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**Probe looks at mystery attacks**

BY THEMBA KHUMALO

BLOOD-SPLATTERED rocks, a piece of bread and a dried pool of human blood were the only signs left at the murder scene where four IFP members were allegedly ambushed by Phola Park squatters on Wednesday.

The four victims died after they were surprised with gunfire by unknown people as they allegedly tried to shoot the squatters in an early morning raid at Phola Park near Thokoza township.

Approximately four hours later five more people were also shot to death in Katlehong, barely five kilometres from the scene of the first shooting.

Eyewitnesses said the gunmen carried out their mission from the back of a truck.

They opened fire indiscriminately on pedestrians, killing five men, including their own driver, witnesses said.

Apparently, the gunmen shot their driver by mistake and fled on foot when they became stranded.

The "spokesman" for Inkatha Youth Brigade, Themba Khosa, later identified the victims of the first shooting as IFP members.

He claimed that the four were ambushed by MK cadres when they drove past the squatter camp.

But the squatters told a completely different story about the first shooting.

It was around 6.30 am when the squatters heard gunshots at the nearby Angus railway station.

"At first we thought the shooting was confined to the station until a bullet fired from a rifle whizzed through my shack. My two children and I dived under the bed and the shooting persisted. It came from the direction of the main road that passes near our camp," said one resident.

She said the shooting lasted about eight minutes. When she went outside to check, she saw hundreds of local men chasing their attackers.

Two minutes later five men, including a white man, lay dead in a pool of blood outside the camp. But the body of the white victim was removed by the police 30 minutes later, claimed residents.

However, a spokesman for the Witwatersrand police, Captain Eugene Opperman, denied the claims of the body of the white man.

A police statement said more than 20 witnesses had been questioned and none of them had mentioned a white man.

"Police have not found any dead or wounded white man so far," he said.

Despite the denial, shack-dwellers were adamant that there were two whites among the attackers.

They said the second fled to the nearby industrial area.

The squatters said they did not know who fired back at their attackers, but the retaliatory gunfire definitely came from the squatter camp.

Half an hour later the police came and fired in the direction of the camp, wounding about six squatters in the process. The victims were rushed to Natalpru Hospital.

On Wednesday afternoon the chairman of the ANC in the PWV area, Tokyo Sexwale, accompanied Winnie Mandela, wife of the ANC president, to the two scenes at Phola Park and Katlehong.

Sexwale later said: "This is definitely not a war between the ANC and IFP. Not everyone who lives at Phola Park is an ANC member. The pedestrians killed in Katlehong were not ANC members. There is a trial hidden hand that is at work here."

On Friday The Goldstone Commission held a special session to hear evidence from the ANC and IFP on who started the shooting at Phola Park and Katlehong.
Township calmer after weekend peace summit

Staff Reporter

The fragile accord brokered between the Inkatha Freedom Party and the ANC by the Goldstone Commission for the strife-torn East Rand township of Tokoza on Friday has been called a victory for the peace process.

The two parties were brought together by the Goldstone Commission at the SA Perms headquarters in Edgardale, Johannesburg, and emerged from a five-hour summit with the announcement that both parties would put a stop to the violence which last week alone left 70 dead and scores wounded.

Signs that the truce was holding were confirmed by the police, who manned round-the-clock roadblocks on all roads leading into the Katlehong/Phola Park/Tokoza complex on Saturday.

"Things have been noticeably quieter since Friday's meeting," said a junior officer at a road-block outside Phola Park.

Although residents said they had heard sporadic gunfire near Phola Park at about 9 pm on Friday, they were confident the treaty would hold "for the meantime at least".

The emergency meeting by the Goldstone Commission on Friday was held under the chairmanship of advocate Solly Sithole, who was assisted by former SA Perm general manager Bob Tucker and Newcastle attorney Lillian Banywa.

During proceedings, ANC national executive committee (NEC) member Sydney Mufamadi and IPP central committee member Thembu Khoza were questioned on press statements made by both parties following the ambush on a Rand Water Board staff minibus near Phola Park on Tuesday in which four people were killed.

The commission considered statements made by both parties after the incident to be "provocative and inflammatory" and contrary to the spirit of the National Peace Accord.

Mr Sithole said the media's role in publishing these statements was highly questionable.

When questioned, Mr Mufamadi denied that any reports on the incident had been sanctioned by the NEC. Mr Khoza contended he had "sufficient proof" to satisfy himself that the attack was ANC-inspired, adding that the unsubstantiated rumours of busloads of vengeful Zulu Impis being brought into Tokoza "were the work of the ANC trying to divert attention from the real issues".

Mr Khoza said he believed the SAP had become ineffective in stopping violence and that many policemen had become biased against the ANC. These statements were glossed over by Mr Tucker, who concentrated on brokering a peace deal.

Mr Mufamadi and Mr Khoza were questioned on their respective parties' level of commitment to the Peace Accord and whether they thought a "mini-peace summit" was appropriate. Sensing their answers were a matter for public record, both replied "yes".

The meeting produced a resuscitated local dispute resolution committee under the chairmanship of Phiroshaw Camay.
Gang attack on Reef train

JOHANNESBURG — Ten people were seriously injured in a train attack between Dube and Pomeleng stations in Soweto today.

Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgren, of the Soweto police, said a gang of armed men ran amok through the passenger train.
Council men get 'death threats'

TWO Diepsmeadow councillors and two officials have received death threats following allegations that the town clerk and other officials were misappropriating funds.

The four are mayor Mr Josiah Mtulana, deputy mayor Mr Zebulon Nhlabana, city secretary Mr David Mabulane and senior legal adviser Mr Eldrid Maheppla.

Soweto police liaison officer Captain Joseph Ngobeni confirmed charges had been laid.

He said investigations were continuing.

The four men said the threats were aimed at preventing them finalising their investigations into maladministration and corruption "involving certain council officials".
2 die, 12 hurt in Soweto train attack

By Glen Elsas and Carina le Grange

Two people were killed and 12 people seriously injured in an attack on train commuters between Dube and Pomelang stations in Soweto yesterday morning.

Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Haigryn of the Soweto police said passengers helped the injured—all of whom had sustained back, stab or gunshot wounds—off the train at 5.20 am. Ten were taken to the Baragwanath Hospital by ambulance and two were taken by civilians.

Two bodies were found on the train when it stopped at Johannesber station.

No-one was arrested.

Attacks on trains have claimed the lives of at least 12 people since the beginning of February, according to the Independent Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression (IBIIR).

This is in spite of announcements that the SAP would take "drastic measures" to protect rail commuters.

Police are trying, as far as possible, not to allow anyone to board any train while in possession of any object that could cause "grievous bodily harm or death" unless it was a legitimate tool of trade.

But according to the IBIIR, only visible weapons are being taken from commuters.

Witwatersrand liaison officer Captain Eugene Opperman said the police could not reveal details of "security tactics", but added that new methods were constantly being introduced.

Police were using helicopters, metal detectors and visible presence to deter attackers, but they could not be everywhere at once and peak-hour overcrowding aggravated their task.

It was not feasible to body-search all commuters.

SA Rail Commuters Corporation (SARCC) national manager of station operations and security, Coen van Niekerk said the policing of trains was being hampered by various factors which included high crime levels due to socio-economic conditions and the "spontaneous" dimension of attacks.

"There is never any indication in advance of an attack— it just happens," he said.

"This kind of violence is extremely difficult to prevent. How do you determine that a person getting on a train plans an attack during the journey? We cannot determine a man's character and, besides, 99.9 percent of all commuters are not criminals. Within our framework we do everything we can.

He appealed to commuters to assist by passing on relevant information.

"We have a toll-free number—0801-110141—which can be phoned and there are rewards as high as R25 000 for meritorious information," he said.

The IBIIR, meanwhile, has been informed by commuters that two white men were seen selling axes at R10 each at Farraday station in Johannesburg on Friday.
Youths on rampage stone Sharpeville police station

VEREENIGING.—A policemen was seriously injured and a policewoman was slightly injured after various incidents of unrest by groups of youths in Sharpeville, near Vereeniging.

The incidents continued sporadically throughout yesterday, during which the police station was stoned and two houses were set on fire.

A tipper truck belonging to the Lekoa Town Council was set alight and badly damaged.

A police spokesman said the trouble began soon before 10am, when about 500 youths stoned the Sharpeville police station, slightly injuring a woman constable.

The group dispersed and fled when police fired shots into the air.

Meanwhile another group of youths petrol-bombed and set fire to the home of an assistant constable's in-laws.

The contents of the house was destroyed and extensive damage was caused to the structure.

About an hour later about 30 youths also petrol-bombed a house belonging to the parents of the same assistant constable, causing damage estimated at about R15 000.

A while later a policeman, wearing only his underpants, was found seriously injured on a pavement in the township.
TWO people were killed and 10 injured in a Johannesburg-bound train yesterday morning, bringing to 14 the number of deaths in train attacks in Soweto since the beginning of February, police spokesman, Colonel Tienie Halgryn said.

They were attacked at 5.20am when men raided the train and started hacking and stabbing commuters. They are all being treated at the Baragwanath Hospital.

One man suffered a bullet wound, the spokesman said.

Names of the injured released to Sowetan include Mr Mzwandile Paul, Mr Wilfred Dikuro and Mr Simon Shibonde.

Sowetan reports that the bodies of two women were found in the veld at Tokozla, near Alberton, by schoolchildren yesterday morning about 50m from the Schoeman Road. They had been stabbed to death.

Police suspect both women had been raped before being killed and dumped.

Their identities are not known and a murder docket has been opened.

Halgryn said the train attack occurred between Dube and Phomolong stations.

He said 23 attacks which had resulted in 49 injuries had been recorded since the beginning of the year.

Halgryn said: "Where possible, commuters should inform police about people who terorise them.

"It is not always possible for police to be in the train when attacks occur. But they will always be available at the stations.

"We appeal to the public to help us identify the culprits, whom we will arrest," Halgryn said.

He said with the help of the public two people involved in train attacks had been arrested last month and have appeared in court.

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By JOE MDHLELA

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Police say they're doing their best - page 2
JOHANNESBURG.—A meeting to halt the killing of policemen by the PAC's military wing has yet to be arranged, the PAC said yesterday. Denying newspaper reports that a meeting in Tanzania had been agreed between the Azanian Peoples Liberation Army and the Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union, the PAC said it was still being discussed. Popperu has called for a ceasefire until the meeting.—Sapa
Two killed in train attack

JOHANNESBURG. - Two men were killed and 10 others injured when a group of men boarded a train and attacked commuters between Soweto and Johannesburg yesterday morning.

The bodies of the men, who were hacked and stabbed to death, were on the train when it arrived in Johannesburg, police said.

In Cape Town, a man known by neighbours as "Kalfie" was burnt to death when three shacks were razed in Old Crossroads early yesterday. It is not known how the fire started.

Five people were killed and as many wounded in Transvaal incidents on Sunday, while at least four people died in Natal on the weekend.

Two men died, and two were wounded, in the Eastern Transvaal when gunmen opened fire on two minibuses in separate incidents.

The charred remains of a person were burnt beyond recognition at the Phola Park squatter camp near Alberton on Sunday.

At Jabulani, Soweto, two pedestrians, both men, were shot dead by unidentified gunmen who opened fire on them from a minibus.

In Natal, the secretary of the ANC's Umhlanga branch, Mr. Herbert Zulu, died in hospital after being wounded in a clash between two groups at the Machiel school, near Estcourt, on Saturday.

Three people, including a child, were shot dead when gunmen stormed their home at Bhambhela reserve in the Greytown district at the weekend. — Sapa
Mob stones police station

Two police officers were injured, one of them seriously, when they were attacked by groups of youths in separate incidents of unrest in Sharpeville yesterday.

A local police station was also stoned and two homes set on fire.

This was after a man identified as Mmotswedi Molebatsi was shot and killed when he tried to attack a policeman.

A Beko Town Council tipper truck was also set alight.

A police spokesman said the trouble started shortly before 10am when about 500 youths stoned the Sharpeville police station, slightly injuring a woman constable.

The group dispersed and fled when police fired shots into the air.

Another group of youths set fire to the home of the in-laws of a local assistant constable. Furniture and other household goods were completely gutted.

About an hour later, about 30 youths petrol-bombed a house belonging to the parents of the assistant constable, causing damage estimated at about R15 000.

A policeman, wearing only his underpants, was found seriously injured on a pavement.
Bank makes claim against Nedbank's 'negligence'

A R2.3m damages claim brought against Nedbank by a Canadian financial institution, which alleges it renewed a line of credit to ailing fertiliser giant Triomf on the basis of incorrect information negligently supplied by the bank, began in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

Standard Chartered Bank of Canada claimed that if Nedbank, which was Triomf’s banker at the time, had furnished a report correctly reflecting the group’s financial position the line of credit would not have been renewed.

The report was submitted to Standard Chartered Bank through its SA agent, Standard Bank, in November 1985.

‘About seven months later Triomf collapsed, and was provisionally liquidated in July 1986, owing Nedbank more than R360m.

Nedbank is contesting the claim and contends that at the time the report was furnished Triomf was trading in normal circumstances and there was no reason to believe it would not continue doing so.

In his opening address before Mr Justice Roux, counsel for the Canadian bank, P Solomon SC, submitted that although Triomf was already in severe financial straits, Nedbank reported that the group was trading normally and was able to meet its commitments.

Solomon submitted that at the time the report was issued Triomf’s debt to Nedbank amounted to R301m and that its long-term liabilities had increased within 18 months from R58m to R155m.

He said at the same time Nedbank issued the report, it refused to give Triomf R5m credit to pay for raw materials while knowing that without the loan the company would cease trading.

It should have been clear to a reasonable person in Nedbank’s position, Solomon submitted, that the party asking for the report wanted it to decide whether or not to extend credit to the company.

Nedbank, he said, had been negligent in not declining to issue a report or otherwise furnishing one that correctly reflected Triomf’s financial position.

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DIVIDEND ANNOUNCEMENT

Further to the dividend announcement of 28 February 1992, shareholders are advised that the last date for registration for the dividend is Friday, 13 March 1992 and not 28 February 1992 as previously announced.

Dividend cheques will be mailed on or about 24 March 1992.

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Man dies as gunmen fire at shacks

One man was killed and three injured when two gunmen opened fire with automatic rifles on backyard shacks at a house in Jabulani, Soweto, yesterday.

It was the second time the shacks had come under fire. Gunmen killed two shack dwellers on Saturday. Residents did not know the motive.

Captain Joseph Ngobeni of the Soweto police said two men armed with automatic weapons sprayed the shacks with gunfire yesterday before running towards a nearby Jabulani Hostel.

The fusillade left one man dead, one with a gunshot wound to the stomach, one with a wound in the foot, and one with a head wound.

They were taken to the Baragwanath Hospital where one man is in a critical condition and the other two are serious.

The police had not released the names of the dead and injured at the time of going to press.

The owner of the house, Gideon Moinga (72), said the victims, who were sub-tenants living in shacks in his yard, had been packing up to leave at the time of the attack.

The renewed spate of deadly train attacks is continuing. The latest victims were two men stabbed and flung from a commuter train near Katlehong, Germiston, police said.

Their deaths bring the death toll on Reef trains since the start of last month to at least 14.
A MAN was killed and three others injured yesterday when gunmen opened fire on families staying in backyard shacks at a house in Jabulani, Soweto - the second attack on the house in four days.

Yesterday's incident brings the death toll since Saturday night to three after two other men were shot dead by unknown gunmen at the house.

Soweto police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni yesterday confirmed that two young men armed with automatic rifles attacked the four men, killing one of them on the spot. The three injured men were admitted to Baragwanath Hospital."

Sowetan had not yet established the names of the four at the time of going to press.

The men were attacked as they demolished their shacks preparing to flee the area following Saturday's attack on the house.

Baragwanath Hospital spokesman Mrs Anette

Police remove the body of a victim of yesterday morning's attack when gunmen opened fire on shacks in Soweto.

Pic: SELLO MOTSEPE
Clear described the men's condition as serious.
"One is critical and the other two are in a serious condition," she said.
Witnesses at the scene said the attackers fled into the nearby Jabulani hostel after the attack.

The owner of the house, Mr Gideon Mpanga (72) said he knew the man who was killed yesterday only as "David".

**Unprovoked**

Mpanga said the men, who were sub-tenants in his yard, were preparing to leave following an unprovoked attack on them on Saturday night.

He said: "Armed men pounced on my sub-tenants while they sat outside in the yard on Saturday. They just opened fire and fled in the direction of the nearby hostel - leaving two of them dead."

He said the attackers later emerged and opened fire on police who arrived on the scene to investigate the shooting. Police fled the scene, according to Mpanga.

"I cannot understand why they chose my house," he said.
Charges are withdrawn against trio

THE case against three hostel dwellers, who faced charges in connection with an attack on a train at a Soweto station last year, was withdrawn yesterday because of a lack of evidence, a spokesman for the Attorney-General said yesterday.

The spokesman said the Attorney-General had refused to prosecute Khulekani Mvelase (21), Mlamuleli Mchunu (22) and Richard Majola (28), all of Nancefield Hostel, because the State had found no credible witnesses who could identify them as the train attackers.

Seven people died and 18 were injured in the attack at Kliptown station on June 25. According to the spokesman, the victims all jumped off the train before any shots were fired, so it was impossible for them to identify the people who had fired the shots.

Shortly after the incident, the Sowetan offered a reward of R50 000 cash for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the thugs responsible for the killings.

But the reward was not claimed, Sowetan editor Mr Aggrey Klaaste said.

Meanwhile, the National Peace Secretariat has also stepped up efforts to contain the violence on trains but is hampered by lack of identification of attackers.

The South African Rail Commuter Corporation's national manager of station operations and security, Mr Coen van Niekerk, on Monday said policing trains was made difficult by factors which included high crime levels due to socioeconomic conditions and the spontaneous nature of attacks.
PRETORIA. — A man was killed when he was thrown from a moving train between Dube and Phoenix stations in Soweto on Monday.

In another incident, police found the bodies of two men who had been hacked and stabbed at Park station, Johannesburg.

Meanwhile, the ANC said yesterday it was upset at the attorney-general's decision not to prosecute three suspected train attackers because of a lack of evidence.

ANC spokesman Mr. Saki Macozoma said the decision not to prosecute the men would undermine efforts to halt the train massacres.

The case against the men, who face charges in connection with an attack on a train at a Soweto station last year, was withdrawn on Monday because of a lack of evidence.

A spokesman said the attorney-general had refused to prosecute Mr. Khuleka Mvelase, 23, Mr. Mlamile Mphungu, 22, and Mr. Richard Majoza, 23, all of Nancefield Hostel, because the state had found no credible witnesses who could identify them as the train attackers.

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Cops guilty of robbery, kidnapping

JOHANNESBURG. — The Magistrate's Court here yesterday convicted two suspended policemen on charges of robbing a shebeen at gunpoint, and of kidnapping, indecently assaulting and attempting to rape a nearby squatter camp resident.

André van Jaarsveld, 23, of Cleveland and Johan Brytenbach, 27, of Norwood pleaded guilty to the charges. Van Jaarsveld also pleaded guilty and was convicted on a charge of assaulting another squatter camp resident, Mr Jimmy Dlamini, by punching him on the back and pushing him to the ground.

The case was postponed to Thursday, May 7, for the probation officers' reports and sentence. — Sapa
Two stabbed, flung out train

JOHANNESBURG — Two men were stabbed and flung from a train near Katlehong, Germiston, and a woman was injured when a crowd threw bricks and fired shots at a train near Langlaagte early yesterday.

The Rail Commuter Corporation said yesterday it is to spend almost R12 million to make 11 Soweto stations safer — 10 by the end of May.

Black entrepreneurs would be asked to submit tenders for the work.

In Natal, a man was shot dead and another seriously wounded in renewed clashes between Umlazi’s Ekhuleni shack settlement and hostel dwellers on Tuesday.

On Monday, one person died and three were injured when a home in Nhlungwane, KwaMashu, was set alight. Four KwaZulu policemen were injured in KwaMashu when gunmen fired at them on Tuesday.

SIP representative Mr. Thembapho Khoza will meet police in Soweto tomorrow to discuss the violence and to hand them a list of complaints. — Sapa
Policemen hurt in Reef attacks

PRETORIA. - Four policemen were injured in attacks on the Reef on Wednesday. (27)

One was wounded in Sharpeville when a crowd stoned and petrol-bombed a police car.

Two policemen were wounded when gunmen shot at them in Tladi, Soweto, and another was hurt when gunmen fired at a police car in Kallihong, Germiston.

In northern Zululand, two schools were burned down. Damage was estimated at more than R116 000. - Sapa.
A prayer before dying on train

By Bronwyn Wilkinson

Two thugs who grabbed a 72-year-old preacher on a train in Katlehong on Tuesday granted the old man a few minutes to pray silently before they tossed him out of the speeding carriage for preaching in Xhosa.

The Trains Christian Fellowship minister, Restored Mtambeki, died instantly.

Fellow minister Jeremiah Ngobese said Mr Mtambeki was in the first-class carriage on the 5 pm train from Katlehong, near Wadeville when two men confronted him. They said to Mr Mtambeki, who was not preaching at the time: "Come, Xhosa, it is your time. We are here to take you out."

Mr. Mtambeki asked his attackers for a few minutes. "They let the old man pray and then he said 'I am finished' and they took him and beat him, then tossed him from the train."

Mr. Ngobese said he and Mr. Mtambeki had worked on East Rand trains for years. "We just pray with passengers and pass the word of God around on the trains."

He believed Mr Mtambeki was killed because he preached in Xhosa. About a year ago, Mr. Mtambeki was beaten up on a train for praying in that language.

A few weeks before he died, two men threatened him with a gun for the same reason, Mr. Ngobese said. "Now all the Xhosa-speaking preachers are too scared to work on the trains, because they do not know why these men want to kill them," he said.

"I am Zulu-speaking and I do not belong to any political organisation. Neither do any of the other ministers. We do not preach politics. But this man was killed just because of the language he spoke."

"People who have nothing to do with politics are being killed for nothing. They are killing people who are not included in any tribal or political war. I wish they would stop this madness."

Police on Wednesday confirmed that a man had died after being thrown from a train between Wadeville and Katlehong.
Cholera rumour quashed

KATHRYN STRACHAN

REPORTS of a cholera outbreak in the Zevenfontein squatter community were yesterday dismissed by Brynaston DP MP Rupert Lorimer as right-wing rumours spread to create fear among whites ahead of the March 17 referendum.

Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) representative Zakkie Lombard and squatter spokesman Pinky Moloi confirmed there were no incidences of cholera.

TPA liaison officer Magda du Toit said the administration’s clinic had found eight cases of diarrhoea.

Lorimer said it was surprising there had not been a cholera outbreak, given the squatters’ living conditions. Better toilet facilities and more water were needed to ensure that disease did not break out, he said.

The biggest problem was that the camp, being so near the Klein Jukkei river, posed the threat of sewage seeping into the water — which put the squatters at great risk of contracting diseases such as cholera, he said.

The TPA said the Department of National Health and the Randburg Town Council were being called in.

Inkatha and police hold talks on violence

THE Inkatha Freedom Party held discussions with the police yesterday, Soweto police liaison officer Lt-Col Tienie Balgrya has confirmed.

He said if the party wished to release a statement on the matter, “then we have no comment”.

Inkatha central committee member Thembu Khoza released a statement last night saying further discussions would be held within six days.

“The SA Police undertook to invite an ANC delegation to attend,” he said.

Khoza said yesterday’s meeting was called after the latest attack on Soweto train commuters and the “shooting of IFP members by the police at Inhlaazane station on February 27”.

Khoza was referring to an incident when a group of armed men, apparently from the Jabulani single-sex hostel, attempted to board a train at the Inhlaazane railway station.

Police refused to allow the men on the train, and then used teargas to disperse the group. Three people were injured. — Sapa.
Child was killed in police attack on house, says ANC

WILSON ZWANE

A CHILD was killed yesterday morning when police fired on a house in the Vaal Triangle township of Sharpeville, the ANC has alleged.

ANC PWV spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said the attack was part of a police campaign to eliminate ANC activists in the township.

Mamoepa said on Sunday ANC activist Montoedi Molebatsi was shot by a policeman after he had been to his niece’s birthday party. “Information reaching our office indicates that someone whom the police had attempted to recruit as an informer, was shown 15 photographs of ANC Sharpeville members. Molebatsi’s photograph was among them,” he said.

He said a Sharpeville station commander told marching students and local ANC Women’s League members on Tuesday police had declared war on Sharpeville residents. The marchers were demanding the arrest of Comat Skuta Marumo, who allegedly shot Molebatsi, Mamoepa said.

Vaal Triangle police spokesman Capt Piet van Deventer could not be reached yesterday afternoon as he was in discussions with an ANC delegation about the Molebatsi shooting.

Meanwhile, Sapa reports that SA Institute of Race Relations head John Kane-Berman told a meeting in Johannesburg of the SA Institute of Management that violence could continue in the post-Codesa period if people and parties believed their voices were not being heard.

Kane-Berman said violence was central to the quest for political power and government, through years of repression and banning, had taught its extra-parliamentary opposition that violence was the only strategy to which it responded.

Over the years this had included actions such as strikes and stayaways and the killings of black town councillors labelled as collaborators.

Warning that a culture of violence was developing, he said a recent survey by the institute showed one-third of the people in SA had been intimidated or had experienced coercion at some time in their lives.

“We have reached the point where the threat of violence and coercion has become an accepted strategy in certain circles.”

Commission to probe AIDS law

KATHRYN STRACHAN

JUSTICE Minister Kobie Coetzee yesterday announced that the SA Law Commission would investigate all aspects of the law regarding AIDS.

In a statement the Justice Ministry said there was a lot of uncertainty and difference of opinion about legal and ethical aspects of AIDS which made the investigation necessary.

Issues included the rights of people suffering from AIDS, the rights of health services staff, the role of AIDS testing, employment, abortion and rape, and severity of information.

If necessary the commission would hold public sessions.

Coetzee also said the SA Law Commission would be extended for a new term, ending on October 31, 1994. The commission had proved itself to be one of the most successful law reform bodies in the world, he said.

Mr Justice of Appeal H J O van Heerden has again been appointed commission chairman by President F W de Klerk.
Storm brews in Sharpeville

Police, ANC differ over activist's death

JOHN PERLMAN
Chief Reporter

TWO weeks away from the 21st anniversary of the Sharpeville massacre, the Vereeniging township is simmering with tension over the shooting of a young activist by a police constable.

And on Thursday, the ANC alleges, the same special constable went on the rampage, opening fire at random and threatening violence against mourners due to attend the night vigil of Molebatsi, the slain activist.

That Constable Skukuza Marumo shot Molebatsi is not in dispute. But whereas police say Constable Marumo fired in self-defense after Mr. Molebatsi and others threatened him with a grenade, the ANC has called the shooting "cold-blooded murder."

Yesterday saw a fresh war of words between the ANC and the police, following a week which has seen the teargassing of a protest march on the police station, the arrest of 13 students and the fatal shooting of a 4-month-old child.

Negotiations

The police and ANC, together with the VVC Council of Churches (VVC) and other religious organisations, met on Thursday.

The negotiations were chaired by the independent mediation service of South Africa, but the police and the ANC disagreed on what was decided. The ANC say it was agreed that police would be provided with statements from eye-witnesses to the killing, following which Constable Marumo would be either arrested or suspended by yesterday at the latest.

Police say a joint statement, issued by all parties, does not commit the police to act against Constable Marumo by any set date.

"We will investigate this matter thoroughly, but we gave no undertaking to arrest or suspend Marumo by Friday," said Vaal police liaison officer Captain Piet van Deventer.

The joint statement makes no mention of the arrest or suspension of Constable Marumo by any date. But other participants in the meeting say this was the sentiment of the meeting. This was expressly said at the meeting," says a VVC representative.

Lawyers acting for the ANC say they have given the police an sworn affidavit from an eye-witness — a woman living in the area where the shooting took place — and will submit two others. "She has testified that the young boy had no weapon when he approached the policeman," the lawyer said.

The shooting sparked off a march by community members on the Sharpeville police station — scene of the infamous incident in which 90 demonstrators were shot dead by police in 1960.
Surge of killing follows voting

By Broawyn Wilkinson

A brief calm in Reef townships on referendum day yesterday was followed by a storm of violent attacks last night and early today.

At least 12 people died in brutal train killings or bloody attacks on the Reef between yesterday evening and early today, police said.

Police said the bodies of two men were found with hack and head wounds between Crown and Nasrec Stations, Johannesburg, just after 7am today. They had apparently been attacked and thrown from a train.

Another man was found soon after midnight near the railway line at Lindela Station, Katlehong. His body had been badly severed and it was not known if he was the victim of a train attack, police said.

Six more people died on the East Rand last night. Three bodies were found with bullet wounds in Katlehong. Two people were thrown from a train and one man was stabbed and tossed from a moving train between South Side and Wadeville Stations.

In Orlando West, Soweto, police found the body of a man who had been "neck-laced". Another man, who had been stabbed to death, was found in Mzimhlope, Soweto, early today.

In Dobsonville last night, police found the body of a man who had been stabbed to death in a burnt-out house. The house was one of three set alight at about 3pm.

A man was seriously injured outside the women's hostel in Alexandra, when a mob attacked him and tried to hack him to death.

Four people — including a child and two women — were killed in separate attacks in Natal. The women and child died when unknown gunners sprayed bullets into their home in Ndalek; Richmond.

The renewed killings brought to 360 the number of people who have died in countrywide unrest since the referendum was announced on February 20.

The SA Communist Party has attributed the upsurge in violence during the referendum campaign to a "sinister third force prepared to win white 'no' votes with the blood of blacks".
Taxi war escalates

By DAN DHALAMIN

THE taxi war, which has already claimed five lives in Klerksdorp, has spread to the homes of taxi owners.

Last week taxi owner J Mkhalipe's home was petrol-bombed, and two weeks ago TT Balele's house was gutted.

Nobody was injured.

One taxi official, who wished to remain anonymous, said police were reluctant to catch the perpetrators. However, Western Transvaal police spokesman Lt P Ramatsioe said this.

Meanwhile, Klerksdorp taxi commuters, angry at the war, have formed a committee to help stem the violence.

Committee spokesman Solly Rameni said the committee would negotiate with the warring factions. If the matter was not resolved soon, commuters would consider boycotting the taxi service.
Cruel echoes from the past

BY SOPHIE TEMA

3 decades on, death still stalks Sharpeville

VIOLANCE still rages in Sharpeville, 32 years after the tragic events that led to the death of 69 people.

Older residents in the area still carry the physical and spiritual wounds of March 21, 1960, when 69 people were shot dead by police bullets in a passive demonstration organized by the PAC.

These oldest have lived to relate their traumatic experience of that tragic day to their children and grandchildren.

Today, the resistance that has prevailed in Sharpeville for the past three decades has brought the younger people and their parents even closer together and it is the younger generation that has become the township's militant force.

This week, a group of women and the youth marched to the township's local police station where they spoke to station commander J Sabe and complained that 12 years later police are still carrying out attacks on residents, killing their children and damaging their houses beyond repair.

A month later, the memorial march was fired into the crowd, which sparked stone-throwing by youths.

The women tried to stop the youths, but Sharpeville Women's League leader Sizolele Phathini nearly collapsed after she was overcome by teargas fumes.

The memorandum accused police of killing and brutally assaulting young men in the township without fear of being prosecuted.

It named Rangwele Lethedi, Thabo Mosibi and Monstodi Molebatsi as three victims of alleged police killings.

Molebatsi died on Sunday last week after he was shot in the back.

This week, the community called for the immediate arrest of the police who allegedly murdered the young three men.

They called for the withdrawal of all white policemen from the township, saying 70 percent of police officers were right-wing.

The memorandum demanded that:

■ The policeman who brutally murdered Comrades Rangwele, Thabo and Monstodi be prosecuted for murder;

■ The police refrain from causing disturbances in schools;

■ The immediate release of all detained comrades; and

■ The withdrawal of the SADF from the township and the resignation of Sabe as station commander.

Before handing the memorandum to Sabe, Phathini said large-scale intimidation of residents by police would not be tolerated.

In his reply, Sabe said he was aware of the problems caused by police in the area and the matter would be investigated.

FLASHES OF MARCH 21, 1960... Police disperse a crowd of demonstrators outside the Sharpeville police station this week. © PIC ANDRES MCNEAL
A HEARSE driver faced a day when more than 600 people crossed to a funeral after the body was removed from a shack. But after checking the coffin and finding a complete setting, the driver decided to return the body. The funeral was held at 3 p.m. and all guests were asked to remain at the venue. The hearse driver arrived at the spa and drove back to the funeral. The driver then explained the situation to the guests and thanked them for their patience. The funeral was then postponed indefinitely.
5 die in week of war as township simmers

SHARPEVILLE RAGES

By SOPHIE TEMBA

TENSION is mounting in Sharpeville where three more people were killed yesterday, bringing to five the death toll in a week of clashes between residents and police.

The violence took another ugly turn yesterday with Inkatha entering the fray. It is believed yesterday's killings were a direct result of the funeral of Inkatha member Tshwela Morake, whose body was found in an open field last week.

Hundreds of red-band- ed impi from the KwaMashu hostel descended on Sharpeville to bury Morake, fuelling an already volatile situation.

Sixteen-year-old boy was also killed by impi while on his way to work yesterday and stabbed with an axe.

Later, before the funeral, an unidentified body was found stabbed in the veld near Morake's home.

After the funeral Sharpeville residents watched in horror as a group of axe-wielding impi pursued local youths and

TIN COVIKIN ... Slain Baby David Bovu.

stabbed Namane Toel-

hane to death.

Of the three, police could only confirm the death of Toelhane.

Yesterday's killings fol-

lowed a week-long clashes between residents and the police in which an 18-

month-old baby, David Bovu, died in his mother's arms when gunfire from a nearby house in an early morning attack. Baby Bovu was struck below his left eye. A bullet grazed the arm of his mother, Ruth. She was admitted to hospital.

The home of several ANC activists, including that of the ANC's Rev.

Johannes Niepa, were also attacked that morning.

Sapa reports that the Vaal Civic Association (VCA) alleged the child was killed and his mother

injured in the deteriorat-

ing situation between resi-

dents and police.

"We have gone on re-

cord previously that this

campaign of violence is being conducted by the South African Police," VCA publicity secretary Paul Sibola said.

Witnessing the police liaison officer Capt. Piet van Deventer denied the police were involved.

Violence erupted last Sunday following the murder of ANC activist Monde Molebatsa, allegedly by special constabu-

le Mpu Guexlate.

Mullem is alleged to have threatened to shoot 15 more activists.

The local ANC Wom-

en's League organized a

march on Monday to the local police station to demand the arrest of the alleged killer- cop.

"We are also alleged to have threatened to have violence against those who will attend the night of Molebatsa," say ANC sources.

Police have undertaken to investigate information received from the ANC regarding the alleged killer-

constable.

The ANC has demand-

ed that today's funeral for Molebatsa be held "with

out hindrances.

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AK-47 burst kills six at funeral

PITCHED battles between Inkatha supporters and other factions in Sharpeville and Alexandra townships left up to 10 people dead during funerals for Inkatha members yesterday.

Alexandra Clinic spokesman Tim Wilson said he knew of only two certain deaths—that of one man killed by AK-47 gunfire near the cemetery and another beaten and hacked near the clinic gates.

The clinic treated 12 people for gunshot wounds and four for stab wounds, he said.

Alexandra Civic Association spokesman Obed Bapela said six people had died and a number were wounded when gunmen opened fire with AK-47s.

However, police said one man was killed and seven wounded during a fight between unseen "marksmen" and some mourners who were armed during the funeral of Mr Thokozana Xaba.

Later, when the SAP

Census reveals upheaval

South Africa is a nation in turmoil, a people in the midst of a historic upheaval. Blacks in millions, perhaps, migrate from farm to city. Whites flee from city to suburb, from Natal and the Transvaal to the Cape. Everything is in flux, nothing certain.

This is the picture drawn by the first raw results of the 1991 census, released last night.

These first figures show that the principal reality of South African life is change. Almost in numbers, but not in meaning. Numbers here only 50 000 fewer whites than five years earlier, living longer but having fewer children. The black population was up by 1.5 million—not counting the so-called independent states—and 40 percent of them are under the age of 20, but maybe the pace of their growth is slowing.

The population of South Africa was 35 285 990, again not counting the four independent homelands, but that was probably an undercount. The figures have still to be refined and adjusted.

Meanwhile, however, even the raw...
Resident of Sharpeville, Mr. S. L. Nkosi, said: "We are tired of this violence. It is affecting our lives."

In another incident in soweto, a 16-year-old youth was shot in the leg during a funeral.

A police officer said the body of a 14-year-old boy who had been shot was later found in a nearby field.

Last night, the atmosphere in Alexandra and Sharpeville was tense but quiet.
Death toll tops 20 as fighting spreads across country

Township mobs rampage

Staff Reporter

Mobs went on the rampage yesterday, killing three people and damaging at least 40 homes as political violence swept across the country. The total death toll was more than 20.

The apparently motiveless attack in Slinvit, Ka 

cs, launched by more than 50 people planning through the streets, began between 5pm and 6pm.

The dead, including a young girl, were shot and killed in the last moments. A municipal sewer, 11 on 

Burnt

Three of the houses were burnt down and a number of vehicles damaged.

Inspector Mkhize was killed as the mob stormed into his home and found him hiding under his bed.

