to allow for free and fair elections. But even this can only be theoretical, for the entry into the elections by the IFP would not mean the opening of its strongholds to other organisations, especially the ANC.

It can only mean freedom for the IFP to campaign in its own areas and the ANC to do the same in its own.

De Klerk said last Thursday that intelligence reports he had received had shown more violence was planned.

The duty of the state is to protect its citizens and this was why he put Natal under iron rule.

In doing so, however, De Klerk also left the political door open for KwaZulu chief minister Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi to come into the process. He is using the stick, but leaving the carrot dangling in front of the chief.

Friday will see the stalled summit with Nelson Mandela, King Goodwill Zwelithini, Buthelezi and De Klerk on the go again.

Buthelezi has already said his decision to go into the elections would depend on the outcome of international mediation that still has to begin. If he is satisfied with the outcome, he will then be able to contest the elections.

For the moment he wants the kong to be given sufficient powers to rule Natal and appoint his own cabinet, probably headed by Buthelezi himself.

Postponed

Both scenarios do not take cognisance of April 27 and the elections due to begin on that date. Buthelezi in fact said the elections would have to be postponed if he was to take part.

There is already talk of Friday’s summit deciding to postpone elections in Natal, but such a step would first need a parliamentary sitting to amend the Electoral Act.

This is the easy part.

The second and difficult part is for the ANC to convince its members in Natal that this move is not succumbing to Buthelezi. The ANC is unlikely to agree to this because the date, in so far as its members are concerned, is cast in stone.

The only solution would be to recognise that no free and fair elections are possible in Natal under present conditions but that they should nevertheless be held because of political considerations.

The Independent Electoral Commission would then declare such voting unlawful and unfair, and order a second round of voting which would take place after international mediation has run its full course, and would hopefully include IFP participation.

Given those conditions, the state of emergency would merely serve to stem the tide of open warfare and occupation of stadiums, and not ensure free elections.

The outcome of the summit on Friday can therefore not bring peace to Natal, but can only offer hope of possibilities of peace in the distant future.

And until that future dawns, those ‘Ike Mzeleni, who find themselves in one stronghold or another, will continue to be subjected to coercion that can only be disregarded at one’s own peril.
ANC, IFP mediation postponed

The international mediation between the ANC and the Inkatha Freedom Party has been postponed until after Friday's summit meeting.

President F.W. de Klerk, ANC president Mr. Nelson Mandela, IFP leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi and Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini will all attend the summit.

"The parties remain committed to international mediation," a joint IFP/ANC statement said.

"It is hoped the leaders' summit will help build consensus on the purpose and terms of reference of the international mediation."

Inkatha national chairman Dr. Frank Mdlalose said last night Inkatha still wanted to participate in elections but it could not look beyond Friday's summit of leaders how this could be achieved.

The mediators now proposed include Lord Carrington of Britain, former US Secretary of State Mr. Henry Kissinger, Justice Antonio La Pergola of Italy, Prof. A.J. Lapone of Canada, Judge Leon Higginbotham of the US, and former Chief Justice H.K. Bhakwati of India.

In New York yesterday Mr. Kissinger urged the ANC and IFP to make a "huge effort" at conciliation before the mediators arrived. — Political Staff, Own Correspondent, Sapa
The violence that has racked Natal has put a question mark over being held in parts of the province. John Perlman and photographer spent a week in the war-torn townships and settlements around.

More than IFP versus...
question mark over the election
ded photographer Mykel Nicolaou
settlements around Durban

versus ANC

Peace in pieces . . . a peace monitor (above) takes a
brief respite in the shadow of a ruined building which
once housed Mahatma Gandhi's printing press in
Bhambayi.

At the sharp end . . . some of the fighters in Natal's
war are shadowy men with machine guns, but most of
the foot soldiers are ordinary people like this Bhambayi
man (left), who fights on the side of the ANC.

areas where we would tire our
sticks and fight until one surren-
dered", says Meshack Radebe,
ANC leader in Mpuumlanga.
"Even now if I go back to Gx-
town, I will take my sticks with
and just fight someone I know to
see if I can still beat him."

Says Phindile Duma, an ANC
Women's League member who
runs a shelter for KwaMashu
refugees: "We said we will take
women and children and the
sick who can't fight and defend
their houses. The men must stay
behind. That is what is expected
of them." But one KwaMashu
woman, whose 17-year-old son
was in the township helping to
hold the line didn't see it like
that: "I'm not proud, I am
afraid," she said.

She, like many others, feels
like she is caught in a storm
'I've never been safe," says Si-
bonginkosi Matyuza, principal
of a high school in Mpuumlanga,
with a rueful smile. "The left say
I belong to the right, the right
say I belong to the left."

Hostel dwellers, too, are vic-
tims of this. One man in KwaM-
asu said the local "big shot"
called a meeting to say that anyo-
nyone who went home for Easter
should "not bother" to come back.

It is the only place I can stay", he
says. "I had friends in the
township but there is no trust
now.

On both sides of the conflict
there is a deep-rooted belief that
the best way to end the conflict is
to pound the enemy into sub-
mmission. "People are saying let's
drive them out once and for all,"
says one ANC leader. "The IFP
say the same thing."

But the biggest problem facing
the peacekeeping forces is that
many people in Natal have a
hard-nosed view of justice and
an even tougher attitude to secur-
ity. "When people do get arrest-
ed they are outside the next
day," said one young man. As
for dissenting people as a first
step towards peace, one young
combatant in Bhambayi put the
prevaling view quite simply. "It
is not OK to take our weapons
because I am likely to be ar-
tached at any time."

If anyone from outside wants
to persuade people that laying
down arms is a better route,
then the people of Natal and
KwaZulu will need some iron-
cast guarantees - guarantees
that personal safety and justice
can be secured without taking
matters into your own hands.

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rodes in the townships who
come to older men in the hostel
and tell them they must stay
away," says an IFP leader.
"They show no respect. Can you
imagine how much hurt that
causes?"

Similarly, you don't often hear
people criticising their oppo-
ents. Instead, IFP followers talk of the IFP
faithful as ignorant, uneducated,
misused.

IFP supporters, in turn, car-
cature the ANC as destructive,
disruptive and dominated by un-
true youth. "I used to be a UDF
member," said a young man,
"but I changed because we were
just burning buses and throwing
stones. The children are in
charge of politics, but in the IFP
we are united and disciplined."

Perhaps the bitterest conflict
of all is over the Zulu king,
where ANC supporters angrily
insist that Zwelithini is the
king too. "Where I come from 31
people were killed and they
were all loyal to the king," said
one supporter from Empangeni.
"He can say anything, swear at
us, but he is our king," said a
senior Inkatha Freedom leader.
"I could never point a gun against
him because he is our king."

One thing both sides agree on is
that neither side will back off
from a fight because "that thing
is in us. We grew up in rural
800 extra troops to be deployed

SADF builds up muscle in Natal

BY JASPER MORTMIREN and OWN CORRESPONDENT

The SADF is deploying about 800 extra troops in KwaZulu/Natal, raising its total strength in the region to roughly 2,000 men, an SADF spokesman said yesterday.

Colonel Frans Verfuss said the mechanised units in the new deployment would enable the SADF to cover wider and less accessible areas of Natal.

The additional five companies began arriving in the region yesterday and would be fully deployed by tomorrow.

Last weekend the SADF deployed about 400 extra soldiers in KwaZulu/Natal, raising its complement in the troubled province to about 1,200.

Now fewer than 105 people have died in the region since the state of emergency was imposed last Thursday, the SADF-SAP joint security committee said yesterday.

“Ask whether 2,000 troops were sufficient,” Verfuss said. “If unrest does not break out simultaneously all over Natal, we will be able to make a substantial contribution to containing the violence.”

Meanwhile, the SADF boosted its troop tally with a squadron of Ratel armoured vehicles armed with 90 mm cannons.

“Ratel and the soldiers rolled into Ladysmith’s 5 SA Infantry Battalion from Bloemfontein at 3 am, after a short-notice call-up recently by Durban’s 8 Division, and were deployed to northern Natal and the coastal belt,” the lieutenant said.

Asked about the need for 90 mm cannons, a lieutenant, who asked not to be named, said: “I only hope we don’t have to use them — they are here more as a show of force than anything else.”

A joint commander of the security forces in the province and Natal Command officer commanding, Brigadier Deon Ferreira, flew into Ladysmith to welcome the soldiers.

He told them: “A lack of tolerance has led to the cruel murder of thousands of people, thousands have had their homes destroyed and have had to flee for their lives.”

“This situation can no longer be tolerated. Failure by other opposing factions to achieve a settlement can only lead to anarchy with the resultant massacres, murders and destruction that could turn Natal into a second Bosnia or Beirut.”

The soldiers’ task was to assist the SAP in ensuring peace and stability.

Actions should never be aimed “at the innocent, but you must be prepared to act decisively against the perpetrators of terrorism and violence”, the lieutenant said.

He warned the soldiers that their presence in the province “must not be viewed as an invasion. Nor must it be viewed as support for any party. It is purely directed at combating violence which is our only enemy.”

The men have been drawn from Durban Light Infantry, Natal Field Artillery, Regiment Port Natal, 19 Field Regiment, 84 Signal Unit, 15 Maintenance Unit, 38 Field Workshop, 2 Light Horse Regiment, Regiment Overvaal, 8 Provost Unit and 1 Medical Battalion.

More than 90 percent are from Natal and they are under the command of Durban Light Infantry officer commanding Commandant Bill Oliver.
KwaZulu death toll now at 105

The death toll in KwaZulu-Natal has risen to 105 since the state of emergency was declared last Thursday.

The SADF is deploying more troops in the region.

Mechanised units are included in the new deployment, which will raise the number of soldiers enforcing the state of emergency to about 2,000.

The province remains tense this week, which has seen a further 13 killings following carnage at the weekend.

The latest deaths are the result of several unrelated incidents spread over Natal from the coast to the Midlands.

They include a shooting at Butana Mission, near Port Shepstone, where a member of the mission was killed and several others injured.

A woman was shot dead in the Bhambayi settlement, north of Durban and a man and child killed in KwaMbonambi on the North Coast.

Three more people died in attacks in Newcastle and seven others were injured in an attack at the Mfolozi Reserve.

Three houses were burnt down in the Drycott area of Estcourt, two petrol-bombed in Dundee and a woman was burnt to death in Isandwana.

IFP supporters on route to Empumengeni in two buses for the march on Tuesday were stopped, and a shotgun, ammunition and three homemade guns confiscated.

Six more people were reported dead following a shooting in Nongoma, Zululand.

According to police, gunmen opened fire on passengers in a taxi, killing four men, a woman and a baby. — Crime Staff
In Johannesburg, the leder of the Pan African Congress, Oliver Tambo, was arrested. He was accused of sedition for his role in fighting for black rights.

In Cape Town, the home of the African National Congress, police raided the office of the Congress's leader, Nelson Mandela. The police said they were searching for evidence of sedition.

In Durban, the city of the Congress's regional office, police arrested several leaders of the Congress. The police said they were searching for evidence of sedition.

In Pretoria, the capital of the Union, the government declared a state of emergency. The government said it was necessary to maintain law and order.

The political opposition in South Africa was desperate to find a way to stop the government from crushing the Congress. They knew that the only way to achieve this was through armed struggle. But they also knew that the only way to achieve this was through armed struggle.
Emergency False to halt

KWAZULU CLAMPS DOWN: More troops move in but death toll continues to mount...

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Carnage in Natal

As bloodyshed continues unabated in troubled province...
Elections will go ahead with IEC

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The IEC on Tuesday announced that it will go ahead with the elections on Thursday despite the fact that most of the political parties and the government have decided to suspend the elections.

The IEC said that it had made a decision to proceed with the elections after consulting with various stakeholders.

The decision was taken at a meeting with political parties, civil society organizations, and other stakeholders.

The IEC stressed that the elections were crucial for the country and that the democratic process could not be delayed.

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There is a looming crisis within the ANC's top echelons, with tension rising between the party's leaders and the provincial leadership, according to sources.

The crisis is said to be related to the party's strategy in the upcoming elections and the role of the provincial leadership in implementing the national strategy.

The sources said that there is a deep concern among the party's leaders about the provincial leadership's ability to deliver on the national agenda.

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The government is considering a plan to increase the minimum wage to R20 an hour, which would be a significant increase from the current R12.50.

The plan is expected to be unveiled in the budget speech in the next few weeks.

The increase in the minimum wage is expected to benefit millions of workers, particularly those in the informal sector.

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The government has announced that it will invest R10 billion in the construction of new roads and bridges over the next five years.

The funding will be sourced from the national budget and will be used to upgrade and expand the country's road network.

The government said that this will improve transport links and support economic growth.

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The government has approved a new national parks strategy aimed at protecting and preserving the country's natural heritage.

The strategy includes measures to enhance conservation efforts, such as the creation of new national parks and the expansion of existing ones.

The government said that this will help protect the country's biodiversity and ensure that future generations can enjoy its natural beauty.

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The government has announced that it will allocate R50 billion over the next five years to improve the country's healthcare system.

The funds will be used to expand and upgrade healthcare facilities, recruit new healthcare workers, and improve the quality of care.

The government said that this will help address the country's healthcare challenges and improve the health outcomes of the population.
Natal toll rises as armoured troops arrive

DURBAN. - A further 23 killings have been reported in Natal townships and rural settlements, pushing the toll to at least 124 in the first week since a state of emergency was declared in the province.

Sporadic incidents of violence occurred in KwaZulu/Natal as SANDF Citizen Force members with Ratel armoured vehicles were being deployed at strategic points in Northern Natal and along the coast yesterday.

Two people were stoned to death at Eskhaweni, near Empangeni, and two others were shot dead at Ntuzuma, near Durban. Another man was shot dead at Lindelani.

An average of 17 people a day have died violently since last Thursday's emergency declaration, according to confirmed reports.

Police reported four unidentified bodies had been found on the East Rand this week. All four men had been shot.

More than 300 employees at East Rand Proprietary Mines in Boksburg are not reporting for work following political antagonism between IFP and ANC supporters. — Sapa
23 more are slain in Natal

POLICE and the South African Defence Force yesterday reported a further 23 killings in Natal townships and rural settlements this week, pushing the toll to at least 124 in the first week since a state of emergency was declared in the province.

On Wednesday 21 people were killed in violence in townships and rural areas, said reports by the South African Police, KwaZulu police and SADF.

Most of the deaths appeared to have been politically linked.

An average of 17 people a day have died violently since last Thursday's emergency declaration, according to confirmed reports. Many reports of killings remain unverified.

In the latest reports, police said five people were killed in a faction fight at Ekuvakeni. They named the dead as P Ntsihlala (62), S Khumubza (26), V Ntsihlala (22), G Nyembe (73) and K Maguga (25).

At KwaMbonambi, a gang of armed men in military uniforms dragged a man into the street and shot him dead.

North of Durban, at Nkuzuma, a man was "necklaced" (a tyre was placed around his neck and set alight).

In KwaMashu near Durban, the bullet-riddled body of an unidentified man was found on Wednesday and another man was shot dead in KwaManciza Section.

Two people were shot dead in separate incidents in the Blambayi area. — Sapa.
Emergency brings Little Relief to Natal
The mother of the Ndamande brothers, Mrs Sarah Ndamande heard her two sons and two of their friends being executed outside her house.

A HORRIFIED mother listened at the wall of her home while gunmen forced two of her sons and two close friends to lie down outside and shot them in the back of their heads with pistols.

The brutal slaying of four young ANC supporters took place in the troubled rural township of Paulswal south of Durban on Monday night.

By Ryan Cresswell

Ndamande, said she heard a voice ordering her to open the door. "They said they were policemen. All the men had short guns and one of them even had a camouflage uniform. They said the boys must hand over their guns but I told them they did not own guns," Mrs Ndamande said one of the men walked in and the frightened youths climbed out a back window. "The men caught the boys just outside and told them to lie down on the ground. Then they shot them in the back of their heads.

GRIEVING... Mrs Sarah Ndamande heard her two sons and two of their friends being executed outside her house. Picture: Richard Shorey

I am very sad about the death of my firstborn. We were very close," she said. A relative said he believed the killers were IFP supporters because one of the young men argued with an IFP member last week.

He also said shortly after a massacre at nearby Msalshai in 1999, in which 26 people died, IFP members accused the youngsters of being involved.