Mr Mkhize was shot in the head and his body was burnt in an attempt to destroy evidence.

In Alexandra township, near Johannesburg, two men and a woman died in separate attacks yesterday.

Three of the victims had been shot and two stabbed to death.

A sixth person, who had been shot, later died in hospital.

Yesterday's deaths followed a bloody ambush and shootout in Alexandra township on Saturday afternoon in which four people died and three others were wounded.

Police spokesperson Captain Mokale said that about 20 armed men opened fire on a Soweto Freedom Party funeral procession in Vosloorus District.

Fleeing mourners came under fire a second time and

“a firefight ensued between the mourners and some mourners who were armed.”

The police intervened, wounding a man and seizing an AK-47 assault rifle.

Meanwhile, in Soweto, two people were killed on Saturday, including an ANC member.

Captain van Zonder said Soweto's violence yesterday stemmed from the confrontation between the Soweto and Stutterheim bands.

After the funeral, mourners were allegedly followed to their home by a group of ANC supporters.

A man was attacked and killed.

In nearby Diepsloot, shots were fired at the mourners and a undeni 

ated man was wounded in the ensuing exchange of gunfire.

Captain van Zonder denied that the police had opened fire on the mob.

A man was killed and four others wounded in an attack on the Khwezi shanty settlement at Mahlaking near Johannesburg.

Police said a group armed with assault rifles, including guns, attacked the crowd and injured a man aged 24.

In Khwezi, 11 people were killed and four were wounded in an attack on the Khwezi shanty settlement.

Police say they were responding to an argument in the area.

Clashes in the township continue.

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Caught up in fury of Alek funeral ambush

Picture: Jago Silva
Widow to sue alleged killers of husband

Staff Reporter

The widow of the black man who was beaten to death by a group of white residents from the Blandsfontein smallholdings, south of Johannesburg, because his "kaffir" dog had mated with a "white" dog, is suing the alleged killers for damages.

The man, Molamu "Lee" Lebeta, died a few days after he was attacked and beaten up by certain residents, when a white couple from a nearby farm objected to his dog mating with theirs.

After an argument ensued between the couple and Mr. Lebeta, they left and returned a while later accompanied by about six people who started attacking the man.

According to his wife Maria Kutoane, her husband was struck with a pick-handle across the groin and lower abdomen.

Despite this he managed to stumble into the farmhouse, with the group in pursuit.

Mrs. Kutoane, the owner of the farm house and some farm workers witnessed the whole episode, but were unable to intervene.

Afterwards Mr. Lebeta was taken to Lenasia Hospital where his head was stitched and he was discharged. When his condition worsened, he was taken to Baragwanath Hospital where he died.

A family lawyer of the widow confirmed to a Sunday newspaper that the wife of Mr. Lebeta had instituted a civil claim against her husband's killers.

The people involved in Mr. Lebeta's death are still free and the police have confirmed that a docket had been sent to the State prosecutor.
Blood in the trains

THE FULL horror of violence on Reef trains has been hidden to a large extent. More often than not the victims, like the assailants, have been anonymous. The death of a victim is frequently recorded as just another addition to abstract statistical records of atrocity and terror.

A recent casualty, clergyman restored Mtambeki, would have died as anonymously as scores before him if it had been left to railway and police officials. First reports simply recorded that a man had died after being thrown off a train near Katlehong.

What happened, according to a fellow clergyman, was that two men approached him saying: "Come, Xhosa, it is your time. We are here to take you out." Mr Mtambeki, an old man of 72, was trying to spread the gospel of love to train passengers. His "sin" was that he did so in Xhosa.

His fate personalises the terror which many black train commuters have had to live with for 20 months. It vividly illustrates the dangers faced daily by passengers.

It is unclear whether Mr Mtambeki was the victim of murderous ethnic rivalry seeping out of the hostels and townships or whether he was the victim of a "Third Force" seeking to stir ethnic hatred in the interests of a reactionary political agenda. Either way he, like those who died before him, was an innocent victim.

Yet today, at least 124 deaths and hundreds of injuries later, we seem nowhere near finding a solution to the problem of violence on the trains, or of how to bring culprits to justice. So far only one person has been convicted.

The police believe the safety of the commuters is the responsibility of Spoornet. Perhaps the SAP cannot escape responsibility, however. It is time for these attacks to be given special attention, including the setting up of a task force to deal specifically and vigorously with train security. This should now be put as a specific item on the negotiations agenda.
EIGHT people died in separate incidents of violence in Alexandra and Katlehong yesterday.

Police reported finding three bodies with bullet wounds and two with stab wounds in Alexandra yesterday. A sixth person, who had been shot, was hospitalised.

Police said last night that the township was tense, but under control.

In Katlehong, a young municipal policeman and two other men were shot and hacked to death by a mob of about 300 men who were marching through the streets of Soweto early yesterday.

The attackers and the reasons for the attack were not known.

The policeman, Mr James Rikhotso, was killed while he hid under the bed in his house at Soweto.

The incident occurred about 4am.

His common-law wife, Ms Vuitah Nkuna, and her one-year-old baby had been hiding in the bed.

She said she heard the shot that killed her husband and she winced "inwardly" as she did not wish to draw the attackers' attention to her and the baby.

A few houses away, Mrs Audrey Masia, cried as she recounted how her husband, Mr Victor Masia (42), was shot dead as he tried to hide in the toilet.

She said they demanded to know where firearms and money were hidden.

"When we told them that we had neither firearms nor money, they continued to shoot."
Weapon ban urged as township toll mounts

Staff Reporters

The Human Rights Commission last night called for a blanket ban on the carrying of all weapons after a bloody weekend of political violence in which more than 34 people were butchered.

The HRC charged that a recently proclaimed Act banning the carrying of weapons in public was at best a half-measure.

The ban on the carrying of dangerous weapons did not extend to all public meetings, a loophole described by the commission as "an invitation to disaster".

Alexandra and K oscillator continued to be major flashpoints yesterday, while a woman was gamed down in Tembisa, outside Kempton Park where two people were killed on Saturday.

Another seven people were killed in Alexandra yesterday in two separate attacks from a hostel, bringing the death toll in the strife-torn township since Saturday to 14.

At least 15 others have been wounded in the spate of attacks which started with the ambush of an Inyathu Freedom Party funeral procession on Saturday.

Police said at 8.30 am yesterday a mob of about 30 men appeared out of a hostel near the corner of First Avenue and Ruth Street and "shot wildly" at another group, killing two and wounding another two.

Later, a man was stabbed and another fatally shot in the stomach and back. Yesterday afternoon four more people were killed when snipers fired shots at passersby from the windows of a hostel in Alexandra, police said.

By last night Alexandra Clinic had treated 156 people with stab and bullet wounds since the outbreak of violence and 20 had to be taken

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four more doctors in order to cope.

Spokesman Dr Tim Wilson said the injury toll increased by 18 at 4p.m. yesterday when three people with bullet wounds and 15 others with stab wounds, were admitted.

Police spokesman Captain Ida van Zwei said victims often did not report their injuries to police but went straight to hospital.

Five people were injured in attacks on East Rand train commuters from a moving train yesterday morning.

Two people were injured at Lindela station outside Katlehong and a further three at Germiston Station.

Captain van Zwei said Tembisa woman, Gladys Ntshiba, was shot dead by unknown persons in Umthambeza sectio while on her way home at about 12.30p.m.

On Sunday morning the people, including a policeman, were killed in a pre-dawn attack in Siluma View in Katlehong the East Rand.

Residents claimed the killing of Constable James Rikho (25), Joseph Magope, and Victor Masia was in revenge for the killing of an ANC defe unit leader in the township January, allegedly by police.

Steven Msasa and Maria Mtchaba were seriously injured in the attack.

On Saturday Phofedi Gil Thobejane and Maria Shil were shot and killed by unknown gunmen while attending the funeral of an ANC member in Tembisa.

The death toll in political violence in Natal since Ssu climbed to 17 yesterday, he said.

Worst hit were Makukula Durban and Mpondweni between Durban and Pietermaritzburg, where seven of six people died respectively.
Four killed by snipers in Alexandra

FOUR people were killed when snipers fired shots through windows at people passing near a hostel in Alexandra, Soweto, yesterday morning.

Witwatersrand police said yesterday the attacks on people passing near the hostel started at about 7.30am.

By KENOSI MODISANE

Mr Jack Motau (52), of 8th Avenue, was shot in the stomach and later died at the local clinic. An unknown man died minutes later at the scene where Motau was ambushed.

Two other men whose identities could not be established were shot dead as they passed near the hostel about 8.30am.

A critically injured man was later taken by taxi to the clinic after men, who fled into the hostel, had stabbed and left him.

Traffic officials cordoned off the area in an attempt to stop people walking in that direction. But five other people were injured after they were attacked when the traffic officials left the scene.

Alexandra Clinic director Dr Tim Wilson said yesterday 125 people had been treated at the clinic since violence started on Saturday in the township. Twenty-seven of them were treated for gunshot wounds and 98 for stab and hacking wounds.

Meanwhile, Soweto police reported yesterday that an eight-year-old girl was shot dead by a 16-year-old youth in Naledi on Sunday afternoon.
Two killed in attack on train

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG: — Two people were killed and at least nine injured when train commuters were attacked between Ikwezi and Dube stations in Soweto early today.

Captain Joseph Ngobeni of the Soweto police said the figures could rise as police searched the railway line for more dead and injured.

The latest attack brought the death toll from nationwide violence in the last three days to a known 36.

Captain Ngobeni said a group of men boarded the train at Ikwezi station about 5.30 am and stabbed and hacked passengers, some of whom were thrown out of the train. Some leapt from the moving train to escape.

Injured were taken to the Baragwanath Hospital.
JOHANNESBURG — Four people were killed and three wounded in renewed violence in Alexandra township yesterday morning.

The deaths follow a weekend of violence in the Transvaal and Natal in which 33 people died since Friday.

Police said two men were killed yesterday when a group of about 30 men from a hostel in Alexandra opened fire on other men in the vicinity. Two others were wounded in the attack.

Minutes later a man was wounded in a knife-attack near the scene of the earlier attack and another was killed after being shot in the stomach and back.

Earlier yesterday morning, the body of a man with bullet wounds was found nearby.

Police said 11 people were killed in fighting in Alexandra at the weekend. Dr P Ngakane, of the Alexandra Clinic, said last night 17 people — two with gunshot wounds and 15 with stab wounds — were brought to the clinic at the weekend.

Police said five people were injured in an attack on East Rand commuters yesterday morning.

They said shots were fired from a moving train at commuters waiting on the platform at Lindell’s station, Katlehong. Two people were injured and taken to the Natalspruit Hospital.

When the train stopped at Germiston station, a further three people were found with gunshot wounds and also taken to the hospital. It is believed an AK-47 rifle was used in the attack.

Meanwhile, the ANC spokesman for the PWV region, Mr Ronnie Mamoepa, said in a statement over 21 people died in violence on the Witwatersrand at the weekend.

Thirteen of the deaths occurred in Alexandra alone, he said. Eight people died at Phola Park and three at Tembisa on the East Rand, while three others were killed at Sharpeville in the Vaal Triangle, Mr Mamoepa claimed.

These figures were denied by the police. Captain Ida van Zweel said two people died and eight were wounded during a funeral at Alexandra on Saturday. Two people were killed during a funeral at Tembisa at the weekend and at Sharpeville one person died and another was wounded, she said.

In Zamani squatter camp near Umlazi in Durban, eight people died in fighting between IFP and ANC supporters.

The ANC leader in the Zamani area yesterday claimed KwaZulu police helped hostel dwellers in Umlazi township in an attack on ANC supporters in Zamani.

KwaZulu police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Moses Khanyile denied any KZP involvement in the attack.

Zamani residents interviewed yesterday said some of the attackers were wearing boots and trousers worn by KZP members.

Residents said South African policemen arrived later and repelled the attackers.

Throughout Natal 13 people died at the weekend, including a woman in an advanced stage of pregnancy, who died in a hail of bullets. — Sapa
28 people die in township unrest

At least 28 people were killed and 39 were injured in township violence on the Reef and in Natal between Saturday afternoon and yesterday morning.

Four people were killed and at least eight injured in attacks yesterday morning in Alexandra, north of Johannesburg, and in Germiston's Katlehong township.

In Alexandra two people were killed and three wounded after being attacked by about 30 hostel residents. Minutes after the attack a man was shot dead and another wounded near the hostel.

In Germiston two people were wounded after being shot from a passing train. When the train stopped in Germiston, three injured passengers were found.

By yesterday afternoon police spokesmen for Alexandra, the Vaal Triangle, Soeto and the East and West Rand townships said their areas were quiet.

Sapa reports 10 people died and 10 were injured in sporadic unrest-related incidents throughout Natal on Sunday.
Meeting to defuse rise in violence

Staff Reporters
and West Rand Bureau

Political killings continued unabated yesterday as Inkhata and the ANC blamed one another for the increase in violence and an urgent meeting was convened to seek ways to halt it.

Two people were killed in Alexandra township yesterday, and two people died and 13 others were injured after a group attacked commuters on a train between Ikwezi and Dube stations in Soweto.

A 38-year-old Soweto man was stabbed in the back and seriously injured when he was attacked by a group of men on a train at Inhlanzani station this morning.

Captain Joseph Ngobeni of the Soweto police said Anthony Jacobs of Central West Jabavu was attacked when he boarded the train at 8 am.

It was not known why he was attacked.

He was taken to Baragwanath Hospital.

At least 39 people have died in nationwide violence over the past three days, including 17 in Natal.

While the head of the Inkatha Institute's violence study unit, Kim Hodgson, accused the police of allowing ANC supporters to attack disarmed IFP supporters, ANC spokesman in the PWV Ronnie Mamoepa claimed police were not present to stop IFP supporters attacking members of the public.

The Wits/Watol Regional Dispute Resolution Committee met yesterday in Auckland Park to discuss, among other things, the setting up of local dispute resolution committees in the PWV, and to address the violence in Alexandra and Sharpville.

The meeting, attended by representatives of the ANC, IFP, SAP, SADF, Democratic Party, National Party, SA Chamber of Business and Fabcos (Federation of African Business and Consumer Services), will continue today.

Soweto police spokesman Lieutent-Colonel Tieneke Halgryn said yesterday's train attack occurred at about 5:30 am after the assailants had boarded the train at Soweto's Ikwezi station.

Several of the injured were thrown from the train or jumped from it while it was moving.

Mr Hodgson claimed that police had earlier disarmed hostel residents of their knobkerries at Msakane station, but, according to witnesses, a group of Xhosaspeaking men were allowed to board the train at Ikwezi armed with AK-47s, shotguns, pangas and axes.

"These Xhosa-speaking men then allegedly proceeded to hack and shoot commuters in a predominantly Zulu-speaking coach," Mr Hodgson said.

Mr Mamoepa denied that ANC supporters boarded the train armed.

He accused police of not being present when Inkatha supporters attacked people in Alexandra, looted houses and stole property on Monday.

Colonel Halgren denied both organisations' accusations of police partiality.
Key witness to killing of ANC activist murdered

By Montshane Miroke

A key witness to the killing of Sharpeville ANC activist Montseki Molebatsi, who was allegedly shot on March 1 by a special constable, was murdered on Monday night, an ANC spokesman said yesterday.

The body of Nkopoli Doctor Motsisi, also an ANC activist, was discovered with gunshot wounds at about 9:30 am outside his grandmother’s home in Sharpeville.

Mr Motsisi’s death brings to four the number of ANC activists killed in the township since March 1, according to the ANC.

ANC PWV spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said a note had been found on Mr Motsisi’s body with the words “impimpi, milwembe, sellout” (all of which mean “sellout”), and signed “from Skuta”.

Before his death Mr Motsisi had completed an affidavit which implicated Special Constable Skuta Marumo in the killing of Mr Molebatsi. The affidavit was due to be signed by him yesterday.

Mr Mamoepa said: “We demand an explanation from the Wits regional commissioner as to why the police are dragging their feet in suspending and arresting Special Constable Skuta Marumo.”

Police spokesman Captain Piet van Deventer said the police had called on the ANC in vain for evidence but had not claimed it had of the constable’s part in the killing.”
JOHANNESBURG. — Gunmen stormed a satellite police station near Vereeniging yesterday and killed a lone police officer, while several other people were slain elsewhere in Reef townships.

Assassins killed an ANC activist in Sharpeville on Monday and dumped his body at his grandparents' home, police confirmed.

ANC regional spokesman Mr Ronnie Mamoepa said the victim, Mr Doctor Nkopodi Motsi, was a key witness in the killing of another ANC activist allegedly shot dead by a police officer last week.

A note denouncing Mr Motsi as a "sellout" and bearing the alleged name of the police officer who shot dead ANC member Mr Montoebi Molebatsi was found on his body.

At Orange Farm satellite police station, five gunmen burst into a makeshift office at 6.45am and gunned down Constable J J Chandza. He died instantly.

Police said five men were later arrested in connection with the killing and were in custody.

Meanwhile, the bloodletting continued in strife-torn Alexandra township and attackers caused havoc on a Soweto train.

Police said three more people were killed in Alexandra yesterday, taking the official death toll from four days of fighting in the township to 10.

A man was knifed and shot dead near the Alexandra clinic and another was stabbed to death elsewhere in the seething township. The body of a woman stabbed to death was also found early yesterday.

In earlier reports, police said seven people were killed in scattered violence that followed a bloody ambush on a funeral procession of Inkatha supporters on Saturday.

In another incident yesterday, unidentified assailants rampaged through a Soweto train, stabbing to death at least three people and injuring 12 others.

Mr Mamoepa claimed on Monday 13 people had died in fighting in Alexandra.

ANC Alexandra leader Mr Obed Bapela said residents calling the local office were reporting continued shooting yesterday.

Late on Monday afternoon, police fired teargas to halt a gun battle between feuding sides in Alexandra, a police spokesman said.

No one was reported injured.

As tension mounted in Alexandra yesterday, a delegation of ANC activists was meeting police to request stepped-up patrols, Mr Bapela said.

There were no indications, however, that the ANC and Inkatha Freedom Party were preparing to meet to restore peace.

— Sapa
Two die, 13 hurt in train attacks

TWO people were killed and 13 others injured when armed men attacked commuters in a train at Dube station, Soweto, yesterday morning.

And in troubled Alexandra, two more people were killed yesterday, taking the official death toll in four days of bitter fighting to nine.

Police said a man was killed and shot dead near Alexandra Clinic and another was stabbed to death elsewhere in the seething township.

Commenting on the Soweto train attack, police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni said yesterday the armed men boarded the train at Ikwezi station about 6.30am.

"They indiscriminately attacked people when the train approached Dube," Ngobeni said.

He said most of the injured were hurt when they hurled themselves through windows in an attempt to flee the rampaging mob.

Meanwhile, attacks on people passing near the old men's hostel at Alexandra continued yesterday when a man was shot dead about 10am.

Witnesses at the scene said the man was shot by snipers who opened fire from windows of the hostel in 4th Avenue Witwatersrand police yesterday confirmed the shooting.

A police spokesman said yesterday the situation had been tense but quiet on Monday night.

In other incidents, gunmen attacked a satellite police station near Vereeniging yesterday and killed a policeman. An ANC activist was murdered in Sharpeville and his body dumped at his home.

ANC regional spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said the victim, Mr. Doctor Motsetse, was a key witness in the killing of another ANC activist allegedly shot dead by a police officer last week.
Policeman killed in charge office

WILSON ZWANE

EIGHT PEOPLE, including a policeman manning a police station on his own, died and more than 20 were injured in violence on the Reef yesterday.

Three people were killed and at least seven injured in attacks in Alexandra township, north of Johannesburg.

An Alexandra clinic official said two people were treated for gunshot wounds and five for stab wounds.

Police spokesman Capt Ida van Zwart was able to confirm only the deaths.

Five gunmen stormed a satellite police station at Orange Farm, near Vereeniging, and killed Const J J Chanza.

Police spokesman Capt Piet van Deventer said the gunmen had been arrested.

Sapa reports police said unidentified assailants rampaged through a Soweto train early yesterday, stabbing to death at least three people and injuring 12 others.

Witwatersrand police said a group of men boarded the train at Ikwezi station at 5.30am and attacked commuters at random. The victims were stabbed to death.

A man's body was found on another train at Mamatle Stadium station.

The SAA Rail Commuter Corporation (SARCC) announced last week that it would pump R11,5m into the upgrading of 11 Soweto stations, including Ikwezi and Dube.

SARCC MD Kobus Nel said while the project was aimed at making the rail service more convenient and aesthetically pleasing, improvement of security at the stations and on the trains would be a top priority.

The project will start towards the end of this month and is expected to be completed at the end of May.
Four killed in explosion

POLICE should know by today whether foul play was involved in the blast which killed four people at a spice works near Alberton yesterday afternoon.

However, SAP spokes-

man Capt Ida van Zweel said it was suspected that it might have been a chemical explosion.

She said three of the five people who had been seriously injured had been transferred to Garden City Clinic from Natalspruit Hospital.

Eight people in total were injured.

Fire department spokes-

man Lucas van Zyl said:

"There was no fire. It was only a blast. I don't know what caused the blast; that is for the forensic experts to determine." — SAP.

HUNDREDS of people queued for more than two hours at the Home Affairs Department office in Harrison Street, Johannesburg, yesterday hoping to get identity documents in time to vote in the referendum next week.

A department spokesman said temporary identity certificates could still be obtained on the spot, though a long wait might be inevitable. The spokesman said that only applications for identity books received before Friday last week could expect success before March 17.

One elderly woman standing in line at the office yesterday complained that she and others in the queue felt like cattle being rounded up. She said she had mislaid her identity book.

After letting on that she was not impressed by the NP’s behaviour, she said:

"The hardest word in the world to say is 'no' to an errant child."

A Greek insurance broker who has lived in SA for more than 25 years said he and his friends and family would vote "yes" next Tuesday.

He was at the department to apply for naturalisation, "I don't want trouble in this country," he said.

Billy, seeking a new identity book, said he knew of many people who were still undecided on the referendum question.

"There is not enough real information about what the options are," he said.

Many of those in line at Home Affairs, mostly British, Greek and Zimbabwean citizens, had been intending to take out SA citizenship for some time but had been spurred into action by the referendum.

Home Affairs officials were unable to confirm rumours that there had been a flood of applications for citizenship from embarrassed Zimbabweans after SA’s cricket team trounced theirs in Canberra yesterday.

Penny Quinlan, a British citizen who has lived in SA for 30 years, said she expected a "yes" ballot, but was concerned about the number of "ignorant people" who might vote against negotiations.

The Home Affairs Department said yesterday that people who applied for identity documents before March 6 should not attempt to apply for temporary certificates as their documents should be ready from today.

"It is hoped that all such identity documents will be issued by March 11 and will therefore reach voters before referendum day," it said in a statement.

Report by A Hadland, TML, 11 Dingaan St, Jhb.
Inkatha is ‘seething with anger’

BY MOKGADI PELA

INKATHA Freedom Party has warned of mounting anger among its members following Tuesday’s train attack in which two men were killed and 13 others injured.

The warning came from IFP Sandton branch member Mr Bruce Anderson at a media conference in Johannesburg yesterday.

He said the Hostel Dwellers Association, to which most IFP members belonged, had experienced disagrr at what he called “harrassment” resulting from police on trains.

“Police will usually disarm IFP members at one station but allow armed Xhosa speaking people believed to be ANC members to board trains at the next station.

“This we find extremely unfair and we find it difficult to restrain grassroots anger which is simmering daily,” Anderson said.

He said the IFP was still committed to peace. The organisation would refer the matter to the Convention for a Democratic South Africa and peace resolution committees.

He said the IFP was in possession of a 55-page document detailing attacks on its members.

The men who died in the attack have been named as Mr Nkunduku Dlamini and Mr Mbatha, of Mabopane Hostel.
Train commuters attacked

Slaughter at random

By Bronwyn Wilkinson and Brian Sokutu

Fourteen people were killed and many others injured as mobs ran amok and slaughtered people at random on trains and stations across the Reef yesterday.

And at least four more people were killed in township violence. In Alexandra, gunmen had the township under siege last night. Two people were killed and several more injured.

 Dispatch

- Two men and a woman were shot dead by unknown assailants while travelling from Katlehong to Germiston yesterday evening.
- A man and two women died when they were attacked by a mob and stabbed at Germiston station.
- Gunmen opened fire at Lenasia Station in Katlehong yesterday afternoon and sprayed commuters with bullets. One man was killed.
- Another mob stabbed a commuter on a crowded carriage on a train near Soweto Station, Germiston.
- In an earlier attack, a 34-year-old Soweto man was stabbed in the back and seriously injured when he was attacked by a group of men on the train at Inzani Station.
- Another man was killed when he was tossed from a train between Crown and New Canada stations.
- Commuters fought back and killed one of the men who attacked them on a train on the Soweto line.

Survivors...about 40 terrified women and children, fleeing the violence in Alexandra, spent last night at the Alexandra Clinic. Scores have been killed or injured since the weekend. Late last night gunfire could still be heard near the clinic. Picture: Joao Silva
By Bronwyn Wilkinson

At least 15 people were shot and wounded in two violent confrontations between about 300 Noordgesig residents and police outside the Noordgesig municipal offices near Soweto yesterday.

Residents claimed municipal police fired without provocation at about midnight. At least 14 people were treated for gunshot wounds at J G Strijdom and Coronation hospitals.

Last night, the crowd gathered again and threw stones and petrol bombs at police who had tried to stem the earlier violence.

At least one person was shot, three policemen were injured and, according to police, four people were arrested. Police said the person who was shot was being held under police guard in hospital.

At about 3 pm, police turned firemen when a house belonging to a Noordgesig management committee member was set alight and they had to help fight the blaze.

Soweto police liaison officer Captain Joseph Ngobeni said three police vans and a Putco bus were damaged. The bus driver had lost control of the vehicle during the chaos, he said.

He said the area was quiet today and no more incidents of violence had been reported.

'No reason’

Yesterday afternoon, residents demonstrating against rent and electricity rate increases said that municipal security officers fired straight at the crowd for no reason.

Security officers denied this, saying they fired at the crowd when residents threw stones at them and that guards on a passing private security company truck opened fire on the crowd.

Mike Fetane of the Noordgesig Civic Association said the confrontation turned nasty at about midnight.

'Ve had delivered a letter here this morning asking to meet (Johannesburg City Council management committee chairman) Ian Davidson. They told us to come back for a reply at midnight.

'When we came back, their reply was to shoot at us. I know of at least 14 people who were wounded in the gunfire,’ Mr Fetane said.

Captain Ngobeni said police arrived at about midnight.

'It was pandemonium. The crowd was trying to hijack a passing car and police used tear gas to disperse them,’ he said.

He confirmed reports from the crowd that policemen had used only tear gas on the stone-throwing crowd.

'I cannot say who used bullets,’ he said.

Speaking behind a locked gate, with the crowd shouting and lobbing the occasional stone at them, council security officers said they had fired at the ground and that guards on a passing Springbok Patrolo van had shot at the people.

A spokesman for Springbok Patrolo said the company had not had a patrol in Noordgesig yesterday.

Security spokesman for the Johannesburg City Council could not be reached for comment on the shooting.

The crowd remained tense throughout the afternoon, with one man occasionally walking up to the locked gates and spitting at the guards on the other side.

Stones, bottles and other missiles regularly flew at the feet of policemen who stood between the crowd and the municipal officers.

Gas masks

The latter sat, rifles and gas masks ready, under a Canopy parked in the grounds.

Finally, at about 3.30 pm, the residents gathered in a local hall to decide what action they would take. They gathered again at about 7 pm for the second violent confrontation of the day.

Mr Fetane said the crowd would not give up their protest until it had received a reply from Mr Davidson.

He showed The Star several electricity accounts for more than R1 000 each.
Clinic releases shock figures

JOHANNESBURG.—Nearly 200 people were treated in four days at the Alexandra Health Centre and the University Clinic in Wynberg, District 6, for wounds related to violence, according to a statement released by the clinic.

Figures show that, from March 1 to March 14, 45 people were treated for gunshot wounds, 70 for stab wounds, 14 for lacerations, and 82 for assaults. Six died.

Five people were treated for gunshot wounds between 7:15 pm and midnight yesterday.

There are 46 women and 27 children taking refuge at the clinic, the statement said. — Sapa
ELEVEN people were killed and 12 others injured in separate unrest-related incidents on the Reef during the past two days.

Four people were killed when an armed mob attacked commuters on a Johannesburg-bound train between Longdale and Langlaagte stations early yesterday morning.

In another incident, two men were shot dead and a woman injured when unknown gunmen opened fire in Alexandra Township last night.

In Kakeleho, two men and a woman were shot dead on a train travelling between Kakeleho and Germiston yesterday evening.

At the Soweto squatter camp in Dobsonville, three people were killed and several others injured when four armed men sprayed gunfire on the squatters on Tuesday night.

Police reported that six men, including an attacker, were killed during a scuffle between a train at Langlaagte Station. A commuter and one of the attackers died in the skirmish.

Police later found the bodies of two other bodies with gunshot wounds at Langlaagte Station. One of the attackers was arrested.

Witnesses to Tuesday night's attack on the squatter
Reef train attacks
claim seven lives

Johannesburg
Seven people were killed and another seven injured in train attacks on the Witwatersrand yesterday.

Two men and a woman were shot dead while travelling from Katlehong to Germiston yesterday evening.

A 38-year-old Soekosman was stabbed in the back and seriously injured when he was attacked by a group of men on the train at Inhlanzani station yesterday.

In another incident yesterday morning, one person was killed and six people were injured in an attack on commuters on a train at Longdale station. Commuters then killed one of the alleged attackers.

In a separate incident yesterday morning police found the bodies of two men who had been shot at Langlaagte station.

In Alexandra, two people were shot dead and three people injured last night amid “gunfire all over the township.” Meanwhile feelings are ready to explode among Inkatha grassroots structures because of a perception that their leaders are being targeted, IFP spokesman Mr Bruce Anderson yesterday said at a news conference.

A police spokesman denied the allegations.

An ANC spokesman said the PWV Dispute Resolution Committee was holding a meeting yesterday evening to discuss what he said was the police’s inability to bring the current wave of violence under control. — Sapa, Own Correspondent
Twelve injured in municipal protest

An unofficial Johannesburg municipal police spokesman said they had fired into the ground and a passing private security vehicle had fired into the crowd. Police and other witnesses denied this.

Soweto SA police spokesman Capt Joseph Ngobeni confirmed police had arrived at the scene after the shooting and had fired two rounds of tear gas to disperse the crowd. He was unable to say how many people were injured. Spokesmen for Coronation and J G Strijdom Hospitals confirmed admitting several patients with gunshot wounds.

AT LEAST 12 people were injured at Norgregis near Soweto yesterday afternoon when Johannesburg municipal police allegedly opened fire on a peaceful protest outside the local municipal offices.

Witnesses said the protesters had been waiting outside the offices for a response from Johannesburg management committee chairman Ian Davidson to a letter they had submitted earlier in the day, requesting a meeting to discuss the rent and electricity boycott embarked on by the community 10 weeks ago. The community also embarked on a work stayaway yesterday in response to eviction letters.

Nordgesig Civic Association's assistant public relations secretary Mike Petane said municipal security police opened fire on the protesters at the council office.
Commuters stab alleged attacker to death

Wilson Zwane

Commuters yesterday collared one of the men who had allegedly attacked them as they were embarking from a train at a Johannesburg station, and killed him, police said.

A Witwatersrand police spokesman said one man died and six were injured yesterday morning when a group of men wielding knives and firearms attacked commuters as they embarked at Langsdales station, near Industria.

"The commuters gave chase...cornered one of the attackers and stabbed him to death," the spokesman said. SAPU Dog Unit members arrested a man near the station for carrying a pangolin and for public violence.

The spokesman said both attacks -- on commuters and on the alleged attacker -- were under investigation.

In a separate incident, police found two bodies near the railway lines at Langsdales Station.

Vaal Triangle police spokesman Piet van Deventer said one of the gunmen arrested on Tuesday after killing a policeman manning a police station near Vereeniging had died at Sebokeng Hospital.

He said the gunman was taken to the hospital on Tuesday night after he had collapsed in custody.

The other four gunmen were expected to appear in court soon, probably tomorrow, he said.

Meanwhile Inkatha has slammed police for allegedly limiting their searches to only those stations near the hostels while armed groups boarded trains at unmanned stations "with total impunity".

At a news conference yesterday, Inkatha said it also appeared that targets of the attacks on the trains were Zulu-speakers and Inkatha-supporting hostel dwellers.

Soweto police spokesman Capt Gogwansamy Mariathasan denied the allegations. Police were partial and were doing everything they could to maintain law and order.

ANC PWV spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said the PWV dispute resolution committee, under the chairmanship of Charles Nupen, was to hold a meeting last night to discuss what he said was the police's inability to bring the wave of violence under control.
200 treated in Alex

IN JUST four days nearly 200 people have been treated at the Alexandra Health Centre and University Clinic in Wynberg, Sandton, for wounds related to violence, a clinic spokesman said yesterday.

Figures released by the clinic show that from March 7 to 11, 43 people were treated for gunshot wounds, 70 for stab wounds, four for lacerations and 82 for assault. Six died. There are 40 women and 27 children taking refuge at the clinic. — Saga.
A MAN and a woman were found "necklaced" in Alexandra Township yesterday. Two hours before a joint peace pact was signed in the township.

"Three burnt-out tyres were found next to their bodies," a police spokesman said yesterday.

In another incident, a man was seriously wounded when he was shot in the chest and head.

He was taken to the Alexandra Clinic for treatment.

The gruesome "necklace" method, in which a burning tyre is placed over the victim's head, has so far been infrequently used in unrest-related killings this year.

Twenty-five people have died in unrest-related violence since Wednesday. Sapa.
A joint peace declaration was signed by the African National Congress, the Azanian People's Organisation, the Inkatha Freedom Party, the Pan Africanist Congress and church and civic organisations in Alexandra just hours before a chilling double necklace murder in the troubled township.

Police said the burnt bodies of a man and a woman were found outside a hostel yesterday morning. They had been necklaced.

The murders brought to at least 18 the number of people killed in political violence in Alexandra since Saturday, when gunmen ambushed an Inkatha Freedom Party funeral procession.

At a Press conference in the township yesterday, the multiparty representatives endorsed a joint declaration condemning the latest violence.
Police in arms swoop on trains

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG.—Passengers burst into song, clapped and stamped until carriages rocked as 180 riot police from the Internal Stability Unit—carrying rifles, shotguns and pistols—searched late afternoon trains bringing commuters back to Soweto.

The hour-long blitz at Mamelodi station yesterday yielded a 50cm-long meat cleaver, an axe, a knobkerrie, a panga and a pistol.

In spite of almost daily killings, trains from George Goch to Lenasia and Residencia were crowded. One commuter said: "We blacks have no other transport. We just get on each day and pray. I wish the police were always on these trains."

The conductor of a train from George Goch to Residencia, watched wearily as police randomly searched commuters, rifled through possessions and scoured boxes and plastic bags for weapons.

"I've been with the railways for more than 30 years. Last week I had seven stitches in my head after five guys beat me with a kiserie when I told them to move out of the first class seats. I don't mind how long it takes the police to search," said the conductor.

All the passengers agreed police presence on trains was a good thing, but many believed police should be visible in the early mornings, when most of the killings happened.

Soweto police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni said random train searches were conducted during mornings and afternoons, but it was impossible to monitor every train.

"We are doing our best to curb violence on trains but we also need the co-operation of the public.

"People must stop provoking each other and stop this senseless violence. Police presence alone will not stop it," said Captain Ngobeni."
Violence soars as poll nears

27 slaughtered on the Reef in two days

By Bronwyn Wilkinson
Crime Staff

The unrest death toll countrywide since the announcement three weeks ago of Tuesday’s referendum reached a staggering 204 yesterday — an increase of 100 in two days. The Human Rights Commission said 504 people had died in political violence in the last three weeks. A total of 111 were killed in the province of the province.

The ongoing Reef carnage claimed two more victims with the discovery yesterday of the bodies of two people who had been “shot dead” in Soweto.

Their gruesome killing brought the Reef death toll to 27 in the past 48 hours.

In heated reaction to the latest killing, the ANC described the killings as a criminal act and demanded a boycott of Reef trains.

In a crime prevention operation at Longines station in Johannesburg, police yesterday discovered three petrol bombs hidden in a train from Soweto.

An SAP spokesman said: “All can only imagine in horror what people would be planning to do with a petrol bomb on a crowded train.”

He said police had searched for bombs on the Reef and discovered several dangerous weapons, including numerous sharpened steel pipes.

Two men, allegedly carrying weapons on the train, were arrested and are due to appear in the Newlands Magistrate’s Court today.

Claiming that the violence was not a sporadic act but part of an orchestrated campaign, Lawyers for Human Rights yesterday offered a R1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of people involved in political violence.

It also announced it had set up a special violence protection programme to ensure the safety of witnesses.

In a separate statement, the IFP’s “no blood” four-day civil disobedience period would be arriving in South Africa at the weekend to investigate political violence.

The ANC warned yesterday that the political violence could only favour those who wanted a “no” vote.

NP general-secretary Dr Steafel van der Merwe said he did not believe the level of political violence had increased dramatically since the announcement of the referendum, but he did not want it to have an impact on the referendum result in any way.