ANC monitors for the area, Mr Landa Hlongwane, said the attack on the youths was probably an IFP revenge killing.

De Ziba Jyana, national spokesman for the IFP, said: "We do not condone violence such as this."

Mother's night of terror as two sons are executed

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whether the security forces will be able to stop individuals and small groups from going from house to house and telling people what to do. "I don't think so. The army can't be in every nook and cranny."

Human Rights Commission researcher Linda McLean said it appeared the state of emergency had "still not got off the ground."

She estimated that at least 180 people had been killed in political murders since March 51. She said this was "extremely high" and, so far, matched the record killing rate last month, when the organisation reported 311 politically related deaths.

"The SADF is taking a long time to deploy, and the police do not seem to be using their full powers. Monitors in the north say the security forces need to be motivated," she said.

On Tuesday, police made a half-hearted attempt to confiscate traditional weapons from some members of a 20,000-strong crowd of IFP supporters who gathered to march in Empangeni in Zululand.

But they soon gave up rather than inflame the situation, and the IFP supporters were allowed to march through the town with their weapons.

Thousands of armed Zulus defied the restrictions on weapons when they marched through Nongoma in Zululand on Wednesday to protest against the emergency.

One monitor on the lower South Coast said violence was continuing unabated in the region and there did not appear to be a noticeable troop presence in the troubled area.

The security forces face practical problems in the divided region.

Even locals find it difficult to identify ANC and IFP turf and their exact boundaries in the province, so it will be even harder for soldiers from other regions to figure out where they are.

Each small area has a different type of local leader - either a chief, gang leader, party leader, church leader or warlord - and the province has some extremely rugged terrain.

An SADF spokesman said the success of the emergency could not be determined because the troops' presence had not yet "been felt" on the ground.

Police spokesman Major BalaNaaidoo said: "It is still too early to say whether the measures are adequate."

He said at least 100 Internal Stability Division members from the Transvaal had been deployed on the North Coast since the beginning of the emergency, and more police from other provinces may be called in at some stage.
The failed summit between Mr Mandela, President de Klerk, King Goodwill and Chief Buthelezi seems disheartening to many. And in parts of KwaZulu-Natal, Musa Zondi discovers, there are many other factors creating growing uncertainty.

Decisive action, not handshakes, is needed to ease the tension in Natal-KwaZulu.
focus on Natal

GEZUSISO, a once sprawling settlement about 15 kilometres outside Maritzburg, has the forlorn atmosphere of a haunted place.

The eeriness not only derives from the fact that the bus stop on the outskirts of the area is overgrown with thatching-grass. Or that what used to be quite nice houses now stand gutted and choked with weed — ugly reminders of the fact that people once lived there.

The sense of being jinxed is not caused by the once big shopping centre that now stands as a monument to futility — grey and disfigured.

No, it is the sheer absence of life — either human or animal — that gives one a weird turn.

Nothing moves and there is a depressing silence.

Gezusiso is on the border between the ANC's KwaZange-Edendale-Bergendal area and Elandskop which is controlled by the IFP.

As you drive from Gezusiso towards Elandskop, past Mr David Ntombela's stronghold, the tarred road is painted with slogans that make it quite clear that you have entered an IFP area.

This division is being replicated in other areas of Natal. At Ozwaathini, another war-ravaged area in the Ndwedwe district, about 130km from Durban, these divisions are more pronounced.

As you approach the area from Maritzburg, you pass Appelsbosch, which is an ANC stronghold. On your left is the hospital and the training college Ozwaathini, an IFP stronghold, is perched right at the top of the mountain, while Appelsbosch is in the valley.

To get to Ozwaathini, you have to pass through the valley. At times, cars are stopped and people taken out of cars and murdered — especially if you are thought to be from the "wrong" side.

On the other side of the valley is Nenobena. Another place that has been turned into a ghost village. People were driven from here for allegedly being Amagabane.

Free fresh meat

Under such conditions people leave their live-stock behind. In many instances animals are also killed during attacks and the fighters help themselves to free fresh meat.

One of the people who left the area says it was only through prayer that they survived. "Bullett were falling through the roof and landing on the floor without any notice. We sat there and prayed all the time," she says. They belong to the Zion Christian Church.

People have been murdered in the area, whole families wiped out. Those who have a choice are sending their children away to spare them the trauma of, as often happens, having to pass corpse on their way to school. In this war, the elderly and the young are not exempt.

The line between who is fighting whom is so blurred, that even during to ask questions is hazardous to your life.

The thugs, who merely want to plunder, loot and burn, are taking advantage of the confusion to commit their crimes.

So, what are the chances of free and fair elections in Natal? Michael Zondi, a former sculptor, has a ready answer.

"Why do we need to vote in the first place?" he asks. "This is how we lived and we need not change. Why should we worry about central government?"

There are nods of agreement, accompanied by swigs of umgombotshi, from those sitting around him in the shade of a tree.

Though the occasion is a sad one, a funeral, those under the tree are prepared to discuss the coming elections — if only in the defeatist terms of those who do not know whether they are coming or going.

Then there are those with another problem. From what they have been told they envisage the election as a great monster that is going to burn down their homes, kill their animals and endanger the lives of their children. They believe this.

Unknown people

One man tells visitors to his rondavel that after the elections, unknown people will come to each and every homestead and demand to know whom the residents voted for. If they had voted for the ANC, they would be sent away.

The mood suddenly changes as this list of information sinks in. Those who up to now have been talking quite openly about the election, turn to other subjects. Conversation ends.

Father Anton Maer, a Catholic priest who has been in this area for the past 24 years, says the reason he detects in the area now is worse than anything he has ever felt.

Almost every house has an AK-47 and rumour has it that people suspect the police of dealing in these weapons. These are just rumours — but after the recent report of the Goldstone Commission it is hard to disbelieve them.

"Every one should have a palm branch in the house instead of an AK-47," Maer says.

"If you do not want to vote, it is your basic right. If you do not want to vote, it is also your basic right. No one has the right to force you to do what you would rather not do," he says.

In times of fear and helplessness like this, people turn to other things just to have something to hold on to.

Dr Ian Player, a world renowned environmentalist, says people in Northern Natal are dealing with the menace by engaging in witchcraft.

There has been a dramatic rise in the number people murdered and parts of their bodies being removed for mut. People are reaching out for something to cling to, says Player.

Others are turning to religion. Church-attendance is increasing. People are moving closer and closer to their beliefs as peace becomes a rare comfort.

The failed summit of leaders on Friday means hope is slipping ever further away.

Here, the worst thing is the fear of fear itself. The desperation is evident if you live among the people. On the surface, things are all right — but once you fathom the beat and the soul of the place, you can see past the facade.

These are the ghost villages of Natal where dying has become a way of life.
More dig in East Rand

SIX people had died in unrest in the East Rand and Durban Zones over the weekend, police said.

According to reports, two civilians had been shot dead in East Rand and three others were killed in Durban.

In East Rand, the shootings took place during a protest against the police's handling of a community dispute. At least two people were killed, including a 17-year-old youth who was shot in the head.

In Durban, the violence was sparked by a demonstration against the demolition of shacks in the area. At least three people were killed, including a woman and her two children.

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Natal violence

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Deaths top 200 since emergency

DURBAN.—The death toll from violence in KwaZulu/Natal has topped 200 in less than two weeks. The toll, including confirmed reports of deaths from the SAP, SADF and KwaZulu Police, was 205 since the state of emergency was declared at the end of March.

Reports of a further 27 killings in the region this week were received yesterday.

The toll comprises mostly politically-linked killings and excludes murders obviously motivated by crime.

The African National Congress in northern Natal, where much of the recent violence has occurred, yesterday called for the Transitional Executive Council to immediately intervene in the region which, it said, was “in flames”.

A statement from regional ANC deputy chairman Mr Willie Mchunu said in spite of the state of emergency there was still inadequate security in many trouble spots.

“The non-deployment of security forces in flashpoints will definitely leave people with no alternative but to stay away from the polling stations,” he said.

“The elections in this region will definitely be severely affected unless the TEC intervenes.”

Five people, apparently ANC supporters, were killed in an attack on a homestead at Dube near Empangeni late on Tuesday.

Reports of killings and fighting continued to be received from KwaMashu, Inanda and Ntuzuma, all north of here, and from the north and south coasts.

Police said the body of an unidentified man was found in the carriage of an East Rand passenger train yesterday morning. He had been stabbed.

A total of 103 people died and 47 were injured in countrywide violence since April 8, according to the Human Rights Commission’s weekly report issued yesterday.

Of the 103, 75 were killed in Natal; 24 in the PWV region and four elsewhere in the country.

The report said the PWV toll was double that of the previous week and expressed concern violence could be on the increase in the region. — Sapa
Seven election workers slain

□ Slashed bodies of pamphlet distributors found in Natal forest

The Argus Correspondents
DURBAN.—Seven men were hacked to death and eight injured in distributing Transvaal Executive Council voter educational pamphlets, one was seriously injured and another missing.

The men were attacked at Ndwedwe, outside Durban. Seven bodies were found and a further one in a forest near here yesterday.

The attackers have been arrested.

A 19-year-old husband, who was shot in the head, said that a group of men attacked them on the road and that they were killed by their own shotguns.
KVAMU, violence down — poll goes on.

* Cape Times, Thursday, April 14, 1994
Chief wary of Blue Berets' role in Natal

JOHANNESBURG — Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, KwaZulu's Chief Minister and Minister of Police, has expressed strong reservations about the deployment of the National Peacekeeping Force.

He said many NPRF members were ANC military wing umkhonto weSizwe operatives like those who had been killing his supporters.

He had told SA Police Commissioner General Johan van der Merwe and SA Defence Force chief General Georg Meiring that the KwaZulu Police force was minuscule and he could not spare members to serve in the NPRF while there was so much violence.

Already there was controversy over the NPRF as he had received a report on Tuesday night and been shown evidence that the MK had fired rockets at a hostel in KwaMashu in Durban, Chief Buthelezi said.

Chief Buthelezi said he was shown evidence that rockets were fired at the hostel.

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- NPRF commander General Gabriel Ramushwana pledged yesterday to act against any member who took sides in the divided East Rand townships in which the force is being deployed.
- He also pledged his men would "maintain peace" and uphold public order. — Sapa
15 a day are being murdered in Natal

The toll from violence in KwaZulu-Natal has reached 219 in less than two weeks and police continued to report killings in the province yesterday.

An average of more than 15 people a day have been killed in the 13 days since a state of emergency was declared.

The ANC in northern Natal, where much of the recent violence has occurred, yesterday called for the Transitional Executive Council to intervene immediately in the region.

Five people, apparently ANC supporters, were killed in an attack on a homestead at Dlala near Empangeni late on Tuesday. Police said the killers used AK47s and 9mm pistols.

Earlier in the week, seven people distributing voter education pamphlets in Nwelwe, outside Durban, were hacked and burnt to death.

One of two men who escaped from the scene was found yesterday in a serious state. The 18-year-old Lucky Mxwanazi, bleeding from back wounds, arrived at the home of his mother's employer in Montclair. Mxwanazi, who is likely to lose two fingers, had not eaten since Monday. Police said they were still looking for another missing man.

Soon after the bodies were found, members of the SAP's Internal Stability Division arrested six suspects. They had been pointed out by two of the survivors who managed to escape and raise the alarm.

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Catching the Zulu action

**BETTER WAR**

Reporters make use of varying codes to communicate:

Where a clash outwardly appears motivated by political rivalry, scratching deeper often reveals a history of faction feuds, land clashes, thuggery, economic jealousy and drug and taxi wars.

Elsewhere, leaving interviewees confused and sometimes angry.

"You have found a better war" one man in Richmond Farm asked bitterly this week as journalism dashed past him.

For some it is the adrenaline, for others a kamikaze-like death wish — for more, however, it is to serve at Newspaper House, Durban's main media centre, with shocking pictures and horrifying stories.

In KwaZulu-Natal, those are never too far away.

——- SAPo-AFP.

(Report by Brian Peters, 14 Canonsister Street, Johannesburg.)
Hospital crisis as bodies pile up fast at mortuary

Weekend Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — Corpses are piling up five times faster than normal at the mortuary at King Edward VIII Hospital, which resembles a war zone in the face of increasing violence and a crippling health crisis.

The mortuary, which normally receives about 25 bodies a day, was on Wednesday alone packed with 108 corpses, said hospital superintendent Lal Dwarikapersad.

Bodies were piled on top of each other because of the shortage of space created by the closure of some strike-hit Natal hospitals and escalating violence in the province.

Prince Mshweni Hospital, where workers have downed tools, operated with few employees this week and most of its patients have been transferred to other hospitals mainly King Edward.

Although provincial ambulance drivers returned to work on Thursday, the effect of their industrial action lingers.

In the midst of the two-week-old health crisis, King Edward came close to being closed, said despondent Dr Dwarikapersad.

The 2,000-bed hospital, which normally treats about 1,500 inpatients daily, had 2,075 patients.

The maternity ward, which handles about 35 deliveries a day, coped with an estimated 55 daily. Dr Dwarikapersad said the figure did not include babies born at night.

Moms with newborn babies slept on mattresses on the floor or shared beds and sat on benches to have their meals.

Maternity staff tried to improvise by turning the ward’s veranda into a ward but this did not ease the pressure, a matron said.

“My staff are at the end of their tether. Most are saying they can’t take any more,” Dr Dwarikapersad said.

He said if King Edward employees went on strike there would most definitely be deaths as a result. “We’re fortunate that we have had no deaths as a result of the extra work so far.

“If the situation continues I will have to close the hospital.
Robert Brand
Weekend Argus Political Staff

Pretoria. — Members of the rightwing Pretoria Boere-Kommando (PBK) are being recruited as military instructors to train Zulus in KwaZulu/Natal.

Dissatisfied members of the PBK said they were being offered salaries of R4,000 a month and a car to become military instructors in "Zulu land".

The PBK is under the command of Commandant Willem Ratte, who is wanted by police for his involvement in the "occupation" of Fort Schanskop in Pretoria.

The IFP has denied any involvement in the recruitment campaign.

In another development, the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeveng yesterday confirmed Zulus were being trained on the Ventersdorp farm of AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanche.

Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini last night appealed to all Zulus — irrespective of political affiliation — to "stop the senseless killings" in KwaZulu/Natal.

Similar pleas for peace were also made last night by the chairman of the National Peace Accord, John Hall and Archbishop Tutu.

The appeals came in the wake of a day of drama in which more than 1,000 soldiers were mobilised to be deployed in KwaZulu/Natal where five more people were reported killed.

Archbishop Tutu, Johan Heyns and Louw Alberts of the NGK, Bishop Stanley Mogaba and Kizeza Mgijo of the Methodist Church and Ray McCaulley of the Refrane Church, headed for KwaZulu on the peace mission following the failed attempt at mediation to draw the IFP into the political process.

Mr Hall said yesterday he believed the church group and the king had reached common ground on the way forward.

The Dirty Election, page 5.

More politics on pages 16, 18 and 19.
Bloody test for iron fist

the SADF as it prepares for showdown with IFP's rag-tag impis

NATAL: The last outpost has become the next nightmare for...
AS THE crisis in KwaZulu/Natal continues, the unspeakable spectre of widespread guerrilla warfare looms. Such a conflict would not be something the SADF could contain easily, even with massive troop deployment.

BRENDAN SEERY, military correspondent of the Natal-based Sunday Tribune, explains why.

Natal’s daily death toll is comparable to that of Bosnia — a telling reminder that despite the difference in terrain, culture and climate, both have the potential to become bloody military morasses.

In the hills of the former Yezdovtsa during World War II, the partizans of Tito and other leaders tied up tens of thousands of Hitler’s finest troops, who were backed up by sophisticated artillery and aircraft.

NATO’s commanders, who today are equipped with airborne computer-guided weapons of destruction abroad Americans F-16 warplanes, know that a ground war against the Serbs would be costly and all but unwinnable.

Like the Wehrmacht and NATO, the SADF has deployed its Iron Fist in the hills and valleys of Zululand. Its men on the ground are backed by the SAAF’s Dakota transport planes, Cessna-185 spotter aircraft and Pumas and Alouette helicopters.

The air force says that although no jet strike aircraft — Impalas or MiG-21s — are on specific standby for Natal, they are available.

Against them is ranged a motley assemblage of weapons, everything from AK-47s, shotguns, G-3s, pistols and revolvers (including homemade items) to spencers and kahnertes.

On paper the SADF should win a battle against them without much as working up a sweat.

However, the fighting — if the current violence continues into that — will not be on a piece of paper on some desk in a staff college.

An acknowledgement of the seriousness of the situation, in military terms, came last week when the report (as far as not denied) that the SADF was considering deploying one of the navy’s replenishment ships — probably the former Russian icebreaker SAG Oosten- quas — to Richards Bay to act as a floating hospital.

The SADF has done well the story, but the thinking behind the move is illuminating. For one, the ship could be staffed by trained medics and doctors of the SA Medical Services, closer to the action than hospitals in Durban or elsewhere. A hospital ship would also have adequate stocks of “clean” blood.

These are important considerations for the morale of men in the field. If what is essentially a policing exercise turns into a war, Richards Bay harbour is also more secure than many other centres in Zululand are likely to be if the Inkatha Freedom Party’s supporters turn to guerrilla-type warfare.

This is of particular concern when considering use of 10-ton Puma helicopters, which will be the primary means of rapid troop deployment. They can operate fully loaded for less than three hours. If refuelling depots cannot be secured adequately, the helicopters will lose their effectiveness, and it will take longer to deploy ground troops.

Ships like the SAS Drakensborg and Oostende — both around 20,000 tons displacement — can carry tens of thousands of litres of fuel for helicopters. Both have flight decks that will accommodate Pumas as well as Alouettes.

Security of the Pumas must be one of the prime areas of concern for the SADF planners, particularly in the light of the incident in Tsholombe last week in which a single 9 mm bullet doomed a night helicopter.

The SAAF has said only that precautions are being taken to protect the aircraft and crews, and has not gone into detail.

THERE precautions are likely to include measures to diffuse the heat of jet turbines engines to reduce the infra-red “signatures” of aircraft. There have been no indications that weapons like the shoulder-launch, heat-seeking SAM-7 are common in Natal, but police have picked up at least one during operations to find illegal weapons along the Mozambique and Swaziland borders.

Many of the helicopter pilots, from 15 Squadron in Durban and elsewhere, have years of experience, learning a few tricks about avoiding fire during the bush war in Namibia and Angola.

But sometimes not even experience is enough to cope with weapons like the SAM-7 or the RPG-7 grenade launcher. Also a shoulder-launch weapon, the RPG-7 is easy to use and extremely accurate, even in the hands of a comparative novice. That much the US military learnt in Somalia, where the weapons damaged a number of US Marine SH-60K Blackhawk helicopters.

If the shooting gets serious in Natal, it will be a whole new ball game, even for veterans of Angola and Namibia.

The enemy will be ill-defined — hiding out in crowds of demonstrators, slipping down narrow alleys between township houses, moving through valleys in the dead of night — and the “rules of engagement” will be far more strictly defined than they were in Angola.

“Catastrophic damage” — the euphemism for the deaths of innocent civilians — is something the peacekeeping SADF will have to avoid at all costs.

IN PLACES like the crowded townships of KwaMashu, Isandlwana, Mhlanga and Mbulombe, near Durban, the heavy-gauge armoured cars used on the Rural and Elands armoured cars will be next to useless because of the indiscernible distinction they wreak.

Heavy-calibre 0.50 or 12.7 mm machine-guns would also cause heavy destruction if levied against township houses and shanties or biltong bars.

Railts and Elands, despite their fearsome appearance, are vulnerable to RPG fire, as such grenades can penetrate armour up to 20 mm thick.

The SADF’s troops first deployed in the townships of the East Rand proved highly effective, not least because they were treated with great respect by ANL-aligned self-defence units, which discovered that the “brown jobs” would counter-attack aggressively, unlike SAPS units.

Less respectfu of the troops have
GOOD MORNING, KWAMASHU: An armoured column of SADF troops rolls through the township near Durban on March 31 after President de Klerk declared a state of emergency.

PHOTOGRAPH: KEN OOSTERBROEK

TO MUSCLE: SADF members outside an Umhlazi police station to prevent clashes between residents and KwaZulu police.

PHOTOGRAPH: REUTER

been hostels residents, although few have dared to really "mix it" with the soldiers.

However, the IFP's "65 Brigade", made up largely of unemployed rural KwaZulu men and imbued with the fighting spirit and history of the Zulus, might be a tougher nut to crack.

Believing in the divine purpose of their mission to defend their kingdom and backed up on occasion by protection from the spirits against bullets, the warriors and their Kamikaze approach will be difficult to deal with.

THEY will also have the invaluable benefit of being on their own turf, knowing their hills and valleys far better than the SADF.

Indeed, security force members with the most experience in the area are to be found in the KwaZulu and SA police forces.

The KwaZulu Police look set to remain loyal to King Goodwill Zwelithini and the KwaZulu government. Despite the markedly better training of the SADF, the advantages in bushcraft terms will be even more marked for the SADF's adversaries when they are compared with black soldiers coming from other areas or with white troops doing call-ups.

While conscription is probably going to provide the biggest headache for the SADF in dealing with the Natal problem.

After April 27, very few white Citizen Force soldiers will be willing to give up their time — and very possibly their lives — to fight in what is in many ways regarded as a black man's war. And these white part-time soldiers will definitely be needed to help the SAF troops.

Malin, expect disillusioned Boer-Herrenmann has said that if the Natal situation degenerates into warfare, the SADF will need about 20,000 troops to contain it. These troops are simply not available in the regular ranks.

The SAFS has fewer than 40,000 regular members, about 13,000 of whom have already been deployed to help stabilise the homelands.

About 3,000 troops are in Natal, and more will be on their way there after units in the East Rand are freed by deployment of the National Peacekeeping Force.

The NPKF is generally regarded as inadequate for deployment in really "hot" areas, and — for now, at least — will be put into only those areas already stabilised by the SADF.
Zulus 'prepare for civil war'

LONDON. — Hundreds of heavily armed Zulus are on secret military manoeuvres in the hills of northern Natal preparing for civil war, a report in the Sunday Times said.

The newspaper's South African correspondent, Andrew Hogg, said he had gained "unprecedented access" to a camp hidden in scrubland near the Mozambique border, where he saw "several hundred Zulus, armed with semi-automatic weapons... preparing to fight the forces of an ANC-led government."

According to the weekly, the guerrillas being trained by a white former police intelligence officer, Mr Philip Powell, are only "part of a 5000-strong force formed in recent months by King Goodwill Zwelithini, the Zulu monarch, and Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, leader of the IFP, which is boycotting the election."

The paper said the men were "preparing for war with the SADF, which they expect will begin shortly after the ANC wins the election in 10 days."

It said government intelligence officers had warned both ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela and President F W de Klerk "that a war against the Zulu royalists could leave more than 50 000 dead."

They had also been warned of growing disquiet in the largely white South African army, which the ANC is relying on to defeat the Zulus, about its task.

Mr Powell reported the guerrillas were turning into an efficient force. "Zulus are born fighters, but they have to be taught the mechanics of war." — Sapa-APP
Death toll in Natal now 226

On Saturday night, Mr Petros Pelekazi was shot dead in the Silundu shack settlement at KwaMashu.

At the Philani valley near the North Coast town of Stanger, a Mr Gumede was shot dead on Saturday.

Earlier it was reported that Mr Lucky Mkhize (25) was shot dead at KwaMashu's D Section and 61-year-old Mr Lucas Lashaba was fatally shot at K Section of the township on Saturday morning.

In Umlazi, south of Durban, a man identified only as Gumede was shot and killed. Nearby at Malanga, Mr M Gumede was shot dead.

A spokesman at the Natal Security Committee operation centre in Durban said yesterday that KwaMashu and surrounding areas were quiet despite the weekend killings. — Sapa.
Natal death toll highest yet

OWN CORRESPONDENT

Durban — Natal recorded its highest monthly death toll last month, sparking concern that violence levels had reached proportions approaching civil war, the Human Rights Commission said in a statement yesterday.

At least 311 people were killed last month, a toll attributed largely to the conflict between those supporting the election and those against it.

The HRC said that while an election would in all likelihood be held, the prospects for it being free and fair in the current climate were “dubious” unless there was decisive intervention.

An average of 14 people a day died in the political violence in Natal/KwaZulu last month, with a threefold increase in deaths in the second half of the month.

The HRC said the upsurge in violence corresponded with the occupation of Umlazi’s King Zwelithini Stadium, which the ANC had booked, on March 13 by Inkatha-supporting Zulus.

“This occupation, compounded the following week by a similar occupation of KwaMashu’s Princess Magogo Stadium, triggered an upward spiralling of violence in the Greater Durban area.”

The HRC said the IFP was openly mobilising on an ethnic basis, adding that this had obvious dangerous implications given that a vast number of Zulus did not support the IFP.

“Given the location of most of the unrest breaking out in strongholds of the ANC, it cannot be ruled out that this may be an orchestrated campaign on the part of elements wishing to disrupt the elections.”

The HRC said also that an unprecedented number of refugees was fleeing from areas such as Nkwenke, KwaMashu and Murchison.

Levels of intolerance and intimidation were high.
Natal toll the highest since 1988

DURBAN — Violence claimed 311 lives in Natal during March — the highest monthly toll since 1988, the Human Rights Commission said in a report this week.

The organisation said the “phenomenal” increase in deaths from the 183 in February and the 172 in January could be largely attributed to conflict between those supporting the elections and those against them.

“Of significance is the upsurge in violence in the second half of March. From March 1 to 14, 81 people were killed and 70 injured; from the 15th onwards, 230 people died and 297 were injured.”

The commission said the upsurge corresponded with the March 13 occupation of Umzimkulu's King Zwelithini Stadium, which the ANC had booked for a rally by its supporters.

Given that most of the worst broke out in ANC strongholds, it could not be ruled out that this might be an orchestrated campaign by elements wishing to disrupt the elections, the commission said.

The commission’s report said the Natal Security Committee, made up of representatives of the police, military, security companies and local authorities, has failed to deal with the violence effectively.

Among the dead was Maitzburg magistrate Elias Jabulani Nhuma Ximba, gunned down at his home early last week.
City adopts affirmative action plan

CAPE TOWN yesterday became the first municipality in the country to adopt an affirmative action programme.

The historic accord was signed by the council and its three unions, or staff associations.

Although the council had tried for decades to behave as an equal opportunity employer, the "bureaucratic face" it presented was almost universally white.

This was unacceptable, exco chairman Mr Clive Keegan said.

Mr Keegan said people who had been excluded would get the training they needed to advance in their careers.

The council was not "bent on the potentially destructive quota system... the emphasis is on training." The Professional Staff Association's spokesman Mr George Gittins said he admired the council's stance.

"We look forward to the accord being implemented in the spirit in which it was intended."
Vioence Levels Plum

Order restored on East Rand

Tensions ease in parts of Natal
Reef, Natal violence plummets

the NPKF would also take part in the planning of operations with the SA Army.

Walker, however, said that the control of NPKF troops would remain under NPKF command.

He said the operations of NPKF troops would be "restricted in certain levels" and they would be taking on areas and operations of a "less aggressive nature". The force would not be patrolling Tokoza where the recent violence occurred.

A joint statement detailing the operations of both armies on the East Rand would be released later in the day, said Walker.

It is understood tasks of the NPKF are likely to include escorting people and delivery vans.

East Rand violence increased dramatically in the last week, after the NPKF had been sent to keep the peace.

Reacting to the NPKF withdrawal, IFP Transvaal leader Themba Khoza said: "God is great. Our prayers have been answered."

However, he wanted the SADF to be deployed only in areas "where they have support".

But they also needed to bring the ISU back into the IFP areas, Khoza added, referring to the controversial Internal Stability Unit of the SAP.

ANC spokesman Carl Nkomo said the redeployment of the ISU was not really an option, but the ANC welcomed the redeployment of the SADF which had played a stabilising role.

(47 Sauer St, Johannesburg)
Zuma’s home is attacked again

DURBAN. — At least 13 people have been killed in Natal in the past two days and ANC premier candidate Mr Jacob Zuma’s house has been set alight in the second attack on his home in two months.

The attack on Mr Zuma’s home followed rumours — which he has quashed — that he would no longer stand for the premiership.

In the worst attack in the province, four people were killed and three injured when a shack was set alight in Steadville, Ladysmith, on Monday. KwaMashu, north of Durban, was again the scene of bitter feuding, when three people died in separate attacks on Sunday and Monday.

In Trust Feed, Maritzburg, Ms Bertina Hadebe burnt to death after her house was rased.

On the Reef, four bodies have been found by police since Sunday. The body of a man who had been shot dead was found at a railway station in Benoni yesterday.

Five men opened fire on passing cars on the Old Vereeniging Road on Monday night, fatally wounding a man in one vehicle and injuring three people in another car. — Sapa
DURBAN. — IEC officials fled for their lives after an Umzazi polling station was attacked by gunmen on Wednesday night.

The officials had locked the ballot boxes in the school safe before fleeing, police said.

Also in Umzazi, a policeman was shot in the knee while investigating some shootings.

At least three people died in Natal unrest, police said.

In Newcastle, the hacked body of an unidentified man was found on Tuesday. The body of Mr. Johannes Simelane, 22, was found near Cezwana.

In Himeville, Mr. Zithulele Hadebe was shot dead by a hitch-hiker he had given a ride.

On the Reef, police found two bodies with bullet wounds in front of the Nguni Hostel, in Vosloorus. — Own Correspondent, Sapa
Conflict over emergency

Differing interpretations of what a state of emergency in Natal will entail may spark conflict between the government and the ANC.

The Transitional Executive Council intends drafting regulations for a state of emergency in Natal "in a matter of days" to ensure free and fair elections.

After a meeting on Tuesday, government representative Roelf Meyer emphasised the declaration of a state of emergency would depend on the security situation in the area.

ANC representative Cyril Ramaphosa and the South African Communist Party's Joe Slovo, on the other hand, said a state of emergency would be implemented the moment lawyers had drawn up the regulations.

The final decision would, however, rest with President FW de Klerk.

A TEC resolution noted that intensified security action was necessary to secure the safety of those who wanted to vote and participate in election campaigns.

The TEC resolved that, in cooperation with the government and security forces, regulations would be drafted to provide the security forces with special powers to secure the safety of voters, the election process and electioneering through party political activity.

The regulations would be put into operation as soon as necessary, through the declaration of a state of emergency or of unrest areas. They would be monitored by the government, the TEC and the Independent Electoral Commission.

Ramaphosa said after the meeting that the exact number of troops to be deployed had not yet been decided.

He insisted the state of emergency would not be declared against any party, but "to bring stability to the region, and to ensure effective action is taken against those perpetrating violence and to prevent further loss of life and destruction of property".

Slovo said the emergency regulations, to be drawn up by De Klerk, would give more powers to the South African Defence Force.

The police, who already have extensive powers, would provide back-up.
Natal violence flares again but East Rand remains quiet

WHILE at least 32 people died as violence flared in KwaZulu/Natal at the weekend after a lull during the elections, the East Rand appears to have remained relatively quiet, with police reporting three deaths.

Our Durban correspondent reports that one of the worst-hit areas was Umlazi, where nine people were killed and seven injured in separate incidents.

According to the Natal security committee, two people were killed and five injured when the occupants of a minibus opened fire on them on Saturday. Deaths were also reported in incidents in Keates Drift, Coloens, Maritzburg, KwaMbonambi, Greytown, Ekuwakheni, EthikwaMali, Harding, Empangeni, Mtumzi and Wasbank.

JOHANNES NGCOBO reports that police in the East Rand townships of Krielhong, Thokoza and Vosloorus said yesterday they had found only three bodies in the past week—a dramatic drop from recent tolls. In January, shortly before the SADF took over from the internal stability unit in the area, the monthly average was 174.

SAP spokesman Lt Deon Peens said two bodies were found in Thokoza and Daveyton. He said a member of the National Peacekeeping Force had been arrested by internal stability unit members after he had shot at the unit's base.

The Inkatha Freedom Party and the ANC said the relative quietness of the East Rand townships showed people wanted to vote and achieve peace.

Inkatha Thokoza chairman Abrahm Mzazi said elections proceeded without violence and people went to the voting stations without being intimidated.

ANC PWV spokesman Vusi Gumede said the peace that prevailed during the elections, with Inkatha supporters queuing side by side with ANC supporters, showed how badly people wanted change.