The IFP, facing growing criticism that its campaign was being conducted in a manner similar to the violence on Reef trains, said its work was being hampered by a lack of co-operation from violence.
Commuters cheer as trains are searched

By Peter Davies

Passengers burst into song, clapped and stamped until carriages rocked as 160 armed riot police from the Internal Stability Unit — armed with rifles, shotguns and pistols — yesterday searched late afternoon trains bringing commuters back to Soweto.

The hour-long blitz at Mlanzane station yielded a 50 cm long sharpened meat cleaver, a homemade axe, a knobkerrie, a shortened pangas and a hand gun.

Despite almost daily killings, the trains running from George Goch to Lenz and Residenzia were crowded.

One commuter said: "We have no other transport. What must we do? I wish the police were always on the trains. People are getting hurt."

The conductor of train number 9072 from George Goch to Residenzia, watched as police searched commuters, rifled through possessions and secured boxes and bags for weapons.

"I’ve been with the railways for more than 30 years. Last week I had seven stitches in my head. Five guys beat me with a kerrie when I told them to move. I don’t mind how long it takes, these cops can search the train for sure," he said.

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"We are doing our best to curb violence on trains, but we also need the co-operation of the public. People need to stop provoking each other and change their attitudes before this senseless violence will stop."
Peace accord signed, then double necklacing

A joint peace declaration was signed by the ANC, Azapo, the IFP, PAC and church and civic organisations in Alexandra yesterday — only hours ahead of a chilling double necklacing murder in the troubled township.

Police spokesman Captain Ida van Zweel said the burnt bodies of a man and a woman were found outside the Old Man's Hostel on the corner of 4th Avenue and Roosevelt Street at 11.40 am.

"They had been necklaced. Three burnt-out tyres were found nearby," Captain van Zweel said. At 11.55 am a man who had been shot and injured was found on the corner of 6th Avenue and Holmey Street.

The murders 'brought to at least 18 the number of people killed in political violence in Alexandra since Saturday, when gunmen ambushed an IFP funeral procession.

At a press conference in the township yesterday, the multi-party representatives endorsed a joint declaration condemning the latest violence.

"We, the leaders of Alexandra, condemn the incident wherein IFP members were butchered on... Saturday."

"We also condemn the killing of the person who was stabbed at 10th Avenue (on Saturday)," the signatories to the peace initiative said in a statement.

In a major breakthrough, the ANC agreed to postpone the funeral of slain member Dillon Mayiza until Sunday to avoid a potential clash with IFP funeral-goers. Mr Mayiza was to have been buried tomorrow — the same day that IFP member Thokozani Xaba, whose funeral was disrupted by last Saturday's attack — will be buried.

The agreement followed a meeting in Auckland Park of the executive committee of the Wits-Vaal Regional Dispute Committee which involved the ANC, IFP, SAP, SADF, DP, NP, Fabcos and Sacob.

The ANC and IFP undertook to urge their constituencies to act with restraint at the funerals. Police would be present.

IFP and ANC spokesmen said that it had been agreed at a meeting with the SAP in Kew on Wednesday that IFP supporters could carry 'traditional weapons' provided they did not intimidate anybody.

Both funerals would be monitored by priests and the Alexandra Peace Action Group.

Any problems regarding the funerals should be reported to the Rev Phillip Shongwe (445-6307), Father Ronald Cairns (440-1744), the Rev Ngubane (445-5011) and Tony Rutherford (882-6051).
Preacher dies for praying in Xhosa

JOHANNESBURG — Two murderers granted a 52-year-old preacher a few minutes to pray last week before they tossed him from a speeding train for supposedly being a Xhosa preacher.

The Christian Fellowship minister, the Rev. Restoration Mtambeki, died instantly. He had twice before been attacked for preaching in Xhosa on trains according to fellow minister the Rev. Jeremiah Ngobese.

Mr. Ngobese said they were on the train from Katlehong when the two thugs said to Mr. Mtambeki: "Come Xhosa, it is your time." He replied: "Give me a few minutes to pray."

"Then they beat him, and tossed him from the train," Mr. Ngobese said.

Another man was stabbed and thrown off a train on the Reef last week, police said. Sixteen people were arrested in unrest-related incidents in the region.

An estimated 11000 people have been killed in political violence in South Africa since 1966, about half in Natal, according to the final report of the Black Sash Repression Monitoring Group.

The Free State Dispute Resolution Committee is attempting to involve the Conservative Party and the PAC in a plan to end intimidation. — Sapa
17 die in Joburg violence in 24 hours

JOHANNESBURG. — The death toll for 24 hours in the Johannesburg area reached 17 yesterday morning — the worst township violence of the year.

A spokeswoman for South Africa's Human Rights Commission said the attacks brought the death toll for the past seven days to at least 80, and the year's toll to 350.

Warning by ANC

"It's the highest number we've recorded for 1992 in a seven-day period," said Ms Safoora Sadek of the HRC.

The HRC said more than 200 people have been killed since the announcement of the white referendum three weeks ago in a disturbing new pattern of political violence aimed at disrupting voting and negotiations.

Police spokesman Captain Ida van Zwiel said: "We don't know what the motives for the killings were but police are investigating."

The ANC said that anger at a disregard for black lives was reaching boiling point.

Lawyers for Human Rights, which offered a R10 000 reward for information leading to the arrest of train killers, said: "It is our view that the killings taking place in this (Witwatersrand) region and others are not sporadic and nor are they mindless — they form part of an orchestrated campaign."

Four bodies

The LHR said it had instituted a special witness protection programme.

It also said a delegation of the International Commission of Jurists would arrive at the weekend on a fact-finding mission on continuing violence.

Fighting between rival supporters of the ANC and those of the mainly Zulu Inkatha Freedom Party has claimed at least 10 000 lives since 1994.

Early yesterday police found the bodies of four people at Boksburg station. "One had been shot and three people were thrown off a moving train," Capt Van Zwiel said. — Sapa.
Trains: SAP plea for help

JOHANNESBURG. — Police work on trains is constrained by a huge commuter load and by lack of co-operation from the public, SAP Witwatersrand spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said yesterday.

Facing growing criticism from the Inkatha Freedom Party and the ANC, Captain Opperman called on political organisations to motivate their followers to provide police with evidence on train violence.

Police success in arresting killers on trains was a reflection of the co-operation the SAP was getting from the public — practically zero, he said.

"People like the ANC should go along and motivate them to supply the police with evidence we can use in a court of law," Captain Opperman said that so long as people were scared they would not come forward with information.

"They're scared of intimidation. They've got to catch that same train the next day."

He also noted some figures: there are 1.4 million train commuters in the Witwatersrand on an average working day; there are 150 stations and 1116 trains which move through the region each day.

"The enormity of policing this region must be seen in the light of these figures," — Sapa
Noordgesig:

'council used
paper-shot'

Staff Reporter

The Johannesburg City Council last night said there was a possibility that the 15 Noordgesig residents injured during Wednesday's protest had been fired on with live ammunition from the back of a truck by members of a private security company. Referring to the confrontation between the city council's security officers and about 300 residents, health and housing chairman Marietta Marx said members of the security company which drove past fired about seven shots at the crowd from the back of the truck.

Mrs Marx denied allegations that live ammunition was used by the council's security officers during a confrontation sparked by increased electricity payments.

She admitted, however, that the council's security department members fired warning shots "with paper-shellied bird-shot" to disperse the crowd "in the belief that their lives and those of other council employees in the cash office were in danger."

"At no stage was hard ammunition used by council security personnel. I am informed by our staff that seven security personnel fired a total of 12 shots into the ground and one into the air," she said.

Electricity bills inflame a once quiet township

People have been shot, a city councillor’s house set alight and petrol bombs hurled at police—all because of accounts that a previously passive community says it can’t afford.

BEATHUR BAKER reports

“Allie promised he would present Davidson with the list and give the people a reasonable reply by 1pm.”

The crowd waited outside the offices until 1pm, many uncertain whether they would be evicted during the course of the day.

Their memorandum contained the following demands:

● That the city council stop all legal proceedings against residents who have not paid rent or electricity bills until the council has met with the NCA.
● That until this time it also refrain from cutting off residents’ electricity.

That liaison procedures be revised for residents, including the 300 people already issued with eviction notices.

Several people in the crowd confirmed that when the delegation returned from Allie’s office, they were dismissed and told that there was no response to their demands. They were then “chased off the premises by the municipal security men”.

Chaos followed, according to Sergeant Oosthuizen, a policeman in one of the police vans on the scene, and police fired two teargas canisters into the crowd “to maintain order because people started throwing stones”. After being given a warning to disperse, he said, the crowd stood firmly on both sides of the road.

That evening, residents held a meeting to discuss the day’s events. At about 9pm, an angry crowd gathered around Seeford’s house and set it alight: Considerable damage was caused, but no one was injured. Petrol bombs were also thrown at policemen still patrolling the area.

Two ambulances transported the injured to the Baragwanath and JG Strijdom hospitals. They included two senior citizens, one a woman of 65 and the other a man of 70, who were both seriously injured.

Assistant publicity secretary of the NCA Mike Fetane said: “This was definitely not only birdshot used for crowd control.”

Fetane, who transported NCA co-chairman Kaplan Smith to hospital after he was shot “five times at close range”, said five ammunition was used: “There was too much blood all over the back seat of my car.”

Events built up slowly from early in the morning as crowds barricaded all exits from the township and marched to the house of a local city councillor, Cathy Seeford, demanding that she resign.

The growing procession of placard-carrying residents then handed a memorandum to David Allie, superintendent of the rent offices.

In his account of the events after this, NCA secretary Keith Blandford, his arm smeared with blood, said: “At 8am, three civic association members approached Allie and handed over a copy of our demands, requesting him to send them to the head of the management committee, Ian Davidson, for a reply.

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A CITY councillor’s home was set alight and petrol bombs were hurled at policemen on Wednesday night in the violent culmination of tension between the Johannesburg City Council and residents of Noordgesig, a coloured township west of Johannesburg.

Hours earlier, 14 people had been injured — four of them critically — when municipal police opened fire, allegedly with birdshot, on a 250 to 300-strong crowd protesting outside the local rent offices.

The Noordgesig Civic Association (NCA) had called a stayaway on Wednesday in protest against 300 eviction notices served on residents by the city council for unpaid rent and electricity bills.

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Two ambulances transported the injured to the Baragwanath and JG Strijdom hospitals. They included two senior citizens, one a woman of 65 and the other a man of 70, who were both seriously injured.

Assistant publicity secretary of the NCA Mike Fetane said: “This was definitely not only birdshot used for crowd control.”

Fetane, who transported NCA co-chairman Kaplan Smith to hospital after he was shot “five times at close range”, said five ammunition was used: “There was too much blood all over the back seat of my car.”

Events built up slowly from early in the morning as crowds barricaded all exits from the township and marched to the house of a local city councillor, Cathy Seeford, demanding that she resign.

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“Allie promised he would present Davidson with the list and give the people a reasonable reply by 1pm.”

The crowd waited outside the offices until 1pm, many uncertain whether they would be evicted during the course of the day.

Their memorandum contained the following demands:

● That the city council stop all legal proceedings against residents who have not paid rent or electricity bills until the council has met with the NCA.
● That until this time it also refrain from cutting off residents’ electricity.

That liaison procedures be revised for residents, including the 300 people already issued with eviction notices.

Several people in the crowd confirmed that when the delegation returned from Allie’s office, they were dismissed and told that there was no response to their demands. They were then “chased off the premises by the municipal security men”.

Chaos followed, according to Sergeant Oosthuizen, a policeman in one of the police vans on the scene, and police fired two teargas canisters into the crowd “to maintain order because people started throwing stones”. After being given a warning to disperse, he said, the crowd stood firmly on both sides of the road.

That evening, residents held a meeting to discuss the day’s events. At about 9pm, an angry crowd gathered around Seeford’s house and set it alight: Considerable damage was caused, but no one was injured. Petrol bombs were also thrown at policemen still patrolling the area.
ANC says it regrets lack of precaution

HAD he lived, a young Sharpeville man named Doctor Etholi Motsete might have been able to answer disturbing questions about the fatal shooting of a young man that has raised temperatures in the Vaal Triangle township.

Motsete never got a chance to sign the affidavit he made to lawyers concerning the shooting last week of Andries Motlame at Motlame by a policeman, Constable Skota Marumo.

Motsete, a 26-year-old pupil, was found dead outside a police station in Sharpeville on Tuesday. At least 74 hours after he was expected to sign his testimony. According to relatives, he had been shot in the head and hands.

Police said Marumo fired at Motlame in self-defence after three men, two armed with hand-grenades, threatened him.

Motsete was one of three witnesses who stepped forward to help the lawyers in their investigation.

In an affidavit given to police last week, a second witness said Motlame was unarmed when he approached Marumo.

In his affidavit, Motsete said he and another friend had accompanied Motlame home in the early afternoon after a birthday party. "On our way to Andries's house we met a certain person, whom I believe to be a policeman as he is always with police. He is known as 'Skota.' He asked Andries to wait for him."

"Skota invited us to convert Andries alone. We then left a distance between them, yet I was unable to hear what they were discussing."

Followed and killed"

"Skota took out his gun. I saw a bullet falling from his hand. He then picked up the bullet and returned it to Skota. There was no sign of conflict. I then saw Andries leaving the company of Skota. When he was a short distance away, Skota fired and Andries fell."

Motsete ran to his house. At about three shots fired in their direction. Fortunately, none of the bullets struck him. Skota stated to us that he was not going to follow the deceased. I took this to mean that he was going to kill us."

Lawyers acting for the African National Congress and the Vaal Council of Churches have written to the police to express their "regret" that no action was taken to suspend Marumo after the first shooting.

Akin Olu, said his request had been made at a meeting between police, the ANC and local members of the management committee to "ensure the safety of witnesses to the killing of Andries Motlame."

The police officers and the ANC delegation indicated that one of the key witnesses to the killing has been killed.

The ANC and the VCC have repeated their call for Marumo's suspension. The issue was also raised this week at a meeting in Johannesburg between several police officers and an ANC delegation which included the party's president, Nelson Mandela.

The meeting was held to discuss security and other arrangements for next Saturday's ANC rally to commemorate 20 years of Sharpeville.

Vaal police liaison officer Captain Piet van Deventer said investigations into both shootings were continuing and more arrests were expected.

A number of affidavits, including one which was "not complete", had been received concerning the first killing.

Van Deventer said: "There is not enough evidence for us to suspend or arrest Marumo."

Councillors vote for feet

A long-brewing controversy over "secret agents" of the Santon Council management committee sparked a walkout from the council this week.

At the induction of the new management committee on Thursday night, three councillors walked out.

The reason for the confrontation? It was done in protest against the appointment of the chairman, Willem Hefer, and his deputy, Mike Meko, by the CC.

The councillors who walked out were Jo Marais, Makwakwe Stewart and Kirk Ehlers.

The action came after
ANC, IFP share accord of blood

THE African National Congress and the Inkatha Freedom Party, two of the main signatories to the six-month-old National Peace Accord, yesterday blamed each other for the violence racking South Africa.

ANC information director Dr Fallo Jordan said the ANC had "done everything possible" to end the violence.

He accused some signatories, mainly the IFP, of being "to a large extent" responsible for the violence.

"The ... accord can only be as effective as the commitment of the signatories. It would be a miracle if it could achieve anything when some of the signatories are not committed to it," Jordan said.

Kim Hodgson of the Inkatha Institute said more than 20 of the organisation's office-bearers had been murdered since the accord was signed.

"There seems to be a very clear trend. The ANC leadership is actively participating in organising incidents of violence."

MONTSHIWA MOROKO,
STAN HLOPHE
and SAPA

Whenever perpetrators of violence against the IFP had been arrested, those responsible had been either ANC supporters or members, he said.

The worst carnage yesterday was in the Durban township of Umlazi, the scene of yet another ANC-Inkatha clash. At least 18 people, including 15 women and a child, were killed when hostel residents from Unit 17 attacked the nearby Ugandans squatter settlement.

In another incident, three men, believed to be IFP supporters, were hacked to death and thrown off a moving train travelling between Soweto and Johannesburg. Eight others were injured.

One of the dead men, wearing an Inkatha T-shirt, was covered with his lumberjack. He had been stabbed to death.

Witness Peter Gallon said he had heard screaming from the train.

"I looked back and saw people being stabbed with knives and hacked with pangas by a group of people and later pushed from the moving train."

"I will never forget the pain those people were in. It is hard to forget. This madness should stop. People have lost their humanity."

In Phola Park squatter camp near Tokora on the East Rand, a man was allegedly shot dead by police yesterday in what residents said was an unprovoked attack.

In another incident near the squatter camp, policeman Sergeant Ockert Kriel (22) was wounded by AK-47 fire.

A police spokesman said the two shootings did not appear to be related.

The dead man was identified by residents as James Jan Ntsokwana, a labourer at a nearby brickworks. He was believed to be a widower father of three.

Police drew their weapons when removing the body as a crowd at the scene grew angry and moved forward.

The Human Rights Commission has said 204 people have died in political violence during the past three weeks.
ALEXANDRA and Sharpeville townships near Johannesburg were declared unrest areas with immediate effect under emergency regulations published in the Government Gazette yesterday.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said a curfew had been introduced from 10 pm to 4 am every day until further notice. Only people with permission and valid passes would be allowed to enter or leave the townships during this period.

Opperman warned mourners and others attending funerals in these townships today that the police would "under no circumstances whatsoever" allow them to carry "weapons of any kind" during the ceremonies, and that no marches to the cemeteries would be allowed. — Sapa.
Alex battles rage for peace as

Urgent

This weekend, the National Police, backed by local residents, called on the community to remain calm and avoid any further violence. A number of people were arrested following a clash in the town, and residents are urged to avoid any further incidents.

Yesterday’s clash led to a number of arrests and clashes continued into the night. Police have appealed to the community to remain calm and avoid any further violence.

The National Police

The National Police
Gunmen kill elderly man

By MONWABISI NOMADOLO

WHILE a 71-year-old Grace Gaeyetsa was preparing supper for herself and her 73-year-old husband, Stanwright, in their Doornkop squatter camp shack, unknown gunmen sprayed them with bullets.

Stanwright was killed instantly, but although Grace escaped death, she was badly wounded and taken to Baragwanath Hospital. Her condition is serious.

After the first attack the gunmen moved to neighbouring shacks where they shot 13-year-old David Gabutwe and an elderly woman known as Ma Dlamini. They also fired at Gabutwe’s mother, Elizabeth. She was not hit, but pretended to be dead.

The attackers, who fled in a car, are thought to have come from Dobsonville hostel.

Police say they haven’t found a reason for the attacks.

Later, in what is believed to be a counter attack, a group of about 30 angry residents burnt down five shacks in the area. It is thought hostel residents used these shacks for drinking parties.

Shebeen owner Peggy Shabalala did not know why her shack was gutted. “The mob were crying for my blood, and my husband and I ran away when we heard shots. The mob then looted my shebeen before they set it alight.”
Keeping tabs on the news

Peace truce eases Alex tension

A FRAGILE peace agreement has prompted a deep sigh of relief among residents in Alexandra where renewed inter-organisational violence has claimed about eight lives in the past week.

ANC publicity secretary Obed Bapela and IFP chairman Simon Nkumalo shook hands at a press conference to mark the spirit of reconciliation between the two major warring factions.

Trouble in the township started last weekend when unknown gunmen shot at an IFP funeral procession. An IFP supporter was fatally wounded, which sparked a trail of violence.
The burial of an ANC man went without incident in Alexandra Township yesterday, a day after pandemonium broke out during the aborted funeral of an Inkatha member.

On Saturday, the township became a war zone when hostel inmates exchanged gunfire with police who were trying to prevent armed mourners from marching to the local cemetery.

The funeral of IFP supporter, Mr. Thokozani Xaba, was postponed for the second time.

Last week his body was taken back to the mortuary Mayisa to be peaceful and “to make this funeral different from a political rally”.

However, a man was arrested outside the graveyard after a firearm was found in his car.
Uneasy calm ... About 1 200 ANC supporters were tense, but peaceful, as they buried an ANC member in Alexandra yesterday.

Violence death-toll soars

Police said two men were killed in Meadowlands yesterday and a third on Saturday night. One of the victims had been burnt. On Saturday a municipal employee was shot near the Jabulani Hostel at about 11.15 pm and set alight.

In Alexandra, a man was shot dead at about 3.30 am yesterday as he walked past the Old Man's hostel.

SAPA reports that 241 have been treated at the Alexandra Health Centre for injuries suffered in violence since last Saturday. Of this number, 105 were assaulted, 72 suffered stab wounds, 62 gunshot wounds and four lacerations. Seven of them died and 81 were transferred to hospitals.

Two people were killed and 28 wounded on Saturday, police said. A Star reporter saw four bodies in the township.
Newsmen injured in grenade attack

and watching for a sign of attack from the Mzimahlope hostel.

The day dawned to gunshot fire in this troubled area of Soweto, where whole tracts of housing have been laid waste in attacks by hostel dwellers in the past few weeks.

Hostel dwellers and residents alike claimed they had been the victims of an early morning attack. In Meadowlands Zone 3 a house was allegedly bombed at about 3 am.

Describing the grenade attack, Silva said, "We were about to leave the place where the policeman had been shot when a grenade was lobbed at the car."

Suffered

"It looked like a cricket ball," in fact I thought it was a stone landing. Then there was this bang and I fell over, with someone on top of me."

The other newsmen injured were members of a Vipews Television crew, Geoff Chil tern and Dikile Mkhize.

Chil tern suffered a head wound, while Mkhize was hurt in the back and on the back of his legs. Silva's arm was injured.
24 die as peace still evades Reef

AT least 23 people were killed in another violent weekend on the Reef as peace continues to evade the Reef townships.

Five men were shot dead with their hands bound behind their backs in Katlehong on Saturday.

In the same area, the bodies of two men were found near Mazibuko Hostel on Saturday.

Yesterday, a Sowetan team saw three bodies with bullet wounds near Dobsonville Hostel.

By MOKGADI PELA and Sapa

One witness said two people were stabbed and hacked to death in Moletlane, Soweto, last night when a group of armed men marched through the streets.

Police found bodies of two people who had been stabbed and then set alight in Meadowlands, Soweto.

A taxi driver was shot dead by a passenger on Saturday, according to police. The gunman also shot and injured passengers before setting the vehicle on fire.

These are other unrest-related incidents:

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A man’s body was found near the hostel yesterday morning.

In Soweto, police found bodies of two men with stab wounds.

A municipal employee was burnt to death in his car in Jabulani, Soweto, on Saturday.

In Dobsonville, three people were shot dead on Friday evening. The deceased were identified as Herbert Lekgalamitloa (27) Mabina Molefe (72) and Herman Buti Molefe (42).

Four other people were seriously injured and were rushed to Leratong Hospital.

Police spokesman Captain Govinsamy Marienmothoa said police arrested two suspects at Dobsonville Hostel.
Violence claims 217 lives

Curfews for two Reef townships

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An ANC supporter was held yesterday by the police in Alexandra, north of Johannesburg, for possession of an unlicensed firearm during the funeral of an ANC member.
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ADRIAN HADLAND
in bomb blast

Death toll at least 270 since poll announced

The Argus Correspondents

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At least 270 people have been killed in violence around the country since the referendum was announced on February 20 and at least 50 people have died on the Reef since Friday.

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They accused police of allowing township residents to commit violence against them. They claimed police went about the hostel at night appealing to them to go to sleep and later explosions would rock them out of their beds.

They also accused the media of being biased against them in favour of the ANC.

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Two more bodies were found in a hostel in the strife-torn area, and a police spokesman said the victims, who had been hacked and set alight, could have been killed on Sunday.

Continued gunfighting in Alexandra, near Sandton, yesterday drove about 15 families to seek refuge at the ANC offices.

An ANC spokesman said the organisation would arrange overnight accommodation for the refugees, mostly women and small children, in churches, schools and private homes.

He said the Red Cross had promised food and blankets.

In a bid to restore peace in Alexandra, the ANC spokesman said his organisation would hold talks with representatives of the IPP, SAP, and from civic organisations at the Braamfontein Civic Centre today.

In Natal, the death toll from Friday's pre-dawn war in Ulundi has risen to 22.
Townships quiet as whites head for the polling booths

Staff Reporters

For the first time in weeks, Reef townships were reported to be quiet early today and police hoped the slaughter leading up to today's referendum would come to an end as white voters went to the polls.

"We have had no incidents reported today, we can only hope it stays quiet," said a Witwatersrand police spokesman.

Sporadic incidents around the country yesterday claimed the lives of another five people, bringing the death toll from violence since the announcement of the referendum almost four weeks ago to 275.

Explosions

In the latest reported incident, a three-year-old child died and at least eight people, including three newsmen, were injured in two separate hand grenade explosions in Meadowlands, Soweto.

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Refuge

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One person died and several others were injured in sporadic shooting in the township.

In a bid to restore peace in Alexandra, representatives of political and civic organisations will hold talks at Braamfontein Civic Centre this morning.

According to statistics from the Alexandra Health Centre and University Clinic, the violence has claimed nine lives since March 7; and there had been 69 gunshot injuries and 184 assaults by 3 pm yesterday.

Two gunshot injuries, two stabbing victims and one death were reported between 9 am and 3 pm yesterday.

In Natal, the death toll from Friday's pre-dawn battle in Umhlazi, has risen to 22, social workers say.

Police yesterday said two women were killed, and seven people wounded in an attack in Sharpeville on Sunday night, Sapa reports.
Photographer hurt by grenade

By Bronwyn Wilkinson

After years of covering township unrest, Star photographer Joso Silva (26) had the closest shave of his career yesterday when a grenade was lobbed at him and a TV crew in Meadowlands, Soweto.

Silva was at Sputnik Garage after policeman David Bester had been shot just after 8 am.

"The area had quietened down but we heard that another area was 'cooking' so we went around the corner to our car," he said.

He leant on the door while Visnews soundman Dinkie Mkhele and cameraman Geoff Chillemi loaded their equipment into the car. "I saw something being thrown at us. Thinking it was a stone, I shouted to warn the others. Then — bang!"

Silva was not sure if he had thrown himself to the ground or if the blast had knocked him off his feet.

"Then I grabbed my camera, which had scattered around me. I saw a little kid who had been hurt and started taking pictures."

After a few minutes someone told Silva his arm was bleeding.

"Then I saw Geoff had been hit, so I sat him down. Dinkie was standing up and I told him he shouldn't sit down because his legs were covered in blood."

The police ran over when the grenade exploded and called paramedics.

"They ripped my sleeve open and took the shrapnel out of my arm and bandaged it up. I carried on taking pictures, and it was only about an hour later that I realised the intensity of what had happened."

The other two newsmen were released after treatment.
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Rosaries and Cannons
Townships on the boil

By KENOSI MODISANE.

INCIDENTS of violence, including a grenade attack on policemen in Soweto, continued to plague Reef townships yesterday.

"Two policemen were injured when gunmen opened fire on their patrol car in Zone 3 Meadowlands."

A few moments later a hand grenade exploded at the scene where police were investigating the ambush. The grenade attack left four people, including two journalists, injured.

A woman was injured after she was shot in the back when a member of the SADF opened fire on a crowd near the scene of the explosion.

Police also found bodies of two people at Meadowlands Hostel. They had apparently been hacked and set alight.

Soweto police spokesman Colonel Tienie Halgryn said the two people "were apparently killed on Sunday night though police only discovered their bodies late yesterday."

In Alexandra Township, one person was killed as snipers continued to fire shots at passers-by from the windows of KwaMandla Hostel.

The person died at Alexandra Clinic.

The clinic reported treating scores of people for gunshot and stab wounds.

In Sharpeville, two people were killed and five others injured when an armed gang sprayed bullets on two tarvers on Sunday night.

Seventeen-year-old Alice Maseko, a Standard 8 pupil at Lekoa-Shanda High School, and Miss Mphokotho Chabedi (20) died when the mob attacked Mr Tsotsane Morobu's shebeen.

The gang then proceeded to Mr Dollman Maduna's Rivonia Garden Tarver and about five minutes later. No one was injured in the attack.

Sapa reports that a man was killed and a woman injured in Nelspruit when an explosion rocked the home of a local school principal.
ONE of the survivors of Sunday night's attack on a tavern in Sharpeville yesterday claimed that one of the injured men was among the attackers.

Vaal Triangle police spokesman Captain Piet van Deventer yesterday said police had not made any arrests.

Van Deventer said police were not aware that a man suspected to have taken part in the attack was among the injured.

The alleged suspect, who earlier refused to speak to Sowetan, said from his bed at Sebokeng Hospital that he blamed the ANC for the incident.

"I know that somebody has told you about me. But all I can tell you is that I blame the ANC for this incident," he said.

The man mentioned the name of a 17-year-old youth from whom he suspected the Sowetan got the information.

A 17-year-old youth (same name as that mentioned by the alleged suspect), yesterday claimed he was shot by the man.

He said he was later taken to hospital in the same ambulance as the suspect, who had lost consciousness at the time.

The suspect became aggressive when asked how he was shot.

"It is not for you to ask me where I was coming from and why I was shot," he said.
Snipers kill worker

Violence ‘stirred up to create chaos’

ANC Alexandra spokesman Mr Obed Bapela said the sniper attacks in Alexandra occurred as people were boarding taxis. “Shots were fired from several Madala Hostel windows. When the police came 10 minutes later, the snipers fired at them,” he said.

Sapa reports that a police spokesman said three weapons were seized when police searched a hostel. However, he did not identify the hostel.

Inkatha Alexandra chairman Mr Simon Nxumalo said yesterday’s sniper attacks on residents were “acts of vengeance”.

“They have not been quiet since residents prevented the hostel dwellers from burying their comrade nine days ago.”

Mr Bapela said the ANC was considering pulling out of peace talks with Inkatha “because Inkatha leaders appear to have no control over their supporters”. Mr Nxumalo denied that Inkatha had no control over its supporters.

Representatives of the ANC, Inkatha, PAC, Azapo and church and civic organisations last week committed themselves to working towards the restoration of peace in the township.

An increased security force presence in Umlazi township has failed to stop the violence there and the Goldstone Commission will decide soon whether to set up a committee of inquiry to investigate the killings.

The weekend death toll in Umlazi has risen to 22. Social workers said yesterday Mr Justice P.J. Goldstone said last night he had received a request to probe the violence from the Natal KwaZulu-Regional Dispute Committee.
Snipers push death toll to 50

People living in the area of the shootings were reportedly evacuating their homes under police escort yesterday afternoon. Alexandra was declared an unrest area on Friday, with a dusk-to-dawn curfew.

In Soweto, five people — including three newspapermen — were injured in a hand-grenade explosion in Meadowlands yesterday. A policeman was wounded when he was fired on during a patrol in Meadowlands, and two bodies were found.

Vaal Triangle police spokesman Capt. Piet van Deventer said no arrests had been made after two shebeen patrons were shot dead in Sharpeville on Sunday and seven injured.

ANC Alexandra spokesman Obed Bapela said snipers, shooting from windows of the Madala Hostel, had fired shots at Alexandra residents boarding taxis. He said they also fired at police.

Sapa reports a police spokesman said three weapons were seized at a hostel which was not identified.

Inkatha Alexandra chairman Simon Nxumalo said yesterday's sniper attacks on residents were "acts of vengeance".

Bapela said the ANC was considering pulling out of peace talks with Inkatha "because Inkatha leaders appear to have no control over their supporters."

Nxumalo denied this.

In Nelspruit yesterday morning a man — Andries Sithole — was killed and a woman injured in a blast caused by commercial explosives at the home of Nyl...
Five more killed

The continuing violence claimed five more lives when two men were "necklaced" and three others shot dead in separate unrest-related incidents in Soweto and Alexandra Township yesterday.

Two men were hacked and stoned to death and their bodies set alight in Meadowlands and Killarney, Soweto. A 40-year-old man, Mr. Molefe Samuel Matloung, who was shot during an attack on his house on Monday night, died from gun wounds at Baragwanath Hospital yesterday morning.

In Alexandra, two men were shot dead as violence continued to plague the township, sources said yesterday.

A spokesman for Alexandra Clinic said six people were treated for stab and back wounds.

Matloung's wife, Gladys (35), claimed a mob attacked the house minutes after police were seen going past the area.

She further alleged that white policemen, who identified themselves as "DPs", came back immediately after the attack and asked if there was anything they could do to help.

"I found it strange that the attackers struck immediately after police had gone past my house and that they were in my house soon after the assailants had left," she said.

By KENOSI MODISANE
Rail violence: taxi group blamed

JOHANNESBURG. — Elements in the taxi industry could be behind Reef train violence, the chairman of a Soweto committee investigating the violence said yesterday.

Mr Barry Jemmy added that police had cited such involvement as a possible reason for the violence.

Mr Jemmy felt this was plausible because the taxi industry was "benefiting when people don't use trains".

Former SA Black Taxi Association public affairs director Mr Mike Nhlabatseng said recently there had been a big increase in the number of commuters using minibus taxis in the PWV area. A factor in this had been the violence on the Reef trains.

Meanwhile, Reef townships were reported calm yesterday after being hit by a wave of unrest.

Six people who were injured in unrest-related incidents were admitted to the Alexandra Health Centre in the 24 hours from Monday morning to 8am on Tuesday. One of them died later.

In Durban, the Umhlanga home of an Inkatha Freedom Party member was petrol-bombed early yesterday.

The SA Communist Party has attributed the deaths of an estimated 300 people during the three-week referendum campaign to a "sinister third force prepared to win white "no" votes with the blood of blacks".

SACP spokesman Mr Jeremy Cronin said yesterday the "horrible upsurge" in violence in the course of the referendum campaign had been of no benefit to the ANC and its allies, or to Inkatha.


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I agree with you. We need to prevent violence, but we can't just punish people without understanding the context.

We need to work with communities to find solutions that respect everyone's rights.

Okay, let's move on to another issue.

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The Minister of Justice

Before we conclude this session, I wish to draw your attention to the following:

The Minister of Justice, Mr. Smith, has announced that a new law will be introduced to strengthen the fight against cybercrime.

This law will aim to address the growing threat posed by cyber threats and ensure online safety for all citizens.

The legislation will provide a comprehensive framework to regulate online spaces, enforce cyber laws, and protect individuals from cyberattacks.

Under the new law:

1. Additional powers will be granted to law enforcement agencies to monitor suspect activity and prevent cybercrime before it occurs.
2. Individuals will be required to report any suspicious or illegal online activity.
3. Enhanced cybersecurity measures will be implemented in critical infrastructure sectors.
4. The government will invest in education and awareness programs to raise public awareness about the risks and responsibilities associated with online activities.

The Minister of Justice emphasized that this legislation is a critical step towards creating a safer digital environment for all.

We encourage all members to support this bill to ensure a safer future for our citizens.
HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Government and Finance

The Minister of Finance (Mr. Wellington) presented the Financial Statement on


The financial highlights of the Statement are as follows:


- Revenue from Sales Tax: $2.5 billion
- Revenue from Income Tax: $3.2 billion
- Government Expenditure: $4.7 billion

The Financial Statement includes provisions for the following:


- Social Services: $1.8 billion
- Infrastructure: $1.2 billion
- Education: $0.8 billion

The Appropriation Bill, 1993, includes funding for:


- Health programs: $0.5 billion
- Environmental initiatives: $0.3 billion
- Public safety: $0.2 billion

The government plans to use the funds to:


- Improve public services
- Reduce unemployment
- Invest in education and training

The minister indicated that the government remains committed to:


- Fiscal responsibility
- Economic growth
- Social justice

The budget also addresses the following challenges:


- Increasing population growth
- Aging population
- Climate change

The government is working towards achieving these goals through:


- Collaboration with other levels of government
- Public consultations
- International cooperation

The minister concluded by emphasizing the importance of:


- Creating employment opportunities
- Ensuring sustainable development
- Providing quality services to all citizens

The budget document can be accessed online at:


[Government website]

For more information, please contact:


[Ministry contact information]
THE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL HEALTH

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Taxi Buses and Violence

There was a marked increase in the number of complaints about taxi buses. The steering committee was appointed by the Greater Somersby to set up a local dispute resolution committee. However, there were no representatives from various organizations to discuss the problem. The steering committee was not able to address the issue due to lack of cooperation.
Six hurt as 
grenade flung 
at taxi queue

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG.—Six people were injured in a handgrenade attack at a taxi rank in Soweto today.

Police said people were queueing at the taxi rank in Meadowlands about 6.15am when someone threw a hand-grenade at them.

The injured were taken to Baragwanath Hospital. One man is in a serious condition.

At least 14 people have died violently on the Reef since Tuesday night.

A total of 306 people have died and 631 people have been injured in countrywide unrest since the February 20 announcement of the referendum.

Soweto police have found the bodies of six brutally murdered men since Tuesday.

Yesterday, a father of four, Mr Samuel Mabiliso, was hacked to death in front of his family in strife-torn Meadowlands.

In the same area, three women were shot and homes damaged following a raid by hostel dwellers.

Residents said police in camouflage uniform escorted the heavily armed hostel dwellers who raided their homes under the guise of searching for arms and "comrades".

And in Alexandra, about 300 families fled their homes in fear of an imminent anti-invasion yesterday. They sought refuge at the local council offices, Alex Kopano Centre and the Presbyterian church.

Women and children arrived with truckloads of furniture and clothing after they were allegedly forced to evacuate their homes by occupants of the nearby Madala hostel.
No end to the bloodletting in townships

Staff Reporters

Six people were injured — one seriously — in a hand grenade attack at a taxi rank in Soweto early today.