Sapa reports that seven bodies, including that of a newborn baby, have been found on the West Rand over the past four days. In Lusaka squatter camp, Randfontein, Wilson Ntaka, 34, was killed by eight men armed with knobkierries on Sunday when he tried to stop them assaulting another man. He was then decapitated.
At least 30 die in Natal violence

DURBAN. — Despite a quiet election week in KwaZulu Natal, violence flared again at the weekend with at least 30 people killed in isolated incidents.

One of the worst-hit areas was Umlazi, south of here, where at least nine people were killed and seven injured in separate incidents.

According to the Natal Security Committee, two people were killed and five injured when the occupants of a minibus opened fire on them on Saturday.

Seven people were killed and three injured in several other incidents.

Also near here, a bus driver, Mr Cedric Shoto, 31, was shot dead by three men as they alighted at a bus stop in Ndwebe; Mr Mduduzi Nzama, 29, was hacked to death in Umlazi; Mrs Thembani Ndima, 49, was killed in E Section KwaMashu, and two men, Mr Bigboy Dube and Mr Siwe Dube, both 20, were shot dead near J1 Section KwaMashu on Friday.

Umlazi was worst-hit with eight killings. Two men were shot dead and five wounded in a drive-by shooting in P Section. Also in P Section, three men were shot and hacked to death.

A youth was shot dead in U Section and a police patrol discovered an unidentified body. Mr Mduduzi Nzama, 29, was stabbed to death on Sunday.

In Lindelani, KwaMashu, a man burnt to death when his home was set alight. The body of Mr Thembani Ndima, 49, was found in E Section.

In Colenso, two men were shot dead when gunmen opened fire on a group on Saturday.

In KwaMbonambi, a man was shot dead on Saturday by a gunman using an AK-47 rifle.
Union's concern over bid to sell rifles to KwaZulu

Johannesburg. The National Union of Mineworkers was concerned about the role of Police Commissioner General Johan van der Merwe and of Eskom in the aborted sales of 1000 semi-automatic rifles to the KwaZulu Police.

A preliminary hearing by the Goldstone Commission said on Wednesday that it was unfortunate General Van der Merwe had not consulted Minister of Law and Order Herus Kriel before authorising an export permit for 1000 LMG rifles destined for the KwaZulu Police.

A union statement said the Ministry of Law and Order should curtail the general's powers, which appeared to put him above the law. — Sapa.
28 die in Natal as violence flares up

DURBAN. — Hopes that the elections would reduce violence in strife-torn KwaZulu/Natal were squashed yesterday when police and security forces reported at least 28 people killed at the weekend.

On the East Rand, six people have died in the townships of Katlehong, Thokoza and Vosloorus since Thursday.

In Natal, five of the people killed were shot dead at an engagement party in the North Coast area of KwaMbonambi on Sunday night.

Police said three people were murdered in separate incidents in the Ndwedwe area, about 30km north of Durban.

The remaining 20 deaths were scattered across the province.

Eight people were killed in areas north of Durban, including three deaths in Inanda and KwaMashu.

In separate incidents, four people were murdered in residential areas south of Durban.

The other eight killings were isolated incidents on the South and North coast and in Zululand. Meanwhile, police said five people and a policeman were injured in downtown Durban on Saturday in a shooting which was sparked by an argument over a car collision.

"A policeman was shot at, and during the exchange of gunfire five others were injured," a police statement said.

Over 390 people have been killed in KwaZulu/Natal since the state of emergency was declared in the province.

On the East Rand, the bodies of two men were found in Zonkizitwe squatter settlement and the body of another man was found in Sibosana section in Katlehong.

A man was shot dead in Ramokonopi West, the body of another man was found with hack wounds in Elandsfontein on Thursday and in Alirode the body of a man was found on Sunday.
Nine slain in 'isolated' KwaZulu/Natal violence

The police reported nine more killings in Natal yesterday, in what they described as isolated cases of violence.

The latest killings bring to 37 the number of people killed in criminally and politically motivated murders in KwaZulu/Natal since Friday.

KwaZulu Police did not release a report on violence yesterday.

In addition, the South African National Defence Force reported that its camp at Tugela Ferry near Greytown was attacked by a group of unidentified men on Monday night.

Soldiers returned fire and believed they had shot some of the attackers, said an SANDF statement.

No soldiers were injured in the shootout.

A South African Police spokesman said that in one of the cases, five people were attacked while attending an engagement party at KwaMbonambi.

He added that a gang of gunmen opened fire on partygoers, killing five and injuring six others, before fleeing into the night.

In another incident, a man was killed in Port Shepstone when a gang of men walking past him opened fire.

No motive for the murder had been established. — Crime Reporter.
9 more die in Natal violence

DURBAN Police reported yesterday nine more killings in KwaZulu-Natal since the start of the weekend, pushing the provincial violence toll to 37 since Friday.

Since the state of emergency was imposed in the province at the end of March, more than 400 people have been killed.

Most murders were isolated incidents, but killings were concentrated around Durban and on the South Coast. Police reports indicate there was a criminal motivation in less than half the cases.

And, in separate incidents, three people were injured in attacks in the province.

The SANDF said its camp-in the Tugela Ferry, near the Midlands village of Greytown, came under attack late on Monday night.

No soldiers were injured in the attack, but shots from the attackers led soldiers to believe some were injured when they returned fire.—Sapa
KwaZulu toll goes up to 51 for this week

DURBAN. — Another four murders have been reported in KwaZulu/Natal, pushing the death toll to 51 in the past seven days, police said yesterday.

The latest murders bring to more than 413 the number of lives lost since a state of emergency was declared in the province more than a month ago.

This figure does not include two deaths in KwaZulu reported by SABC radio news and five people killed in the north coast area of Empangeni on Tuesday during presidential inauguration celebrations.

Police said the unidentified body of a man was found further north, in KwaMhethwa.

A man who was assaulted in Greenwood Park, north of Durban, on Monday, died from his injuries on Thursday.

Two people have been shot dead in separate incidents in KwaZulu, SABC radio news reported yesterday.

In one incident, a man was killed and his wife and children were wounded in an AK-47 attack on their home at the Maqumbi Reserve at Umfolozi.

A man who had locked himself in a storeroom was shot dead after gunmen opened fire through the door, at Ezintshi.

— Sapa
ANC offices stormed during MK protest

OWN CORRESPONDENT

DURBAN.—The ANC's regional leadership will meet with the regional commanders of Umkhonto weSizwe today following the storming of the ANC's offices here by about 500 young MK members on Saturday.

Plate glass windows at Albert Luthuli House in St Georges Street were smashed and shots were fired during a standoff between the MK members and ANC security officials.

The MK members were protesting about being left out of the integration process between MK and the SA National Defence Force.

They had demanded to be sent for training at a camp near Ladysmith. Police spokesman Maj Henry Budhram said police had been called to the scene, but when they arrived the violence was already over and negotiations were under way.

He said it was impossible to identify suspects, so no one was arrested for malicious damage to property and the police took no action other than standing by to preserve the peace.

The protesters were taken home by bus and told they would be contacted about possible employment in the new army at a later stage.

The dispute had arisen between MK's commanders and its members and did not involve the political leadership of the ANC, ANC southern Natal deputy regional secretary Mr Mpho Scott said.
Two gunned down at Natal store

The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — Two people sitting on the verandah of a food store at Mangente, near Mandini on the North Coast, were gunned down when shots were fired from bushes.

Police said Meshack Mjali, 59, and Thulani Sibiya, 45, were killed about 8.30am yesterday.

Two people were shot dead at Ndwedwe, north of Durban, on Saturday night.

At Cato Crest squatter camp, police rescued three people facing certain death by an illegal people's court on Saturday night. Eighteen suspects were arrested.

The body of a man who had been stabbed to death at Marlitzburg's Greys Hospital at midday on Saturday. Police did not know where the stabbing of Sibusiso Majola, 45, had taken place.

No arrests have been made after three men, including two policemen, were wounded during an armed robbery at a supermarket in Phoenix.

Lance-Sergeant Ramesh Ganesh and Constable Anesh Singh were shot at Bhoola's Supermarket after they had responded to a panic alarm. Bhoola director Rajesh Bhoola was also injured in the robbery.

The policemen are in a stable but critical condition.
Natal Inkatha leader killed on way to work

DURBAN. — An Inkatha Freedom Party leader was killed yesterday outside his home in Muvhuyini Reserve, near Margate, as he was setting off for work.

Mr Wilson Xolo, 51, was attacked by an unidentified group of people about 6.30am.

An urgent meeting involving the police, ANC and IFP delegations will be held tomorrow to try and establish peace in the area.

Meanwhile, it was reported that nine more people were murdered since the start of the weekend, bringing to 22 the number killed in the past four days.

The killings push the violence toll to 494 murdered since the state of emergency was declared in the region at the end of March.

The North Coast area of Mtunzini, where four people were killed, was the worst hit, according to reports.

The remaining murders were isolated incidents which occurred across the region, among them were two killings with clear criminal motives.

Thokoza on the East Rand was quiet yesterday. — Sapa
Lift state of emergency in Natal, pleads Black Sash

The Black Sash has called for the state of emergency in KwaZulu-Natal to be lifted when parliament sits next week - but for troops to be kept in the troubled province.

In a plea to President Mandela today, the human rights group said the far-reaching powers given to security forces should not be allowed to remain in force.

This, the Black Sash "legislation watch" group said, was regardless of the fact that all detainees had been released or charged and that detainees had not been abused.

"Now that the 21 days allowed under Chapter 3, section 34 of the interim constitution have lapsed, it is incumbent upon you and the National Assembly to act," the Black Sash said in a letter to Mr. Mandela." - Sapa.
NELSON MANDELA’S ANC SEEMS assured of victory in South Africa’s all-race elections, but the result in the Zulu homeland may hold the key to peace under a black majority rule.

The battle of the ballot box in the new province of KwaZulu-Natal pits the ANC against the Inkatha Freedom Party — whose rival supporters have shot, hacked, burned and slashed one another to death in a decade of political violence.

But with Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini urging peace and Inkatha Freedom Party leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi promising to abide by the result, the early omens looked promising.

At stake is control of a provincial government serving roughly one-fifth of the country’s 40 million people.

Buthelezi, former chief minister of the black homeland of KwaZulu that ceased to exist constitutionally after polling began last Tuesday, is no match for Mandela nationally.

But the Inkatha leader, whose supporters carry spears, clubs, shields and other traditional weapons, desperately wants to win control of the newly integrated KwaZulu-Natal region to secure a future power base for himself and his party.

Both parties say they have the support of South Africa’s 8.5 million Zulus — the country’s largest single ethnic group.

The ANC hopes to show Buthelezi is isolated even within his home region and that Inkatha’s free-market, federalist prescription for what ails South Africa is no alternative to Mandela’s compassionate African socialism.

Thousands of civil service appointments and government contracts, the life-blood of every political party, are up for grabs.

Fighting between Inkatha and ANC supporters killed 10,000 people in the region over the past decade. Almost 300 have died in political violence there since State President FW de Klerk slapped a state of emergency on the region on March 31 and sent in the army.

Inkatha entered the elections a week before polling after securing a deal on the constitutional position of the Zulu monarchy.

Early returns gave it a comfortable lead, but nothing was certain in the region where the election was marked by serious irregularities.

Shortages of ballot papers, ballot boxes and other voting supplies forced many KwaZulu polling stations to delay opening their doors by a day or more. Some stations never opened at all.

Bushloads of ANC supporters travelled from Transkei province into KwaZulu-Natal to cast their votes, possibly altering the final outcome here.

The Independent Electoral Commission, running the poll, was keeping ballots cast on an extra fourth day of voting here separate in case of challenges.

Each party has charged the other with intimidation and the IFP fighting in the battle of the ballot box in KwaZulu-Natal.

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Buthelezi (65) says he will accept the verdict of the ballot in KwaZulu-Natal even if he and Inkatha lose, but warns he cannot vouch for his followers. "You must remember that in Angola the election went through, it was certified free and fair, but there was never any peace there (even) until now." — Sapa-Reuter.
End Natal emergency — Sash

Political Staff

PRESIDENT Nelson Mandela and the National Assembly should act on the continued state of emergency in KwaZulu/Natal, the Black Sash said yesterday.

It said the state of emergency should be lifted immediately and it endorsed a similar call by the Human Rights Committee.

The South African National Defence Force presence in the area should be used to deal with any emergencies, said the statement, which was issued by Mrs Martha Bridgman on behalf of its legislation watch group.

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The Black Sash urged Mr Mandela to lift the state of emergency in Parliament this week.
DURBAN. — If the KwaZulu/Natal legislature cannot agree on a provincial capital, the people of the region should hold a referendum on the issue, Home Affairs Minister Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi said.

He was presenting the premier of KwaZulu/Natal and his cabinet to people outside the former KwaZulu legislative assembly building in Ulundi on Friday.

Chief Buthelezi said he found it strange "there should be qualms about Ulundi" when the legislature of the eastern Transvaal could meet in the parliamentary buildings of the former Bophuthatswana.

"If there is no agreement, let the people of KwaZulu/Natal vote on it in a referendum."

He said that apart from the fact that Ulundi was the capital of King Cetshwayo, the buildings in Ulundi cost millions.

"We have ministerial houses and flats for members of the KwaZulu legislative assembly and housing for senior officials of the government."
ANC, IFP to meet on cabinet row

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG.—The allocation of portfolios to the ANC in the KwaZulu-Natal cabinet will be discussed formally by ANC and Inkatha Freedom Party delegations in Durban today.

The stand-off between regional premier Dr Frank Mdlalose and the ANC over key portfolios in the provincial cabinet follows a crucial miscalculation by ANC Natal leader Mr Jacob Zuma, ANC sources say.

They said Mr Zuma agreed to accept an IFP win at a meeting with Mr Nelson Mandela on April 30. The decision was based on Mr Zuma’s confidence Dr Mdlalose would “co-operate”. ANC lawyers claim to have sworn affidavits from IEC officials that the IFP victory followed “massive fraud”.

The ANC has not discarded the possibility of resorting to court action.

Three ANC ministers appointed to the regional cabinet refused to accept the portfolios and demanded the police portfolio, described by ANC Midlands chairman Mr Harry Gwala as “the difference between liberation and oppression in Natal”.

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13 more people die in Natal violence

DURBAN. — At least 13 people were killed in KwaZulu/Natal at the weekend, the SAPS and KwaZulu Police reported yesterday.

Altogether 461 have died since a state of emergency there on March 31.

Mr Sthembile Guliwe, 25, was stabbed to death in Umzazi on Saturday night.

In nearby Umbumbulu, the decomposed body of a 60-year-old woman was found on Saturday morning.

In KwaThema near Springs, the body of an unidentified man was found about 1am on Sunday.

In the township, 24-year-old Mr Johannes Mglini, from Duduza, was found shot dead on Saturday night and the body of Mr Thomas Mahlong, 36, was found on Saturday morning. Sapa
KwaZulu death toll rises to 42

DURBAN.—KwaZulu/Natal police today reported a further 13 murders in the province since Friday, bringing to 42 the number killed in the region from the start of the weekend to midweek.

Three people were shot dead in a taxi ambush yesterday near Munzini on the North Coast.

Six others were murdered on the North Coast, including Siyavusa Cele who was shot dead in Stanger on Sunday and Prise Lofekene who was shot and killed when he opened his front door and was confronted by gunmen on Monday.

Also in Stanger on Monday residents killed a suspected housebreaker.

Near Port Shepstone's Quinsho township sniffer dogs discovered the body of P Mdundo on Tuesday.

In the Umbumbulu area, the body of 34-year-old man was found with stab wounds in Nkomka Reserve on Sunday.

In the Mvuzane area of Umbumbulu on Saturday, a 30-year-old man was stabbed to death.

In Umlazi, south of Durban, two men aged 27 and 28 were stabbed to death. — Sapa
DURBAN. — The official swearing-in of the three African National Congress ministers at a ceremony in Maritzburg today is expected to pave the way for the kwazulu/Natal provincial parliament to start functioning in its executive role immediately, political observers said yesterday.

The three ANC MECs — Mr Jacob Zuma, who holds the economic affairs and tourism portfolio, Mr Sbu Ndebele, roads, transport and traffic control and Dr Zweli Mkhize, who holds the health portfolio, will be officially sworn-in as ministers today.