Captain Govinesamy Marie-mutshana of the Soweto police said the grenade was thrown into a queue of commuters near the Soweto highway in Meadowlands.

Florence Ndzwonde (18), Vusi Khumalo (29), Johannes Shongwe and Moses Matlo (32) had chest injuries and Bongani Ngawa (21) facial injuries. The injured were taken to the Baragwanath Hospital, where Mr Ngawa is in a serious condition.

At least 14 people died violently on the Reef between Tuesday night and yesterday. A total of 208 have died in countrywide unrest since the February 20 announcement of the referendum. In the same period, 66 people were injured.

Soweto and Alexandra remained gripped in slaughter yesterday. Since Tuesday, Soweto police have found the bodies of six murdered men.

Yesterday, a father of four, Samuel Matlo, was hacked to death in front of his family in stricken Meadowlands.

In the same area, three women were shot and several houses damaged following a raid by hostel dwellers.

The injured are Christinah Morake (30), Emma Msokenza and Magdelina Lesolelile.

Residents said police in camouflage uniform, escorted the heavily armed hostel dwellers who raided their homes under the guise of searching for arms and comrades.

And in Alexandra, about 500 families fled their homes in fear of an imminent impi invasion yesterday. They sought refuge at the local council offices, Alex Kopano Centre and the Presbyterian church.

Women and children arrived with truckloads of furniture and clothing after they were allegedly forced to evacuate their homes by occupants of the nearby Madala hostel.

The residents told The Star they had been coerced to join the Inkatha Freedom Party and move out of the area. Most of their homes had been looted and damaged. They said they had no alternative but to leave.

A residents' delegation held a meeting with the Kev police and municipal officials. Police undertook to intensify patrols in the evacuated areas.

ANC spokesman Obed Bapela said the organisation would tackle the matter urgently with the local IFP. He urged the affected residents to stay calm and not to take the law into their own hands.

At least six people died in violence on the East Rand on Tuesday and Wednesday.

And in Johannesburg, police yesterday confirmed the looting of a variety of stores, including loots, sticks, knobkerries and pangas — on a train at Johannesburg station.

In Natal, four people, including a child and two women, were killed in attacks on Tuesday night. The women and child died when gunmen sprayed bullets into their home in Ndaleni, Richmond.

Human Rights Commission figures show that 113 people died countrywide in the final week of the referendum campaign. 90 more deaths than on the previous week. An average of 16 people died each day from March 12 to yesterday.
12 more die in brutal attacks on the Reef

AT LEAST 12 people died in brutal train killings or bloody attacks on the Reef between Tuesday night and early yesterday.

Police said the bodies of two men were found with hack and head wounds between Crown and New Canada stations, near Johannesburg, just after 7am yesterday. They had apparently been attacked and thrown from a train.

Another man was found soon after midnight near the railway line at Lindela station, Katlehong. His body had been badly mutilated and it was not known if he was the victim of a train attack, police said.

Six more people died on the East Rand on Tuesday night. Three bodies with bullet wounds were found in Katlehong.

In Orlando West, Soweto, police found the body of a man who had been "necklaced".

Another man, who had been stabbed to death, was found in Mzimhlope, Soweto, early yesterday.

The area was reportedly tense yesterday, with groups of pupils threatening to burn down schools.

In Dobsonville on Tuesday night, police found the body of a man who had been stabbed to death in a burnt-out house. The house was one of three set alight about 9pm.

A man was seriously injured outside the women's hostel in Alexandra, when a mob attacked him and tried to hack him to death.

Four people — including a child and two women — were killed in separate attacks in Natal. The women and child died when unknown gunmen sprayed bullets into their home in Ndaleni, Richmond.

The renewed killings brought to 300 the number of people who have died in countrywide unrest since the referendum was announced on February 20.

Faced with rampant train violence, police yesterday confiscated an assortment of weapons on a train at Johannesburg station.

In what police described as part of a "new strategy aimed at curbing conflict provocations and the spread of violence", police searched a group, "apparently ANC-supporters".

Police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said the group had been on a train from Daveyton and were headed for a meeting in Johannesburg about 9,45am.

"We tried, under difficult circumstances, to confiscate as many weapons as was humanly possible," he said. The weapons included sharpened objects such as spears, sticks, knobkerries and pangas.

The SA Communist Party has attributed the upsurge in violence during the referendum campaign to a "sinister third force prepared to win while 'no' votes with the blood of blacks".

Thousands protest budget

THOUSANDS of people staged marches in centres throughout the country yesterday to protest against the memorandum.

Soldiers and paramedics help a man who was found hacked and bleeding badly at Mzimhlope in Soweto. One person was killed and four seriously injured in clashes in the township.

Pic: PATTY MOENG.
13 killed in fresh wave of violence

At least 13 people have died in a fresh wave of unrest in townships on the Reef.

Police said bodies of two men were found with stab wounds between Johannesburg’s Crown and Nasree stations yesterday morning. The men had apparently been attacked and thrown off a train.

On the East Rand, the mutilated body of a man was found near a railway line between Katlehong’s Lindela and Philat stations.

In Soweto, a body of a man with stab wounds was found in Mzimhlophe early yesterday.

The unrest incidents came hard on the heels of a brief lull.

Inquiry

No incidents of violence were reported on the Reef during the day on Tuesday as whites thronged to the referendum polling stations.

But on Tuesday night, six bodies were found in Katlehong. Three of the victims had bullet wounds and the other three had apparently been tossed from a train.

In Soweto, two bodies of men who had been necklaced were found in Orlando West and Meadowlands.

In Dobsonville, police found the body of a man who had been stabbed in a burnt-out house. The house was one of three set on fire in the township.

In Alexandra, a man was seriously injured when a group of people attacked him with sharp weapons.

Wilson Zwane

In another development, the police disarm a large group of ANC supporters at the Johannesburg station yesterday morning. The group had apparently been bound for a rally in the city centre.

Barry Jammy, chairman of the Greater Soweto dispute resolution committee sub-committee on train violence, said plans were afoot to involve the community in security operations at stations and on trains.

Jammy said it was proposed at the sub-committee’s meeting earlier in the week that independent security companies and the community should set up a security operation to deal with the train violence.

The company would liaise with the police, who had indicated they would support any scheme aimed at reducing the level of violence on the trains, he said.

Meanwhile a committee of inquiry into train violence is preparing to probe Reef train attacks.

The committee, set up by Mr Justice Goldstone’s standing commission of inquiry into public violence and intimidation, will establish:

☐ The nature and the causes of violence and intimidation;

☐ Whether it aims to achieve any political goal; and

☐ Who is involved and what steps should be taken to curb or prevent it.

Committee chairman advocate Neil Roussow said it was hoped the committee would start hearing evidence next month.
More than 7000 people took part in a march on Johannesburg's John Vorster Square yesterday to demonstrate against the Budget. The march — one of several held around the country — was led by ANC deputy president Walter Sisulu, his wife Albertina, Cosatu president John Gomomo and ANC executive committee member Terror Lakota.
Cops ban carrying of lethal weapons

April 20, 1999
Residents flee homes

SCOREs of Alexandra residents yesterday continued to stream from their homes to seek shelter in churches as violence in the township continued unabated.

Miss Zora Fox (37) claimed that her house was raided by a group of men on Wednesday night. They demanded she produced her "Inkatha identity card".

When she said she was apolitical, the men said they would return for her after rounding up other residents. Her terrified three sons hid away.

"We fled," Fox said. Another resident, Mrs Martha Kutumela (42) said: "We were awakened at night and asked to declare our political affiliation. We told them we were not members of any political organisation."

Before they left the men took her boyfriend's clothing.

"We are leaving this place. Perhaps we can find peace in Tembisa," Mrs Sweet Ntuluki said her refrigerator and all her clothing were taken after she fled her home in fear of an attack by hostel dwellers.

Miss Dorothy Pitsa, who fled her house when the shooting in her neighbourhood worsened, blamed hostel dwellers for the violence.

"When I returned the next morning the house was empty," she said.

In a joint statement the ANC, Azapo, PAC and Inkatha said they were appalled by the exodus of families from the area.

"Families are fleeing the area after two women were shot dead at the weekend when the IFP burial was disturbed," the statement said.

Local Peace Accord chairman the Rev Busani Ngubane said: "The local leadership of the ANC, Azapo, PAC and Inkatha are all committed to achieving peace."

Meanwhile seven people were injured — one seriously — in a hand grenade attack and two others killed in separate incidents on the Roof yesterday.

Soweto police spokesman Captain Goovindsamy Marienuthoo said the explosion took place about 6.15am at a taxi rank near Meadowlands Hostel, Soweto.

One of those injured, Mr Andries Digangwane (30), said he saw a man hurl the bomb from next to the Mzimipla Hostel.

Mrs Mary Mojikgomo sustained shrapnel wounds to her right arm.

Security forces kept a close watch on Meadowlands Hostel and the neighbouring townships of Mzimihlopi, Killarney and Meadowlands.
Another death as Reef train attacks continue

JOHANNESBURG. — One person was killed and 11 others were injured yesterday in the continuing attacks on commuter trains on the Reef, police confirmed.

Police found the body of a suspected train attack victim at Longdale railway station yesterday morning.

Six other people were injured when a man sprayed commuters with gunfire after a scuffle between two groups in a train between Bramfontein and Johannesburg.

People jumped out of the moving train in the ensuing mayhem.

Six people were injured — at least one of them seriously — when a hand-grenade exploded at a Soweto bus stop outside Mzimhlope hostel yesterday morning, an Inkatha Freedom Party spokesman said.

Police said earlier that the grenade exploded at a taxi rank.

Two men were shot dead when gunmen fired 78 bullets into a taxi north of Greytown on Wednesday.

Law and Order Minister Mr Hernus Kriel has prohibited the carrying of all firearms and dangerous weapons on trains and at railway stations, the Public Relations Division of the SAP in Pretoria said yesterday.

The Germiston Dispute Resolution Committee is to hold a special meeting on Wednesday to try to shed light on the recent spate of violence on East Rand trains.

The IFP yesterday announced “a programme of protest action for peace” which will start tomorrow with a march in Johannesburg.

IFP Youth Brigade Transvaal leader Mr Themba Khosel said the march was not called for tomorrow — Sharpeville Day — in an attempt to upstage an African National Congress commemoration rally also due to be held in Sharpeville tomorrow. — Sapa
Weapons banned on trains and at stations

LAW and Order Minister Hernus Kriel has prohibited the carrying of "dangerous weapons" on trains and at railway stations.

The announcement came amid a spate of attacks on trains and stations yesterday and on Wednesday, and after repeated calls from various organisations for such a ban.

Police spokesman Capt. Burger van Rooyen said in a statement yesterday the prohibition would be published in the Government Gazette on Monday and be enforced immediately.

In terms of the prohibition it was an offence to "take any firearm or dangerous weapon on to the premises of the SA Rail Commuter Corporation, except when permission has been obtained," he said.

"The SAP will do everything within its power to enforce the prohibition ... and an appeal is made to every person who makes use of the trains to co-operate with the police," he said.

Meanwhile yesterday, six people were injured when they were tossed from a train between Johannesberg and Braamfontein stations, police said.

In another incident, three men were seriously injured when they jumped out of a moving train to escape attackers.

At Jeppe Station, a man was attacked and thrown off a moving train. He sustained head injuries.

A body was found at Longhol Station near Soweto, and a man was injured on a train at George Goch Station by a group of people.

Police spokesman Lt-Col Tienie Halgren said six people were injured — one seriously — when a hand grenade exploded at Meadowlands taxi rank, Soweto, early yesterday.

It could not be established whether the grenade was thrown from a moving vehicle.
Police rescue teachers as students protest

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POLICE evacuated white teachers from Isidingo College in Daveyton near Benoni last week as students shouted political slogans and toyed in the schoolyard to voice their grievances.

The class boycott which started last week was sparked off by a rejection of students' demands that a quarter of school funds be allocated to the Students' Representative Council (SRC).

Students also demanded that the college administration provided them with an office from which they could run the activities of the student body and that they refund students R50; which was charged for books which have not been supplied.

SRC chairperson Shuso Nuil said students were suspicious about the manner in which school funds were being administered. He said students were charged between R264 and R607 in school fees, and that they were promised a fully-equipped library at the beginning of the school-term this year. But two months later, work on the proposed library had not started.

PROTEST: Some of the pupils from Isidingo College in Daveyton who are unhappy at the administration of their school.
Dark City’s people flee killing

FEAR stalks the streets surrounding Alexandra’s Madala hostel. This week, amid allegations of intimidation, killings and extortion, the people who lived there headed for safer places. JOE LOUW captures the drama in words and pictures.

HUNDREDS of Alexandra residents have fled the violence-racked section of the township near the Madala hostel — the epicentre of much of the unrest plaguing the township.

Since the first week of this month, Alexandra has been a community in agony, suffering levels of tension, intimidation and violence reminiscent of the days it earned the nickname “Dark City.”

By last night at least nine people had lost their lives. One was beheaded, six were shot and 81 were stabbed. More than 150 families fled from their homes around the hostel.

“Every day they stab, they kill,” Dorothy Pitso told a community crisis meeting. “The perpetrators come from that hostel. People are living in fear. I want something to be done, I want to return to my home.”

On Thursday families occupying the blocks between First and Eighth avenues, bounded by Roosevelt and London roads, scrambled into trucks organised by local civic groups and the ANC.

They were taken to temporary shelters at churches, schools, police stations or homes of relatives living further away from the block of terror and intimidation.

Victoria Masithela, who has lived at 134 Third Avenue for the past 34 years, abandoned her home with her two youngest girls, aged three and four. She described her experiences of the past few weeks.
there was no life there anymore.

"Early evening we would lock ourselves in, hoping for the best and pray to God just to bring us safe to tomorrow.

"But every night they came - these men, knocking loud and shouting that we must open up. They forced us to pay R5. They say we must belong to Inkatha.

"Sometimes they take our clothes. They can take anything they want because we are afraid.

"If you go to the police they can come and kill you."

David Masekina of Fourth Avenue, also a long-time resident of the block, spoke from the doorless, windowless school at the Christian Apostolic Church of South Africa on 12th

FLEEING VIOLENCE: A ‘terror block’ resident clutches hastily gathered belongings as she scrambles to trucks that will take her to a place of safety.

I don’t know how or if I will get it when this thing is finished.”

Inkatha Freedom Party officials Simon Nxumalo and Lucas Koza were confronted by residents during a stormy meeting called by the Peace Group at Alexandra’s Kopanong Community Centre, when they arrived to discuss the violence, the plight of “displaced” families and their allegations about Inkatha intimidation.

“One political organisation has complete control over its membership — 101 percent control. We have said time and time again there is an element of thuggery involved in this violence,” said Koza.
A dramatic slowdown of violent crimes in Alexandra leading up to the Referendum

Violence nosedives after poll result

JOE LOUW

inside. (2.78)

"Nobody dares to set foot outside until the next morning."

Police liaison officer Captain Eugene Opperman credits additional patrols as a factor in curbing the violence.

However, he insists that the key players in the township's clashes -- the Inkhata Freedom Party and the ANC -- must get together to try to settle this thing once and for all.

He points out that while police might calm the situation for a while, unless there is a settlement between the parties, the violence could return as soon as the unrest area declaration is removed.

Moses Meyekiso of the Alexandra Civic Association says IFP leaders in Alexandra have had to distance themselves from the violence that has been unleashed on the township by residents from Madola hostel, which he says has been the centre of the violence.

"It is where there is a majority of IFP supporters. They recruit other members from Impep and George Goch to reinforce those committing violence. It is a lie to say that only a few people in there are out of control. If we are dealing with a bunch of thugs, we refer to them as leaders, residents are entitled to know."

He says his organisation is committed to non-violence and an early return to peace "so that we can get on with the betterment of our community."

"The IFP, of which I am chairman, does not condone what is done to township residents. There are people in that hostel who do not belong there, there are elements who are out of control."

"People seem to forget that not all Zulu-speaking people are Inkatha. We also have members who are Xhosa, and many Sotho. We have members who live there, but you cannot control a mob."

At the end of a night of sometimes heated debate on issues troubling township residents, the meeting, chaired by the Rev Busani Ngubane and attended by representatives from most principal political and civic organisations resolved to demand the closure of Madola hostel and a review of the status of the Nobutille and Helen Joseph hostels.

A memorandum of demand is to be presented to the local authorities.

Residents plan to take part in mass action to underscore the demand for the hostel's closure.
Five violent Soweto deaths

By Glen Elisas

Five men were killed in violent incidents in Soweto on Saturday night, police said.

A pedestrian in Orlando West was hacked and stabbed to death by a group of men at about 11 pm. Police arrested three men.

Another man was dragged from his house in the area and stabbed and hacked to death.

Passengers in a minibus shot at pedestrians in Jabulani at 1:30 am yesterday, killing two men. The burnt-out minibus believed to have been set alight by its occupants was later found by police.

At 3 am police spotted a stolen car in Zondi. The driver refused to stop. Several shots were fired at the vehicle and the driver was killed. Police are investigating.
More train attacks: 'State forces involved'

PRETORIA: - Attacks on Reef train commuters continued yesterday, when two more people died and 22 were injured.

Police in Soweto yesterday seized a large quantity of dangerous weapons on several trains, but no arrests were made.

ANC leader Mr Nelson Mandela said in Cape Town yesterday that only way of stopping the violence was the creation of an interim government. "It is quite clear the security forces are involved at the highest level," he told businessmen.

Echoing Mr Mandela's accusation, Labour Party MP Mr Sk Louw said in the House of Representatives that there was proof that the government was involved in the daily deaths of people on trains.

In Soweto on Thursday night another five people died. Three were flung from moving trains by armed gangs.

The director of the South African Institute of Race Relations, Mr John Kane-Berman, said: "There is no hard evidence that the government is orchestrating the violence. Some of the simplistic explanations doing the rounds suggest blacks are not capable of killing each other unless whites put them up to it, which is nonsense."

'Well-founded'

A political analyst at Natal University, Mr Graham Howe, said: "Most of the battles in Natal are fought regardless of politics at a national level - it's a Sicilian climate of feuding. People are competing for resources - it will take enormous socio-economic restructuring to end the fighting."

Mr Lloyd Vogelman, director of a violence research group at the University of the Witwatersrand, believes "third force" theories are well-founded. "Ending the killing will depend on the police infiltrating the cells behind it," he said.

Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche, leader of the AWB, said yesterday his private army, estimated at 5,000 strong, was preparing for war. "The referendum has put us on the road to bloody revolution," he said.

The police have denied reports that the security forces have been put on full alert in anticipation of a violent right-wing response to the pro-reform labelled referendum result.

Yesterday the Minister of Justice, Mr Kobie Coetsee, welcomed the ANC's public condemnation of incidents of violence and thuggery attributed to its members in Phola and in Wednesday's march in Cape Town. - Sapa-Reuters and Political Staff.
POLICE reported two Reef train deaths on Friday, bringing the number killed since Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel banned the carrying of weapons on trains earlier this week: 27/3/92.

Assailants stabbed a 69-year-old man to death and threw him off at Orlando Station, while another man was hacked to death and thrown from a train at Kwassei Station in Katlehong.
IFP march on John Vorster

ABOUT 20 000 armed Inkatha supporters chanting "Peace!" marched on John Vorster Square yesterday to hand over a petition containing demands including the disbanding of the ANC's military wing Umkhonto weSizwe.

Weapons

Weapons — supposed to be only sticks, knobkerries and shields — included sharpened metal poles, meat cleavers and dustbin lids.

SAP and SADF members — armed with automatic weapons — escorted the marchers into and out of the centre of town while bystanders, many of them looking apprehensive, stood well back.

The march was peaceful and by mid-afternoon no incident had been reported. — Sapa

DOING THE INKATHA CANCAN... An energetic IFP supporter high-kicking her way to John Vorster Square yesterday. — Pic: MIKE NZILENI
INKATHA ON THE MARCH

By CHARLES LEONARD

A GROUP of 10,000 Inkatha members marched through the streets of Johannesburg yesterday. Many of them were armed with spears, sharpened metal rods, knobkerries and homemade battle axes — despite the ban on the carrying of traditional weapons.

Police did not disarm any of the men, but two people were reportedly stabbed and five beaten by the marchers. Many shopowners closed their doors as the wave of marchers flooded by. The march — part of a "programme of protest action for peace" — ended at John Vorster Square, where a memorandum was handed to the police.
MKAthala vs Inkatha

Membership not enough; now they have to answer questions
day morning, a well-known local businessman, Edward "Edoms" Bhengu, was shot dead outside his house. Eyewitnesses claim he was loading his possession trying to take his family to safety when he was shot at close range by attackers who wanted to know why he was leaving the area.

USELESS... Cards. The displaced families offered no protection. The displaced from the hostel said they wanted to occupy the area between First and Sixth Avenues. Since they fled their homes, this strip of land has now become a "no-go" area and an IFP stronghold.

Most families whose houses border the Madala Hostel fled after impi allegedly raided their homes and assaulted them this week for failing to answer certain questions regarding the IFP.

The questions, it is claimed, distinguish between true Inkatha members and those who have taken out membership for protection. Wrong answers could mean serious assault or even death.

Some families conceded they took out IFP membership for protection against being killed by the organisation’s supporters.

Most of the "members" expressed fear at being identified by their attackers and refused to have their names published.

They were even scared to produce their membership cards and said they had left them behind when they fled after realising they served no purpose.

Residents told City Press adults had to pay R5 a month for membership. They also had to pay R3 for every child in the household.

Displaced families said they were told by their assailants that attacks were no longer directed at the ANC and Xhosa-speaking people only but at all non-Zulus.

Families said they were attacked after IFP members accused them of harbouring ANC members in their homes.

Most took only what they could carry. By Friday all their houses had been occupied by new tenants members of the IFP proper.

The IFP chairman in the area, Simon Nxumalo, an employee of the township’s town council, denied IFP supporters assaulted or intimidated any of the displaced families.

He demanded that the threatened families prove their assailants were IFP supporters.

He said: "Anyone who is not our member can threaten people in the name of the IFP and we can’t just take the blame. There are scores of hostel dwellers who are not necessarily our members."

Nxumalo said there were also displaced families in the hostel complex who were kicked out of the township by ANC supporters last year. Although they were Zulu-speaking, the families were not necessarily IFP supporters. They were harassed simply because they were Zulus.

March

Families rejected his explanation, saying it did not happen anywhere in the world that criminals expected their victims to produce party-political membership cards.

A march is being planned for Thursday for residents to demand the immediate removal of the hostel and the shacks occupied by IFP members in the township.

The angry families want the hostel, probably the largest on the Reef, either demolished or converted into family units.

The families were initially housed in churches, halls and a recreation centre.

They said when the council did not respond to their request for protection or alternative accommodation, they besieged the council premises.
Call for march, stayaway in Alex

By Stan Hlophe

A broad range of political organisations in Alexandra have called for a stayaway and a march to the city council offices on Thursday in protest against violence which has left several people dead, more than 200 injured and about 500 displaced families.

At a press conference it was announced that the residents would march to the local police station where they would deliver petitions demanding, among other things, the closure of the Madala hostel.

The press conference was called following a meeting last week of the local peace committee, comprising representatives from the ANC, PAC, Azapo, IFP and women's and business organisations.

At the meeting it was agreed that residents should embark on mass action to force the authorities to remove the "unknown" people occupying the shacks and houses of families displaced by the violence.

They also demanded that police step up patrols and set up a mobile station near the hostel.

Violence flared in the township 10 days ago when gunmen ambushed an IFP funeral procession.

After the violence, the ANC, IFP, Azapo and PAC agreed to a truce. But the truce lasted barely hours and at least 20 more people were killed.

The Rev. Buyisani Ngubane, who chaired the press conference, and ANC regional general-secretary Obed Bapela denied claims that IFP supporters were to blame for driving families from their homes.

Mr. Ngubane and Mr. Bapela said they had been assured by local IFP representatives that the culprits were "thugs" who had no ties with IFP or hostels.
Weapons ban fails to curb attacks

Staff Reporters

Although all weapons were banned on railway property from today, one man was killed and one seriously injured in train attacks in Johannesburg early this morning.

Police said the body of a man was found at Longdale Station at about 6 am. He had multiple injuries after being attacked and thrown from a train.

Another man was found at Braamfontein Station shortly before 7 am. He had head wounds on his head and was taken to hospital.

The ban on all weapons — from firearms and machetes to spanners and tyres — came into effect at midnight. Police said last week they would do all in their power to enforce the ban in an effort to curb rampant train attacks.

A senior SA Communist Party official and two other men were killed in a hand grenade blast in Sehokoje near Vereeniging yesterday.

Police said Saul Tsotetsi, chairman of the Vaal Triangle branch of the SACFP, died at about 2 am when a hand grenade of communist origin exploded in his hand.

Elia Motloung and Alfred Yia were also killed in the explosion while Enoch Khaye and John Ngalo were injured.

ANC Witwatersrand spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said five men had attacked Mr Tsotetsi while he was returning home.

Police denied knowledge of any attack and Mr Mamoepa’s claim that one of the two injured had been arrested.

Several sporadic attacks in Soweto and in townships on the East Rand at the weekend claimed at least 10 more lives, while seven other people were injured during an Inkatha Freedom Party protest march through Johannesburg.

At least three people died and two were seriously injured in attacks in Duduzi near Nigel.

Police said Special Constable Mpotowna died at 7 am yesterday after he had been assaulted with an axe.

Another man was killed in the same attack while Joel Mbonjane was seriously injured when he was stabbed outside the Duduzi Hostel.

Enoch Lomjane died of head injuries in another assault in Duduzi.

A 12-year-old boy was shot dead from a passing train in Katlehong on Saturday afternoon. At 9 am on Saturday, the body of a man who had been beaten to death was found in Tembisa, near Kempton Park.

An unidentified woman was seriously hurt when she was thrown off a train near the bridge at Wadeville Station at 5 pm on Saturday.

The body of a man was found in Davetown and another in Thokoza, police said.

At Alexandra, a man was shot dead on Saturday and another was wounded yesterday.

In Soweto three people, including a 11-year-old child, were shot dead and two others were injured in separate attacks by unknown gunmen. Police say all the attacks took place at about 7 pm.

Two people were reported stabbed and five beaten up when, about 10 000 Inkatha supporters marched through Johannesburg on Saturday.
Boy shot dead
as train passes

JOHANNESBURG. — Twelve people, including two
children and a policeman, were killed in violent
incidents in the PWV region over the weekend.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Lieutenant-
Colonel David Bruce said a 12-year-old boy playing
soccer with friends was shot dead by an unknown
gunman who fired from a passing train in Kriel
on Saturday.

Col Bruce said the off-duty policeman died after
being hit over the head with an axe in Duduza.

Two men were found hacked to death in Duduza
and two were found burnt — one to death — in
Daveyton. A man died of gunshot wounds in Tokoza
as did a man in Alexandra.

At Zondi, in Soweto, a group of men entered a
house and shot a man dead. A child was killed in a
another similar incident. Also in Soweto a man was
shot dead in a hostel room.

A woman thrown from a Randfontein train and
another hurled off a train near Alberton on Satur-
day were seriously injured. An unidentified woman
was thrown from a train bridge near Wadeville. Her
condition was not known. — Sapa
Inkatha march to protest for peace

THOUSANDS of Inkatha Freedom Party members marched through Johannesburg on Saturday in a massive demonstration of strength to "protest for peace".

The marchers made their way to John Vorster Square police headquarters, where their leaders handed over a memorandum.

Earlier in the week, IFP officials released lists containing names of supporters who they said had died in sectarian violence.

On Saturday, wave after wave of shield and stick-wielding IFP supporters made their way down Commissioner Street to John Vorster Square.

Bystanders, many of them looking apprehensive, stood well back.

IFP marchers brandished shields, sharpened sticks, poles and other implements, including battle axes. Police and other security personnel lined the streets.

Last Thursday the IFP announced its "a programme of protest action for peace" to start on Saturday.

IFP Youth League Transvaal leader Mr Themba Khoza said at a press conference in Johannesburg the protest action had become an "absolute necessity as our communities are being ravaged by proponents of death and destruction."

"Past efforts to achieve lasting peace have not proved adequate and thus more pro-active measures are needed to provide the necessary impetus to achieve peace."

He said the march was not called for Saturday - Sharpeville Day - in an attempt to upstage commemoration services and rallies by other political organisations which were held on the same day.

"Politically-speaking we obviously have an interest in Sharpeville Day as this was the day people were killed for pursuing the cause we are also fighting for.

"But our march is not for strategic reasons. We are in harmony with Sharpeville commemoration rallies," said Khoza.

Saturday's march started at the George Coch Stadium at 10am and then proceeded to the John Vorster Square.

A memorandum handed to a senior police officer contained "certain issues of protest which must be addressed immediately for the sake of peace and stability".

The ANC leadership's "involvement" at local and national level regarding "acts of violence" on IFP members, and the role of the ANC's armed wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe, would also be protested.

Sapa.
AN OFFICIAL of the South African Communist Party who is also a member of the ANC was killed with two other people in a hand grenade explosion in Sebokeng in the Vaal Triangle yesterday.

Conflicting reports on the death of SACP official Mr. Saul Tsotetsi and two other men, Mr. Alfred Yika and Mr. Elias Motloeng, emerged yesterday.

Police yesterday described the three men's deaths as "suicide".

However, SACP officials said Tsotetsi died while being attacked by a group of five men.

"Police spokesman Colonel Dave Bruce said yesterday that: "A hand grenade exploded in Tsotetsi's hands, killing him, Motloeng and Yika instantly."

"Two other men, Enoch Khoiye and John Nhlapo, were injured in the explosion. They were both taken to hospital."

The ages of the men could not be established yesterday.

Officials of the SACP, however, disputed the police version of the incident.
Probe was tardy.
ANC man killed in grenade explosion

JOHANNESBURG: A high-ranking ANC official, Mr. Saul Tshwete, died early yesterday when a hand grenade exploded in his hand.

A police spokesman said Mr. Elias Teto Motloang and Mr. Alfred Yika also died in the blast. Two men were injured.

The spokesman said police had been unable to determine why Mr. Tshwete, also a member of the SACP and the SAC, was holding a hand grenade.

An ANC spokesman has denied the suggestion that Mr. Tshwete's death was accidental.

The spokesman added that Mr. Tshwete had been attacked by five men. He said Mr. Tshwete was trying to end off the attack when the grenade, thrown by one of his assailants, exploded in his hand.
Commission asked to probe death

THE Goldstone Commission has been asked to interview one of the survivors of the grenade blast in which a member of both the SACP and the ANC was killed.

Mr Saul Tsotetsi's family attorney, Mr Caroline Heaton Nicholls, said her firm had requested this intervention because police had refused them direct access to Mr Tsotetsi, Nhlapho, whom they regarded as a vital witness.

Tsotetsi and two other men, Mr Elias Mdloung and Mr Alfred Yika, were killed in the blast near Tsotetsi's Sebokeng house in the early hours of Sunday morning.

Mr Boro Khayie and Nhlapho were injured and admitted to hospital.

The PWV branches of the ANC and SACP, and Cosatu's Western Transvaal region, yesterday said they regarded the death as an assassination.

"Saul's death brings to seven the number of anti-apartheid activists killed in a space of three weeks in the Vaal complex.

"A clear pattern of orchestrated attacks by unknown death squads who continue to elude the police continues to emerge," they said.

Evidence gathered from various sources pointed to a five-person attack on Tsotetsi as he approached his home, the statement said.

Police have accused the ANC of interfering with a potential witness, Mr Dan Nhlanhla. The ANC has charged the police have arrested at least one witness.

Both parties deny the actions they are accused of.

Police spokesman Colonel Dave Bruce said an ANC probe was not welcome.

"There is only one police force and only that force is entitled to investigate this case," he said.

But if the Goldstone Commission were to intervene, "we would welcome it," Bruce said.
Tensions run high in Ennerdale

TENSIONS ran high in Ennerdale yesterday as residents erected barricades and intermittently stoned local authority vehicles involved in cutting cables supplying houses with electricity.

Up to six police vans with local police and riot police from Vodacom were on hand to protect the Ennerdale and Local Development Committee workers as they went about their job.

The vice chairman of the Ennerdale and Surrounding Civic Association, Mr Roger McCullouch, said he could not understand why electricity supply was being cut.

"We had a meeting with Epeko on Thursday last week which was chaired by the National Peace Committee, where it was agreed that no further action would be taken before the next meeting in early April," McCullouch.
Rail violence: two hostel dwellers held

Crime Staff

In a breakthrough against rampant train violence, police yesterday arrested two Zulu-speaking hostel dwellers, allegedly linked to attacks on Johannesburg trains last week in which 10 people were injured.

Witwatersrand police liaison officer, Captain Eugene Opperman said the SAP had not ruled out the possibility that the men could be linked to other attacks.

More arrests could follow, he said.

The suspects, aged 24 and 26, are due to appear in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court today on charges of attempted murder.

Captain Opperman said undercover police officers had accompanied a witness who pointed out the men at Jeppe station yesterday morning.

The two residents of Merafe hostel in Soweto are suspected of involvement in two attacks on Johannesburg trains on Thursday.

Nine men and a woman were injured and some victims are still in hospital.

Captain Opperman said train 9813, on which the two men were arrested, was bound for the East Rand from Soweto.

It was not clear whether the suspects had any weapons at the time of their arrest.

Captain Opperman urged commuters to use toll-free numbers to report acts of violence.

The toll-free number for Reitz commuters is 0800-110141.

Although all weapons were banned on railway property from yesterday, one man was killed and one seriously injured in early morning attacks in Johannesburg yesterday.

An injured man was found at Braamfontein station shortly before 5am.

The death of a man who was thrown from a train near Longdell station brought the number of people killed in countrywide violence since Friday.

At least 32 people have been killed since February 20.

Licensed gun-owners who commute by train may apply for permits authorising them to carry their weapons, police confirmed yesterday.

SA Gun Owners Association chairman Ian Lear, who met Commissioner of Police General Johan van der Merwe yesterday, said he had been assured that firearm owners could apply for exemptions.

Permits may be issued to licensed gun-owners at the discretion of police station commanders which enable them to carry their firearms while travelling on trains.

Mr Lear said his association understood the need for the measure and would support it, provided permits for exemptions were issued "on a reasonable basis".

Lieutenant-Colonel Roy Creeze, SAP headquarters in Pretoria, said station commanders would assess each application on its merits. The ban was aimed at fighting violence on trains and it was not the intention to inconvenience law-abiding gun owners.
‘Rifle find led to arrests’

The discovery of an AK-47 rifle at an Alexandra hostel was a breakthrough in the police investigation into the fatal shooting of 13 people at a vigil in the township on March 27 last year, the Rand Supreme Court was told yesterday.

Constable Peter Bothma was testifying before Mr Justice H Daniels in a trial-within-a-trial to determine the admissibility of a statement made by one of the accused, Christopher Mdatha.

Bothma said the arrest followed the weapon’s find.

Mr Mdatha’s defence counsel told the court he had no knowledge of the AK-47 rifle and would argue that the firearm may have been brought into the hostel by police or another inmate.

The five accused are members and supporters of the Inkatha Freedom Party. They face 13 charges of murder and 17 charges of attempted murder as well as one count of housebreaking.

The State has alleged that at a funeral vigil of Jane Rambokole on March 27 last year, the five men sprayed the mourners with a volley of bullets from an automatic rifle, leaving 13 dead and scores injured.

The accused are: Gibson Mbathe (28), Derick Majoli (21), Mr Mdatha (30), Petrus Butelezi (31) and John Zakwe (36), all of Alexandra.

The hearing continues.

— Sapa
Sowetans flee after fierce attack
By Montshwa Moroko

At least one woman was shot dead and another left paralysed after residents of Mzimhlophe, Soweto, were allegedly attacked by heavily armed inmates from the nearby men's hostel on Sunday night.

One family was left homeless after their home was petrol-bombed in the attack and several families in Ndabezitha Street, near the hostel, packed up and moved out yesterday.

The dead woman was Buyiswa Nqinque (24), a mother of two young children.

A neighbour said Ms Nqinque was shot while sitting in her shack with her four-year-old son and 15-month-old daughter at about 8 pm on Sunday. A bullet pierced the zinc wall and hit her chest.

Mduyai Chauke (46) was shot in the foot in the same yard.

Friends were yesterday trying to trace Ms Nqinque's relatives.

The paralysed woman is Thadi Miriam Mosia (29) of Mabaatho Street. She was shot at about 8 am while returning home after she had sought safety elsewhere for the night. She is in Baragwanath Hospital.

The area was tense yesterday, as police patrolled the streets. Many residents had not gone to work and pupils said they had not gone to school for a week.

Residents said hostilities had begun a week ago and had increased until the attack on Sunday night.
We tried to halt carrying of weapons

By Thabo Leshilo
Political Staff

The police and the Inkatha Freedom Party yesterday said they had done all in their power to prevent the carrying of dangerous weapons during the IFP march in Johannesburg on Saturday.

Several bystanders were stabbed and beaten by marchers carrying weapons in defiance of a Government proclamation prohibiting the practice.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Colonel Dave Bruce said police had made it clear to IFP leaders that carrying weapons would not be allowed. However, it would not have been possible for the SAP to disarm the huge crowd, estimated at about 10 000.

"Trying to disarm such a big crowd would have led to a terrible confrontation."

IFP West Rand leader Humphrey Ndlovu said he had appealed to members to leave dangerous weapons behind before leaving George Goch Stadium. He said people seen carrying sharpened iron rods, meat cleavers and other weapons had joined the march from elsewhere.
Tyres burnt, stones hurled as power cut

By Michael Sparks

Tensions ran high in Enerdale yesterday as residents erected barricades and stoned local-authority vehicles involved in cutting cables supplying houses with electricity.

Up to six police vans with local and riot police from Vereeniging were on hand to protect the Enerdale and Local Development Committee workers (known by the Afrikaans acronym Epok) as they went about their job.

Epok worker Mark Arendse said cables were being cut to 18 houses where electricity supplies had been illegally reconnected after being cut off because of non-payment.

Enerdale and Surrounding Civic Association vice-chairman Roger McCulloch said he could not understand why electricity supplies were being cut off.

"We had a meeting with Epok on Thursday last week, which was chaired by the National Peace Committee, where it was agreed that no further action would be taken before the next meeting in early April."

At the next meeting the civic association was to decide how to implement its offer of a flat rate of R50 a month for electricity which would end the three-year electricity boycott.

Angry residents lit petrol-soaked tyres in the roads and threw stones when vehicles belonging to Epok approached.

Mr McCulloch said the civic had tried, without success, to get hold of the Peace Secretariat to mediate in the dispute.

"We depended on the Peace Secretariat to play a strong mediating role, but it does not look like the negotiations are working. Epok is going around the back of the negotiating table."

No one at Epok was available for comment.
New evidence in Alex killings

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Bothma said the weapon find was a breakthrough for the SA Police. Further weapon finds and five arrests followed, he added.

Mbatha's defence counsel told the court he had no knowledge of the AK-47 rifle and would argue the rifle might have been brought into the hostel by a police or another dweller.

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They are Mr Gibson Mbatha (28), Mr Derick Majoxi (21), Mr Mbatha (30), Mr Petrus Buthelezi (31) and Mr John Zako (56)—all of Alexandra. —

SAPA.
Ms Caroline Jwara stands next to the ruins of what used to be her relatives’ home in Mzimhlopho, Soweto. The house was gutted during an attack on the family on Sunday night.

Pic: PATTY MOENG

Three more die on trains

THREE more commuters were killed and several injured in attacks on Reef trains yesterday despite a ban on the carrying of weapons.

And police said two hostel inmates suspected of taking part in various attacks on trains were arrested by plain-clothes police men aboard a train yesterday morning.

The body of a man who had been stabbed, hacked and hurled out of a moving train was found at Longdale station near Industria.

Two more bodies — one of them mutilated — were found at New Canada station.

Ambush

Police said the men had been assaulted before being pushed out of a moving train.

Describing the arrest of the two hostel dwellers, police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said: “Eyewitnesses accompanied by undercover police pointed out the two suspects at Jepps station yesterday morning.”

The two men would appear today in the Johannesburg Magistrate’s Court.

Opperman said the two men, aged 24 and 26 and also residents of Merafe Hostel, were suspected to have taken part in an ambush on commuters last Thursday in a Johannesburg-bound train.

Nine men and a woman were injured in the attack. Some of those injured were yesterday reported to be still in hospital.

At Mzimhlopho, Soweto, two houses were gutted and several others looted as fighting continued between Meadowlands Hostel residents and those in the township.

A body of a woman believed to have been shot during an ambush on Mzimhlopho residents was discovered in a veld yesterday.

Meanwhile, Sapa reports that at least 13 miners were killed in an inter-group fighting at Impala’s Bafokeng North Hostel in Bophuthatswana at the weekend.

The fighting apparently broke out on Saturday afternoon between supporters of the National Union of Mineworkers and those who did not support it, owners of the mine.

Gemini said yesterday.

Gemini said Sotho-speaking employees had requested to leave the mine.
Police link with fire probed

THE possible involvement of a young policeman in the Pretoria Elim Church blaze which left eight "street children" dead and 11 injured, was being investigated by the SAP, sources said yesterday.

Official police sources would not confirm or deny the investigation, but said an earlier statement that "arson was excluded as the cause of the fire" was premature and based on preliminary findings by forensic experts.

A cover-up by police was strongly denied.

An investigation into the fire at the disused church, which housed 22 homeless youths between the ages of nine and 24 as part of the Pretoria University's Youth Initiative Project, continued last week when Lawyers for Human Rights (LHR) claimed a police cover-up.

Following the police's dismissal of arson shortly after the blaze, LHR had called in its own forensic experts who, in collaboration with fire department experts, examined the ruins and found evidence that the fire had been started by somebody. LHR executive director Brian Corrin said.

Points indicating this included the rate at which the fire spread, the fact that it was burning simultaneously on most floors and evidence suggesting use of a liquid accelerant.

Sources close to police investigations said the whereabouts of a 24-year-old policeman — believed to be a member of the Sunnyside Criminal Investigation Unit investigating the fire, at the time of the start of the pre-dawn fire, was under scrutiny.

The docket on the blaze has been handed to one of the country's top investigative policemen, Brigadier Wilhelm Bignaut.

The gutted Elim Church was demolished shortly after the initial police reaction, excluding arson, was issued.

Earlier, project leader Jeremy Kruger said an intoxicated plainclothes policeman had visited the church several days before the blaze. An argument had started between some of the youths and the policeman, who said he was investigating theft charges.

The policeman had been attacked by some of the youths and was forced to flee, Kruger said.

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In what is believed to be a major breakthrough, six men were arrested in connection with a spate of violent crimes committed in East Rand townships in recent weeks.

The six were arrested in connection with murders, kidnappings and robberies reported in Krielshong and Tokora.

Police also recovered two firearms and stolen goods during a raid that led to the arrests.

Captain Eugene Opperman, spokesman for the Witwatersrand police, said the suspects were arrested after a tip-off.

The arrests come as train killings and other unrest-related incidents continue despite the implementation on Monday of a ban on carrying of dangerous weapons on the trains.

Witwatersrand police reported that four people were killed in unrest-related incidents in the area yesterday.

Two men were thrown out of a moving train after they had been hacked to death.

The police said they found bodies of two men in Alexandra Township and Meadowlands, Soweto, yesterday. One of the men had been burnt to death.
ANC, SACP out to get us, claims IFP's Mdlalose

THE Inkatha Freedom Party yesterday claimed the ANC and the SA Communist Party were planning to attack its members in Alexandra Township and Soweto.

The organisation claimed the alleged attacks, planned to start today and expected to last four days, were aimed at driving its members out of the townships.

But ANC spokesman Mr Saki Macozoma rejected the allegations, saying it was clear the organisation was afraid of the "democratic transformation taking place in the country".

The allegations coincide with the call by the Alexandra Peace Committee for a stayaway in the township today to demand the closure of the Madala Hostel, perceived by the committee as a source of most of the violence in the area.

Addressing a Press conference in Johannesburg yesterday, IFP national chairman Dr Frank Mdlalose claimed the ANC/SACP planned to "launch further attacks on the survivors of the alleged onslaught during the Easter holidays."

Meanwhile, the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry into the Prevention of Violence and Intimidation is to sit in Pretoria on Friday to try and establish sources of allegations made by the IFP.

The chairman of the commission, Mr Justice Richard Goldstone, said he had received a report that a statement had been issued concerning the massacre.
'Terror campaign' to be investigated

By Peter Fabricius
Political Correspondent

The Goldstone Commission on political violence is to meet urgently on Friday to ask the IFP to verify allegations it made yesterday that the ANC/South African Communist Party alliance is about to launch a terror campaign against the IFP on the Reef.

The IFP's Transvaal leadership would have to provide the commission with information about its allegations, Mr Justice Goldstone, chairman of the Commission Regarding the Prevention of Public Violence and Intimidation, said yesterday.

He appealed to the public, and especially the IFP, not to act on the unsubstantiated rumours in the meantime.

Attacks on Zulu-speakers and hostel dwellers would increase from today, IFP chairman Dr Frank Mdlinlose said yesterday.

Addressing a press conference at Codesa, he claimed the IFP had information that "certain people" were collecting guns which had been stockpiled in their "tens of thousands" in the eastern Transvaal and on the East and West Rand.

He said the IFP believed the guns would be used against Zulu-speakers and Zulu hostel dwellers.

Dr Mdlinlose and Dr Ben Ngubane, an IFP central committee member and KwaZulu's Minister of Health, alleged that violence had increased since SAPC general-secretary Chris Hani addressed a rally in Empangeni recently.

"We can't go on at great speed at Codesa if our leaders are killed," said Dr Ngubane. It was the duty of the State to protect all citizens, but because of the nature of the attacks, police were unable to protect everybody.

It was therefore the duty of the Government to disband the ANC's military wing Umkhonto we Sizwe, he added.

Contacted by The Star, Mr Hani denied the allegations. He said there had been violence in the Empangeni area before he addressed the rally.

He said he had been prevented from entering the township by armed IFP members, and that the violence in the area was directed against ANC and Cosatu members.

- The PAC announced yesterday that it would embark on a campaign aimed at ending the slaughter on Reef trains.

National campaigns committee chairman Mtshweni Madzumuya said the programme entailed a boycott of trains and a national work stayaway.
IFP in Alexandra rejects planned protest march

By Sian Hophe

The Inkatha Freedom Party’s Alexandra branch has dissociated itself from a residents’ march on the township’s police station and municipality tomorrow to protest against ongoing violence in the area.

Several organisations announced last week that residents would stay away from work tomorrow to deliver a petition to the police and town council.

Hostel closure

The protest was decided upon at a meeting of the local peace committee — comprising representatives of the ANC, PAC, Azapo, IFP, and women’s and business organisations.

Residents will demand the closure of the Madala hostel, more frequent police patrols in the township, the setting up of a mobile police station near the hostel, and that the authorities remove the “unknown” people who occupied the dwellings of about 500 families who fled the area fearing renewed attacks.

In a statement yesterday, the IFP branch said it rejected the demand for the closure of the hostel and the removal of the occupants of the dwellings.

“The planned stayaway is totally rejected by the IFP.”

“Once again, the IFP regards this decision as provocative and unconstructive. The peace committee should adopt initiatives which embrace the entire Alexandra community.”

The IFP said it seemed that “certain elements within the Alexandra peace committee” were manipulating the structure to pursue their own personal agendas.

They seemed “intent on marginalising the IFP in peace efforts” in Alexandra.

“The IFP remains committed to achieving genuine and lasting peace in Alexandra but refuses to be part of campaigns that are diametrically opposed to attainment of that goal.”

The IFP said violence in the township could be stopped if all residents were genuinely committed to peace, rather than by expecting the police to take sole responsibility for the community’s security.

The IFP said it remained in favour of negotiations to resolve the conflict in Alexandra even though its members were the victims of intimidation and attacks.
Violence continues in Soweto

Violence continued in Soweto last night and early today with one man murdered, houses petrol bombed and people thrown from moving trains.

The body of a man was found outside Meadowlands Hostel early today. He had been killed and then set alight.

Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Haigrym of the Soweto police said two houses in Meadowlands were petrol bombed last night.

One of the houses is on the Ancon School grounds. A man was murdered in the house some time ago.

Four people were thrown off a train near New Canada station yesterday evening. They were taken to Baragwanath Hospital.

Hostel dweller held

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Third hostel dweller held over train attacks

Crime Staff

Police yesterday arrested a third inmate of Soweto's Merafe hostel in connection with attacks on Johannesburg trains last week in which 10 people were injured.

Police said detectives arrested a 25-year-old man at a Johannesburg plumbing firm.

On Monday, two suspects aged 24 and 28 were arrested after being identified by an eyewitness at Jeppe station.

The three men are due to appear in the Johannesburg Regional Court today on charges of attempted murder.

The charges relate to two attacks on Johannesburg trains last Thursday.

Detectives are also questioning a 48-year-old man from Merafe hostel.

Captain Eugene Opperman, police liaison officer for the Witwatersrand, said detectives had not excluded the possibility that the three suspects could be linked to other train attacks.
Five die in political violence

JOHANNESBURG. -- Three men were injured in attacks on hostels in Thokoza on the East Rand early yesterday, and at least five people have been killed in political violence since Monday morning.

Of the five people who died, three were killed on trains in Soweto and Johannesburg, police said.

Witwatersrand police said that in the hostel attacks yesterday, the attackers, armed with AK-47 rifles and travelling in a white Mazda bakkie, fired at a hostel in Khumalo Street.

Two men, Mr. Cherry Malepi and Mr. Philip Nkobo, who were sitting in a vehicle close to the hostel at the time, were wounded in the shooting.

Police later found more than 60 spent AK-47 shells on the scene.

Soon afterwards, at an adjoining hostel, another man was wounded in the face when shot at by an attacker armed with a pistol.

Mr. Farouk Jardine, chairman of the Ennerdale Civic Association, has claimed that two people were killed when police opened fire on residents barricading roads in Ennerdale on Monday in protest against power cuts.

Two to Zulu-speaking men were arrested on Monday.

-- Sapa

Train attack:
3rd man held

JOHANNESBURG. -- A third man was arrested yesterday morning for his alleged involvement in Thursday's train attack in which 10 people were injured.

The public relations division of the South African Police said.

The 25-year-old man was arrested at his place of work in Johannesburg.

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Boycott the trains - PAC

The Pan Africanist Congress yesterday called for a boycott of trains and a one-day stayaway to protest against the killings of commuters on Reef trains.

The organisation also called for the establishment of an independent international commission of inquiry to investigate the killings.

So far more than 300 people have been killed in violent attacks on trains, which intensified after the announcement of the whites-only referendum on February 20. 

Speaking at a Press conference in Johannesburg yesterday, Mr Mtoubeni Madzunza, chairman of the committee preparing for the campaign, said the PAC had still to contact other liberation movements.

By KENOSI MODISANE

He said international organisations such as the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) and the United Nations would be asked to set up independent commissions of inquiry into the attacks.

"The call for such a campaign was in fact made by our president, Mr Clarence Makweza, last year. And all we are doing is bringing it into effect," Madzunza said.

In another statement released yesterday, the organisation said it would revive talks with the African National Congress on the Patriotic Front formed last year.

Rail horror: man held

A third man was arrested yesterday morning for his alleged involvement in last Thursday's train attack in which 10 people were injured, the public relations division of the SA Police said yesterday.

The 25-year-old man was arrested at his place of work in Johannesburg.

Two men were arrested on Monday.

The three were expected to appear in court later yesterday.

Meanwhile, police yesterday arrested six men linked to murders, kidnappings and robberies in the East Rand townships of Kamelele and Tokoza.

Police said yesterday they had tracked down a suspect after a tip-off and his arrest led to five more men being rounded up.

Police seized guns and stolen property. - Sapa.
PAC to meet rail company over violence

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

A HIGH-LEVEL delegation of the Pan Africanist Congress is to meet officials of the South African Rail Commuter Corporation in Johannesburg today to discuss the ongoing violence on trains.

PAC deputy president Mr Dikgang Moseneke said the meeting would take place at the request of his movement and would focus on violence and steps taken by the corporation.

The meeting would also discuss possible steps the organisation could take to ensure the safety of commuters on the trains.
Police moved on to Soweto trains in force today in a determined bid to halt the violence and killings.

Hundreds of armed members of the Soweto Internal Security Unit were involved in the pre-dawn operation at stations and on trains.

Several trains were stopped and all carriages searched. Trains were delayed for up to 10 minutes as the policemen moved from carriage to carriage looking for dangerous weapons.

Passengers appeared to be grateful for the police presence. No weapons were found in time for the morning’s operation.

And, as train violence claimed another victim yesterday, the SA Rail Commuter Corporation (Metro) spelled out tough new security measures to enforce the Government’s blanket weapons ban at stations and on trains.

Street access control, excluding large-scale searching of commuters before they entered Metro property, strict ticket control and through-patrolling of stations and trains would be implemented, said SANDC MD Kobus Noorde.

Although the ban came into effect on Monday, no law enforcement agents were on duty yesterday at the Johannesburg Station at 6:30 am yesterday. The Human Rights Commission said yesterday it had recorded a total of 10 train attacks on March 19, 29 and 30 alone. Eight people were killed.

Mr Noorde’s statement came amid a renewed appeal from the police for commuters to come forward with information on train attackers.

And followed soon after its call to its PAC for a train boycott on March 1, 1985.

By Nels Strecker

Late yesterday, however, the PAC said it would hold “Night Line” talks with the corporation today on the train violence, spasms taken by the corporation to stop the killings “and a possible role for the PAC to assist in their prevention”.

The PAC said that on trains that were being searched, attacks by passengers were liable to be stopped and searched at any time, leading to unreasonable delays and assaulting the corporation of employees.

And据悉, there were rewards of up to R3000 for information leading to the arrest of anyone who reported either the police or the police force.

The police are operating within part of the Wits University campus, said a correspondent. The police are Soweto’s only relief force.

The police force, currently consisting of 1600 men, has been deployed on the trains for 10 years.

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Six die despite train weapons ban
Clerics battle to end strife

By JOE MOHLELA

Nighttime said the concern of the Church was to work with all the political organizations, including Inkatha, to resolve the violence in the area. He said the peace committee was concerned about the raping of women and children who were held hostage in the hostel.

Residents who did not want to have their identities disclosed said they had been forced to produce Inkatha cards. When they said they did not have them, they were then threatened with violence.

A local police inspector believed that Inkatha had been involved in the violence.

The committee has been asked to provide funds so that the hostel dwellers could be moved to family units. While this was happening, legitimate hostel dwellers would be housed elsewhere until construction was finished.

Inkatha leader in the area Mr Simon Nkumalo said they could never agree to the hostel being demolished. He said it was unfair to say that hostel dwellers would be provided with alternative accommodation while the hostel was being converted into family units.
TRAIN terror continued yesterday on the Reef, where a ticket examiner was killed and thrown out of a moving train and another man was hacked by attackers and also had his throat slit.

Spoornet ticket officer Mr Reginald Namane of Molemans, Soweto, was hacked and stabbed before being thrown out of a moving train between Dube and Phefeni stations yesterday morning.

Spoornet, who took over train services from the South African Railways yesterday, said they were not responsible for commuter safety.

A spokesman for the company, Mr Gerrit Lourens, would not comment on Namane's death or on commuter safety.

"The safety of commuters and security in trains and at stations is the responsibility of the SAP and I suggest you speak to them," Lourens said.

In another incident, the body of a man who had been hacked, stabbed and his throat slit was found at Johannesberg station yesterday morning.

Police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said "police encountered many problems during their operations," citing the large number of commuters and the high number of trains police had to monitor every day.

He said in the Reef alone, about 1.8 million people used 1118 trains every day.

Opperman added that electronic metal detectors used at railway stations had also not helped much in reducing the number of weapons carried into trains.

He said the attackers were usually sharpened sticks and other non-metal material which could not be detected.

Meanwhile, Soweto police yesterday found the body of a man who was shot and set alight at Meadowlands Hostel.

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Pre-dawn raid of trains

Cops try to halt violence

POLICE moved out in force on Soweto trains yesterday in a desperate bid to halt the violence and killings.

Hundreds of armed members of the Soweto Internal Stability Unit were involved in the pre-dawn operation at stations and on commuter trains.

Several trains were stopped and all commuters searched. Trains were delayed for up to 10 minutes as the policemen moved from coach to coach looking for dangerous weapons.

Passengers appeared to be grateful for the police presence. No weapons were found during the operation.

And, as train violence claimed another victim on Wednesday, the SA Rail Corporation (Metro) spelt out tough new security measures to enforce the Government’s blanket weapons ban at stations and on trains.

Strict access control, entailing large-scale searching of commuters before they enter Metro property, strict ticket control and thorough policing on stations and trains, would be implemented to enforce the ban, said SARCC managing director Dr Kobus Nel.

The body of yet another unidentified victim of the train violence, his throat slit, was found on a train when it pulled into Johannesburg station at 8.40am on Wednesday.

The Human Rights Commission said on Wednesday it had recorded a total of 15 train attacks on March 19, 20 and 23 alone in which eight people were killed and 19 others injured.

Nel’s statement came amid a renewed appeal from the police for commuters to come forward with information on train attackers - and followed a call by the Pan-Africanist Congress for a train boycott and one-day stayaway to protest against the killings of Reef commuters.

Nel appealed to commuters to co-operate with security force members at search points and not to carry excess luggage so as to avoid unnecessary delays, inconvenience and possible conflict.

A civilian was killed and three policemen were hurt when a group of commuters attacked 20 Mobile Unit policemen who were patrolling on a train from New Canada Station to Mlumankunzi Station in Soweto last night.

Lieutenant Tienie Halgren of the Soweto police said the policemen boarded the train at about 6pm and were attacked while the train was in motion.

See pages 13 and 14.
Two killed in wild shootout with East Rand traffic officers

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Violence erupted in Phola Park squatter camp on the East Rand today, leaving at least two people dead in a wild shootout between residents and traffic officers.

Police reinforcements in armoured troop carriers were called to assist the traffic officers who had entered the squatter camp in pursuit of a bakkie whose occupants had earlier gunned down a colleague at a speed trap.

The Phola Park traffic officer was shot about five times, in the chest, stomach and lower body by five men with an AK-47 assault rifle at the speed trap in Alrode.

Police said Traffic Officer Koos van der Merwe, aged about 30, had set up a speed trap on the corner of Gyna and Dekina Roads at 6.30 am.

A bakkie, with two men in front and three on the back raced through the speed trap.

Officer Van der Merwe jumped into his car, pursued the bakkie and pulled it off the road.

He got out of his car and was walking towards the bakkie when one of the occupants opened fire with an AK-47.

The bakkie then sped towards Phola Park and was pursued by other traffic officers manning the speed trap.

 Shots were fired at the traffic officers from within the squatter camp.

 According to reports two gunmen were shot dead.

 Police reinforcements arrived at the scene, recovered the bakkie and arrested two suspects.

 Twenty-six AK-47 rounds were found on the back of the vehicle.

 The officer who was shot was taken to the Willem Cruywagen Hospital where he received emergency treatment.

 A hospital spokesman described his condition as "stable but serious."
Man killed, policemen hurt in train battle

The Argus Correspondents

JOHANNESBURG. — A civilian was killed and three policemen were hurt when a group of commuters attacked a mobile unit which was patrolling on a train from New Canada Station to Mlambankuni Station in Soweto.

A police spokesman said the policemen boarded the train about 6pm last night. They were attacked while the train was in motion.

One policeman was either thrown or jumped from the train. He was seriously injured. A second was stabbed and a third was shot. All three are at the Baragwanath Hospital.

During the attack police retaliated and shot at their attackers, killing one man.

An Orlando East resident who was on the Soweto-bound train claimed that the man died when police opened fire on commuters getting off the Jikeleza train about 6.15pm.

"Trouble started earlier inside a coach when the train was stopped by police at the New Canada Station," the commuter said.

"A confrontation began inside the coach when police assaulted a man they found with a steel rod in his possession. Other commuters intervened and police threatened to shoot. There was chaos after that.

"When people disembarked at Mlambankuni, police fired shots and the man died.

The witness said commuters fled. Some retaliated by throwing stones at the police."
100 hurt in battles with police after illegal march goes ahead

Township's day of pain...
er under the auspices of the Peace Forum — because Alexandra had been declared an unrest area.

A memorandum from the Peace Forum demanded, among other things, that the Madala hostel be closed, renovated and converted into family units, and that the shacks in the "Beirut" shack settlement area be demolished so that "the legal owners and rightful residents of the houses in that area" could return to their homes.

Police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said last night he knew of 19 people who had been injured in several clashes, but a spokesman for the Alexandra Clinic said 100 had been injured.

The spokesman said 28 people had gunshot wounds and seven had been assaulted. Twelve people had been transferred to Tembisa Hospital and one to St. John's Eye Hospital in Soweto.

Clinic personnel had turned the Alexandra Eye Clinic into a makeshift hospital to cope with the scores of injured.

Outside, main roads and streets were barricaded with burning tyres and huge rocks, and a group of youths were roving the streets, some armed with petrol bombs.

Captain Opperman said that from about 10 pm police fired rubber bullets and tear smoke on various occasions during sporadic petrol-bombing and stone-throwing incidents.

Shortly afterwards a police car was stopped and petrol bomb was thrown at it.

Earlier, the intervention of ANC leaders and clerics failed to persuade the angry crowd to disperse.

The ANC's Alexandra branch, yesterday blamed the chief magistrate, for not allowing the march and the police for firing teargas, which they said had angered the crowd.

"We view this as not in line with the spirit of the National Peace Accord and also as an obstacle towards resolving the conflicts through negotiations."
Six held for having guns

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG.—Police have arrested six men for being in the possession of two AK-47 rifles and a P38 .9mm pistol on the outskirts of Meadowlands, Soweto, during follow-up operations after the arrest of ANC Youth League general secretary Mr. Rapu Molekane.

Major-General Kobus Malan, regional commissioner of the police in Soweto, said yesterday, the men were arrested and their weapons confiscated near the Meadowlands Hostel on Wednesday night.

They will appear in court soon.

"The South African Police have every reason to believe that a bloodbath was avoided through these timely arrests," he said.

Mr. Molekane, 31, was arrested during a police raid on his Jabavu house early on Tuesday morning. He was allegedly in possession of a firearm and a hand grenade.

He was released on bail of R5 000 yesterday and is due to appear in court on April 15th.
Alexandra Grupps
Bloody battles as...
Commuter killed, 3 policemen injured

By Brian Sokutu and West Rand Bureau

A civilian was killed and three policemen were hurt when a group of commuters attacked 20 Mobile Unit policemen who were patrolling on a train from New Canada Station to Mamelodi Station in Soweto yesterday evening.

Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Haigry of the Soweto Police said the policemen boarded the train at about 6 pm. They were attacked while the train was in motion.

One policeman was either thrown or jumped from the train; he was seriously injured. A second was stabbed and injured; a third was shot and injured. The two were not seriously hurt. All three are in the Pretoria Hospital.

After the attack, the police men on the train retaliated and shot at their attackers, killing one man.

An Orlando East resident, who was on the Soweto-bound train, alleged that the man died when police opened fire on commuters disembarking from the 2168 Jikeleza train at about 6:15 pm.

"Trouble started earlier inside a coach when the train was stopped by police at the New Canada Station," said the commuter who did not wish to be named.

"Confrontation broke out inside the coach when police assaulted a man they found with a steel rod in his possession. Other commuters intervened," and police threatened to shoot.

The resident said commuters fled. Some of them retaliated by throwing stones at the police.

The resident said the atmosphere was tense at Mamelodi last night and that there was a huge police presence at the scene of the shooting.
Four die in roadblock shootout with police
A trio seek order restraining SAP

An urgent court application has been instituted for an interdict restraining any person from depriving or removing residents and hostel dwellers in the Meadowlands hostel of their houses and by that act of depriving them of the comfort and safety of their homes which the resident says they were entitled to. The application will be heard in the High Court of Johannesburg. The parties are the Meadowlands residents and hostel dwellers v. the Director of Housing and the Minister of Home Affairs.

Papers have been forwarded to the Minister of Law and Order and the Commissioners of Police as well as the Board of Control.

The Meadowlands residents state that they are apprehensive about the safety of their homes and will not live in a hostel which is threatened with being burned down. They are also concerned about the future of the hostel dwellers who are now living in the Meadowlands hostel.
2 die in squatter camp gun battle

By Anna Louw
East Rand Bureau

Violence erupted in Phola Park squatter camp on the East Rand today, leaving at least two people dead after a shootout between residents and traffic officers.

Police reinforcements in armoured troop carriers were called to help the traffic officers. They had entered the squatter camp in pursuit of a bakkie whose occupants had earlier gunned down a colleague at a speed trap.

The Alberton traffic officer was shot about five times, in the chest, stomach and lower body, by one of five men with an AK-47 assault rifle at the speed trap in Alrode.

Police said the traffic officer, Koos van der Merwe, aged about 30, had set up a speed trap on the corner of Guyn and Dekina Roads at 6:30 am.

A bakkie, with two men in front and three on the back, raced through the speed trap.

Mr van der Merwe jumped into his car, pursued the bakkie and pulled it off the road.

He got out of his car and was walking towards the bakkie when one of the occupants opened fire with an AK-47 rifle.

The bakkie then sped towards Phola Park and was pursued by other traffic officers manning the speed trap.

Shots were fired at the traffic officers from within the squatter camp.

According to reports, two gunmen were shot dead.

Police reinforcements arrived at the scene, recovered the bakkie and arrested two suspects. On the back of the vehicle, 26 AK-47 rounds were found.

Mr van der Merwe was taken by ambulance to the Wilm Craywagen Hospital where he received emergency treatment. A hospital spokesman described his condition as stable but serious.

Mr van der Merwe was later transferred to an Alberton Clinic.
60 hurt in march

AT LEAST 60 people were injured - 12 of them seriously - in Alexandra Township yesterday when police fired tear smoke and buckshot to disperse a crowd of more than 20 000 marchers.

The residents were marching on the offices of the local town council to demand the closure of Madala Hostel - regarded as the source of spiralling violence in the township.

ANC leader Mr Steve Tshwete helped to avoid possible skirmishes between police and local residents when he appealed to the marchers to discontinue their protest action.

The march coincided with a one-day stayaway in the township.

The angry crowd also demanded that the displaced Alexandra families be rehoused in homes which, they claimed, had been occupied by Inkatha Freedom Party members.

By JOE MDHLELA

from Madala Hostel.

Police spokesman Captain Eugene Gwirumus led the drive to stop the march. A man who had been injured in the clashes with police was named as the local ANC official who had been shot.

The spokesman said 25 of the injured had suffered gunshot wounds while nine had been wounded.

Eleven of the injured had been admitted to Naphila Hospital and one to St John's Eye Hospital in soweto.

The residents had assembled at the Alexandra Stadium when they learnt that a planned march had been declared illegal by the chief magistrate of Alexandra.

But they vowed to defy the order. They then filed out of the stadium and proceeded towards the council's offices. They were stopped by heavily armed riot police.

Late yesterday afternoon, groups of youths were threatening to march on Madala Hostel.

move away so as to allow the crowd to move back to the stadium.

Tshwete said the Randburg chief magistrate acted irresponsibly by declaring the march illegal.

"That was a stupid refusal by the magistrate.

"He (the magistrate) is not acquainted with the developments in the area, because if he was he would have realised how serious the situation was in Alexandra," Tshwete said.

He said the township's administrator, Mr John Griffith, was insensitive to the problems of the residents in the area.

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Police make big Soweto train swoop

JOHANNESBURG — Police moved on Soweto trains in force yesterday in a determined bid to halt the violence and killings.

Hundreds of armed members of the Soweto Internal Stability Unit were involved in the pre-dawn operation at stations and on trains.

Several trains were stopped and all commuters searched. Trains were delayed for up to 10 minutes as police moved from carriage to carriage looking for dangerous weapons.

No weapons were found in the operation.

The Human Rights Commission said Wednesday that it had recorded a total of 15 train attacks on March 19, 20 and 23 alone. Eight people were killed.

In another development, the Pan Africanist Congress and the SA Railway Computer Corporation established consultation links yesterday in an attempt to curb violence on trains.

PAC general secretary Mr Benny Alexander told a press conference that after a friendly meeting the process of consultation and exchange of ideas had been set in motion.

In Nelspruit yesterday four people were killed when their taxi caught fire and exploded during a shoot-out with police.

Eastern Transvaal police regional commissioner Major-General Koos van Zyl said police were monitoring roads after receiving information that seven people intended to buy AK-47 rifles in the Komatipoort area to rob a bank.

General Van Zyl said a car and a minibus approached a roadblock about 3am. The occupants of the taxi opened fire on the police and the police returned the fire, which ignited ammunition in the minibus, he said.

At Thokoza on the East Rand two men were shot. Police discovered spent AK-47 cartridges near one of the bodies.

In Natal, two men were shot dead and six were wounded when gunmen travelling in a car and a bakkie opened fire with AK-47 rifles and from pistols on houses in KwaNdingeni on Wednesday night. — Sapa
They have become the world's most elusive killers. Faceless but full of energy and resourceful, these killers have on average murdered three people a day on Reef trains since the beginning of the year. Some arrests have been made, but not a single conviction has been recorded, reports KENOSI MODISANE.

THEIR methods are based on brute force and terror.

Commuters are faced with a Hobson's Choice: Allow themselves to be assaulted with pangas, knives, sharpened sticks and spears and then flung from the train or escape the attackers by jumping through the window of a speeding train.

Death in almost all the cases is horrible and instantaneous.

The train deaths have caused a major outcry among commuters and in the black community.

Attacks, however, are still continuing despite the introduction of various security and safety measures.

These include the deployment of special police units and the use of metal detectors at stations and in trains.

Reward offers have been made by the police, railway companies, newspapers and various interest groups in an attempt to prosecute the culprits.

But the bloodbath continues.

A R50 000 reward offered by the police late last year for the arrest and conviction of the culprits has not helped.

Soweto last year offered a R50 000 reward after three suspects arrested for an attack at Kiptown station were cleared by the courts.

Information

Lawyers for Human Rights has also offered a R10 000 reward.

And on Wednesday the South African Rail Commuter Corporation joined the fray and offered R25 000 for information leading to the arrest of the killers.

On average, nine people a day have died in attacks on commuters on the Reef and other trains-related incidents since the beginning of the year.

Many people are asking who are these faceless killers, where do they get their energy to be so consistent with their countless attacks and when will this senseless tragedy end?

A report released by the Human Rights Commission on Wednesday said that 300 people had died in train attacks and 150 others were injured in police violence last week alone.

The report blamed more than half of the casualties on vigilantes.

A total of 15 train attacks was recorded on March 19, 20 and 21, in which eight people were killed and 19 others were injured.

The commission blamed some of the deaths on paid assassins.

SpoorNet, which took over the trains service from the South African Railways, says it is not responsible for commuter safety.

A spokesman told Sowetan that the safety of commuters was the responsibility of the South African Police.

Mr Gerrie Lourens of SvoorNet said: "We cannot comment on the safety and protection of commuters as this is purely a matter handled by the SAP."

The SAP have attributed the problem to the large number of people who commute in trains every day.

The large number of trains made policing even more difficult.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Captian Eugene Opperman yesterday said the region alone handled about 1118 trains.

According to Opperman, the train transport about 1.8 million commuters to and from Johannesburg to various towns in Soweto, the East and West Rand.

"Police are doing their best to protect commuters. You can imagine what will happen if we withdraw all our members from the protection of Spoornet. Hundreds of people will be killed every day," Opperman said.

A report released by the Independent Central of Inquiry into Informal Repression in February criticised the police and Spoornet for their failure to stem the tide of violence against commuters.

In a special report on train violence entitled "Blood on the Tracks", compiled mainly from media and police reports, the IBIR said despite promises to curb the violence, Spoornet and the police response was "at best poor".

Constitutions

"After 18 months and 30 attacks, there has as yet not been a single conviction. And this from a police force which claims to be one of the best in the world. The SAP took 13 months to come up with a tactic which satisfied commuters: the searches of passengers and trains."

Police spokesman Colonel Reg Crewe at the time rejected the IBIR's criticism and said the SAP indeed made numerous arrests in connection with train attacks.

However, hopes of tracing the faceless killers ended on the outrage, re-surfaced on Monday with the arrest of three Merafe Hotel dwellers in connection with the massacres.

The three men, Leam Mazibuko (24) Michael Mnguni (26) and Phineas Tshabalala (24) appeared in court on Wednesday. They were remanded in custody to March 31 when a formal bail application will be heard.

The SAP earlier this month and yesterday deployed members from their new Internal Stability Unit armed with rifles, shotguns and pistols.

On March 19 Law and Order Minister Mr Hermus Kriel announced the ban on the carrying of weapons - including traditional sticks and other such weapons - but the massacre has still not stopped.

The proclamation became effective from midnight on Sunday March 22.

Seven people, including a railway ticket examiner, have died in the past week despite the ban on weapons.

Electronic metal detectors used to search commuters at railway stations have also not helped to reduce the number of weapons smuggled into trains.

The highest number of casualties reported for this month was on Wednesday March 11 when seven commuters were killed and seven others injured in attacks.
Violence as peace march ends in chaos

JOHANNESBURG. — Violence erupted in Alexandra township yesterday when police had to form a human barricade between warring residents and hostel dwellers after an illegal "peace march" ended in chaos.

Most of the more than 100 people injured were treated for birdshot and other gunshot wounds at the Alexandra Health Clinic and at a mobile clinic in the township.

Police and army personnel, trapped behind burning barricades erected by rioters, opened fire when angry residents marching on the Madala hostel threw petrol-bombs and stones at them. Shots were also fired at the security forces, police said.

Banned

The crowd attacked the police after teargas was used to disperse them, a spokesman for the Alexandra branch of the ANC said.

A police spokesman said people in the crowd opened fire on police and threw petrol-bombs and stones at police vehicles.

After the confrontation near the hostel residents regrouped and demanded that police withdraw from the scene and allow them access to the hostel.

The march, called to protest against violence in Alexandra, was banned by Randburg’s chief magistrate because the township had been declared an unrest area.

About 4,000 people reassembled at the Alexandra Stadium where they were addressed by ANC national organiser Mr Steve Tshwete, who appealed to them to maintain discipline and calm.

He appealed to the crowd to go back home and allow their leaders to plan on what the next course of action would be to pressurise the government to close the hostel.

The hecklers at the rally were demanding that hostels should be demolished and residents who had fled their homes return, so that there could be lasting peace in Alexandra.