The regional parliament's first sitting was thrown into a state of confusion recently when the ANC ministers walked out in disagreement over the portfolios, which were initially allocated by the IFP-dominated regional government.

The regional's Minister of Education and Culture, Dr Vincent Zulu, held meetings with the education chiefs of the former own affairs administrations yesterday. Speculation is that this could be the first step to a single education department in kwazulu/Natal.
Mtetwa ‘visited’ camp

Weekly Mail Reporters

NEWLY installed Natal/kwaZulu Police Minister Celiwe Mtetwa is named in a recent Transitional Executive Council report as having “visited” the Mlaba camp in northern Natal, where the Inkatha Freedom Party has given military training to up to 5,000 members.

In an interview this week, Mtetwa brushed aside charges by the TEC task group investigating hit squad activity in Natal that the training was unlawful. He said that the ANC and PAC had also trained members of their “private armies” illegally. (276)

By reputation a hardliner, Mtetwa (68) is said to have suggested the formation of a kwaZulu security wing as early as 1980. He also reportedly called on vigilante groups to join police reservists in order to ensure better protection for communities.

As kwaZulu justice minister since 1976, Mtetwa would have been aware of the SADF’s secret military training of 200 Inkatha members in the Caprivi Strip in the mid-1980s, and of their subsequent absorption into the kwaZulu Police.

The TEC task force report suggests a link between Inkatha military preparations before the election and the Caprivi graduates.

In the interview, Mtetwa said it was “unlikely” that trainees from the Mlaba training camp would be incorporated into the new provincial police force. “Nearly half of them are working” and what are their plans,” added Mtetwa.

They are not kept as a group waiting for policing,” he said.

Mtetwa declined to say what role kwaZulu’s deputy commissioner of police, Major General Sipho Mathe, would play in the new force, but said: “He is a general. Goldstone did not prove him guilty.”

Mathe is scathingly attacked in the TEC task force’s second hit squad report, which recommends his immediate suspension.

Mtetwa said this week that there was no need for a major clean-up in the KZP. “Like all other police, the KZP also have their mistakes but I don’t think they are as bad as they were pictured,” said Mtetwa.

He added that he did not want to see the police impose peace in strife-torn kwaZulu/Natal through the iron fist.

“If peace is forced by the police, it will be a mistake. It will not be peace. It will be suppression,” said Mtetwa.

He added that he hoped to work closely with the ANC leadership to “educate” its supporters to accept the new force.

Mtetwa said he would have no objections if an ANC leader became his deputy, as the two parties are already in government together in kwaZulu/Natal.

Mtetwa said policemen would undergo a reorientation programme if central government introduced such a course.

“They are the big boss. We will wait to see what is their thinking and what are their plans,” added Mtetwa.
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incited violence

By CARLTON RICKARD...
Weekend unrest leaves 19 dead

DURBAN. — A three-year-old girl was shot dead in kwaMashu yesterday morning, bringing to at least 19 the number of people killed in kwaZulu/Natal since the start of the weekend, police reported.

Three-year-old Nomaweni Nkwanyana was killed in a rural homestead by an unidentified gunman.

In nearby F section, the body of Mr Siyabonga Khoza, 20, was found shot dead. In L section, Mr Mandiakayise Shabalala was stabbed to death on Sunday.

Mr Celile Zulu, 30, was stabbed to death in Mandini, on the North Coast, on Sunday night.

A 97-year-old woman fell into a ditch and broke her neck after she was chased by an assailant.

Five people — including two policemen and two women — were killed, and two others were wounded in violence in East Rand townships during the weekend, a police spokesman said.

The national toll in unrest-related incidents dropped by more than half from April's 467 to 193 in May, the Human Rights Committee said yesterday.

The HRC said the decrease was a "clear signal" the peace which prevailed during the election period had been maintained. — Sapa
'Gun-running' denied

DURBAN. — KwaZulu/Natal's new MEC for police Mr Celani Mietwa has slammed as "slanderous" press reports linking him to alleged gun-running for the Inkatha Freedom Party. He rejected as unfounded the "rumours" against him.

Mr Mietwa was referring to a Weekly Mail report that he was linked to the receiving of weapons from renegade South African Police members for the IFP.

A statement from his office yesterday said the allegations were not contained in any of the official reports of the Goldstone Commission, given the task of investigating violence.

He said that until the commission approached him directly, he would not respond to rumours except to reject them.

The Weekly Mail said the commission has compiled a report on IFP-SAP complicity in "third force" activities, which has been forwarded to an international investigating team. — Sapa
Murder toll rises in kwaZulu/Natal

DURBAN. — Police yesterday reported at least 13 more people were killed in kwaZulu/Natal since Friday, bringing the number of murders in the province to at least 32 in the past five days.

The high toll follows a Human Rights Committee report that noted a decline in violence in kwaZulu/Natal in spite of tension in the province. May's toll of 104 was the lowest since January 1995, the HRC said.

Police said three of the latest killings were apparently in retaliation for attacks which left nine dead on the South Coast at the weekend.

One was a suspected rapist who was beaten by family members of the alleged victim and died in hospital.

The bodies of two men — one with burns and the other with bullet wounds — were found in Khliehong on the East Rand on Monday. — Sapa
2 more die in kwaZulu/Natal

DURBAN — At least two people were killed in KwaZulu/Natal over the past two days, the KwaZulu Police said yesterday.

Dinga Sibya, 13, was shot dead at her Mandini home on Wednesday. And in Umbumbulu, the body of an unidentified 29-year-old man was found on Thursday.

Safety and Security Minister Mr Sidney Mufamadi yesterday said the magisterial districts of Johannesburg, Krugersdorp, Randburg, Roodepoort and Westonia were no longer unrest areas. — Sapa
12 murdered in kwaZulu/Natal

DURBAN. — At least 12 people were murdered in KwaZulu/Natal at the weekend, police said.

In Newcastle on Sunday two men were attacked by a knife-wielding man who stabbed one to death.

In Mahlabatini Samuel Dlamini was shot dead on Friday.

In Port Shepstone's Albersville area Mduduzi Cole was stabbed to death on Saturday. In the Umbumbulu area Nombithini Makhanya was stabbed to death on Saturday.

In Stanger on the North Coast Mr N Ngcobo was stabbed to death when he opened his front door on Friday. In nearby Eshowe a man was killed when he and four others came under fire as they were travelling in Zundophi Reserve on Friday.

In Umzazi's 5 Section Richard Ngilongo was shot dead in his taxi on Friday. On Saturday Mlungisi Soqinase was shot dead in K Section and three men were killed in Q Section. — Sapa
Durban’s house of horrors

A mountain of unclaimed, decomposing corpses was just one of the nightmares Feroz Chothia recently discovered at the largest mortuary in Natal. He visited the mortuary last week and was shocked to find bodies butchers and putrefaction. He said relatives had not been informed, and he feared for the safety of the dead.

A CLANDESTINE visit to Durban’s Gale Street mortuary, the largest in Natal, revealed conditions that are a cause for concern. Bodies were stacked on the floor, some of which had been there for a month or more. No shortage of cold room space and cutting room for autopsies.

Chothia said that the butchers had not been informed of the deaths, and that the bodies were at risk of deterioration. He was also concerned about the lack of security in the mortuary. The doors were left open, and there was no security personnel on duty.

Cuts and incisions were still visible on some of the bodies, indicating that they had been recently autopsied. Chothia said that this was a cause for concern, as it meant that the relatives of the deceased had not been informed of the deaths.

Theining said that the mortuary was in need of immediate attention. He called on the provincial government to take urgent action to improve the conditions at the mortuary.

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THE PUBLIC SERVICE
Eleven killed in kwaZulu/Natal

DURBAN. — At least 11 people were killed in kwaZulu/Natal at the weekend, including a suspected rapist and murderer who was shot dead while trying to escape, police said yesterday.

Miss L Govender, 20, and Mr V Rajcoomar were abducted by three armed men at Pinetown's Santiam Centre on Friday and both were stabbed.

The next day Mr Rajcoomar was found in a critical condition and Miss Govender's body was discovered in a sugar cane plantation at the outskirts of nearby Hillcrest.

Police spotted suspects driving a car with Mr Rajcoomar's stolen registration plate, and chased it. They shot and killed one suspect and the other two were arrested. Police said they were investigating rape and murder charges.

Of the remaining murders at the weekend, four were reported on the South Coast, three on the North Coast, and two in the greater Durban area.

In three of these cases the murder motive was "obviously criminal," police said. — Sapa
25 more violent deaths in kwaZulu

DURBAN. — At least 25 people have died violently in the kwaZulu/Natal area since the weekend with 14 new deaths reported yesterday.

Four people were executed by a pair of robbers who broke into a store on Sunday in Gindlovu.

On Monday, near Empangeni, Mr Phanzimigul Biyela, 45, was shot dead outside his kraal.

Nearby Mr Bhekumuzi Sibilya was killed while walking with friends.

Mr Ntshingini Mandlova was stabbed to death on a Umhlanga farm.

In Pinetown Mr Sahl Eamathula's battered body was found in his bed. His car was stolen.

Mr Themba Dlamini was stabbed to death in a kwakshu hostel.

Two people were shot dead in separate incidents in Umhumbulu. They were Mr Siffio Maphumulo, 56, and Ms Miriam Makhanya, 43.

Robbers killed a Fort Shepstone security guard, Mr Mansfield Judd, 36. — Sapa
Murders push toll up to 30

DURBAN — KwaZulu/Natal police yesterday reported another five murders in the province this week, bringing to at least 30 the number of people killed in the region since Friday.

While the state of emergency in KwaZulu/Natal has lapsed legally, police in the region say it still stands, and the national cabinet has yet to decide on whether to maintain it.

A SANDF spokesman yesterday told a press briefing that while the security legislation lapsed 21 days after the new government came to power, the emergency had not been lifted.

The regional peace committee is in favour of continued troop deployment to deter violence.

— Sapa
Marchers 'fired on from ANC building'

Minister denies obstruction of investigation

Political Staff

POLICE investigations indicate that an attack on marchers in Johannesburg on March 23 was launched from the African National Congress's headquarters, Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi has told parliament.

He added: "Shots were also fired at the marchers from the roof of Shell House (the headquarters building)."

Eleven people died in a hail of bullets outside the Plein Street offices during the incident, which threatened to derail South Africa's transition. It came during a day of widespread bloodshed in central Johannes­burg as 'Zulu royalists' protested against the impending election.

Yesterday the row over whether the ANC was obstructing the police investigation flared again, this time in parliament.

Responding to questions tabled by Democratic Party acting leader Tony Leon, Mr Mufamadi said the police were conducting an investigation, which was yet to be completed.

"From the investigation, it is clear that the attack on the marchers was launched from within Shell House," he said.

On the day of the incident, ANC spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa claimed the head office was attacked from three directions by armed marchers and that ANC security personnel returned the fire.

The minister said yesterday it was possible that arrests would be made and charges laid "as soon as suspects have been identified and sufficient evidence has been collected".

Police investigators had not been denied access to the ANC headquarters after the incident.

Mr Leon said the ANC's actions suggested a cover-up and an obstruction of justice.

He was "advised" that so far there had been no co-operation from the ANC in the investigation and that President Nelson Mandela had withdrawn his undertaking that the ANC would co-operate fully in handing over guns used in the incident.
KWAZULU-NATAL police yesterday said two more people were murdered this week, bringing to 31 the number of people killed in the province since last Friday.

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The Human Rights Committee in KwaZulu-Natal this week reacted to the contradiction between its weekly report of fatalities and police reports.

HRC spokesman Linda McLean said the organisation was meticulous in determining whether killings were politically motivated. Explaining the difference in a police report of at least 31 deaths in the past six days compared with the HRC account of five, she said criminal violence had overtaken political violence.

Said McLean: "Violence could have dropped since the elections, but are still unacceptably high. It has been harder to determine which murders are political. Police reports show that a minimum of these are politically motivated." But, she added, many issues had to be resolved before killings stopped.

McLean cited problems with tribal authorities, policing, self-defence units, an abundance of weapons and increased faction fighting. — Supa.
31 killed in Natal during past week

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Four people were killed in a shootout with police in KwaMashu township outside Durban yesterday, police said. — Sapa-Reuters.
ANC, Inkatha rally for peace

DURBAN. — Inkatha Freedom Party and ANC residents of formerly embattled townships north of here thronged to a joint peace rally in the area yesterday, some of them venturing into "enemy" territory for the first time since the election.

The event, at Ntuzuma's Gugulethu sports field, drew over 1,000 supporters, and bore testimony to the new atmosphere of goodwill that prevails in the formerly volatile area.

Leading their supporters into the venue, IFP and ANC provincial MPs Mr Thomas Shabalala and Mr Bheki Cele embraced, putting past acrimony behind them in order to facilitate peace.

ANC supporters and local church groups arrived first, many wondering if their past rivals in neighbouring Lindelani would show up.

But IFP supporters, many of them collected in traditional impsis, eventually arrived at the field, led by Mr Shabalala.

Among his supporters was Sipho Shembe, who described the occasion as "a good day." ANC supporters had similar reactions to the rally. One who did not want to be identified said: "There was too much fighting, now we want peace."

Meanwhile, Mr Cele and Mr Shabalala made a joint plea for peace, and encouraged supporters to fight crime and reject violence.

Mr Cele said parents should guide their children and encourage youths to enjoy their youth, "instead of running around the country with matches, tyres and guns."

He said residents should resist drug dealers and gun smugglers and concentrate on demonstrating peace.

Mr Shabalala said residents should sustain their efforts for peace because these had paid off during the election, when people had expected a Rwanda-type situation.

Mr Cele said the area had the potential to become one of the most peaceful owing to IFP/ANC co-operation. — Sapa
Six killed in kwaZulu/Natal

DURBAN. — kwaZulu/Natal police said yesterday that at least six people were killed at the weekend, all of them on Friday.

In half of the killings a criminal motive was obvious. But in the remaining three murders, committed in Durban's Umlazi township, the motives were unknown.

Police said Mr Alison Nhlangase, 70, was shot dead while asleep in his home in the township. An unidentified 20-year-old man was stabbed in the same area, and Mr Mbona Mbele, 23, was shot dead.

In Phoenix, north of Durban, a suspected robber was killed when residents returned his gunfire after they were alerted to the robbery. Police said another suspect was injured.

In Maritzburg, Mr Mabuyi Damakude, 35, was stabbed to death during an argument at an hotel. A suspect was arrested.

In the northern kwaZulu/Natal area of Greytown, 16-year-old Mecash Naidoo died after being hit over the head by a masked assailant who attacked him and his girlfriend while they were in a park in the evening.

His girlfriend managed to escape and call the police. — Sapa (274) CT 4/1/74
More KwaZulu
political deaths

DURBAN. — Political violence claimed two more lives in KwaZulu-Natal, raising the number of people killed in the past five days to 276.

Police said they had arrested three suspects in connection with the fatal stabbing of Mr Sboniso Mkhungo, 25, in Umlazi township at the weekend.

In the South Coast area of Umbumbulu, Mr Phelelani Shange, 25, was shot dead and a woman companion wounded when they were attacked at the weekend. — Sapa
More Kwazulu-Natal killings bring toll to 21 in five days

The number of people killed in South Africa's Kwazulu-Natal province since last week has risen to 21, with 18 of the deaths occurring in the past five days.

In a statement to the police, the provincial commissioner said that the police had been called to a number of incidents where people were killed in the province over the past week.

The commissioner also said that the police were investigating the deaths and that they were working with the local authorities to ensure that justice was served.

The statement said that the police were also investigating the possibility of a gang war, which had been the cause of some of the deaths.

The police have urged the public to remain vigilant and to report any suspicious activities to the police immediately.

The statement ended with the commissioner requesting the public's support in the investigation of these deaths.

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Years of political warfare have created 500,000 refugees in kwaZulu/Natal and peace workers say the problem is too urgent to be ignored any longer.

Regional peace committee director Mr Dennis Nhosi said he was compiling a report to alert the government to the crisis.

Hundreds of refugees fled Gcillima near Margate on the South Coast yesterday after the toll in violence rose to six.

Fighting erupted on Tuesday after the murder of a local IFP leader. Two more people were killed, and police yesterday reported a further three killings.