The rally ended when the crowd dispersed peacefully.

A spokesman at Alexandra Health Clinic said that between 8am and 7pm they treated 100 people and had transferred 10 to the Tembisa Hospital for further attention.

There had been no casualties or further admissions after 8.30pm.

Police spokesman said they treated 51 people for gunshot wounds.

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Police, army clash with Alex residents

STEPHANE BOTHMA

VIOLENCE erupted in Alexander township yesterday and police formed a human barricade between warring residents and hostel dwellers after an illegal "peace march" ended in chaos — leaving more than 80 people injured.

Most of the injured were treated for gunshot wounds at the Alexandra Health Clinic and at a mobile clinic in the township, a clinic spokesman said.

Police and army personnel, trapped behind burning barricades erected by rioters, opened fire when residents, marching on the Madala hostel, threw petrol bombs and stones at them. Shots were also fired at the security forces, police said. An Alexandra ANC branch spokesman said the crowd had been angered by police using teargas to disperse them.

The march was called to protest against violence, but was banned by Randburg's chief magistrate because the township was declared an unrest area.

The clash developed after residents participating in a stay-away gathered at the Alexandra stadium in the morning to hear the Alexandra Peace Committee explain why the planned peace march could not continue. The crowd was told the committee leaders would deliver a memorandum to the police demanding the closure of the hostel, more police patrols and a mobile police station, but people stormed out of the stadium and took to the streets. The situation remained tense late yesterday.
Behind the Wire, Life Goes on...
At the corner of Seventh and Selbourne, a small boy of nine or 10 was frantically trying to hose down a smouldering teargas canister. Not far away, a group of "comrades" were trying to make petrol bombs from beer and soft-drink bottles, but no one seemed to know how to ignite them.

12:30 pm: A kind family finally offered me safe haven to wash my teargassed face. Moments later the shooting began again and I was out on the street once more.

1 pm: An uneasy calm began to settle over the streets. Clusters of residents gathered at street corners, silently looking at the smouldering car tyres and mattresses.

At the Seventh Avenue flats, people were hanging out of their windows as if to witness a carnival. Soon little children, released from the safety of their homes, were scampering about and shouting excitedly.

AFTERMATH: Near the Alexian Kopano Community Centre, where all the trouble began, the streets return to normal, but debris testifies to the fierceness of the clash.
The UK by Boomtown

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Yeltish typing on reins of power

Corroborate's successor is proving mistake-prone too, withes Steve Crawshaw

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Death of activist sparks anger

By Salome Ngqwe

As a young and former political activist, who was active in gathering information about the activities of the SACP’s anti-apartheid movement in the 1980s, I am deeply concerned about the recent death of Thabane Ntate. Ntate was a long-time member of the ANC and was involved in various political activities, including organizing protests against the apartheid regime.

Ntate was shot dead in his home on Sunday, and the police are investigating the incident. According to witnesses, a group of men, some of whom were armed, entered Ntate’s home and shot him multiple times. The police have not yet confirmed the cause of death or the motive behind the attack.

Ntate was a dedicated member of the ANC, and his death is a severe loss for the party and the anti-apartheid movement. The ANC must review its security measures and ensure the safety of its members.

We must also remember the history of political violence in South Africa. The struggle for freedom was marked by countless acts of violence, including assassinations, bombings, and other forms of terrorism. The ANC must continue to fight for justice and accountability for such crimes.

The murder of Ntate is a warning to all of us who are engaged in political activism. We must remain vigilant and committed to the struggle for justice and freedom. The ANC must continue to fight for the rights of all South Africans, and we must never give up on our struggle.
Court ejects rowdy Inkatha supporters

BY MARTIN NTSOELENGE

ABOUT 200 people, many wearing Inkatha Freedom Party T-shirts, were ordered out of the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court this week because they were causing a disturbance.

It took the interpreter and two court orderlies 45 minutes to get them out, but the group then went to another courtroom, where they were again told to leave.

After the commotion, Icam Bongani Mazibuko, 24, Xolani Michael Mgumi, 26, and Phineas Bonginkosi Tshabalala, 24, who all stay in the Merafe Hostel, finally appeared on a charge of attempted murder following last Thursday's train attacks.

The hearing was postponed to April 24. Their bail application will be heard on March 31. After the court adjourned, the ejected spectators toyed in the street.
Police colluding with IFP – Claim

By SOPHIE TEMA

SCORES of residents from Orlando West were yesterday accompanied by youths in a march to the Meadowlands Police Station to protest against police brutality and harassment.

The residents also raised their grievances at the number of adults and youths that have been killed by alleged IFP members who live at Meadowlands Hostel.

A memorandum listing their grievances was handed to the station commander, Lt JCPF Lock by Orlando West Civic Association chairman, West Shabangu.

After handing over the memorandum, Shabangu appealed to Lt Lock to stop police interference in the violence that has raged between residents and IFP members in the past few months.

Shabangu addressed two police officials, Lt Lock and Captain Cedric O'Farrell, and told them he had proof that police were involved in assisting the IFP in acts of violence.

He told them that two weeks ago four youths from Orlando West were abducted by police and taken to the Meadowlands Hostel, where two of them were killed and the other two escaped with serious injuries.

Shabangu said that on Thursday last week he and other members of the civic association were called to the Meadowlands Hostel. They arrived just in time to save a young boy who had been abducted by a policeman and handed over to IFP members from being killed.

“When we received information from eyewitnesses that a young boy had been abducted by a policeman and taken to the Meadowlands hostel, we rushed to the hostel and arrived just as the boy was being abused by Inkatha members.

“I believe that if we had not arrived at that time the boy would have been killed,”

Shabangu told police officials that the civic association had the name of the policeman who had abducted the boy and the registration number of his vehicle.

In reply Lt Lock told Shabangu that he could not comment on the matter nor on the memorandum which he would forward to the district commissioner of police.

In their memorandum the residents called for an end to the existence of hostels in their present form, and demanded that they were converted into family homes.
Racial tension rocks ‘no’ land

BY DAWN BARKHUIZEN

BLACK people living in the only region to lodge a “no” vote in the referendum are feeling the ugly consequences of the result.

Right-wing harassment against them has increased and now blacks living in and around Pietersburg in the Northern Transvaal are threatening a consumer boycott of the town.

In a resurgence of attacks on the rural black community and its livestock, a cow and her two-month-old calf were spray-painted with AWB symbols on March 17, the day of the poll.

The words “Jew” and “kaffir” were also painted on seven cattle outside Mafarana village on the road linking Lydenburg to Tzaneen. The cow, which was stabbed and had its tongue slashed, was slaughtered this week after its mouth became septic.

Its owner, pensioner Catherine Cheyeka, said she had heard of neither the referendum nor the “no” vote and was puzzled by the attack.

Gazankulu senior health officer Johan Zandvelden said that since last July, about 190 cattle had been shot dead in communal grazing camps along the same stretch of road.

In Pietersburg, businessmen and community leaders are scrambling furiously to ward off retaliatory threats of the consumer boycott.

Pietersburg mayor Janie Moolman said: “The ‘no’ voters are in the small towns and farms. Pietersburg has a National Party council. We are not a conservative backwater. We are a progressive town that voted yes.”

Black-bashing was little heard of in Pietersburg, but could occur in rural areas, he added.

Chamber of Commerce chairman Laurie Searle, who has good relations with black businessmen in the area and whose children attend a multicultural school in Pietersburg, said: “Unfortunately, we are being harried with people who still have the same values as their forefathers from the Great Trek.”

Angry

But ANC regional spokesman Stu Mathiel-Meila said: “No” community - which comprises 97 percent of the region’s population and which paralysed white business with a series of boycotts last year - was demanding action.

“People are angry and shocked by the Pietersburg result. Last year we boycotted every instance of white harassment. Our aim is not to punish those who voted ‘no’, but to show that racist attitudes are unacceptable,” he said.

Lawyers for Human Rights regional director Seth Ntsheni called the organisers of the boycott “weak” and the reports of isolated attacks “a black on blacks. Many people were afraid to be in the streets of some towns after dark.

“People are worried that these ‘no’ voters might take their fears and frustrations out on them. They have to think of defending themselves,” he said.

LHR had taken on 10 new cases since January, but these represented only a fraction of the incidents in a vast area where black people had little access to transport and communications and feared police collusion, he added.

News of the cattle mutilation spread like wildfire through the Northern Transvaal this week, shocking even those blacks long used to late-night harassment from right-wingers. They said they were not surprised by the 37 percent “no” majority in the region.

In Tzaneen, hub of a tourist area, black hotel staff said they feared walking home late at night and would not work late shifts unless transport was available.

A Tzaneen waiter who has been harassed twice this year said: “As a white man, you can walk around town all night unharmed, but no black man can take that risk. Friday and Saturday nights are the worst.”

Pietersburg prostitute Lilah, who has only white clients, said she was now reluctant to approach cars because “you don’t know if it’s business or if they want to beat you up.”

Tzaneen farmers and
Rabie is opportunist say angry youths

By DAN DHLMINI

ANGRY Western Transvaal coloured youths, this week disrupted a National Party meeting near Potchefstroom where Jack Rabie, who defected from the Labour Party, was the main speaker.

The visibly embarrassed Rabie had to leave the Promoss Community hall through the back door.

Some of the youths who disrupted the meeting called him an opportunist who did not care for the struggle of the coloured community.

The youths said Rabie was being used by the NP government to garner coloured support in the event of an election.

Rabie replied saying people were wrong to label him a collaborator for serving in the old apartheid system, because he now belonged to the new NP which does not discriminate.

"Rabie is an opportunist and we will not be surprised that when the ANC gets the upperhand he leaves the NP and joins them," said one of the youths.
LAW AND DISORDER ... Wounded policemen are transported to hospital after being attacked by heavily armed commuters on the train to Nancefield on Thursday.

7 cops hurt by armed commuters

Pictures and text by SIFHWE NHLAMBI

At least seven policemen were injured while trying to disarm passengers in a Soweto-bound train on Thursday.

One of the assailants was later shot dead by the police.

Five policemen were thrown off the 9168 George Goed-Nancefield train when the men, who refused to be searched, started a fight.

The police were overpowered by the heavily armed men and when the train reached Mandela Station in Soweto, one of the assailants was shot dead.

Three of the policemen sustained serious injuries when one was thrown off the train, the other one was shot in the right arm and the other stabbed several times while fighting for his pistol.

No arrests have been made.

KNIFE'S EDGE ... A policeman shows one of the weapons used in the attack on his colleagues on Thursday.
SCRAPING THE BARREL... The chances of this child matriculating with maths and science are one in 10 000, says the latest FRD report.
Authorities assess damage as bloody fighting abates in Alex

Crime Staff and Saps

Strife-torn Alexandra township was quiet yesterday after three weeks of bloody fighting.

In the calm, Alexandra Health Centre spokesman David Robb said that by Saturday, 350 people injured in political violence had been treated at the clinic in the past 21 days. Eleven people had died in the same period.

Mr Robb said: Eight people were dead on arrival, while three died after admission. Of the 330 injured, 128 had been shot, 85 stabbed and the remainder assaulted with various weapons.

But in a 48-hour run-up to yesterday’s respite, at least five people were found killed and about 30 injured in sporadic violence since Friday night.

Police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe said three people were shot dead between 6 am and 1:15 pm on Saturday, and six people were also injured in shooting incidents.

A spokesman for the Alexandra Health Centre said about 22 people had been treated on Saturday.

Colonel Malherbe said that police had not been able to prove claims that gunmen travelling in a blue car had driven through the township early on Saturday, randomly shooting at people.

Upon being informed of the attacks early on Saturday, police had cordoned off the township, sent in reinforcements and later made use of a spotter plane, but had not been able to spot the vehicle or the gunmen.

Set alight

In their unrest report for the period ending at midnight on Saturday, police said eight squatter shacks were set alight in Alexandra.

In one incident, a man was injured when he was fired at from the Madala Hostel.

Colonel Malherbe said police had cordoned off the hostel at 5 am on Saturday.

The unrest report said policemen were attacked by a group of men armed with sticks and knobkerries. Birdshot was used to ward off the attack.

Late on Friday two people died and five were seriously injured in sporadic violence in Alexandra.

In their unrest report, the police said SAP members twice returned fire in separate incidents after being shot at by unknown gunmen at the Meadowlands Hostel in Soweto. Also at the Meadowlands Hostel, a hand grenade detonated in front of a room. A woman and a youth were slightly injured.

In other violence countrywide listed in the police unrest report:

• Unidentified people threw petrol bombs at a shop and looted it in Mangaung, Bloemfontein. A private vehicle was also set alight. A man and a woman were arrested.

• Three workers at a textile factory in Gamalaks, Moeti River, were shot and wounded by a group of people who entered the firm’s premises and fired shots with an AK-47 rifle.

• At Imbali, near Maritzburg, a group of people fired several shots with AK-47, 9 mm and .303 rifles at a private dwelling. Three men were injured.
14 die violently across the country

AT least 14 people were killed in countrywide violence at the weekend, according to police.

Six people were killed and 27 been injured in weekend violence in Alexandra Township.

On Saturday a youth was stoned to death and three people were killed when unidentified assaultants in a minibus randomly sprayed bullets from AK-47 rifles at residents.

Alexandra was tense on Saturday as three unrest victims were buried in a mass funeral.

Those buried were David Dlamo, Moses Radebe and Mfanizana Kubeleka.

An estimated 22 people were admitted to the Alexandra Health Centre for treatment.

Late on Friday two people died and five were seriously injured in sporadic violence.

The Alexandra Health Centre's David Robb said that 350 people injured in political violence had been treated at the centre in the past 21 days.

Eleven people died in the same period, Robb said.
Weekend of death
Air search after reports of random shooting from car

The Argus Correspondents and Sapa

JOHANNESBURG. — At least five people were killed and about 30 injured in sporadic violence in Alexandria township at the weekend.

A police spokesman said three people were shot dead between 8am and 11.15pm on Saturday, but the township was quiet yesterday.

He said six people were injured in shooting incidents. A spokesman for the Alexandria Health Centre said about 22 people had been treated on Saturday.

Police said they had been unable to prove claims that gunmen traveling in a blue car had driven through the township early on Saturday, randomly shooting at people.

After being told of the attacks early on Saturday, police cordoned off the township, sent in reinforcements and later made use of a spotters plane, but had been unable to spot the vehicle or the gunmen.

He said police believed rather that Saturday's deaths and injuries were "sporadic and spread across Alex" and were the result of "personal attacks".

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Police said SAP members twice returned fire in separate incidents after being shot at by gunmen at the Meadowlands hostel in Soweto.

At least three handgrenade explosions were heard inside the hostel and a grenade was also thrown at a police Casspir. Soweto police liaison officer Colonel FJ Zwane said.

A woman and a youth were slightly injured.

Imbali, near Maritzburg, is tense but calm after sporadic shootings between ANC and IFF supporters which began on Friday.

Mr Sithole Mdladla, 19, believed to be an ANC supporter, was killed on Saturday. Police confiscated an AK 47 rifle and arrested eight people after the incident.

Quick action by the security forces helped to prevent an increase in the violence when an angry mob was dispersed as it was apparently preparing to avenge the death of Mr Mdladla from the "Beirut" area of Imbali.

In other violence countrywide police reported:

・ People threw petrol bombs at a shop and footed it in Mangaung, Bloemfontein. A private vehicle was also set alight. A man and a woman were arrested.

・ Three workers at a textile factory in Gamalale, Moi River, were shot and wounded by a group of people who entered the firm's premises and fired shots with an AK 47 rifle.

FUNERAL MISHAP: Pallbearers and coffin fall into the grave during the burial of a victim of the violence in Alexandria township.
Fourteen die in violent weekend

FOURTEEN people were killed in nationwide violence at the weekend, eight of them in Alexandra township. Twenty-seven people were injured in the township.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Col Frans Malherbe confirmed three people were killed when unidentified assailants in a minibus randomly sprayed AK47 bullets at residents.

The official unrest report said a youth was stoned to death and the body of a fifth person was found. A sixth person was dead on arrival at the Alexandra Health Centre, a statement said.

Several incidents of stone-throwing and petrol-bombing were reported by police and eight squatters' homes were set alight.

Late on Friday two people died and five were injured in sporadic violence.

At Mashaka Reserve near Empangeni, four people died in separate incidents late on Friday and early on Saturday. A man was stabbed to death, a woman was shot and killed by unidentified gunmen, another man was stabbed to death by a group of attackers and a man's body with gunshot wounds was found, police said.

Late on Friday police found the bodies of two unidentified men at Orlando West in Soweto and Vosloorus near Alberton. They had been shot dead.

An International Commission of Jurists' team has blamed both Inkatha and ANC supporters for escalating violence and recommended the KwaZulu police be put under the command of the SAP. — Sapa.
Twelve injured in grenade attack

By JOE MDHLELA

TWELVE people were injured yesterday when a hand grenade was thrown at people at a taxi rank in Vincent Road, Meadowlands in Soweto.

The incident was part of a weekend that also claimed the life of Mzimhlohe resident, Miss Phindile Zwane (32), who was gunned down outside her home while walking towards a taxi rank in Vincent Road.

Police spokesman Captain Govindasamy Mariemuthoo said yesterday the 12 injured people had been admitted to Baragwanath Hospital.

As Zwane lay dying on the ground, the gunmen continued firing towards her home. A bullet narrowly missed her blind grandmother, Mrs Lina Khumalo, the dead woman’s stepfather, Mr Johan Gama, said.

“We are living in fear for our lives. My stepdaughter was not even conscious with the problems of the area. She recently arrived from Bergville in Natal,” he said.

Mariemuthoo said while police went to investigate the scene where 12 people were injured, they were attacked by hostel dwellers and a grenade exploded under a police Casspir. No one was injured in this attack.

Inkatha Freedom Party Transvaal leader Mr Thembu Khoza said the grenade attack on taxi commuters was a cowardly act by people hostile to the IFP.

“The victims of the attack were all residents of hostels who are known to be predominantly Inkatha supporters,” Khoza said.

Yesterday, most of the houses around Mzimhlohe, Orlando West and Meadowlands were deserted.

People told Sowetan: “The residents have fled. They are scared of the attacks from the hostels.”
Policeman lured into shack camp, shot dead

By Guy Jepson

A policeman was lured to the Phola Park shack settlement outside Tokoza on the East Rand yesterday, ambushed and shot dead.

Police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said the body of Warrant Officer M G Nxumalo of the Tokoza police was found in open veld in the settlement shortly before 4 pm.

He had been shot several times with an AK-47 assault rifle.

At about 11 am Warrant Officer Nxumalo had gone to Phola Park to investigate a complaint about a shebeen. Soon afterwards an anonymous caller contacted the police, saying the policeman was being held prisoner.

Members of the Internal Stability Unit "saturated" the squatter camp.

"They found the police vehicle abandoned, but there was no sign of the warrant officer," Captain Opperman said.

"They started to search the camp and found his body in an open field at about 3.30 pm.

"This was an out-and-out ambush. We believe he was lured there."
'Nobody to help or run to'

By Esther Waugh
Political Report

The Orlando West women have turned to Codesa to put an end to the violence in the township.

The women, who are not representing any political organisation, told The Star they came to Codesa for help after other efforts proved unsuccessful.

Yesterday they met Codesa management committee chairman Pravin Gordhan, who undertook to raise the matter in the management committee.

One of the women, Judy Marole, said they lived in Mipsato Street facing a hostel.

She said they had not slept since Saturday as a result of the violence.

Mrs Marole said they ate their first meal in two days yesterday afternoon at the World Trade Centre.

"There is nobody to help us. There is nobody to run to," she said.

The residents sleep in their clothes and under tables for fear of attacks, Mrs Marole added.

Sarah Khali said the group decided to ask Codesa for help after it appeared the police were taking sides in the clashes between residents and hostel dwellers.
Hostel dweller describes 
grenade attack at taxi rank

By Guy Jepson

A man injured in yesterday's 
grenade blast at a crowded taxi 
rank near the Meadowlands 
hostel in Soweto said commuters 
had alerted the police of an 
impending attack minutes 
before the explosion.

Earlier yesterday SAP 
spokesman Captain Govind 
samy Mariemuthoo said 14 
people were injured at about 
0.45 am when one of two 
grenades thrown by queuing 
passengers at the rank in Vincent 
Road, near Mzimhlope station, 
exploded.

Captain Mariemuthoo said 
police were investigating 
whether the attack was linked 
to an earlier attack.

A spokesman for Baragwanath 
Hospital said she knew of 
only 12 injuries resulting from 
the grenade blast.

By late yesterday afternoon 
three people had been admitted 
to the hospital, four were still in 
the surgical casualty ward, four 
had been treated and dis- 
charged, and one had been 
transferred.

Speaking through an inter-
preter in the casualty section, 
Wilfred Sithole (48), a hostel 
dweller injured in the attack, 
said the grenade detonated at 
the rank where he was waiting 
for a bus at about 6.30 am.

"While we were waiting, 
there was a Hippo which was 
there (across the road). We saw 
a big crowd of residents from 
Mzimhlope and alerted the po-
lice.

"While we were still talking, 
someone from the crowd threw 
something — it looked like a 
stone — over the road. This 
things fell on the ground and ex-
ploded just in front of us."
Policeman lured into death trap

JOHANNESBURG.—A police warrant officer was lured into a squatter camp and murdered yesterday, Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said.

Warrant Officer M G Nxumalo, of the uniform branch at Thokoza, was murdered after being called to the Phola Park squatter camp on the East Rand, Captain Opperman said.

Apprently seen after WO Nxumalo’s arrival in Phola Park, an unidentified caller telephoned the Thokoza police station, and said they were holding the policeman hostage. No demands were made and the caller hung up immediately.

Captain Opperman said the Internal Stability Unit then “saturated Phola Park and found WO Nxumalo’s vehicle abandoned in the squatter camp.”

When no trace of the policeman was found, police continued their search and at 3.30pm found his bullet-ridden body in an open field near the squatter camp, Captain Opperman said.

He had been shot several times with an AK-47 rifle.

* IFP gives police name of attacker — Page 5
PAC 11 in court over Ennerdale clashes

The public-violence case against PAC general-secretary Benny Alexander and 10 others was postponed to May 11 following their brief appearance in the Vereeniging Magistrate’s Court yesterday.

The group was arrested in Ennerdale on January 27 after clashes erupted between residents and the police during a meeting at a local stadium to discuss rent and tariff issues.

Mr. Alexander and the other 10 men were released on bail of R100 each. They face charges of public violence but have not yet been asked to plead.
Ivory trading 'not justified'

ZIMBABWE's resumption of ivory trading 'not justified unless it was guaranteed not to become a conduit for illegal ivory trade - a guarantee Zimbabwe could not provide, Wildlife Society of Southern Africa executive director Tony Ferrar said yesterday.

However, Zimbabwe did have too many elephants.

The country had a moral obligation to other ivory-producing countries to ensure controls against the introduction of illegal ivory into any of its transactions.

It was vital to openly demonstrate income derived from ivory sales was passed directly to conservation agencies and rural communities. — Sapa.

Murder trial judgment begins

JUDGMENT in the murder trial of five Ntsepa members and a man they allegedly hired to help with an intimidation campaign against non-striking colleagues at Haggie Rand, in which five people were killed, began in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday. Shop stewards' chairman Richard Ngobei and worker representatives Jeffrey Nhoheli, Malvert Nkumbane, and Samuel Malepo have pleaded not guilty to five counts of murder, nine counts of attempted murder, two counts of arson and one count each of unlawfully possessing firearms and ammunition.

Joseph Mkhonje, allegedly hired as a "hit man" by leaders of the intimidation campaign, also pleaded not guilty on all 18 counts.

Ngobei and the other Ntsepa members on trial were dismissed after an illegal strike in October 1989. Judge du Plessis, sitting with two assessors, said it was most probable that the gatherings of dismissed workers during the dispute were organised by a workers' representative group known as the "committee of 10" as claimed by Abram Keele, an alleged accomplice of the six who turned State witness.

Ngobei, the judge said, was clearly a member of the committee or intimately involved with it. As committee members, the other Ntsepa members would have been regarded as leaders by co-workers.

All the victims except one worked in the wire mill section. The one exception had been in the company of an employee from that section when he was attacked.

"This common factor renders the possibility that the attacks were individually planned remote," du Plessis said. "Furthermore it indicates the attacks were planned by people opposed to the continual working of the victims."

Judgment will continue today.

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JOHANNESBURG. — At least 11 people have died and more than 30 have been wounded in continuing violence in Alexandra, a township on the verge of anarchy.

As the African National Congress and the police squabbled over responsibility for the soaring death toll, police found the bodies of five men who had been shot, the body of a policeman in a burned-out vehicle, the body of a man stabbed to death, and the bodies of four others.

According to the latest police report there were more deaths at Sharpeville in Vereeniging, and at Meadowlands and Dobsonville in Soweto. Three men, one a policeman, were either shot or hacked to death.

Violence flared in Alexandra yesterday when people stayed away from work, fought the police and barricaded the streets.

But the township was reported by the police to be quiet but tense this morning.

BARRICADES OF FIRE: Crowds of residents gather in an Alexandra township street during intense fighting which observers described as close to civil war.
Hostel-dwellers killed 4 — claim

 Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Four people, including a seven-year-old child, were killed, and about 10 injured when groups of hostel dwellers entered houses in Alexandra yesterday and opened fire on residents, the ANC said.

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A man was shot and wounded in Third Avenue, Alexandra, yesterday afternoon. Soweto police arrested two men who allegedly hurled a handgrenade at a group of early morning commuters at a taxi rank in Meadowlands. Nobody was injured in the blast.

At Polokwane squatter camp, Thokoza, police found the body of a man with hack and stab wounds. In another incident in the same area, police found the body of a policeman who was killed by gunmen with AK-47 rifles and robbed of his gun.

Between Denver and George Goch stations on the Witwatersrand police found the body of a man with stab wounds.

At Kwathema, Springs, a man was killed and another wounded when gunmen fired at pedestrians from a moving vehicle. Police arrested a man.

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RENEWED fighting broke out in strife-torn Alexandra yesterday as a mob went on the rampage, killing at least two people, including a schoolchild.

A spokesman for the African National Congress in Alexandra said the mob, apparently from Madala Hostel, opened random fire on residents in their yards and attacked two schools near Third Avenue.

He said many people were injured in the attacks but Alexandra Clinic research manager, Mr Rob Hirschowitz, said only two people had been treated for gunshot wounds.

Wielding axes

A woman said she had seen several people lying in the street in Selborne Road. She said a mob of people wielding axes, pangas and assegais had attacked people in Selborne and Acorn roads just before 10am.

"There are people running and screaming everywhere. Little children are just standing in this battlefield," she said.

Mr Steve Mashile, of the Alex-San Community Centre, said at least one person had been treated for gunshot wounds at the makeshift hospital in the centre. "We took him up to the Alex Clinic," he said.

Shooting could be heard at the clinic, echoing from the township during the morning.

The clinic was on standby to handle injuries, confident it could deal with an influx at least as large as last
Gunfire in Alex throughout night

From page 2

Frieda Neo Tladi, a five-year-old child was reported lost by her mother, Mrs Monica Tladi.

In an attack at about 5pm three people were injured when gunmen attacked a taxi rank in the township.

A running battle took place at about 7pm last night near the Alexandra clinic, forcing staff to hide under beds and tables, according to the clinic's manager, Mr David Robb.

By 10pm last night gunfire could be heard in the area, and 13 people were treated at the clinic, according to Robb.

The chairman of the Alexandra Peace Forum, the Rev Busani Ngubane, said inmates of Madala Hostel had earlier in the evening attacked residents who retaliated.

ANC spokesman Mr Ronnie Manomoza earlier said gunfire emerging from the hostel shot randomly at people, and then retreated to the hostel.

Police liaison officer, Colonel Frans Malherbe, said he had heard of deaths last night, but could not confirm a figure.

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Security force reinforcements move in as Alex toll mounts

Violence continued to rage in Alexandra last night, and the death toll mounted as the township simmered in a state of war and fear.

At least 10 people have been shot dead, five of them yesterday, and scores injured since Tuesday.

Urgent steps were taken at a crisis meeting yesterday to calm the situation as the ANC and IFP blamed one another for the killings.

A large number of security force reinforcements have been sent in, and two temporary police stations are to be set up, a hastily convened Interim Crisis Committee (ICC) decided yesterday at a meeting under the auspices of the Wits/Vaal Regional Dispute Resolution Committee, attended by community, church, political and security force representatives.

An Alexandra Clinic spokesman said last night that between midday and 7.30 pm staff had treated 31 people for gun wounds. Two people died at the clinic.

Yesterday’s victims included a policeman, Warrant-Officer D S Pilane, whose charred body was found on top of a burnt police vehicle. Another man, also believed to be a policeman, was found shot at his home in Second Avenue.

Yesterday, schools were closed and thousands of people stayed home as all main roads were barricaded with rocks, burning tyres and overturned vehicles.

A group of chanting, heavily armed youths repeatedly attempted to attack Alexandra’s two hostels; occupied mainly by IFP members, but were forced by police to retreat.

The ANC blamed the police and IFP for the continuation of the violence.

The IFP in turn accused the ANC of being ‘‘bent on destroying the Zulus’’.

Rejecting allegations of partiality, Witwatersrand regional police commissioner Major-General Gerrit Erasmus said: ‘‘Should the police refrain for only 30 minutes to perform their duties in Alexandra, I guarantee total bloodshed and a complete breakdown of law and order’’.

At yesterday’s meeting, the police undertook to immediately put 250 more men into Alexandra, and the SADF to establish a permanent presence there.
It is the role of police to stop even political crime, writes Victor Nell

Police force passes the buck

A documentary, "War on the Trains", was screened on TV1 at the weekend. On the bal-last next to the railway sleepers lie torn bodies, blood oozing through white shirts. An im-migrant from Mozambique coughs up his last breath as a bright yellow train speeds by; in the back-ground is a policeman in camouflage uniform. Rows of wounded people sit on the platforms wait-ing for the ambulances, still in shock.

And the police, asks the reporter, do they protect you? Frightened faces turn away from the camera. They are there to protect us, says a woman guardedly, but who can say if they do protect us. A man swaying to the motion of the train says they always come afterwards, when the thing is finished. Then they come.

The tape cuts to a police spokesman, smooth and sincere. If we put 100 men on each station and 10 on each coach, he says patiently, we would need 70 000 men. We can’t be everywhere. This matter is in the hands of the commu-nity. They must come forward and identify the attackers. Our hands are tied.

Is this a new trend for the new South Africa, do-it-yourself policing? It’s an interesting view of police work, and very South African. For years traffic chiefs have persuaded drivers that safety is in their own hands. Traffic police shrug off their simple duty to enforce the law and instead convince drivers that South Africa’s high accident rate is because they have bad attitudes.

The habit spreads. Since March 18, as reported in the Star, a referendum of Cabinet Minis-ters has warned that there can be no interim government until political parties can persuade their followers to desist from violence.

But political violence is a common crime, no more or less crim-i-nal than any other kind of crime; to turn it into the responsibility of “political parties” is devious. Isn’t it the job of the police to prevent crime? Why has the responsibility for “stopping Inkatha” or “curbing the ANC” been passed back to politi-cal leaders?

This is an ominous metamorphosis in State perceptions of how law and order are to be maintained. In what other country do governments and police forces stand back, turning law and order over to the communities and politi-cians?

It is very clever saying that train security will need shifts of 70 000 men. By analogy, maintaining hijacking security on all of the world’s airlines and between them carry, say, 1 000 passengers a day, would need shifts of 70 000 men at a time. Yet since the ‘60s, when hijacking was something of an international sport, an aston-ishing degree of airline security has been achieved, using something less than 70 million or even seven million security personnel a day.

The exiled South African poet Dennis Brutus was talking on the radio on Sunday night, just before "War on the Trains" came on TV. He recalled living in Potsdamp in the ‘60s and writing about the incessant screaming of police sirens up and down his road, enforcing the pass laws and arresting "ter-rorists".

This country had a police force famous (or notorious) throughout the world for its speed and effi-ciency. Nothing was beyond its powers. It penetrated every nook and cranny of South African society. In 1960, or even 1960, how far would a car carrying four men armed with automatic rifles killing pedestrians at random have travelled before it was hunted down and surrounded?

If the ANC had been suspected of orchestrating "unrest" on trains, how long would it have continued? How many arrests would have been made on Day 1 and how many on Day 2? Now the hands of the police are tied. The community must come forward.

There is something very sick in our society, and all of us are dying from it. Some of us are dying literally, with dreadful wounds; others feel hope dying, and our be-lief that decent people can live decent lives in this society that is slipping headlong into anarchy.

Of all the priorities facing South Africans at this time, one stands out above the rest: how to get a police force that takes responsibility for doing its own job, and is accountable for doing it well.

Professor Victor Nell is director of Unisa’s Health Psychology Unit, which has special interests in violence, civil anarchy and accountability.
Anarchy as residents fight on streets

Own Correspondent

Johannesburg — Anarchists in a township near this city yesterday blew up a police station in a desperate attempt to prevent the police from rounding up ANC members who have been arrested in the past few days.

The police station was blown up by a petrol bomb which was thrown through a window. Several windows were broken and the roof was damaged.

The police said they were trying to prevent a mob from taking over the area where the station is located.

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JOHANNESBURG. — Fearful and angry Alexandra residents yesterday fought back against ongoing violence with a work stayaway and tried to march on the Madala hostel to demolish it.

At one stage the sprawling, poverty-stricken township threatened to explode into open warfare as thousands of residents squared up to a large contingent of police in the streets.

The residents carried firearms, petrol bombs, iron rods and stones. SAP vehicles were also continuous-

ly stoned by groups of residents throughout the day.

The attacks prompted a senior police liaison officer, Colonel Frans Malherbe, to say that the violence had seemingly shifted from rival political factions to against police.

The residents’ attempt to march on the migrant workers’ hostel was blocked by police mounted on armoured vehicles who fired teargas.

Residents living near the hostel charge that its inhabitants are the perpetrators of the violence. However, hostel residents blame the Alexandra community for sparking the violence. The hostel is largely regarded as being the stronghold of Inkatha Freedom Party supporters.

The hostel is a medieval-looking five-storey building that dominates Alexandra.

Many residents say the violence came to the township in March last year when between 400 and 500 Inkatha supporters evicted the original residents and took over the hostel.

Since then, residents say, Madala’s new occupants have used it as a base for staging raids into the township.

Recently the hostel’s inhabitants have been accused of sniping at township residents from the hostel’s upper floors.

Until Inkatha supporters and ANC supporters engaged in township battles for political supremacy, Alexandra was one of the Transvaal’s more stable townships with a strong and pragmatic civic organisation.

One of the smallest townships in the PWV area, it has an overcrowding problem. An estimated 250,000 people live in an area of four square kilometres.
Grenade blast in bus: 7 hurt

Johannesburg.—A woman was seriously injured and six other people were hurt when a grenade exploded inside a Putco bus in Soweto yesterday.

In Zululand, two policemen were shot and wounded after being led into an ambush.

An 18-year-old youth was shot dead when the house of an ANC official was petrol-bombed near Empangeni.
Grenade in bus

A WOMAN was seriously injured and six other people were hurt when a hand grenade exploded inside a Putco bus in Soweto last night.

A spokesman for Soweto police, Colonel Panyana Zwane, said the bus was going past Meadowlands Hostel at 6.20pm when the grenade was thrown through a window.

The explosion tore a hole in the floor of the bus and knocked out most of the glass.

The bus was carrying passengers from township to Soweto. Sapa.
Drastic steps taken to heal bleeding Alex

THE security forces yesterday undertook to step up their operations in an attempt to restore stability in the troubled Alexandra Township.

The undertaking was made after a seven-hour meeting of the Witwatersrand/Vaal regional dispute resolution committee in Johannesburg.

The meeting was attended by political and community organisations including the ANC, the IFP, churches, the Democratic Party, police, the South African Defence Force and representatives of the displaced people of Alexandra Township.

A representative of the SADF undertook to institute a permanent presence of soldiers at a support point in the township as soon as possible.

He said this would include patrols around Alexandra Clinic, one of the township's trouble spots.

Police said they would increase the number of their personnel to 250. A spokesman said they would start patrolling the township with immediate effect.

The spokesman added that temporary police stations would be set up near Madala Hostel and 17th Avenue, an area where attacks have been frequent.

An interim crisis committee, consisting of the Reverend Liz Carmichael, representing the churches; Deane Yates, representing relief groups; Melanie Stewart of the Democratic Party, Mr Mike Bea of the Alexandra Civic Association and the ANC; and Mr Bruce Anderson of the IFP, was elected.

The committee will liaise with the security forces and all concerned parties.
A policeman was killed by AK-47 rifle fire in Sharpeville, in the Vaal Triangle.

As police vehicles sped through Alexandra township amid scattered gunfire, flying rocks and burning shacks yesterday, police spokesman Colonel Eugene Opperman said: "We thought all was going well with the negotiations but it seems not."

He blamed Inkatha and the ANC.

Inkatha spokesman Musi Mqiyeni said the ANC had thousands of automatic weapons and was "bent on destroying the Zulus".

ANC spokesman Saki Macozoma accused Inkatha of fighting to delay voting for a multi-racial interim government.

"Lots of violence makes it difficult to hold an election," he said.

Many local people said the fighting began when Inkatha supporters began firing from the local hostel.