Elsewhere in the province, Mr Dumisani Msomi, 22, was killed near kwaMakutha, and Mr Alex Dladla, 26, was killed in Umlazi.
DURBAN — The toll in political violence at Gcijima near Margate on the Kwazulu-Natal south coast had risen to six, and hundreds of refugees were leaving the area, police said yesterday.

Fighting erupted on Tuesday after the murder of a local Inkatha Freedom Party leader.

Scores of houses were destroyed, leaving hundreds homeless, police said. Yesterday a shop was also burnt down.

Police said 15 people had been injured in the conflict.

"Reinforcements have been sent to the area," said a police spokesman.

Police also reported two violent deaths in other parts of the province.

Local govt talks on track

The country’s nine provincial premiers and their local government MECs will meet in Pretoria next week in what is seen as the biggest push yet for local government transformation.

Sources said yesterday that the summit meeting of the leaders would be convened by Constitutional Development, Provincial Affairs and Local Government Minister Roelf Meyer.

The meeting would discuss ways — including amendments to the Local Government Transition Act — to expedite the process of democratising local government, said sources.

The news of the meeting coincided with an announcement by the Transvaal Municipal Association (TMA) that it was expecting disputes between itself and civic associations over “transition models” for 11 CP-controlled towns.

These towns included Witbank, Secunda, Krugersdorp and Springs.

It appears that the TMA’s fears of a confrontation stem from a dispute which has arisen between the Duduzile Civic Association and Nigel Town Council over a transition model for the East Rand area.

TMA vice-president Paul Pouché said the civic association wanted the nullifica-
Govt urged to tackle Nataal refugee crisis

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ULUNDI. — The Inkatha Freedom Party emerged from its annual conference with a new constitution aimed at bolstering its image and strengthening it for future elections.

The party also adopted several resolutions, including a call for President Nelson Mandela to lift the state of emergency in KwaZulu-Natal and a demand that international mediation begin soon on Inkatha's constitutional differences with the African National Congress.

Former president F W De Klerk declared a state of emergency in KwaZulu-Natal to halt soaring violence in the run-up to the elections.

Violence is still claiming a high death toll in the province, from criminal attacks and political fighting between Inkatha and ANC supporters.

An Inkatha statement yesterday said: "The continuation of the state of emergency is an aberration both in respect of the spirit of goodwill and of the promise of the interim constitution."

Inkatha also reinforced its demand for Ulundi to become KwaZulu-Natal's new capital in place of the old Natal capital of Pietermaritzburg.

Ulundi was the capital of the former KwaZulu black homeland, which merged with Natal after the elections.

The location of a capital has been the most contentious issue facing the new provincial government and the emotional response by several thousand conference delegates on the issue appeared set to keep Inkatha and the ANC at odds on the issue.

The party also adopted an amended constitution, which officials said strengthened Inkatha's federal structure and entrenched democratic principles to carry it into the 21st century. — Reuter.
kwaZulu/Natal death toll at 31

DURBAN. — At least five more people were murdered in kwaZulu/Natal this week, police said yesterday, bringing to 31 the number of people killed in the past seven days.

Yesterday in Durban's KwaMashu township, two bodies were discovered in a cemetery. One of them was identified as Khela Mnyandu who appeared to have been shot dead. The other body was burnt.

On Thursday in the northern kwaZulu/Natal district of Nongoma, Nyaso Hadebe, 37, was shot dead in an ambush and his companion injured.

In Durban's Montclair area, Ndukuzempi Ngidi, 45, was murdered near the Glebelands hostel.

In the South Coast area of Isingelweni, the burnt remains of an unidentified man were found.

The body of an unknown man, about 20, was found in Thokoza on Thursday night.

At least 22 people have died in violence in Katoehong and Thokoza since Saturday when four people were shot dead. — Sapa CT 9/7/94
Natal violence claims 15 lives.

DURBAN. – At least 15 people were killed in violence in kwazulu/Natal at the weekend. Police reported two more deaths in the violence-torn Margate area — local IFP leader Mr Lotus Ngoba and a 16-year-old youth.

Since Tuesday last week, at least eight people have been killed and hundreds left homeless during fighting in the rural areas around Margate.

Unconfirmed reports claim two other people were shot and killed at Polweni, south of Durban.

Also in the Durban area, Mr Gerry Treloar, 70, was stabbed and strangled to death at his home on Friday night, and Mr Rodney Drieman was stabbed to death during a fight early yesterday.

On Saturday a man was killed after he allegedly fired a shot at Mr Pragasen Pillay.

Also on Saturday police found the bodies of three unidentified men, and the body of Mr Thembinkosi Mazibuko was found early yesterday.

The kwazulu police also reported five weekend deaths — three men in the Umhlanga area, a woman in the Ulundi area and a man at Umbogintwini.
22 murdered in continuing KwaZulu/Natal violence

TWENTY-two people were murdered in KwaZulu/Natal at the weekend as political and criminal violence continued.

More than half the deaths were linked to political disputes, while robberies and other criminal activities accounted for the rest, a police spokesman said.

In the south coast region 11 people had been killed in the past seven days. Continuing fighting between Inkatha Freedom Party and ANC supporters was blamed.

The province also reported six attempted murders, a petrol bombing and four arson attacks.

Inkatha supporters told the monitor that the atmosphere was tense.

Inkatha supporters felt attacks on party members had not been sufficiently followed up by police or the Goldstone commission.

Reports suggesting factional disputes

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within ANC structures, that self defence units had switched to criminal activities and alleging that police had armed Inkatha had exacerbated the situation, he said.

SA Communist Party Southern Natal deputy secretary Nlanhla Buthelezi said violence and intimidation was rife in the Eshowe district.

He had written to Police Safety and Security Minister Sidney Mufamadi asking for an investigation of the recent arrest of six people who had allegedly been caught with AK-47s, revolvers and ammunition.

Regional police spokesmen Maj Bala Naidoo said he could find no evidence of the arrests.

Naidoo said the number of incidents of political violence had plunged since the elections.

Joint ANC/Inkatha peace initiatives and rallies had helped, he said.

Health department project assists millions

PRETORIA — More than 5 million people were helped by the Health Department's nutrition and social development programme in the past financial year, the department said yesterday.

About 5 000 programmes and 11 000 projects had been funded from a budget of R600m. The scheme focused on the poorest 2% of the population.

"The aim is to enable communities to achieve and sustain self-reliance in food and nutrition. Emphasis is on young children and pregnant and lactating women," the department said.

"Direct food assistance is, however, making way for more development-oriented programmes with household food security as the main aim."

The department said it was actively involved in the primary school nutrition scheme announced by the President in his state of the nation address. — Sapa.
violence toll soars
in kwaZulu/Natal

Durban — At least 26 people have died in KwaZulu/Natal violence since Friday night, police said yesterday.

Three people were killed in volatile rural areas around Margate on the south coast, where hundreds of people have been left homeless since violence flared last week.

Local IPP leader Lotus Ngobo was killed at Mboyi on Friday night and a youth killed in the Umvuchini area. Another man was stabbed to death there on Saturday.

The latest killings bring the death toll in the area to at least 96 since last Tuesday, when a local Inkatha leader was killed.

Violence monitors said the area was tense yesterday and hundreds of people had fled their homes.

Police said two men were shot and killed in Umbumbulu, south of Durban, at the weekend and another man was stabbed to death there.

Two men were shot and killed at Potwini, south of Durban.

At least five other people were killed in the province at the weekend.

A man was stabbed to death in Stanger, north of Durban, during a fight on Sunday and a man was killed at Isipingo Beach. A man was killed at a hostel in Durban on Saturday and men armed with AK-47s killed a man in Stanger.

Also in Stanger, a man was found dead in the Nkokhwini area.

A woman was shot in Isipingo, south of Durban, and died in hospital.

A shopkeeper was shot and killed in Newcastle and his wife and child were wounded. Four men were stabbed to death in Durban suburbs and another man was stabbed to death in Maritzburg.
Natal's civil war goes underground

IF war is the continuation of diplomacy by other means, the new politics in KwaZulu/Natal looks like continuing the bitter war between the ANC and IFP — albeit in more peaceful ways, SAM SOLE of the Sunday Tribune reports.

VIOLENCE in KwaZulu/Natal has dropped to a third of its pre-election levels, according to the Human Rights Committee, but most observers agree that the underlying tensions remain. So too the structural problems which contributed to the conflict — poverty, and competition for scarce resources.

Clearly, the post-election politics in the region contain the seeds of more conflict. Despite a nominal regional government of national unity, the battle between the ANC and the IFP for provincial Cabinet posts and over the location of the capital suggest the struggle for supremacy is far from over.

The war before was an overt political struggle backed by a covert paramilitary contest. Now it has become largely political and, while losing none of its intensity, it has acquired a covert character — perhaps to maintain the cordial face of a government of national unity.

As Merrill Frost, professor of politics at the University of Natal, Durban, observes: "It's significant that politics in Natal has disappeared from view, it's gone underground — inside the parties and inside the bureaucracy."

The basis of the new political situation in the province is, of course, the IFP's unexpected election victory.

Both Frost and ANC sources suggest the ANC/SACP/COSATU alliance miscalculated in the run-up to the election. "They believed Inkatha would stay out, and come the election, they'd win hands-down. The IFP would be cleaned up afterwards," says Frost.

But the IFP did take part and took control of the province. And the failure of the Independent Electoral Commission to deal with arguments over the legitimacy of the result has left the ANC with a dangerous moral loophole.

Says Blade Nzimande, senior ANC and SACP strategist: "We still believe the IFP victory was fraudulent."

This ANC perception of the "illegitimacy" of the IFP-led government provides a justification for a continuation of the power struggle at all levels and a temptation for the ANC again to ignore unpalatable realities.

As political scientist Alexander Johnston comments in the latest issue of Indicator-SA: "The election result makes the confident assertions of those who said that all that was required for the Inkatha phenomenon to disintegrate was for the taps of patronage to be turned off look less than compelling."

Yet both the ANC and the IFP appear to have defined the "taps of patronage" — the delivery of services and development — as the new terrain of the ongoing struggle.

Says Nzimande: "Our strategy for the next five years is to organise around the implementation of the Reconstruction and Development Programme. People must see who is really behind the implementation of the RDP. We must take the communities behind us — people can't be fooled if they are part of the process."

Devolution

"The IFP is no less aware of the importance of being seen to deliver."

Says IFP spokesman Chris Edmunds: "We realise if we get this province working properly in five years the IFP will walk the election."

This party explains the struggle over the devolution powers to the province and desire to base the provincial administration in Ulundi.

The IFP embarked on its own initiative two months ago with the formation of the United Housing and Development Foundation. Nominaly independent, it is staffed by figures close to the IFP including Edmunds and former KwaZulu Legislative Assembly member Thanda Bingle. The foundation aims to work through the tribal authority structures.

But the politicisation of development has grave dangers, expert observers warn. Said one: "It's going to be another ANC-IFP dogfight. By making the RDP an ideological campaign it will lead people into a tense situation."
8 killed in Natal violence

DURBAN. - At least eight people were murdered in kwaZulu/Natal at the weekend, police said yesterday.

In the southern part of the province, near Creighton, the unidentified bodies of a man and woman were found shot on Sunday.

Police believe the deaths may be related to taxi disputes in the area.

In Isipingo, south of Durban, Mr S P Majola, 29, was found stabbed to death on Sunday.

In Durban's Newlands East suburb, Mr Gavin Grant, 31, was stabbed to death during a domestic argument on Sunday. A suspect was arrested.

In the North Coast area of Tongaat, Mr X Mtholo was stabbed to death during an argument on Sunday.

In Durban's Umlazi township, Mr Mfanafuthi Cele, 19, was stabbed to death on Sunday.

In kwaNdengezi, near Pimtown, Mr Edwin Mhlongo, 31, was shot dead on Friday.

In the North Coast area of Sundumbili, Mr Jabulani Mhlango, 31, was fatally stabbed on Friday.

- A North-West policeman, Sergeant M D Chulu, who was assaulted by a mob two weeks ago, died at a Rustenburg hospital yesterday.

A police spokesman said sergeants Chulu and M Shebebe were attacked by a mob in the village of Kanana. Sgt Sebobe died at the scene after being doused with petrol and set alight. — Sapa
Confusion over Kwazulu Emergency

Cape Times, Tuesday July 19 1994
Emergency has lapsed
— Minister

Umtata — National Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi said yesterday the state of emergency in KwaZulu-Natal had lapsed with the new Constitution.

But the Government still intended to announce formally that it had been lifted, Mufamadi said. "Constitutionally I'm made to understand the state of emergency has lapsed..."

"However, it's important to demonstrate the will of the new Government of National Unity and for it to be lifted formally," Mufamadi said after meeting KwaZulu-Natal Police Minister Celest Mtewa and Premier Frank Mballose.

In terms of the new Constitution, the emergency lapsed 21 days after the Government took office, but police in KwaZulu-Natal insist it is still in place.

Mufamadi announced that he and Mtewa would visit townships around Port Shepstone which are still hit by violence.

Abest the recent KwaZulu Police strike, Mufamadi said amalgamation and rationalisation would address grievances on pay and promotions.

He said he would push for the new Police Act to go through Parliament early in its next session, leading to full amalgamation of South Africa's 11 police agencies. — Reuters.
Natal death toll now at 28

DURBAN — At least three more people were murdered in the kwaZulu-Natal province this week, one of them in Ndwedwe, where seven people were killed on Tuesday, police said yesterday.

Ms Fikile Ngobese, 34, was shot dead on Wednesday in the Emuna area of Ndwedwe, about 20km from Tuesday's attack.

A police spokesman could not say whether the two incidents were related, except that Ms Ngobese was an Inkatha Freedom Party supporter, as were the Ngobo family who were killed on Tuesday.

In the northern town of Melmoth, Mr Majuba Sibila, 34, was shot dead about 25m from his burnt-out vehicle on Tuesday.

In Empangeni Ntombfikile Mkhize, 14, was shot dead and her mother injured on Tuesday when gunmen attacked their kraal and demanded money.

The latest killings bring to at least 28 the number of murders in the province since Friday.

- Three people were arrested and two guns with ammunition were seized during a funeral procession in Daveyton on the East Rand on Wednesday.
- Eastern Transvaal police are investigating 10 charges of attempted murder against two Nelspruit security guards who allegedly shot at a group of about 80 people at a White River taxi-rank on Wednesday during an argument between a taxi driver and driver of a vehicle owned by the security company. — Sony
Mdlalose calls for tolerance

DURBAN. "KwaZulu-
Natal premier Dr Frank
Mdlalose yesterday
urged political toler-
ance in the wake of
Wednesday's slaying of
eight people in
Ndwedwe near Durban
and called for "immedi-
ate and stern" action by
police.

Addressing a press
conference here, Dr
Mdlalose said apportion-
ing blame was of no
use, "but the motive for
the killings seemed
largely political so more
had to be done to per-
suade political oppo-
nents to accept each
other." -- Sapa --
Natal killing toll up to 34

DURBAN.—KwaZulu/Natal police yesterday reported five more people killed, bringing to 34 the number slain in the province in the past seven days.

On the North Coast, Empangeni cashier Mr Philip Dladla was ‘shot dead’ by gunmen who tried to rob a petrol station on Thursday.

Three other people were killed on the same day. Mr Albert Mthembu, 55, was found shot dead in his home at Mandini, Mr James Mkhize, 40, was fatally stabbed in a domestic dispute over money at Pinetown, and at Mamelodi in the north, Mr Mpiyinko Zungu, 76, was shot dead.

On Wednesday Mr M Nyathi was shot-dead and his friend Mr B Mhloneni wounded by robbers who demanded money at their home in Stanger. — Sapa
Natal violence ‘intolerable’

DURBAN. — Safety and Security Minister Mr Sidney Mufamadi told police members at a mass meeting at Kingsmead Stadium here yesterday that they should come up with a violence prevention programme in kwaZulu/Natal. (CT 1/8 74)

Mr Mufamadi said that although conflict levels had decreased in the province since elections, they still "remain intolerable". He said police partiality in the new SA Police Service would be severely punished (276).

"We must be seen as working in partnership with the community ... and the challenge is even greater in this province," he said.

He suggested that a violence prevention programme needed to be drawn up in the province with designated roles for the participation of various sectors, including political leaders and police.

Four people, including two policemen investigating a murder, died in a hail of bullets in Soweto on Saturday morning when men thought to be the murder suspects fired wildly at them. Constable N.L. Mokoena, 24, Sergeant Vincent Maphalala, 38, and witnesses Mr Kenneth Lengani, 28, and Mr Patrick Ntombela, 30, were killed. — Sapa
KwaZulu/Natal plans to combat violence

DURBAN — KwaZulu/Natal premier Frank Mdlalose yesterday met ANC provincial leader Jacob Zuma, and they announced plans to combat violence in the province.

The meeting was also attended by SA Police Service regional commissioner Lt-Gen Colin Steyn, peace secretariat regional chairman MC Pretorius, and Inkatha Freedom Party and ANC regional MPs.

The talks were prompted by two recent massacres at Ndwedwe, a rural area near Durban, in which 15 people were killed.

Mdlalose told the meeting “strong and immediate” police action would be taken to catch the killers.

Leaders would jointly address meetings in the area, and in areas throughout KwaZulu/Natal if necessary, to urge tolerance and public assistance of the police in catching perpetrators of violence.

He said this was part of a longer-term plan to stem fighting. In the short term there would be more police patrols and roadblocks at Ndwedwe.

More satellite police stations would also be set up.

The weekend death toll from violence in KwaZulu/Natal rose to 22 yesterday afternoon when police confirmed more killings in the province, including five murders in the north coast area of Esikhawini.

Sgt Lawrence Mbatha said five people had been murdered in four incidents at about the same time on Saturday night.

Although police had established no link, they were investigating the possibility that the killings were in response to people watching the controversial television TV feature, The Line.

Midlands police spokesman Maj Henry Budhran said a man had been killed at Impendle near Maritzburg in an attack in which two others were injured and a number of houses set alight. Police were investigating the possibility of a political motive.

He said a man had been shot dead at nearby Imball, and his girlfriend was wounded in the attack. — Sapa.
Police, KwaZulu/Natal leaders confer

Plan to tackle political killings

Durban — Police and KwaZulu/Natal political leaders yesterday announced a plan to stem political killings in the province, where at least 23 people were killed at the weekend.

KwaZulu/Natal police commissioner Lieutenant-General Colin Steyn met regional leaders of the ANC and IFP, including provincial premier and IFP chairman Dr Frank Mdlalose and ANC leader Jacob Zuma.

The plan will include increased policing in violent areas and greater community co-operation in curbing fighting.

Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi told a gathering of policemen in Durban on Sunday that a comprehensive plan should be drawn up to combat violence in KwaZulu/Natal.

"We must draw up a comprehensive violence-prevention programme which designates roles for all our communities," he said.

It followed a recent upsurge in apparently politically linked killings in the volatile province, notably in Ndwedwe, about 40 km north of Durban, where 15 members of two families were murdered in separate attacks in the past two weeks. (24B)

There has also been increased violence in townships around Empangeni, where at least five people were killed on Saturday night.

Reward

"In terms of immediate action there will be an attempt to get more police force members to move around. We are expecting police services to spread by way of having a mobile police station and by having roadblocks (in Ndwedwe)," Mdlalose told reporters. He said senior ANC and Inkhatha leaders would soon visit the Ndwedwe district.

"We are looking forward to combined visits to the area by combined political members... in an attempt to let the people know that peace has to be established."

Mdlalose appealed to people with information about the recent violence to come forward. Police spokesman Major Bela Natooze later said police would consider a reward of up to R250 000 for information leading to convictions.

"We appeal to the public to co-operate with the police and the political leaders in identifying the people who are the cause of this violence. Please come forward with information. This is a scourge to the community," said Mdlalose.

He said a long-term plan to stop killings in KwaZulu/Natal, where more than 10 000 people had been killed in a decade of political fighting, included establishing a committee to look into ways of stopping the murders.

Provincial ANC safety and security spokesman Bheki Cele said the aim was to strengthen the National Peace Accord. — Reuter
King calls for peace in KwaZulu/Natal

ZULU King Goodwill Zwelithini yesterday appealed to people in KwaZulu/Natal to stop killing and to start protecting each other. He said he was concerned about a surge in violence in the province which was hampering reconstruction. Investors would avoid KwaZulu/Natal unless they were assured their money was safe.

KwaZulu/Natal premier Frank Mdlalose appealed to business in the province to help create an environment which would curtail violence.

Addressing business people in Durban, Mdlalose said the top structures of all political parties in the region were determined to counter violence. "Rogue policemen, hit squads, peoples courts, banditry, revenge killings and any form of taking the law into one's own hands has no political support in this region. "Anyone, no matter how high an office he or she holds, or in what estimation they are held by their supporters, who takes the law into their own hands can expect the full wrath of the authorities."

But crime and violence could not be eliminated while the region was beset with "ignorance, poverty and deprivation."

He appealed to the business community to develop an economy that would offer the necessary business opportunities, jobs, schooling, health care and housing.

With the "magnificent" resources and potential KwaZulu/Natal possessed, "all we need is the elimination of the scourge of violence to ensure an economic miracle", he said. — Sapa.
Killing in Natal continues

DURBAN. — At least five more people were reported murdered in kwazulu/Natal this week, bringing to 35 the number of people killed here since last Friday, police said yesterday.

The government was poised to lift the state of emergency in the area yesterday after discussions between President Nelson Mandela and Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi to find a solution to conflict.

In Newlands, Durban, a man was fatally stabbed and the unidentified body of a man was found on Tuesday.

A man died in Clairwood on Tuesday as a result of an earlier attack.

In the North Coast area of kwamhlongle, a man was fatally stabbed on Monday, and another man was shot dead at Nyoni on Tuesday.

Sixteen people died in incidents related to political violence in the week ending on Tuesday, the Human Rights Committee reported yesterday. — Sapa
Emergency stays on

By Ismail Lagardien
Political Correspondent

THE state of emergency in KwaZulu-Natal will remain in force until peace and stability has been restored in the province, Minister of Justice Mr Dullah Omar told Parliament yesterday. Responding to a question from the Inkatha Freedom Party's Mr Mohammed Farouk Cassim, the minister said it was wrong to assume that the state of emergency had been of no use as "it was introduced to help solve the problem of violence" in the province.

Omar said there was wide agreement among the relevant people, including his colleague, Minister for Safety and Security Mr Sydney Mufamadi, that the state of emergency should be lifted and "Government wished to bring it to an end as soon as possible". However, while President Nelson Mandela and the leader of the IFP were discussing the matter and an announcement was imminent, no efforts would be spared "to ensure that violence is eradicated from our land".
State of emergency remains

CAPE TOWN — Government has decided not to lift the state of emergency in KwaZulu/Natal just yet, but it would be scrapped soon — pending discussions between the ANC and Inkatha Freedom Party, Justice Minister Deliah Omar said yesterday.

In a mini-debate in Parliament, Inkatha MP Farouk Cassim said the new constitution required that Parliament — not the executive — made decisions on a state of emergency. The emergency had been declared in terms of legislation under the previous regime. “We must decide whether the constitution is being undermined,” he said. In terms of the constitution, an emergency lapsed in 21 days. Its re-imposition should have been brought to the national assembly for approval.

Omar said government recognised that new requirements for the existence of an emergency applied in terms of the constitution. Safety and Security Minister Syd-

ney Mufamadi supported lifting the emergency in Natal and the matter had been referred to President Nelson Mandela, who would be holding discussions with Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi. However, until existing laws were abolished, they remained valid.

Government would lift the emergency “as soon as possible”. A statement was likely to be issued soon (27b).

Buthelezi said he was “very troubled” that violence remained a factor in the province despite the public display of reconciliation between leaders. It was important that the leaders went to their constituencies and preached peace. “We must take the message and filter it down to the grassroots.”

Sapa reports police said at least five more people were reported murdered in

Emergency

KwaZulu/Natal this week, taking to 35 the number of people killed since Friday.

The surge in violence prompted the provincial government to take action this week, promising steps to curb the fighting. Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini has also appealed for peace (27b).

 Violence monitor Mary de Haas appealed to President Nelson Mandela to put in place mechanisms to protect people once the emergency was lifted. She suggested that steps to counter violence included “the continued deployment of large numbers of soldiers” in flash points.

Police said: “The problem is that there is a lot of discussion and negotiating at the top but nothing is filtering through. We had suggestions of joint rallies but we’ve had only one or two.”
10 murdered in kwaZulu/Natal

DURBAN. — kwaZulu/Natal police yesterday said at least 10 people had been murdered in the province since Friday, four of them in the South Coast township of Polweni.

The four were killed in separate incidents on Saturday. The bodies of Gilbert Gumede, 65, and Thandekile Mkhize, 32, were both found with gunshot wounds.

On Saturday night, Sbongiseni Khurwayo, 24, and Khambulani Nthusapha, 21, were found shot dead. In Umlazi, south of Durban, Sibongi Ngebele, 32, and an unidentified body of a man were found on Saturday. Both had been shot.

On the South Coast at Izingolweni, Mr M Zuma and Mrs I Zuma were shot dead in their home on Saturday. A seven-year-old girl in the house at the time was injured in the shooting.

On the North Coast at Mtunzini, Kwayaza Khubisa, 23, was found dead in a shebeen toilet. Police suspect robbery was the motive for the killing.

In kwaDabeka, near Pinetown, Maseyeni Mazibuko, 26, was shot dead in his room by three gunmen.

* At least four people were killed in attacks on the East Rand at the weekend, police said yesterday. — Sapa
Blood flows in KwaZulu/Natal

Durban — At least 31 people had been killed in violence in KwaZulu/Natal since Friday night — one of the bloodiest weekends in the province since the April election, police said late yesterday, 30/8/94.

The toll included three people who died after a handgrenade exploded in a packed beer hall in Umlazi's Giebelands Hostel complex on Friday night.

Eight people had been killed in other incidents in Umlazi township since Friday, police said. — Reuters (276)
Security forces made recommendations

State of emergency in KwaZulu/Natal to go

BY CHRIS WHITFIELD
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

Cape Town — The state of emergency in KwaZulu/Natal is to be lifted, the Cabinet decided yesterday.

A statement issued last night after a Cabinet meeting said: "The further promotion of peace and stability in that region will hopefully be served by the formal lifting of the state of emergency."

The emergency was imposed on the region in March amid increasing tensions over the impending election.

The statement said the decision had been taken after recommendations to President Mandela by the SA National Defence Forces, the SA Police Service and the Department of Justice.

The statement also indicated that the president had emphasised the need to communicate to the public the content of Cabinet decisions.

It referred specifically to ongoing confusion over the task of the Minister's committee probing parliamentary arrangements.

There was a perception that this committee would make recommendations about the siting of Parliament.

Its findings would, however, "be the basis for an informed public debate on all relevant aspects of this matter, not merely whether Parliament should be relocated". (276)

The Cabinet also decided:

- South Africa would follow a policy of non-proliferation and arms control.
- The Government would "associate itself with the concept of a zone of peace and co-operation in the south Atlantic by attending the forthcoming meeting of the zone in Brazil".
- SA should become a signatory to the convention on the prohibition or restrictions on the use of certain conventional weapons.
ANC's Shaka Day Coup.

By CHRIS BATeman

In a major coup for the ANC, Deputy President Thabo Mbeki announced last night President Nelson Mandela will attend the Shaka celebrations at the invitation of Zulu King Goodwill Zwelethini.

This comes in the face of strenuous objections by Inkatha leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi that protocol was not followed by the king in inviting Mr Mandela to the emotional Zulu event without consulting him.

Mr Mbeki told the Senate he had met Chief Buthelezi to discuss the issue and said Mr Mandela believed it would be in the interests of the country to attend the Stanger celebrations later this month "to promote peace and reconciliation".

Mr Mbeki said the king had informed kwaZulu/Natal Premier Dr Frank Mdlalose he wished Mr Mandela to attend the celebrations on September 24.

The rift between Home Affairs Minister Chief Buthelezi, who is the king's uncle and political chief, and the king yesterday widened dramatically.

In one of his most frank statements on the issue, he told the Cape Times he doubted whether the king's aspirations to executive powers — which would include appointing the chief minister — had "gone away".

He agreed the controversy "seemed" to be a manoeuvre by the king for greater power and said this was the basis for Lesotho's problems, citing King Moshesho's attempts to wrest power.

"ANC leaders are having a field day boasting the king is now in their pocket," he said.

Chief Buthelezi confirmed that an urgent meeting between his traditional headmen and those of the king had taken place to urge the two leaders to "hold a family discussion" over perceptions of a quarrel.

He claimed King Goodwill had broken internationally accepted protocol by inviting Mr Mandela without first informing him.

"No less than 27" concerned Zulu indunas from the Reed and two members of the royal Zulu house had come to his home in kwaZulu asking about the presidential invitation, but he was unable to enlighten them.

In spite of repeated requests from him, the king this year "dilly-dallied" unusually over dates for the traditional Reed Dance and the King Shaka celebrations, Chief Buthelezi said.
Emergency in kwaZulu lifted

THE state of emergency in kwaZulu/Natal was lifted by a proclamation published in the Government Gazette yesterday, the Department of Justice announced.

kwaZulu/Natal police yesterday said another six people were murdered in the province this week, raising the toll to 34.
15 murdered in KwaZulu

DURBAN. — Fifteen people have been murdered in KwaZulu/Natal, police said.

Among the 15 were three people shot dead yesterday in an attack on a kraal near the north coast town of Mzumisi. A 10-year-old was also wounded.

At Inanda, north of Durban, four people were killed in two attacks.

In one of them, a three-year-old survived when killers hacked up her parents in their kitchen on Saturday night.

The bodies of two men were found yesterday in Bhambayi, near Durban.

In Umlazi, south of the city, two people were shot dead and two were critically injured by gunmen who attacked their house early on Saturday.

The other murders occurred in different areas in and around Durban. — Sapa.
Showdown over KZP hit squads

Inkatha officials are refusing to co-operate with an official probe into alleged kwaZulu Police hit squads, report Chris Louw, Farouk Chothia and Ann Eveleth

**AFRICA**

NATIONAL Minister of Safety and Security Sydney Mufamadi faces a showdown with Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) against his bid to root out suspected hit squad policemen from the kwaZulu Police (KZP) force.

Developments pointing to this are:
- The KwaZulu-Natal Premier Frank Mdlalose and his provincial safety and security minister, Cele Nkabi, have repeatedly refused to release any suggestion that they co-operate with the official hit squad investigation appointed by Mufamadi last week.
- Home Affairs Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi has issued a veiled threat that he will quit the government of national unity (GNU) over the hit squad probe; and
- A controversial former KZP Sundumbili station commander Major Owen Zama has challenged Mufamadi’s constitutional right to suspend him in the Durban Supreme Court.

Zama’s challenge suggests that suspected hit squad members will put up a fight to remain in the force — and Mufamadi/IFP will have to resort to long-drawn-out court battles as a way to oust the policemen.

The station commander has bizarrely denied Mufamadi by continuing to serve in his post — and is receiving his full salary and benefits.

Mufamadi’s spokesman, Craig Kotze, said nothing was being done for “humanitarian reasons”.

In papers before Mr Justice Levinsohn last week, Zama argued that Mufamadi had exceeded the authority to suspend him as, in terms of the KwaZulu Police Act, only the KwaZulu cabinet had such power.

Although the KwaZulu cabinet no longer exists, the KZP remains intact pending the passage of the new Police Bill through parliament.

Mufamadi has to prove that the interim constitution gives him or the cabinet power to act against Zama.

Judge Levinsohn has asked legal representatives of the two parties to prepare head of argument so he can determine whether Mufamadi has the authority to suspend Zama.

Zama as mentioned in a Transitional Executive Council report on hit squads dated March 31 this year, in which his involvement in an attack last year on ANC supporters in Sundumbili, Northern Natal, is alleged.

He was suspended in July after Natal’s attorney general, Tim McNally, decided to prosecute him for allegedly defiling the end of justice.

As Mufamadi attempts to clean up the KZP, he also faces stiff opposition from the IFP majority in the kwaZulu/Natal government and from Buthelezi at central government level.

Asked whether he would co-operate with the probe into KZP hit squads, Mufamadi replied: “No, I don’t think so.”

Mthethwa commented similarly. “How can you co-operate with something you are not involved in?”

Mufamadi announced a commission of inquiry last week, headed by former Goldstone Commission investigator Lieutenant Frank Dutton, to investigate alleged KZP hit squads.

Mthethwa’s decision followed fresh claims by retired KZP commissioner General Roy During in July that he was “almost certain” of the existence of hit squads in the force.