"SAPA-Reuters."
Pupils idle as violence rages

THE ongoing township violence has destabilised education in Alexandra and Soweto - causing more than 19 schools to close days before today's official closure.

Thousands of Alexandra pupils have lost valuable school time because of the violence.

On Tuesday there were reports that marauding groups had shot at children at Mzimhlophe Primary School. A mass exodus of residents since March 7 has also kept many of the children away from the classrooms.

"Displacement has been the major cause of school disruptions," an ANC official in Alexandra, Miss Sizakele Nkosi said.

"On Tuesday schooling came to a standstill after a seven-year-old boy from Dr Kaack Primary was shot as he ran away from the school.

Nkosi said children who attended schools outside the township could also not go to school in the past two days, especially yesterday.

"Taxi drivers stayed indoors and those children who dared to leave their homes were stranded."

Meanwhile, the Soweto branch of the South African Democratic Teachers Union yesterday said seven schools in Zone 1 Meadowlands, Killarney and Mzimhlophe had been destabilised.

Anchor High School in Mzimhlophe has been closed for four weeks.

Sadtu spokesman Mr Oupa Mphita said schools had been disrupted continuously.

"There is no hope that Anchor will reopen as long as this violence persists."

A community meeting will be held on Saturday at Phelindizela Secondary at 2pm to discuss the affects of violence on education.

Parents of children at Anchor will meet at Uncle Tom's Hall on Sunday at 9am to discuss the crisis.
Goldstone Commission probes bloodshed as toll rises to 11

The horror of Alexandra

By Thobu Lesile

The Goldstone Commission has launched an urgent inquiry into the violence which has left Alexandra township a zone of terror.

Police reported last night that 11 people had been killed and scores injured since Tuesday in two days of heavy gunfire and petrol bombings.

There was relative calm yesterday, but residents continued to live in fear.

Yesterday youths beat and tried to kill a man in full view of journalists. He managed to break free and ran past the Mandela hostel to a police post.

Police reported one death yesterday and an Alexandra Clinic spokesman said between midnight and 3 am seven people had been injured. Three had been shot.

Another was stabbed and two assaulted.

On Second Avenue, two blocks from the IFP-dominated Mandela hostel, several families were leaving their homes for the comparative safety of the council offices.

At the Alexandra Clinic research manager W. Schoenwaes said an emergency clinic would be open on weekdays from 9 am to 4 pm at the Alexandra Esplanade Centre.

Yesterday the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry - at the request of the ANC and IFP - launched an inquiry into the violence.

Mr. H. Goldstone appealed for a calm, taking into account the safety of the commission.

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A Council of Churches (SACC) secretary-general the Rev. Dr. Chikane yesterday said church leaders were calling for a calm and non-violent response to the tension.

Dr. Chikane said that peace was possible to ensure peace in Alexandra. He added it was a failure to think that the solution to the situation in Alexandra lay in increased police presence. He blamed the violence on the ANC and IFP and said it was up to the leaders of the two organisations to get together to spread the message of peace.

Captain Kotze rejected the argument that police had failed to stop the ongoing violence and were "perpetuating" it.

ANC plea — Page 3
The South African Council of Churches is to ask the international community to pressure the Government into stopping the killings in townships and make such action a precondition to ending sanctions.

The decision, announced by SACC secretary-general the Rev. Frank Chikane in Johannesburg yesterday, was adopted at a meeting of the SACC leadership on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Recently, the Government made the ending of violence — which it blamed on black politicians jockeying for power — one of its conditions for the establishment of an interim government.

Dr. Chikane said the SACC was convinced the country's powerful security apparatus had the capacity to stop the ongoing violence.

The security forces, however, had failed to do so and were instead "perpetrating or permitting" violence.

He added it was unfair to expect black leaders to stop the ongoing violence as they had neither the armed ability nor intelligence service necessary to deal with the armed units which covertly sowed mayhem in the townships.

The church leaders believed the only way peace could be achieved was by putting the SAP, SADF, homeland armies, liberation armies and other armies into a united force under joint command "in the spirit of movement to a new society."

"This is an essential element of the interim government arrangement," Dr. Chikane said, adding that all relevant parties inside and outside CODESA would be contacted about the SACC decision.

Other decisions were that:

- Urgent meetings be sought with the Government and the National Peace Committee about the ongoing violence.
- The SACC host a summit on violence to which all black leaders would be invited.
- The Goldstone Commission of Inquiry into political violence be urged to investigate the causes of violence in Meadowlands.
Alexandra counts dead after fighting

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Alexandra was quieter yesterday after two days of fighting between political factions left at least 11 dead and scores injured, but sporadic attacks continued.

The Goldstone Commission — after requests from the ANC and Inkatha — said yesterday it had launched an urgent inquiry into the cause of the violence. The chairman, Mr. Justice Richard Goldstone, appealed to all interested parties, including the police and SADF, to place evidence and submissions before him.

The death toll rose yesterday with the discovery of two bodies, one next to the Madala hostel — whose occupants Alexandra residents claimed were responsible for the violence.

Police and community leaders believed angry residents, "sick and tired" of the violence, had somehow brought it under control. People returned to work and pupils attended school.

"The large-scale deployment of security personnel definitely also played an important role," said Witwatersrand police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe.

Meanwhile, the general-secretary of the South African Council of Churches, the Rev. Frank Chikane, said South African church leaders would ask the international community to make the ending of violence a precondition for scrapping sanctions.

He told a news conference that church leaders believed the only way violence could be ended was by placing all armed formations under one command. Church leaders felt the government was relinquishing its responsibility by expecting citizens to solve the violence.

He said a meeting of church leaders had decided to telephone Minister of Law and Order Mr. Hennie Kriel to demand proper policing in Alexandra.

A spokesman for the ANC's Alexandra branch claimed this week's violence could have been prompted by an alleged police refusal to allow the SADF to patrol the area and "protect" residents. The allegation was denied by Colonel Malherbe, who said the SADF was still in Alexandra.

Witwatersrand regional police commissioner Major-General Gerrit Erasmus, who visited the township yesterday and spoke to community leaders, criticised the ANC and Inkatha for blaming police for the violence and told the organisations to negotiate.

Late yesterday the Alexandra health centre and clinic said that although there was relative calm, people with gunshot, stab and assault wounds were treated throughout the day. A spokesman said the situation "could explode any moment".

According to the latest unrest report issued by the police in Pretoria yesterday, there were three more deaths at Sharpeville, in Vereeniging, and at Meadowlands and Dobsonville in Soweto. The men, one a policeman, were shot or hacked to death.

In Johannesburg yesterday, Sapa reports, the Azanian Students Convention, the student wing of the Azanian Peoples Organisation, called on the various liberation armies to come out of hiding and defend black lives to bring an end to the current violence.
Churchmen link violence to curbs

THE country’s church leaders will ask the international community to make the ending of violence a precondition to the scrapping of sanctions, the South African Council of Churches said yesterday.

Addressing a Press conference in Johannesburg, SACCO general secretary the Reverend Frank Chikane said church leaders believed the only way violence could end was by placing all armed formations under one command.

Chikane was reporting back on decisions made at a two-day meeting of South African church leaders which ended on Wednesday.

He said the churchmen had decided to call an “emergency summit” of community leaders to discuss the violence.

The church leaders felt the Government was relinquishing its responsibility by expecting citizens to solve the violence, Chikane said.

Non-government political leaders did not have the intelligence units required to act against the “underground covert operations”, which were causing the violence, he said.

Chikane said they had decided to phone Law and Order Minister Herbus Kriel to demand proper policing of Alexandra.

An “exposure visit” to Alexandra for ambassadors would be arranged as part of the effort to rally international pressure.

The church leaders also decided to press for a national programme with a stated timetable to convert all hostels into normal family flats.

Another decision included pressing the Goldstone Commission to look at the root causes of violence in Meadowlands, Soweto.

SA Press Association.
Uncanny calm returns to Alex after 12 deaths in two days of clashes.
'River of blood' warning for riot-torn Alex

The Argus Correspondent
Johannesburg — Alexandra is in an explosive state of tension, with many residents living in terror as the Goldstone Commission launched an urgent inquiry into the battles which raged across the township this week.

A "relative" peace was reported as leading political figures were drawn into the fray yesterday by demands for strong action to return law and order to the township and by calls for leaders to exercise control over their followers.

"But vicious, isolated attacks continued."

A nursing sister at Alexandra Clinic said: "We will see a river of blood in the streets of this place before people stop this. I fear for my life, I fear for the children."

As she spoke some residents continued to flee the area, although business activity in the township resumed.

The Reverend Busani Ngbane, chairman of the Alexandra Peace Forum, said although violence had subsided in most parts of the township, areas around hostels were very tense.

"It is perhaps optimistic to think the violence has subsided," he said.

Police said last night that 11 people had been killed and scores injured since Tuesday in two days of heavy gunfire and petrol-bombings.

Yesterday youths beat up a man and tried to set him alight in full view of onlookers. The man broke free and ran to a police patrol.

Police reported one death yesterday and an Alexandra Clinic spokesman said seven people had been injured. Three had been shot.

Two others had been stabbed and two assaulted.

In Second Avenue, two blocks from the IFP-dominated Madela hostel, families were fleecing their homes for the comparative safety of the council offices.

Yesterday the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry — at the request of the ANC and the IFP — launched an inquiry into the violence.

Mr Justice R Goldstone appealed to all parties to submit evidence "as a matter of urgency."

He said the commission, which was set up to examine public violence and intimidation, would also welcome submissions from the public about the causes of the Alexandra eruption.

The South African Council of Churches (SACC) is to ask the international community to pressure President de Klerk's government into stopping the killings.
Inquiry into Alex violence

THE Goldstone Commission yesterday launched an urgent inquiry into the violence racking Alexandra following requests to do so from the African National Congress and Inkatha Freedom Party.

Mr Justice Goldstone appealed in a statement to all interested parties, including the police and defence force, to place evidence and submissions before the commission "as a matter of urgency".

He said the commission, which was set up to examine public violence and intimidation and make recommendations on how it could be stopped, had also taken note of statements made by senior police officers concerning the Alexandra carnage.

Goldstone said the commission would also welcome submissions from the public, either in writing or orally, concerning the causes of the Alexandra eruption. People could arrange to testify confidentially.

"The name of such a person will be kept secret if that is the wish of such person," the judge said.

The commission can be reached at (012) 320 4640/1/2 or Private Bag X838, Pretoria, 0001.
Uneasy calm lies over Alex

TROUBLE-TORN Alexandra remained explosive yesterday despite an uneasy calm that hung over the township after days of fierce fighting in which several were killed and many injured.

The township was tense with occasional sounds of gunfire accompanied by the explosion of handgrenades in Third Avenue.

Thousands of residents returned to work yesterday after three days of fierce fighting in which at least 11 people were killed and many injured.

By yesterday the official toll of people injured exceeded 30 since the beginning of the week, but sources said the figure could be as high as 100.

Fear

Business activity was back to normal and taxi ranks and shops were busy for the first time since the fighting started, although fear still stalked the township. On Wednesday the township had come to a virtual standstill and people had stayed away from work.

The spontaneous stayaway was in response to the brutality which has left scores of people without homes after they were burnt down by hostel dwellers.

Many other residents fled their homes in fear of attacks from hostel dwellers and have been housed in churches and municipal offices.

The local leadership yesterday confirmed that the township was relatively quiet but said it could explode anytime.

Simmering

Chairman of the Alexandra Peace Forum, the Rev Busani Ngubane, said although violence had subsided in most parts of the township, the area around the hostels was still simmering.

"Gunshots have been heard coming from Madala Hostel. It is perhaps being optimistic to think the violence has subsided," Ngubane said.

An African National Congress spokesman in the area expressed concern that police had been posted at Madala Hostel.

The spokesman said the organisation would rather have SA Defence Force personnel patrol the hostels.

By JOE MDHLELA

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Inside your Guardian Weekly today ...

Welcome to our bumper first edition of the joint Weekly Mail and Guardian Weekly. In today's Guardian Weekly you'll find:

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Behind the lines

The corner of Roothe Street and Third Avenue in Alexandra township, a bloody battle raged this week — just one of many pocket civil wars that have flared up throughout the country, in which residents fight and die ... and no-one really knows why.

On one corner of the intersection, heavily armed Inkatha men were holed up on premises which they seized from the residents two weeks ago. Intermittently the men darted out of their hide-outs behind Zozo huts to fire shots randomly down the street.

Alexandra residents were grouped behind shacks and houses lower down Third Avenue, where they returned the gunfire.

Many were obviously ANC-supporting comrades, but others said they had no political allegiance. They were simply ordinary residents of Third Avenue, fighting to protect their houses.

A Weekly Mail team hid nearby, watching for several hours each day. Bursts of AK47 fire could be heard occasionally and the exchange of handgun fire was relentless. It was often impossible to tell where the shooting came from, and even less clear where it was headed.

Full details: Pages 2, 3 and 4
A pistol-wielding resident sprits across Third Avenue while fighting rages around him.

Women and children could be seen leaving the area with bundles of clothes and bedding. One frightened middle-aged woman scurried outside to pull her washing inside. "We have not slept since Monday," she said. "We are terrified." In true Beirut style, warriors took a "lunchbreak" and for a couple of hours the shooting abated.

As armed residents grouped behind shacks to strategise, many smoked dagga in preparation of more attacks. They told of how they would die fighting the police and Inkatha and how they would never leave their homes.

"The police are the ones doing the shooting," said Emma Lokanyane, from a house a few hundred metres from the battle-zone, later that afternoon.

Many of the women came to the streets at dusk and crowded behind walls, watching the action. "We are not supporters of any organisation but we don't want these Inkatha people here. We have to force them out and the police too must leave," said Lokanyane.

Most residents said all the police did was teargas them and accused the police of blatant bias towards Inkatha.

One woman told how she saw comrades capture two Inkatha men from a nearby shebeen in Second Avenue on Tuesday afternoon and drag them into Third Avenue. The men were being interrogated by an angry crowd when suddenly two contrabands, carrying guns with silencers, ran up to them and shot each of them.
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them in the head several times.
When truckloads of black soldiers
from 21 Battalion in Saselburg began
to pour in at about 5pm, the crowds
welcomed them like heroes. Women
toyed in the streets and people
sang and cried with clenched fists.
The soldiers waved as though being
honoured in a ticker-tape parade.

"The black SADF's are helping us.
They don't want this corruption. But
the Boers in their Casspirs are shoot-
ing at us. When the soldiers are there
they are too scared to shoot," said
"Chris", who would not give his sur-
name.

But after moving up war-torn Third
Avenue, the troops disappeared and
the shooting began again in earnest.
At one point a car pulled up, swerved
sharply into a driveway and secondly
drove off again. "They came to
deliver weapons," said a local activist,
nodding knowingly.

Later in the afternoon, residents set
up a house on the corner from
which the hostel dwellers were firing.
Hector Mookena stood watching
his mother's house go up in flames.
"We were forced to move out of there
on Tuesday by the people from the
hostel. But we cannot blame the com-
rades (for setting the house alight).
We blame those people who chased us
east and moved in."

At dusk, many of the people holed
up in the shacks and houses began to
cross back to Madala Hostel.
The Casspirs formed a barricade at
the intersection between the men and
the rest of the residents to allow the
hostel dwellers and women carrying
large bundles of bedding and other
goods to cross to the safety of the hos-
tel. The crowds boded angrily at what
they saw as a blatant display of police
partiality. "See, they are moving to
the hostel and the police are protect-
ing them. But where are they when
we need protection?" a resident said.

Others cried angrily that their own
possessions were being moved from
their now-burnt occupied houses
into the hostel.

People began to move nearer to the
Casspirs and the intersection. Some
approached one of the Casspirs and
asked police inside why they had
disguised the road to protect the
Inkatha people and why they them-
selves were not given protection.

One policeman replied that they
had parked there to wait for the fire-
men to come and douse the flames of
the burning house.

Shortly afterwards, as dusk began
to fall, the Casspirs pulled to the side
of the intersection near the hostel. The
residents who had approached the
Casspirs grew scared when the
Casspirs withdrew, realising they
were standing in the middle of the
warzone with no buffer. Several peo-
ple however, continued to stand on
the corner, not far from the house.

Suddenly there was burst of gunfire
from the direction of the hostel and
two men who had been standing near
the corner fell. Both had been shot in
the head and died instantly.

One of the men, whose head was
virtually blown off, had been standing
next to me a few moments before at
the Casspir. He had spoken to me and
to the police. He had asked angrily
why the police offered no protection
and why they had done nothing to
root out the people hiding in the Zozo
thatch.

Another man, shot in the legs, had
run to the corner with a gun behind
his back, mere inches from the
police. Stunned at what they had seen,
people simply stood there, frighten-
and angry. Armored residents began
to return gunfire and sporadic shooting
continued into the night.

Though people were returning to
work on Thursday morning, men still
thronged around the houses on Third
Avenue, watching men stand from
the direction of the hostel. They were
locked in a war they said would never
end. So far at least 10 people had died,
including a seven-year-old.

Two men told how they had been
staying in the hostel until the end of
last year. "I've been staying in the
hostel since 1972," said Peter
Mashabola. But I moved out last year
because the safety forces brought
Inkatha from Natal to move in. The
IFP were not here before."

Many people—mostly women
and children—have sought refuge at
the local Presbyterian church and
the Sankopano recreational centre.

Petunia Sathelge (24) told how she
had been staying at the church for
the past two weeks. Her home, opposite
the hostel in Third Avenue, is in the
area now occupied by Inkhata.

"They took my uncle's place and
we decided to leave because our
house is in the same yard. They broke
ours windows and took our clothes
and money. See, that's why I am only
eating maize and no meat. They took my
granny's money."

Sathelge, with a gasp on her face,
head swayed as they ran past her. She
waved her head as they ran past her.

"I'm not ANC. I'm an ordinary
person," she said emphatically. "But
the IFP is attacking us and the police
are not protecting us."

Many tired residents, who have
lately slept since raging gun battles
broke out early this week, returned to
work on Thursday morning fortified
by taxis swerving around barricades,
restoring some sense of normality to
the chaotic, war-ravaged township.

But most streets were still heavily
barricaded with rocks, trees and burnt
out cars and many armed residents
still thronged Third Avenue, waiting
tensely for renewed fighting to come
from the Inkatha huddle.

Once a gun in his pocket, stood on
a corner with his wife and baby,
waving for their lift to arrive. He, like
many other men, wasn't going any-
where. "They are still fighting with
us and I cannot leave to go to work. My
house is near the corner up there
They'll burn my things."

The man said he had been engaged in
rummaging on armistice since early in
the week and had just returned from
Monday. "What are they fighting for? I do
know."

''Til they're shot dead, he shouted.

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The report Violence: 400 observers argue the Government benefits from the violence that constantly shadow the negotiation process.
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Gunshot victims found dead in Alexandria

A second man was shot dead in Alexandria on Thursday. A police patrol was fired on by unknown assailants near the city's main railway station, in the early hours. The victim, a 35-year-old man, was found dead in a nearby street. It is the third such incident in Alexandria in recent weeks.

In other incidents in Alexandria and surrounding areas, several people were injured and four others were killed. The police said they are investigating the cause of the deaths and injuries.

The situation in the city has been tense since the recent elections, with violence and unrest continuing to affect daily life. The government has urged citizens to remain calm and cooperate with the authorities.

The Alexandria police have urged people to avoid the use of weapons and to report any incidents of violence to the authorities immediately. They said they are working to ensure the safety and security of the residents.

The Alexandria governor, Mr. Ahmed El-Sayed, said the government is taking all necessary measures to maintain law and order in the city. He called on the citizens to support the police and abide by the laws.

The Alexandria branch of the National Democratic Party (NDP) has condemned the violence and called on the government to take action to prevent further incidents.

The NDP said it is ready to cooperate with the authorities to solve the problems facing the city. It called on the residents to remain calm and work together to maintain stability.
Greenhill for Security

FLASHBACK: Final spring issue from a bigger between Chandler panthers and Arizona Cardinals. Fears of real estate market downturns

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SHBACK: Riot squad police form a buffer between Alexandra residents and Zulu's Inkatha Freedom Party hostel-dwellers last month.

for security

NABBED:
Police hold a man in an Alexandra backyard during their investigations into the Third Avenue shootings last month.

Serve (MK), the AWB’s Wenkommandos and the PAC’s Apla.

Must they be banned or integrated into the SADF, the SA Police and other security force structures?

Conflicting viewpoints on all these and other questions have been expressed by the government and the ANC. There is little indication that the wide gulf on security issues is being bridged. On both sides fear and mistrust remain.

ANC president Nelson Mandela is adamant that MK will not be disbanded and will ultimately be merged with the present military structures to form a new national defence force.

He stressed that there was “no question” of dissolving MK under the present conditions of violence and when private armies were being formed by right-wing groups.

“Defence Minister Roelf Meyer, on the other hand,” this week said the effective demobilisation of MK was a “non-negotiable” pre-condition for the creation of a transitional government.

He added that in a democracy, no political party or organisation had the right to have a private army or military wing, and these would have to be disbanded before democracy or a transitional phase were introduced.

Mr Meyer denied any negotiation had taken place with the ANC about control of the defence force, either for the interim or for the long term.

It is clear an underlying dilemma for the government is what to do if the ANC persists with its refusal to disband MK.

Professor Hough pointed out that in terms of the Peace Accord, MK should have already been disbanded. The ANC dodged this requirement by claiming MK was not a “private army” but a “national liberation army”.

If the government were to ban private armies, it would come up against various problems. Firstly, such action would go against the political climate needed for peace negotiations. Secondly, even if the ANC should agree to disband MK, there seems to be no way in which the government could check that such action was being taken.

A dilemma for the ANC seems to be what to do with MK members if the ANC’s military wing were to be disbanded. It has been estimated that MK comprises between 5,000 and 6,000 cadres, many of whom are abroad or in camps in neighbouring states.

Some people fear that many MK members, if made idle or unemployed, will join the PAC’s military wing, Apla, which is still committed to the “armed struggle” and is still active. Others, it is feared, will join criminal gangs.

The ANC’s position, as set out by MK chief-of-staff Chris Hani, is that a new defence force, geared to defend democracy, would have to be created by a new democratically elected government.

Such a force, according to Mr Hani, could contain elements of the SADF, MK, and other military elements such as homeland armies.

However, Mr Hani has made it clear the ANC would not accept integration of MK into the SADF.

His argument is that the ANC regards the SADF as “the military wing of the National Party government”, just as MK was the poli
cized military wing of the ANC.

Decisions on the future of MK, taken at the ANC’s national conference in Durban last year, include:

MK should remain combat-ready;

The ANC will establish MK structures at all levels; and

The ANC will maintain and develop MK until a democratic constitution is adopted and a new defence force is created into which MK cadres will be integrated.
Attacks keep pupils away from Anchor High

BY THERESA KOK MLC

VICTORIA'S Education Minister, Tom Hall, said today that the attacks on the school this week had raised concerns about the safety of students and staff.

"We are working closely with the police and other authorities to ensure the safety of all those involved," Mr. Hall said.

The attacks, which occurred yesterday, have led to the closure of Anchor High until further notice.

Parents and guardians of students at the school have been advised to keep their children home until the situation is resolved.

A spokesperson for the school said that the incidents were being treated as serious and that all necessary steps are being taken to ensure the safety of all involved.

Anchor High is one of several schools in the state that have faced similar issues in recent months, with reports of attacks, vandalism, and other forms of misconduct.

Mr. Hall has called for increased funding and support for schools in the area, saying that this would help to address the issues and ensure that students have a safe and conducive learning environment.

The school is expected to reopen tomorrow, pending further developments.

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PAC to meet government

By S'BU MNGADI

THE PAC will meet a high-powered government delegation outside South Africa as international efforts to woo the organisation into joining Codesa move into top gear.

PAC president Clarence Makwetu, who will lead the organisation’s delegation at the bilateral talks on Thursday in Abuja, Nigeria, said he did not rule out the possibility of the PAC rejoining Codesa – depending on the outcome of the meeting.

This emerged at the PAC’s four-day third annual national conference at the University of Transkei in Umtata.

The government delegation will be led by Foreign Minister Pik Botha. A spokesman for Foreign Affairs declined to comment yesterday.

Opening the conference, Makwetu maintained his organisation’s hardline stand against the Convention for a Democratic South Africa.

Senior PAC leaders said although bi-lateral talks might lead to the organisation rejoining Codesa, they would be doing so on their own terms, having first met at a neutral venue and under a neutral chairman.

Meanwhile a 35-person Azapo delegation held a special consultative meeting with the Black Consciousness Movement of Azania in Harare, Zimbabwe, at the weekend.

Azapo spokesman Sterni Moodley did not rule out the possibility of Azapo joining Codesa but he said it could only happen after consultations with the ANC and other components of the Patriotic Front.

OAU group for Alex?

ANC president Nelson Mandela is to ask the Organisation of African Unity to monitor violence in Alexandra township.

"That is the only way we can stop this violence," he said.

Mandela told a press conference that an independent international monitoring group was needed "because the government and security (forces) have abdicated from their duties".

More than 20 people have been killed in Alexandra this week. See pages 2 and 13
Alexandra's diary of death

By SITHEMBISO MBATHA

WHAT was called a full-scale war in Alexandra township this week claimed the lives of 17 residents and two police officers. This is what a City Press correspondent, Sithembiso Mbatha, witnessed.

TUESDAY: Three alleged Inkatha supporters killed Dawie Ashenbrenner outside his home and wounded three others, but police denied it. Two cars were burnt and many shacks petrol bombed. Guns barked from dusk to dawn.

WEDNESDAY: The body of a policeman, WOS Pillay, was found on the roof of his burnt-out car. A resident said he was attacked when he ran out of bullets. He had been firing at fleeing people. A man was killed by shots allegedly fired from a house. Glimpses of residents helped the police, from time to time with stones and petrol bombs.

THURSDAY: A man was found next to the body of a woman. Another man, Alfred Matluleka, was stabbed several times and set alight near the clinic by six men wearing balaclavas. He was saved by Thembekhosi, the IFP youth leader.
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20 killed in camp raid

IN the worst single massacre on the East Rand this year, 20 people were killed, 18 seriously injured and more than 30 shacks razed on Friday night when armed men raided Crossroads Squatter camp in Katlehong.

The assailants, armed with 'firearms', petrol bombs and sharp instruments, were allegedly Xhosas and Zulus from Holomisa, a camp near Crossroads.

Joseph Dlamini, who lost all his possessions including his car during the attack, said one of the attackers later said he was from Holomisa.

Dlamini said a man later hacked to death on the spot.

Dlamini suspected that revenge could have been the motive in the attack, as Xhosas had been meaning to attack the squatter camp.

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"They still had a grudge against people staying here," he said.

City Press found the attack was not only directed at the Zulus but also against Sotho- and Sangana-speaking people.

Doris Segonyane, 55, said the men had demanded money and a radio before they left with all her blankets.

"Some of the men were on foot but they alighted from a train nearby," she said.

Residents said the attack appeared to be well-planned.

East Rand police spokesman Lt Wikus Wepner said police had not yet established a motive for the attack and no arrests had been made.

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See pages 2 and 13
‘Xhosa’ gang murders 21 in night raid on Inkatha

TWENTY-ONE people were hacked and stabbed to death when a gang of Xhosa-speaking men attacked sleeping residents at an Inkatha stronghold in Katlehong on the East Rand on Friday night, police and witnesses said.

Among those killed in one of the worst attacks in any township this year were a woman and two children. Seventeen people were injured.

'We were caught unaware by our attackers in the dead of night,' said Mr Douglas Madlala, secretary of the Inkatha Freedom Party branch in Katlehong’s Crossroads area, where the attack took place at about 11pm.

'Our shacks were set on fire, shots were fired at random, and we were hacked with pangas and stabbed with spears in the dark,' he said.

The chairwoman of the Inkatha Women’s League in Crossroads, Rose Ndzimande, said she had kept under her bed when the shack was set ablaze.

One of the injured, Margaret Solepe, interviewed at the Ntulamuleni Hospital, said the attackers had said in Xhosa that they wanted to recapture the area, once an ANC stronghold.

Inkatha supporters had been attacked by fire and police in Crossroads by force.

in 1990, Mr Madlala said, claiming that about 800 residents were now card-carrying IFP supporters.

'I inspected the motive for the attack was to recapture Crossroads from us,' he said. 'Crossroads became an Inkatha area after we wiped out ANC supporters.'

A group of 'Xhosa-speaking men ... carrying firearms, petrol bombs and sharpened objects' attacked the residents, apparently without provocation, said police spokesman Lieutenant Wikus Weber.

Mr Madlala alleged that a number of residents had been abducted, but police could not confirm this.

The township was calm yesterday, while police kept a low profile and residents searched charred rubble for belongings.

The ANC last night condemned the attack as the work of 'enemies of peace and democracy'.

In unrelated violence in Orlando West on Friday, seven people died when opposing groups fired on each other, and 'then clashed with police, according to a police unrest report.

Five were killed in the group clashes and two were shot by police when a patrol came under fire.
ON Thursday April 27, Johannesburg went crazy in a ticker-tape welcome for the South African World Cup cricket team. But at the same hour, a five kilometre spread from the celebrations, at least 100 Alexandra residents were injured in a running battle with police.

The vast majority of whites festooning the almost all-white cricket team have never visited Alexandra township and the life and events there are as foreign to them as the events in Beirut.

Most of the celebrating Johannesburgers were not aware and had no interest in the events in Alexandra.

But black workers turning home from work in taxis at night within minutes find themselves plunged from plush northern-western suburbs with their neat manicured lawns and clean streets into possibly the worst slum in S.A., more than a quarter of a million people are squashed into three square kilometres.

From an apparently safe neighbourhood they are thrown into a near panic situation where they could find their homes looted and set alight. They do not know when violence will suddenly flare - they could be killed or injured at any moment.

During the 40 years in which billions of rand which could have gone into education and welfare squandered on apartheid rule, the population of Alex has swelled to make it the country's biggest shantytown.

Without adequate infrastructure and sewage facilities, most of the residents live in pitiful conditions with the stink of garbage, which is piled high along most streets, in their nostrils.

This was the scene recently in one of the shacks which has erupted in Alex and the violence has escalated.

The police claim they are there to protect all the residents - both Zulu and other residents - and say that both hostel dwellers and the ANC supporters have taken shots at them and have stoned them.

Police are among the dead and injured in this week's violence.

Rumours of wild and people closest to the hostels live in dread that they will be killed and their homes burnt and looted.

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BLOODED AND BROKEN ... This Zulu grandmother is left lying in agony, her dignity torn, the victim of a mob’s cruel stones. She was attacked in a dusty road in the township she has lived in nearly all her life, another casualty of this township battle. Earlier (inset) the same Zulu grandmother points to something.

Although the police were less than 100 metres away I did not feel safe. I walked.

A policeman in a Casspir was watching the windows of the hostel through binoculars.

The policeman said he was watching to see whether anyone intended taking a pot shot at the policemen dousing the fire.

Residents have been shot from the hostel windows and people no longer venture into the vicinity.

A spokesman for the ANC said the police had only raided the hostel once and that was when they were fired upon. But police say they have raided the hostel four times since January 1 looking for weapons.

On Thursday a continuous stream of Casspirs drove around the hostel and the burnt houses.

The police say this is to protect the homes and property, but less than two hours after the police had doused the fire in one house, a petrol bomb exploded in the house next door and in a few minutes the whole house was in flames.

A fire-engine was sent from Sandton and arrived 15 minutes later. By then the home had been destroyed.

People living in shacks across the road said they felt they were the next to be burnt out and accused the police of not trying to protect them.

They pointed out that despite the earlier fires and the Casspirs constantly circulating the hostel, the neighbouring house had been petrol bombed in bright sunlight and no one was arrested.
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New bid for peace in Alex

Death toll on Reef at least 33

As a bid for peace swung into action in war-torn Alexandra township at the weekend, the focus of township violence shifted to Soweto and Kitelelhong, where at least 30 people have been killed since Friday night.

In Alexandra yesterday, delegates of the National Peace Accord-sponsored Interim Crisis Committee (ICC) — representing the ANC, IFP, DP, churches and relief agencies — met about 200 refugee women and children in the Madala Hostel to assess their food and shelter needs and to discuss the Accord.

Shortly before yesterday's ICC meeting, unknown gunmen opened fire on residents in Third Avenue, killing a man. Angry residents claimed afterwards the attack, which took place at about 2.45 pm, was launched from the adjoining IFP-dominated Reif shack settlement.

Police spokesman Lieutenant Wicus Weber said that about 15 minutes earlier a man was shot and seriously wounded in Reif by a bullet fired from a Tokarev pistol.

At 12.35 pm the body of a man who had been stoned was found on the corner of London and Third avenues.

In their official unrest report for Saturday, police yesterday said the body of a man who had been shot was found. The report said another seriously injured man was found with head wounds.

The deaths bring to at least 14 the number of people killed in Alexandra since Tuesday. Scores of others have been injured.

A horrific attack on the IFP-controlled Crossroads squatter camp, near Kitelelhong, on Friday night claimed the lives of at least 21 people. At least 15 others were seriously wounded and scores suffered minor injuries.

Lieutenant Weber said scores of "Khoi-speaking" men armed with firearms, petrol bombs, pangas and other weapons attacked the camp at about 11 pm and then fled on foot.

More than 30 shacks were razed and several residents were reportedly burnt alive.

Lieutenant Weber said police and defence force patrols had been stepped up and a number of the squatter camp residents had moved to the police station grounds in Kitelelhong.

Crossroads general-secretary Douglas Madlala, whose shack was one of those burnt, said yesterday the squatters would not be intimidated by "AEK-47s and handgrenades".

"We are not going anywhere, this is our motherland. We have nowhere else to go and we are prepared to die here," Mr Madlala said.

He said he lost everything in the fire.

He accused the police of arriving at the scene of the massacre six hours after it had happened — despite the fact that the police station was situated less than a kilometre away.

The allegation was strongly denied by Lieutenant Weber, who said that by 1 am on Saturday police were patrolling the area and had already taken statements from camp residents.

At least nine people were killed and two were injured in attacks in Soweto since the start of the weekend, according to police reports.

Captain Joseph Ngobeni of the Soweto police said five people were killed in an attack in Orlando West at about 1.10 am on Saturday.

Several other bodies were found by the police on Saturday morning.

After yesterday's ICC initiative in Alexandra, delegates Melanie Stewart (DP) and the organisation would visit seven refugee centres.

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Across Alexandra today in a bid
to promote peace and political
tolerance at grassroots level
and to assist refugees of the
conflict.

Mrs Stewart said a van
equipped with a loudhailer
would drive through the town-
ship tomorrow to promote the
peace message. A mass pam-
palier drop was planned.

In a statement last night, the
ICG said an additional SADF
company had been deployed in
Alexandra and that there would
be an SADF/SAP presence on
the corner of Third and Roose-
veld avenues, in 17th Avenue
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JOHANNESBURG. — The overnight massacre in Crossroads, Katlehong, in which at least 20 people died, on Friday night, was to avenge attacks in 1998, survivors said.

Survivors who sifted through smouldering rubble of their burnt shacks on Saturday morning said the attackers formerly lived in the area but were driven away in fighting in 1998.

Eighteen victims were found in the Crossroads squatter camp. They had been hacked, stabbed, shot and burnt to death on Friday night, police said. In the same area, 42 shacks were damaged when they were set alight.

A five-year-old child was reportedly decapitated in the attack.

A matron at the Natalspruit hospital said two of 23 victims admitted to the hospital early on Saturday had since died.

The victims were supporters of the Inkatha Freedom Party, according to reports from the squatter camp. IFP spokeswoman Ms Susan Vos confirmed on Saturday that IFP supporters lived in the camp.

Meanwhile, Saturday morning's official police unrest report said five people had been killed in a gunfight in Orlando West, Soweto. Police intervened and killed two other men when they returned fire.

A policeman was murdered in the PWV area on Friday night. An SAP spokesman said two policemen were travelling from Vereeniging to Randfontein when they came across four hitchhikers.

They were slowing down to stop when shots were fired at them, killing one policeman and wounding the other. — Sapa.
Sowetan company to police trains

JOHANNESBURG — A major new effort by Soweto community leaders to end the train violence is currently underway, with a large company to be formed to enlist more than 2,000 people to police the trains independent of the SAP.

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muter Corporation (SARCO), which gave its blessing to the steering committee last Thursday.

Final consultations with the ANC, PAC, Azapo and Inkatha begin this week.

The plan is awaiting the go-ahead from the Minister of Transport, Dr. Piet Welsenboed.

Informed sources at the meeting with the SARCO said yesterday that two companies, one wholly black-owned and the other comprising security firms, would be formed and later amalgamated to deal with the train violence.

Some 2,000 unemployed Sowetans are expected to be trained for the job.

Training facilities have already been identified.
No let-up in Reef township killings

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A group of about 200 IFP supporters in minibuses and cars later accompanied the Inkatha leadership to the Natalepruit Hospital where some of the victims were admitted. Among the injured was Alton Mahlangu who said he was attacked while waiting to pick up passengers at the camp. A hospital spokesman said 17 people had been treated.

According to the squatters, 64 shacks were destroyed.

Former Mozambicans Francisco Benfica and his wife Theresa lost four of their ten children.

Squatters claimed the killings were carried out by “Xhosaspeaking” men from a nearby Holomisa squatter camp and blamed the massacre on the ANC.

Unrelenting township violence reached unprecedented levels during March, claiming 437 lives and leaving 886 people injured, a Human Rights Commission report said yesterday.