Mthethwa said that while Mufamadi had publicly announced he would be “consulted” about the commission, he had merely been “informed” about it.

The Mail & Guardian reported earlier this year that the Goldstone Commission had informed Mthethwa he had received weapons for the IFP from renegade South African policemen.

Mthethwa’s name also featured during a recent ball application by the former commander of the SAP’s Vlakplaas hit squad base, Major Eugenie de Rock, where it was alleged that the two had contact with each other.

Kotze said if the IFP, as an institution, refuses to co-operate it is one thing, but if individuals refuse then the law will take its course.

Asked whether this meant action would be taken against Mthethwa if he refused to testify, Kotze replied: “We can’t confront what might happen before it happens.”

In a bid to halt the hit squad probe, Buthelezi sent a letter on August 19 to the KZP force’s deputy commissioner, Mr Mbola, warning that the inquiry would force him to “weigh up the value of my being in the GNU against the cost of being in it”.

Arguing that Mufamadi’s decision was beyond “compensations” as it could upset “little” relations between the ANC and IFP, Buthelezi said it was unfair to single out the KZP — one of 11 police forces in the country — for a probe. He believed “normal procedures” should be used to investigate allegations against KZP members.

Asked by the WMAG whether he intended to resign in the wake of Mufamadi’s decision to go ahead with the inquiry, Buthelezi replied: “...I wish to state that if and when the time is ripe, I will do so and it will be at the right time for the right reasons.”

**IFP chairman on murder rap after rally**

**Farouk Chothia**

A SENIOR Inkatha Freedom Party leader has been charged with the murder of two IFP members who were shot dead after organizing a joint IFP and ANC peace rally in the Bhambanyi squatter settlement, near Durban, last weekend.

A police spokesman said this week that Bhambanyi’s IFP chairman, Victor Shawe (49), and two other men had been charged with fatal shooting Johnson Nqambi and Mnyamane Sizemana in an attack in which two other IFP members were wounded.

Shawe, who is out on bail of R1 000 pending a decision by Natal’s attorney general on whether or not to prosecute him for the murder of two other people shot dead in Bhambanyi in August last year, appeared in the Durban Magistrates Court on Tuesday.

He and his co-accused, Zondilesile Maduna (21) and Mboneni Khonjwayo (21), have been charged with two counts of murder, two counts of attempted murder and with illegal possession of firearms and ammunition.

A bail application is to be heard today.

Nqambi was the IFP’s chief representative in peace talks with the ANC in Bhambanyi. He took over this function from Shawe about six months ago, according to National Peace Accord (NPA) spokesman Dennis Nkosi.

The attack last Sunday evening came after about 1 000 people had pledged their commitment to peace at the IFP/ANC rally in Bhambanyi the previous day.

The settlement has been a flashpoint for violence. About 200 people have been burned in the 12 months leading up to the April poll — and a Goldstone Commission report said that kwaZulu Police hit squad members have been deployed in the settlement.

The NPA’s Nkosi said Nqambi and his colleagues formed part of an IFP/ANC/policing team that monitors Bhambanyi on a 24-hour basis in a bid to prevent violence in the area.

According to the police, Nqambi’s attackers followed him home after he had ended a monitoring shift and shut him in. When Sizemane and Cele went to his aid, they were shot and wounded. The killers then went to Nqambu’s home and gunned him down.

Speaking to the Mail & Guardian, Nkosi said attempts by “anti-peace elements” to stoke violence in the settlement had backfired.

IFP spokesman Ed Titel said that while he had not investigated the case, he would “caution against jumping to false conclusions”.

He said it could be “purely coincidental” that those attacked were involved in peace initiatives, and that there could have been other reasons for the murder.

The IFP believed the accused should “fall under the harsh scrutiny of the law” but should be presumed innocent until proven guilty, Titel said.

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Safety in Kwazulu

Shaka Day Vista

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Buthelezi accuses ANC MP of lying

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An angry Mangosuthu Buthelezi abruptly rose in parliament yesterday, wagged a finger at African National Congress MP Blade Nzimande and accused him of lying.

But Dr Nzimande, who was delivering a blistering attack on the Inkatha Freedom Party during the snap parliamentary debate on the controversy about the Shaka Day celebrations, appeared unmoved — and continued.

Later Correctional Services Minister Sipho Mlamela said Dr Nzimande had a “babalaza” (a hangover) and was asked to withdraw the remark.

These were some of the dramatic scenes in the most heated debate in the new parliament.

ANC MPs accused the IFP of taking the country to the brink of violence by planning to defy Goodwill Zwelithini’s orders to cancel the Shaka Day celebrations.

Others expressed concern that President Mandela, who has decided not to attend the event for security reasons, could not freely move around the country.

King Goodwill took the step after protesters stoned Mr Mandela’s helicopter when he visited the Zulu king this week.

Dr Nzimande, who is a Zulu from KwaZulu-Natal, urged the IFP not to hijack the Shaka Day celebrations for its own political ends.

By planning to go ahead, the IFP was defying King Goodwill, whom Chief Buthelezi had once described as “having a mouth that doesn’t tell lies”.

Throughout Dr Nzimande’s speech, IFP members interjected with shouts of “You are telling lies” and “You know nothing about Zuluness”.

Earlier Chief Buthelezi, who was repeatedly jeered by ANC members, said the planned Shaka Day celebrations would go ahead and he did not expect any problems.

In a snap debate, ANC spokesmen criticised Inkatha Freedom Party leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi for politicising the "non-partisan" celebrations — although he was not mentioned by name.

But Chief Buthelezi defended the IFP-dominated kwaZulu/Natal cabinet decision to proceed with the event. He accused the ANC of "double standards" in demanding that the Lesotho king act constitutionally, but not the Zulu king.

In a further indication that relations between the IFP and the royal house had reached a new low, he said the kwaZulu/Natal cabinet had the constitutional right to take the final decision to honour Shaka.

Safety and Security Deputy Minister, the IFP's Mr Joe Matthews, predicted that tomorrow's events at Stanger would be peaceful, if people didn't exploit "a non-existent issue".

He said it was a historical duty to revere Shaka and had little to do with the wishes of politicians or monarchs.

He did, however, apologise for the behaviour of toyi-toyiing Inkatha supporters who had protested against President Nelson Mandela's presence at a meeting on Monday with King Goodwill Zwelithini at one of his Nongoma palaces.

Earlier yesterday Mr Mandela appealed to kwaZulu/Natal residents to "keep the peace" this weekend and respect "a solemn occasion to honour a national hero".

The SAPS and SANDF are on standby for any eventuality which may arise in the province.

Strict security measures will be taken to protect the life of King Goodwill. IFP and ANC leaders are to meet, as well as representatives of their youth wings, and senior security force officers.

Mandela: Avoid violence

President Nelson Mandela appealed to all parties yesterday to ensure that Shaka Day celebrations in kwaZulu/Natal this weekend are not marred by violence.

He said he was concerned about possible violence following the controversy over Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini's decision to cancel this year's celebrations.

"I want to appeal to all parties to respect this day, which should be a solemn occasion marking the achievements of a true national hero."

Mr Mandela said he was hesitant to mediate personally in the conflict between King Goodwill and Inkatha Freedom Party leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi — matters "which can best be dealt with by the parties involved".

Deputy President F.W. de Klerk conceded in Edinburgh yesterday that the conflict between the Zulu king and Chief Buthelezi had the potential for violence.

Mr Mandela received copies yesterday of a video and commemorative publication entitled Many Cultures, One Nation, which record the May 10 presidential inauguration ceremony.

He said the inauguration marked the crowning of the efforts of all South Africans and their leaders.

The presentation was made by Deputy President Thabo Mbeki. — Sapa
Joke at envoy's expense

The day is at hand for the envoy's departure, and the official farewell banquet is being prepared. The envoy, aware of the traditions and protocol involved, is keenly aware of the importance of the occasion. As he arrives at the grand hall, he is greeted by a throng of officials and dignitaries, all eager to welcome him to his new home.

The envoy, sensing the formality of the occasion, takes his seat at the head of the table, surrounded by his hosts and colleagues. The speeches begin, each one more elaborate than the last. The envoy finds himself listening intently, his mind on the proceedings of the evening.

As the speeches continue, the envoy becomes aware of a peculiar aroma in the air. It is the unmistakable scent of roast beef, wafting from the kitchen. The envoy, ever the gentleman, does not make a scene, but his thoughts turn to the promise of a delicious meal to come.

The speeches conclude, and the doors to the dining room are opened. The envoy, eager to partake in his meal, takes his place at the head of the table. As he picks up his knife and fork, he is struck by a sudden realization.

The roast beef is not being served as he expected—it is the envoy himself. The hosts, having played a cruel joke, have served the envoy as the centerpiece of the meal. The envoy, though embarrassed, remains seated, letting the laughter of his hosts and colleagues ring out over the grand hall.

In the end, the envoy finds himself enjoying a meal of a kind he will never forget. Thejest served that evening remains a talking point for years to come, a reminder of the importance of proper protocol and the unexpected outcomes that can arise from a lack of attention to detail.
'Desperate' royal family running scared

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In other developments yesterday:

- Cosatu joined the call by the king and the African National Congress for prayer meetings to be held instead of people attending the Shaka Day celebrations;
- The National Party said Shaka Day would be a test of whether the celebrations would be used for cultural purposes or to whip up emotions;
- ANC leadership in KwaZulu-Natal called on the security forces to ensure no "life, limb or property" was lost or destroyed during Shaka Day;
- Inkatha Freedom Party leader and Home Affairs Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi again insisted the celebrations would go ahead as planned; and
- ANC regional leader Jacob Zuma said the government had launched an investigation into the the use of KwaZulu bases to transport IFP members to the king's palace this week to demonstrate against President Nelson Mandela's presence.

At a Press conference in Durban, Mr Zuma said the ANC was not siding with the king and "we have no right to inspect anything like that. We would not dare try to get the king on our side. He can't be seen to be aligned to any political party".

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Battle Lines Drawn for Shaka Day

On this day, people will be gathered in the city for the annual Shaka Day celebration. The event is a significant occasion for the community to come together and celebrate the legacy of King Shaka Zulu, a historic leader of the Zulu nation.

The day will feature speeches, cultural performances, and various activities aimed at educating and entertaining visitors. Local musicians, dancers, and artists will showcase their talents, reflecting the rich heritage of the Zulu people.

Shaka Day is not just a celebration of King Shaka Zulu's contributions but also a platform for promoting cultural awareness and unity among the community. It serves as a reminder of the importance of preserving and passing on the traditions and values that have shaped the Zulu nation for generations.
DURBAN. — Members of the Zulu royal family said they were running scared on the eve of today's 'controversy-racked' Shaka Day celebrations in Stanger, despite massive safety arrangements by security forces.

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The defence force said this week it had deployed soldiers to protect King Goodwill Zwelethini, but no mention was made of the scores of princes and princesses in the region.

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Last night the IFP and ANC gave their blessing to security plans for the celebrations.

Prayer

According to regional peace committee spokesman Mr Nicholas Claude, security forces met the IFP and the ANC. He said both parties were satisfied with the security arrangements which include the deployment of 700 personnel at Stanger today and in kwaMashu tomorrow.

About a hundred Zulu royals gathered at the city hall in Durban yesterday for singing and prayer. They carried banners supporting King Goodwill.

ANC regional leader Mr Jacob Zuma said the ANC was not siding with the king.

"We have no ploy of doing anything like that. We would not dare try to get the king on our side. He can't be seen to be aligned to any political party.

"The king is above politics because he is the king," he said.

In other developments:

• Cosatu joined the call by the monarch and the ANC for prayer meetings to be held instead of the Shaka Day celebrations.

• The National Party said Shaka Day was a waste of time.

• IPP leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi again insisted the celebrations would go ahead as planned. — Own Correspondent, Sapa
People in the News

Royal lineage affirmed

DURBAN. - Sisso Zulu, the man who was confronted by Inkatha Freedom Party leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi during a live television interview on Sunday, is a descendant of Mbona, a brother of Mpinde, one of the original Zulu kings.

His royal lineage is affirmed by a senior member of the Zulu royal house, Clement Zulu, and his public appearances over the past week as spokesman for the royal committee have not been disputed by the king, Goodwill Zwelithini.

Prince Sisso is thus a prince of the royal house. His status, however, is that of a relatively junior prince compared to the direct descendants of Mpinde’s successor, Cetshwayo.

Chief Buthelezi and his great rival, Israel Mswayi-zeni Zulu, an ANC MP and national executive member, are both direct descendants of Cetshwayo.

Prince Sisso is almost a generation younger than Chief Buthelezi. He is in his early 40s while the IFP leader is in his mid-60s.

Chief Buthelezi has challenged Prince Sisso’s right to speak on behalf of the Zulu king, dismissing him as a “youngster” whom he had never seen.

But well-placed observers insist Prince Sisso was unanimously elected as spokesman for the interim royal committee.
Mandela praises king for ‘dignity’

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PRESIDENT Nelson Mandela last night complimented King Goodwill Zwelethini for the “dignified manner” in which he had conducted himself in the wake of Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi’s sensational interruption of a live Agenda TV broadcast — saying “he deliberately elected not to get involved”.

And Prince Sisifo Zulu, who was about to be interviewed by presenter Freek Robinson when the Minister of Home Affairs and his bodyguards burst in, has accused the chief of assaulting him and says he plans to sue.

The incident could be raised at tomorrow’s cabinet meeting, a reliable source said yesterday.

Mr Mandela, asked in Stellenbosch last night whether he had spoken to Chief Buthelezi or if he intended to, replied: “No, I have not. I would like to handle the matter a little more carefully…”

Later he appealed to journalists not to “put pressure on me…”

I also have not got his side of the story yet”.

Last night Prince Sisifo, sporting a bandaged right hand, spoke on television about Sunday’s incident and denied he had pulled out a firearm.

Appearing on CCC’s Newsline, the prince repeated his claim that the Inkatha Freedom Party president was not a traditional prime minister of King Goodwill.

He said Chief Buthelezi had never been appointed as the king’s prime minister.

“Chief Buthelezi was a chief minister during the time of the kwaZulu government and that system was overtaken by the new democratic government. The current premier of kwaZulu/Natal is Dr (Frank) Mdlose.”

Inquiry

Prince Sisifo claimed he was warned that his days were numbered.

Yesterday the IFP claimed a weekend bid was made to assassinate Chief Buthelezi, saying an ANC member drew a gun on him when he disrupted the Agenda programme.

The party has hinted the apparent culprit was Prince Sisifo.

SABC chief executive Mr Zwiakhe Senele said yesterday he had ordered an inquiry.

And in a letter expressing “deep concern” at the incident, ANC MPs and senators said the ouster represented an “absolute denial” of the government’s commitment to press freedom.

The Democratic Party said the IFP minister’s intervention in a live television programme “makes Mr PW Botha’s telephone interruptions look tame”, noting that the Durban studio drama “makes one wonder whether independent TV and radio will be possible in kwaZulu/Natal”.

The National Party said the Inkatha leader’s actions had neither promoted press freedom nor his own image.

The Conservative Party said it fully supported Chief Buthelezi in his struggle to maintain the integrity of the Zulu nation.

Media organisations rallied to condemn Chief Buthelezi. They included the South African Union of Journalists, the Media Workers’ Association of South Africa and the Freedom of Expression Institute. — Political Staff, Sapa
25 killed in Natal violence

DURBAN. — kwaZulu/Natal police have reported that 25 people were killed in the province at the weekend.

Three people were killed in an incident near Nongoma in northern kwaZulu/Natal on Sunday. Police said the three were all elderly men, aged between 75 and 80.

They were shot by unknown gunmen driving a white car on the opposite side of the road to theirs. The old men were on route to Nongoma.

Police also said six people were killed in separate incidents in Durban's crime-ridden Umlazi township.

Three people were arrested in connection with some of the weekend killings.

Among the victims was Mr Wilfred Percock, 45, shot by three men at his Mtunzini home on the north coast on Friday. The killers confronted him after chasing his daughter home and asking where her brother was. Mr Percock's daughter and wife were assaulted.

Constable ZJ Mboatzi was shot dead in Umlazi on Friday.

At kwamboombe on the north coast, a gang set a kraal alight on Friday and Jabulani Mboatzi, 16, was burnt to death. — Sapa