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The commission said ANC supporters and township residents accounted for 76 percent of the dead and 78.4 percent of the injured. Inkatha supporters and hostel dwellers accounted for 24 percent of the dead and 24.6 percent of the injured. — Staff Reporters-Sapa.
ATTACKERS tossed petrol bombs at the Soweto home of an Inkatha Freedom Party member in the early hours of yesterday, but no one was injured.

Soweto Police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni confirmed the attack in Dobsonville.

He said he was unaware though, that the house belonged to an IFP member.

The IFP West Rand member, Mr Bhekinkosi Magwaza, said he and his family were awakened by a loud bang at 1am and saw flames coming from the direction of the front door.

"We rushed to the back door and somebody threw a petrol bomb and we retreated," he said. "We were not able to go out. We finally decided to phone the police."

Ngobeni said none of the petrol bombs had exploded but a window had been shattered. Sapa
Refugees take over offices

By JOE MDHLELA

DISPLACED residents have literally ejected Alexandra Council administrative workers, including the town clerk, from their offices.

The action by the residents who face attacks from hostel dwellers during the past three weeks has resulted in administration at the council offices coming to a standstill.

Chairman of the Alexandra Peace Forum, the Rev Bushiri Ngubane, yesterday confirmed that service at the council had come to a stop.

Ngubane said the displaced people were also using the council offices to protest against the hostel dwellers who are occupying their houses near Madala Hostel.

"The authorities have so far failed to stop the illegal squatting by hostel dwellers of houses belonging to residents."

The town clerk was not available for comment yesterday.
**Violent unrest killed 437 in March**

TOWNSHIP violence reached unprecedented levels during March 1992, claiming 437 lives and leaving 690 people injured, says a Human Rights Commission report.

This extreme level of violence was undoubtedly the result of forces working to destabilise the referendum and the peace process," the HRC charged in its report released yesterday.

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A feature of attacks in the Witwatersrand region has been the indiscriminate killing and maiming of train commuters, aimed solely at terrifying and destabilising township residents," the HRC said.

Train attack trends showed a dramatic increase since the beginning of 1992, with, in January, 37 attacks claiming 39 lives with 86 injured; and in February, 35 attacks leaving 22 dead and 46 injured.

Eleven train attacks were recorded for 1990, claiming 39 lives and resulting in 227 injuries. In 1981, 23 train attacks claimed 38 lives and injured 266.

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**Reef townships ‘relatively calm’ after weekend clashes**

REEF townships were relatively calm yesterday following a weekend of violence which left at least 30 people dead and scores injured.

Alexandra, north of Johannesburg, remained tense, and according to police, several incidents of stone throwing were reported. Since then, there were no unrest-related deaths or injuries had occurred in the township.

On Sunday, two people were killed — one stoned to death near the Madala hostel and the other found with several bullet wounds. Police yesterday also arrested two men for throwing petrol bombs at police patrolling the township.

On Friday night, a group of "Xhosa-speaking men" carried out a midnight attack on the Crossroads squatter camp near Katlehong on the East Rand. A total of 21 people were killed and 10 were injured seriously.

Police liaison officer Capt Wicus Weber said Katlehong was calm after the weekend attack. In Meadowlands, Soweto, a policeman was killed on Saturday when unknown assailants opened fire on his house. No arrests have been made.

Three policemen were injured at Khaye-

litashe, near Cape Town, yesterday, when gunmen fired shots at their patrol vehicle.

Meanwhile, Sapa reports that in an effort to halt violence on trains, a company is to be formed to enlist more than 9 000 people to police the trains independently of the SAP.

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"The two companies will then merge with the amalgamated company being 60 percent owned by the black shareholders and the rest held by the security firms.

"It will be a private placing of shares on a public basis.

"Immediately after the company is formed, we expect that initially 2 000 people will be selected and drawn from the unemployed ranks in Soweto, who will then be trained and will police the trains along the Soweto route," said the source.

The force, for which training facilities have already been identified, will have its own culture and uniforms.

The steering committee comprises Mr Willie Ramoshaba, a prominent business consultant, Dr Manas Buthelezi, a former head of the South African Council of Churches, Mrs Masechaba Mahaso, Mr Ishmael Mkhabela, former president of Azapo, Mrs Sally Motlana, lawyer Mr Godfrey Pitje, Chubb security managing director Mr Dirk Ackerman, MD of Fidelity Guards Mr Roy McFarlane and a Brigadier Heymans of the SA Police.

The force will man checkpoints at the various Soweto stations, be provided with metal detectors, radio and television monitors and be allowed free access on trains throughout the route. -- Sapa.
Peace process goes into action

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Shortly before Sunday's ICC meeting in Alexandra, gunmen opened fire from the "Beirut" shack settlement - an IFP stronghold - on residents in Third Avenue, killing a man.

Police spokesman Lieutenant Wikus Weber said a man was shot and seriously wounded at "Beirut" in a Tokarev pistol attack about 2.30pm.

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Three gunshot victims are in a critical condition at Nataldum Hospital after undergoing emergency operations, a hospital spokesman said.

Police spokesman Weber said a group of men armed with firearms, petrol bombs, pangas and other weapons attacked the camp about 11pm and fled on foot.

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Weber said police and defence force patrols have been stepped up and a number of the squatter camp residents had moved to the police station grounds in Katlehong.

At least nine people were killed and 10 were injured in attacks in Soweto since the start of the weekend, according to police reports.

Soweto police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni said five people were killed in Orlando West early Saturday.

Two men were shot and killed by a group of people who started shooting at the police when they arrived.

The police retaliated and two of the suspected attackers were shot and killed. The same group also allegedly stabbed and killed a passing motorist, Ngobeni said.

Several bodies were found by the police on Saturday morning.
Fear stalks families at Zonke'izizwe

EVERY evening, 83-year-old Maria Sibanda watches her terrified neighbours seek sanctuary at the council offices overlooking Zonke'izizwe squatter camp.

When the neighbours desert their shacks, Sibanda and her three grandchildren huddle together and stay in the shack where they saw their mother murdered by a rampaging mob on Monday night.

Cuddling 18-month-old orphan Simpiwe to her chest, Mrs Sibanda explained: "I am very scared, but I cannot leave this house until my daughter is buried."

Since Monday night, when about 100 men armed with guns, knives and makeshift weapons stormed through the street on the end of the squatter settlement, killing four people and injuring at least 13, terrified families have taken refuge at the Transvaal Provincial Administration offices.

"I just have to stay here. If they come again, I will surely die," the old woman said.

Sibanda said the family was asleep when they heard a commotion outside just before midnight.

"They bashed into our house and found me, demanding to see the man of the house."

Sibanda said one of the men found the children sleeping in another room.

"He grabbed the children and another man said in Xhosa: 'Don't kill them, just burn them.'"

When the children's mother, Sara, tried to protect them, the attackers stabbed and hacked her to death.

Between two piles of rubble which were once homes across the street from Sibanda, is the shack of Mishak Modise.

Modise's brother Rufus was murdered when two men burst into the house and found him hiding in a cupboard. They stabbed him to death while his brother and 90-year-old mother-in-law Eliza Marumde cowered under a bed.

Police are investigating the possibility that Monday night's attack was related to a massacre in Crossroads squatter camp about 5km away, in which 21 people were killed last Friday.
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‘Cats’ gang ‘terrorised township’

Pretoria Correspondent

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2 die as sporadic violence continues

Crime Staff (27)

Sporadic incidents of violence continued in Alexandra and Soweto yesterday, as two people were killed and a policeman injured in separate attacks, police said.

According to the official SAP unrest report, the body of a man was found in Alexandra. He had been shot dead. In the same area, a policeman was wounded when he was attacked by gunmen who shot him with a home-made firearm.

The charred body of a man was found in a burnt-out vehicle at Jabulani Hostel, Soweto.

Police said today that strife-torn East Rand townships had been quiet yesterday and early today after at least 30 people were killed there from Friday to Monday.

Shortly before midnight on Monday, three men and a woman were killed and at least 13 injured in the Zonkizizwe squatter camp near Vosloorus.

The attack was similar and could be linked to a massacre on Friday at nearby Crossroads camp in which 21 people died, police said.

Police spokesman Wicus Weber said a group of about 100 "Xhosa-speaking" men with firearms, pangas and other sharpened objects went on the rampage through Zonkizizwe at about 11:25 pm.

The ANC PWV region yesterday rejected IPP claims that the attackers were an MK-backed group of Xhosa-speakers from Holomisa Park settlement in Kaledon, and that the ANC was planning to attack all areas and hostels linked to the IPP.

In a late report yesterday police said a man died and 12 people were injured on Sunday night when three gunmen threw a grenade and opened fire into a house in Tsakane, Brakpan, where a party was being held.

The man who threw the grenade fractured his left leg and sustained facial injuries. He was arrested and is being treated in an East Rand hospital. The other two fled.
Four killed at Zonk’zizwe

**THE Transvaal youth leader of the Inkatha Freedom Party, Mr Thembu Khoza, last night blamed the ANC for the murder of four people at Zonk’zizwe squatter camp near Katlehong, on Monday night.**

Khoza had earlier claimed six people had been killed. Thirteen other people were seriously injured and are being treated at the Natalpruit Hospital.

A number of shacks were burnt down, police confirmed last night. Khoza said those killed were members of the IFP.

A spokesman for the Witwatersrand police, Lieutenant Wikus Weber, said the police were aware of only four killings. The ANC last night dismissed Khoza’s claim as unfounded and asked him to stop making claims that bordered on “political posturing.” Weber said all the victims were hacked and police had not established the cause of the killings.
THE Goldstone Commission yesterday heard how members of the Black Cats gang went on a terror campaign in Wesselsfontein near Germiston, last year.

A former member of the gang testified that "Mr A" told the commission that the Black Cats carried out attacks against members of the community, especially those linked to the ANC.

The commission heard that the gang was involved in a number of shootings in the area and also attacked residents.

"Mr A," the commission heard, that the Black Cats were responsible for the death of at least two people who had links with the ANC.

He revealed the names of some of the gang members, allegedly responsible for the death of a man only known as December, who was killed in a local municipal hostel, and Ms Zani Shongwe.

One of the men allegedly responsible for the death of December told the commission that they were going to kill him (December) at the hostel.

The man later told him that they had killed December.

Concerning Shongwe, "Mr A," told the commission that he was present when the attackers were selected.

The aim was to kill Shongwe's son, Bobonini. Bobo was not at home and the gang members decided to attack Shongwe and her companion.

"Mr A," was asked why he did not inform the police about the Black Cats activities. "Mr A," alleged that the police were working hand-in-hand with the gang.

He told the commission that he decided to reveal the Black Cats activities to the Johannesburg-based weekly newspaper as he did not like what the gang was doing.
Goldstone may be asked to probe East Rand deaths

THE Goldstone standing commission on public violence and intimidation will be asked to probe East Rand massacres which have left at least 29 people dead and more than 30 injured since the weekend.

Speaking to journalists yesterday, Inkatha Youth Brigade leader Themba Khoza said his organisation had information the ANC planned to attack "all areas known to be supportive of Inkatha".

Khoza said six people — including an eight-month-old baby — were killed and 20 injured last night when a group of 300 armed men carried out an attack on Zonkhezizwe squatter camp, near Vosloorus.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Lt Wikus Weber put the figure of the dead at four and of the injured at 13.

"We have information that the group, which has the backing of the ANC's Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK), was the same one that attacked Crossroads squatter camp in Katlehong on Friday," Khoza said.

At least 23 people were killed and 16 injured in the attack on Crossroads squatter camp.

Weber confirmed the police were investigating the link between the two attacks.

Khoza said his organisation had also learnt that Katlehong's Kwesine and Soweto's Mambelohe hostels were among Inkatha strongholds which the ANC planned to attack.

"To show its commitment to lasting peace, the ANC should disband the MK," he said.

He added that his organisation would ask Judge Goldstone's standing commission on public violence and intimidation "soon to investigate the East Rand attacks".

ANC PWV spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa dismissed the allegations as "utter nonsense".

In another development Goldstone said yesterday his commission's committee of inquiry into the prevalent violence on trains would start its work on May 4.

The committee was formed in February to:

☐ Establish the nature and causes of violence and intimidation;
☐ Whether it aimed at the achievement of any political goal;
☐ What persons were involved; and
☐ What steps should be taken to curb or prevent it.

Meanwhile sources said yesterday plans were afoot to establish a dispute resolution committee in Alexandra, where 14 people had been killed and scores injured since last Tuesday.

Alexandra Peace Group official Tony Rutherford said all interested parties, including local branches of Inkatha and the ANC, had met to discuss forming the committee.

"Further discussions will be held later this month. But an interim crisis committee has already been formed to restore peace in the township," Rutherford said.
Workshop tries to defuse violence

By PEARL MAJOLA

REGULAR visits to the hostels with an aim to create harmony and interaction between township and hostel residents could be the answer to the violence that is sweeping the Reef townships.

This is the conviction of a group that attended the two-day Sowetan/Pick 'n Pay Parenting Workshop held in Soweto at the weekend.

Participants agreed that part of the problem between hostel and township residents was caused by a gap that existed between the two groups.

It was resolved that cultural and sports events should be organised in order to make peace with hostel "residents", as they resolved to call them.

Former Sowetan Woman of the Year Ms Fikile Mtotshwa explained that in 1990 she and other women under the Interdenominational Prayer Women's League had visited the Morale Hostel when fighting was at its height in that area. She said there was no hostility from the hostel residents and they listened to what the women had to say.

"I think we can do this successfully even now," Mtotshwa said.

Another participant, Ms Philipine Lekalakala, suggested that referring to people who live in hostels as "hostel dwellers" and those who live in the townships as "residents" was discriminatory and could be another contributing factor to the tension. She recommended they be called hostel "residents".

Other issues discussed during the workshop were education, including the effects of teenage pregnancy, career guidance, parental involvement in children's lives and co-ordination of services, projects and programmes in Soweto.

The Soweto workshop was the first of a series that will be held in Bloemfontein, Pietersburg, Daveyton, Pretoria, Carletonville and the Vaal Triangle.
Children saw mob hack mother to death

By Bronwyn Wilkinson

Every night, 83-year-old Maria Sibanda watches her terrified neighbours seek sanctuary at the council offices overlooking the Zonkezizwe squatter camp.

When the neighbours leave, Mrs Sibanda and her three grandchildren huddle together in the shack where the children saw their mother murdered by a mob on Monday night.

Cuddling 18-month-old orphan Simphiwe, Mrs Sibanda said yesterday: "I am very scared, but I cannot leave this house until my daughter is buried."

Since Monday night, when about 100 men armed with guns, knives and makeshift weapons stormed through the street at the end of the squatter settlement, killing four people and injuring at least 13, terrified families have taken refuge at the TPA offices nearby.

But by tradition and their religion Mrs Sibanda and close relatives of the victims may not leave their homes until the funeral.

Nights of terror ... Maria grand-daughter Simphiwe.

"If they come again, I will surely die," she said.

She said the family was asleep when they heard shouting and shooting.

"They bashed into our house and found me, demanding to see the man of the house."

One man found the children in another room. "He grabbed the children and another man said in Xhosa: 'Don't kill them, just burn them.'

When the children's mother, Sara, tried to protect them, the attackers stabbed and hacked her to death.

Yesterday, across the street from Mrs Sibanda's shack were the remains of two razed homes.

All the houses and cars in the street had smashed windows and bullet holes.

Police moved from shack to shack taking statements.

Across the street from Mrs Sibanda is the shack of Msak Modise.

His brother Rufus was murdered when two men burst into the house and found him hiding in a cupboard. They stabbed him to death while his brother and mother-in-law Elissa Marumde (90) hid under a bed.

"I do not know why they are killing us," said Mrs Marumde. "We have always lived as one nation here."

Other residents said that Zonkezizwe (which means "all the nations") was a special place because Zulus, Xhosas and Sothos lived in harmony.

Last year, said Pauleen Mofokeng, fighting erupted between Zulus and Xhosas: "But then it was quiet until this."

Most residents believe the attack was carried out by "outsiders" who did not want to see Zulus and Xhosas living in peace.

Pharmacists can supply

Pill free

Pretoria Correspondent

More than 1,600 pharmacists will, in future, be able to supply the contraceptive pill free of charge.

Pharmacists qualifying to offer the Pill at no cost must have completed an 825 retail pharmacists during 1993 was run in conjunction with Potchefstroom University.

Qualifying pharmacists will be able to order oral contraceptive supplies from provincial authorities and offer these contraceptives to clients free of charge.

However, pharmacists will be able to charge a professional fee as they will be required to take a medical history of the client, monitor the client's blood pressure, and refer a client to a medical doctor or clinic for a full medical examination.

This project is part of the department's policy to bring primary health care to the majority of South Africans, and increase the availability and accessibility to contraceptive services within the community.
Dispute Committee formed in N Tvl

By Mckeed Kotolo
Pretoria Bureau

The Regional Dispute Resolution Committee (RDR) for the northern Transvaal was formally established in terms of the National Peace Accord in Pretoria yesterday.

Yesterday's meeting was attended by representatives of the police, defence force and political, labour, business and religious organisations.

Phillip Schalkwyk, co-chairman of the region and representing business, said no committees were formed at the meeting.

He said his executive committee had been mandated to look into the issue of forming local committees within various villages, townships and suburbs in the region in order to reach all the people in those areas.

Another executive member, Reeves Mabitsi said it had been agreed that local committees should be established even in areas where there was no conflict.

Mr Schalkwyk added that conflict did not necessarily mean only to factional violence, it could also result from such things as electricity cuts and education crises.

Executive committee member Matthew Sathekge cited the Atteridgeville power cuts and the closure of the Soshanguve Technical College as potential areas of conflict.

He also said that communities would be prepared to avoid conflict.

The new RDRC recommended to the National Peace Secretariat that its area of jurisdiction should encompass Pretoria, parts of Kwa-Ndebele, Bronkhorstspruit and Briss.

The committee was also mandated to look into the issue of establishing an ecumenical prayer service and to talk to various church organisations.

It was agreed that meetings would be held every six weeks.

Other committee members are Rev J S Minnele (co-chairman), Lieutenant Colonel A Behr (SAP), Colonel Japie Dreyer (SADF), Major W van der Westhuizen (SAP), and Kate Prinsloo.
Four Alexandra pupils were killed and 250 fled their homes because of the recent violence in the township, the Congress of South African Students said yesterday.

A Cosas Alexandra spokesman said the violence was disturbing pupils. He said the government would be held responsible for any high failure rates.

Meanwhile, the township north of here, which exploded in violence last week, continued to simmer on Tuesday as one man was shot dead and a policeman was injured.

Flung
The body of a man, apparently flung from a train near Johannesburg, was found yesterday — the first incident of a train attack reported this week by Witwatersrand police.

A man was fatally shot on Tuesday night in ongoing taxi violence, which has claimed two other lives in the Border-Ciskei area in the past 10 days.

A committee of the Goldstone Commission, currently investigating the violence at Thokozani, will also examine incidents at Crossroads squatter camp in Ksalonhong and Zonkheziwwe squatter camp near Vosloorus. — Saps

Law office torched 'on cop's orders' — Page 5
Goldstone to probe squatter killings

THE Goldstone Standing Commission on Public Violence and Intimidation will probe two East Rand massacres which have left at least 20 people dead and more than 30 injured since last Friday.

At least six people — including an eight-month-old baby — were killed and 20 injured on Monday night when a group of armed men attacked Zonkizizwe squatter camp near Vaaluito.

Six shacks were razed in the attack.

Inkatha Youth Brigade leader Thembeka Khosa has said the attack was carried out by the same group which killed at least 23 people and injured 18 at Crossroads squatter camp in Katlehong on Friday night. Police said they were investigating a possible link.

Judge Richard Goldstone said in a statement yesterday that his commission's committee investigating Thokoza violence would urgently probe the attacks on the two squatter camps.

Goldstone appealed to anyone with relevant evidence to approach the committee, which is chaired by Adv Solly Sithole.

Meanwhile, SA Rail Commuter Corporation senior GM Dirk Ackerman said yesterday the programme to upgrade 11 Soweto stations was on track and should be finished by the end of May.

The corporation announced early last month that it would pump R11,9m into the project, which was aimed at making the rail service safer, more convenient, and aesthetically pleasing.

MD Kobes Nel has said improvement of security at stations and on trains should be top priority because there was concern about attacks on commuters.

The stations due for upgrading are Naledi, Inhlasane, Ikweni, Dube, Phomolong, Phофeni, Mzimhlophe, Midway, Chiawelo, Nancefield and Miamlankuni.

Witwatersrand police said yesterday they were investigating various train attacks in which 40 people had died with at least 30 injured.

They appealed to anyone with information regarding train attacks between Germiston and Katlehong from September 9 last year to March 17 to assist their investigation.
Staff Reporters

The ANC has claimed that soldiers of the SADF's controversial 32 Battalion rampaged through Phola Park on the East Rand on Wednesday night, killing a woman, raping several others and assaulting more than 100 people.

The SADF strongly contested the allegations last night and said that soldiers on patrol opened fire "in self-defense," as a result of an unexpected attack by persons unknown.

"A patrol was fired on by an unidentified man with an AK-47 rifle," a SADF spokesman said last night.

The ANC claim that at least 14 people, including a 15-year-old girl, were shot dead, was denied by SADF commanders.

"The ANC accusations are all false," said one. "It's just another attempt to provoke the black community to take the law into their hands.

ANC spokesperson Thembekile Dlamini said the ANC was prepared to act when the ANC members returned fire at the attackers in self-defense.

"The SADF was present at the scene of the incident," he said, "and it confirmed that the ANC members were acting in self-defense.

The SADF has repeatedly denied allegations of rape and murder, but the ANC claim that 14 people were killed in Phola Park.

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Train safety scheme ‘still an embryo’

By Bronwyn Wilkinson

A proposed train security concept involving private security companies, the South African Rail Commuter Corporation (SARCC) and several community leaders, was still in an embryonic stage and no mechanical details had been worked out yet, a member of the steering committee emphasised yesterday.

A steering committee met last Thursday to discuss the proposal, which has been accepted and supported in principle by the SARCC.

Once consultations with private enterprise and political organisations begin, the plan, if accepted, could take another 18 weeks to put into action, businessman and steering committee representative Willie Ramoshaba told a Johannesburg press conference.

According to an outline of the concept presented yesterday, a public company would be formed to control another company comprising private security firms such as Fidelity Guards and Chubb Holdings.

Mr Ramoshaba said the emphasis of the concept was on community participation in train security.

“At the moment, people do not see themselves as part of the security machinery and that is not conducive to peace,” he pointed out.

He said shares in the proposed public company would be limited to a maximum of 5 percent for each shareholder and would be sold for as little as R100 a share.

Acting SARCC executive chairman Wynand Burgers said the SARCC supported the idea.

“It has definite possibilities and we welcome any initiative to end the violence,” he said, but added that the mechanics of the concept had still to be worked out.

Details such as training, uniform, number of personnel, funding and the exact form which the independent train security would take could be decided only once the steering committee consulted with the broad political, business and community spectrum, Mr Ramoshaba said.

That consultation was expected to take eight weeks.

The steering committee consists of Mr Ramoshaba, Fidelity Guards managing director Roy MacFarlane, Chubb managing director D Ackerman, and former head of the South African Council of Churches Dr Manass Buthelezi.

Several community leaders and two senior directors of the SARCC are also involved.
Women in march for peace

By Stan Humphries

About 200 women and youths under the banner of the Interdenominational Women’s Prayer League marched through Johannesburg to John Vorster Square yesterday to demand an end to countrywide violence. They also demanded that policemen be replaced by railway officers at stations.

The women, in church uniforms and carrying placards, marched to the police headquarters, singing hymns. The marchers led by Mary Masechaba Maba so were received by Brigadier A.J. Strauss, District Commissioner, who invited a delegation of eight into his office. He allowed the others to continue praying and singing inside the police headquarters.

He promised to forward the women’s memorandum to the Minister of Law and Order, Heinus Kriel.

The memorandum further said: “Each time a person gets killed we as women feel the pain since we are responsible for giving birth to a nation that is continuously maimed and killed. We say enough is enough.”
Soldier shot in head as Phola Park simmers

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Shots were fired at a 32 Battalion patrol near Phola Park squatter camp last night, wounding one soldier in the head, police said today.

He was returned but it is not known at this stage whether anybody else was hit.

The injured soldier is in a stable condition in Pretoria’s 1 Military Hospital.

The incident follows on violence in the Phola Park squatter camp in Kolatehong, on Wednesday night.

The ANC has claimed that soldiers of the controversial 32 Battalion rampaged through Phola Park on Wednesday night, killing a woman, raping several others and assaulting more than 100 people.

The SADF strongly contested the allegations last night and said that soldiers on patrol opened fire “as a result of an unprovoked attack by gunmen”.

A Natalsprit Hospital spokesman said at least 74 Phola Park residents had been treated at the hospital by 10 pm last night.

During the course of Wednesday night at least four people were admitted — three men who had been djamboaked and assaulted and a teenage girl who had been shot.

Another five patients were admitted yesterday.

In a hard-hitting statement released in the shack settlement yesterday, the ANC’s PWV region claimed that the battalion “raided Phola Park without reason from 10 pm on Wednesday until yesterday morning”.

“The mercenaries began shooting, assaulting residents and raping defenceless women. The raid took place without the knowledge of the police,” the statement said.

Witwatersrand Command spokesman Major Andreas Jordaen said last night a patrol was en route to the settlement “to investigate shots that had been fired earlier”.

“The patrol was about to deploy on the outskirts when they were attacked without provocation and a member of 32 Battalion was wounded... the SADF members returned fire at their attackers in self-protection.

“During follow-up operations no dead or wounded could be found.”

He strongly denied allegations of rape.

Major Jordaen said that, should residents come forward, their allegations would be investigated “as the SADF will not accept any illegal or bad behaviour by its members”.

In Phola Park yesterday, ANC PWV region chairman Mr Tokyo Sexwale told hundreds of residents — many injured — who gathered outside the ANC offices to defend themselves.

“If they (the soldiers) come here to wake you up in the night, if they come to beat you up, deal with them... use any weapon and hit back next time.”

Mr Sexwale had earlier led an ANC delegation through the tense settlement and interviewed people allegedly assaulted or raped. The delegation then went to the SADF support base in Tokoa, where they met army commanders.

A police spokesman yesterday confirmed that a murder docket had been opened following the death of a woman whose legs were shot off.
Seven dead on East Rand

PRETORIA — Seven bodies were found on the East Rand, police said in their report for the 24 hours until 8 am yesterday.

Two men were found dead at Kali-
hong railway station and a third man between Booyens and Crown stations on Wednesday.

Three others were hacked and shot on the East Rand and another man was found shot in Alexandra.

SAP spokesman Captain Nini Barkhuizen said 96 people had been killed in unrest in the first week of April.

The police arrested seven people and confiscated a number of weapons in a special operation in Soweto early yesterday, according to a spokesman. A policeman was saved by his flak jacket when he was shot at pointblank range in the Vlakfontein squatter camp near Ennerdale, south of Johannesburg.

Captain Piet van Deventer said the policeman knocked on a door of a shack and the man who opened it fired a shot at him.

"The bullet hit the flak jacket on the right side of the policeman's chest, saving him from injury," said Captain Van Deventer. A man was arrested and a gun confiscated.

Patrolling policemen came under fire but did not fire back, he said.
ABOUT 150 women and children marched on Johannesburg's John Vorster Square police headquarters yesterday to demand an end to violence and that police must be replaced by railway security men at stations.

Organised by an interdenominational church group under the banner of Women for Peace, the protesters said politicians, because they were not directly involved, were not doing enough to stop the violence.

A woman who was weeping carried a placard which read: "If women were governing there would be no Minister of Defence." The protest was not organised by any political party.
Train murderers strike again

After a week of apparent peace on Reef trains, three people died in two brutal train attacks on Wednesday, police have confirmed.

And in renewed violence at the East Rand squatter camp of Phola Park, two women - one pregnant - were shot dead on Wednesday night, Pan Africanist Congress and ANC spokesman claimed yesterday.

A man, Mr Lulama Pakude, is being treated at Natal Dorn Hospital for a bullet wound, said PAC spokesman Mr Mots Mavudla.

Mavudla told Sowetan that residents in the area had reported seeing six Casspirs moving in the area and shots being fired by people inside the vehicles.

This was supported by ANC spokesman Mr Ronnie Mamoepa, who said the camp was raided by SADF 32 Battalion from Wednesday night to this morning.

However, Mamoepa said one person was killed and many injured.

He said an ANC delegation would meet victims of the raid and the commander of 32 Battalion in Tokozha.

Police spokesman Lieutenant Witus Weber last night confirmed the SADF operation in the area.

Weber said a woman was killed and a man injured.

In the fresh train violence, a man was found between Booyiens and Crown stations in Johannesburg about 8.15am. Police believe he was thrown out of a speeding train.

Police found the bodies of two other men on the East Rand. They had been hacked to death.

Police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni said the search, started at about 3am. Two men were arrested for the illegal possession of a shotgun and two homemade firearms.

The train attack victims, who have not yet been identified, brought the death toll from violence on the Reef on Wednesday to seven.

Two men, one of whom had been shot and the other hacked to death, were found by police in Kotelchong during the day and the body of another man, who had been shot, was found in Vosloorus, also on the East Rand.

In Alexandra, police found the body of a man who had been shot.

In Soweto yesterday, about 200 Defence Force and SAP personnel conducted a search at Meadowlands Hostel and the immediate surrounding residential area for illegal possession of firearms and dangerous weapons.

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Children in the terror

By PETUR HAFSTEINSSON

A peaceful haven amid the terror

The eyes, which had been auburn, were a slowly fading gray. The last light was ebbing from the sky. The sound of footsteps grew louder as the door creaked open. The hands reached for the handle. The darkness engulfed them.

The eyes closed. The scream echoed through the room. The chill of the night penetrated the fabric of the room. The silence was broken by the sound of a door slamming. A figure in black emerged from the darkness, its face hidden by a hood.

The hands reached for the switch. The light flooded the room, casting an eerie glow. The figure moved with purpose, its Every breath a whisper of the unknown. The sound of footsteps grew louder as the door creaked open. The hands reached for the handle. The darkness engulfed them.

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Some might regret — become lifetime —
their way of showing they are not too young.
Getting involved, they say, is far too small.
Children’s aggressive play and violent drawings
might hurt if teachers and parents, says Dawes, but “it’s a part of being very young.
Children see it as a way of making sense of what
is going on around them — a way of exercising some form of control over their fears.”
He suggests that teachers and parents allow
children to talk about their drawings and games in a way that makes the children feel safe to do so.
“Children can provide entertainment and support.
All children will react to violence in different ways, according to their ages, their individual
make-up and their home environments.
According to Dawes, those most at risk are children who lack support from parents or siblings
or who have experienced the death of someone close to them (perhaps seen it happen),lost their
homes and been displaced or injured in remote
lands or children where such events happen to the same child, one could predict
long-term effects.
But Dawes dismisses the notion that the violence
will show up an entire brain damaged generation,
but believes the implications for the future. “Many
children in war zones are traumatized already by
life itself,” he points out, adding that only a small proportion of children will manifest noticeable
long-term effects, becoming depressed, anxious
and withdrawn.
For many, violence can become understood as
the way problems are solved. Young children
often have quite aggressive fantasies anyway.
When they see the outside world being aggres
sive, Dawes’ tendency to get involved in more
violent behaviour also puts them in greater danger.
Removing children from violent areas where
they went to other, familiar family members, is
not necessarily a solution, says Dawes.
“Children should be concerned about what
is going on in their home and will tend to inflate
the dangers facing them too far. When things get violent, it is too late. They will keep
pressures to close in these they can rely on.
“What is necessary are support groups —
for teachers, parents, and children. These links
can be linked to civic and other committees, acting as
channels for information and, perhaps, providing
resources to give everyone therapy.
“The main thing is to avoid people coming
emotionally, to help them express themselves
but talk... share their fears and losses — not
just to vent but to think of constructive ways of
dealing with them. For children, how much older
siblings cope better, so will the children.”

Playing games among the ruins

BY BEATHUR BAKER
ALL that’s left alongside the flattened shacks of
families who once lived in the area are the remnants of
predominantly Zulu squatter camp next to
Kathlabathu on the East Rand. The trauma and
remnants of once-thriving vegetable gardens.
Now, children who survived the onslaught and are
excluded from their homes, gathering in the remains of
the ruins of what was once their home.
At first sight, they appear unaffected by the brutal
ality of the attack — what was a rare and savage example of ethnic violence, seen as a result of intense
targets of the war’s violence.
When asked why they play, nobody is responsible for the
attack, the survivors say as young as five, have no
doubts: “It’s the Xhosas, we heard them talk as we were
being bombed — it’s how we know.”
After the early morning attack last Friday, mothers,
fathers and children were left for dead in the ruined
shacks of their once comfortable home.
One mother, identified only as “Kgapone” by a
neighbour, was asleep with her husband and two
children when, shortly after 11am, a group of men
armed with hoes, hacked open the shutters of
their shack demanding money.
When confronted, they said they were not
members of the Inkatha Freedom Party.
While trying to ward off the blow, Kgapone
tried to protect her one-month-old daughter,
holding the child with her hands while her husband
defended them from the blow, and the baby was
trapped on the head by a pane of glass, breaking a
finger around her tiny forehead. She was lucky she survived.
All the while her terrified four-year-old brother
stood bashing his father around the legs, crying
hysterically as he watched him being hacked to death.
He “interferes” by holding on to his father and
attacked the attackers that hit him, leaving him
bleeding but unhurt by his father’s death.
As he lay in hospital, fighting for his life,
this family was the first to be attacked, but they were
not the last.
Vera Botha (29), who was also asleep when the
men barged into her shack. She immediately began
beating her husband, and screamed at the attackers.
She said they were federal and had no money.
On hearing this, they told her they wanted her
children and her husband. She then kicked her
husband out, vowed to hold on to the boy, but repeated blows from
knives and baton-like bodies forced her to go.
As she took the boy, she broke away and ran.
Flinging him into the river, and chased Xhosas among the
corpses of the security forces.
For three days. Vera lay in the snarled, marshy
stream running alongside the squatter camp.
Unable to move, she began to die. Her son
neared the banks of the river, her hair was
free of blood.
Her son is missing, and police do not know
whether he was hit by a bullet or an injury
in hospital, or is a body in a morrow.
By Wednesday, five days after the attack,
the police had recovered the bodies of seven
of the children injured or killed. The only bodies
they were able to give details of were the cases of two
children, both believed to be younger than one
year, whose bodies are at the Jeppestown morgue.
Both suffered "excessive burns" and are
thought to have died as a result of their burns.
The Goldstone Commission yesterday heard how members of the notorious "Black Cats" gang in Wesselton, Ermelo, went on the rampage after undergoing training in KwaZulu.

Details of the gang's activities were revealed by a former member of the gang, who is referred to as Mr B.

Mr B told the commission that the "Black Cats", backed by "a handful of graduates from the Caprivi Strip", attacked ANC members and petrol-bombed their homes and businesses in 1991.

The "Caprivi Strip graduates", who were from KwaZulu, frequently visited Wesselton.

Mr B told the commission the attacks took place after the gang underwent training in KwaZulu in the use of firearms.

The commission heard that the "Black Cats" were still carrying attacks on residents in Wesselton and that the so-called "comrades" in the area were afraid of them.

Another witness - referred to only as Mr C and a former Inkatha Freedom Party member - said in a statement read before the commission he had been trained in the Caprivi Strip in 1986.

The man, who has since joined the ANC, said he was approached by two IFP members in 1986 and asked if he was interested in joining the KwaZulu Police.

As it was always his aim to be a policeman, he indicated he was interested.

Mr C said he and other young men, who were supporters of the IFP, were flown to the Caprivi Strip where they spent few months undergoing training.

They were supplied with camouflage uniform and were given training in the use of firearms, explosives and how to stage ambushes and launch attacks in urban areas. Mr C said the men who carried out the training also wore camouflage uniform.

It was not clear which defence force units the men belonged to as they did not wear any badges or name tags.
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Drew Forrest's development report on the mineral wealth of the Istoal commandos. The document highlights the significant potential of the area for mineral exploration and exploitation, outlining various strategies for sustainable development and economic growth.
Resident to fast over authorities' slackness

ONE Alexandra resident who is fed-up with official intransigence on action to resolve the problem of displaced people in the township has decided to stage a hunger strike until something is done.

Jeanette Mesatywa, (26) says that as a Christian and a pacifist she does not believe in violence as a way of resolving problems. But she feels "sick at heart and angry" at seeing sickly people, senior citizens and children being bullied out of their homes and then neglected by the authorities.

"I have decided to protest by fasting outside the Presbyterian Church from next week until the local authorities respond to the plight of the displaced residents," says Mesatywa, a Wits graduate who is currently doing volunteer work for the Alexandra Peace Group.

"I was born and grew up in Alex," she says, "and I was horrified to see on stay-away day police firing tear gas into the flats, regardless of the fact that there might have been children and old people in those flats who would be seriously affected by the gas."

Mesatywa said that while she could intellectually understand the reasons for violence, her convictions, based on Gandhian principles of non-violence, could not condone violence as a solution to problems.
Alex wants to go home

Victims of fighting now live in church halls, council offices and school rooms

THE violence that has

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PLACE OF REFUGE:
This is the scene in the nave of the Presbyterian Church on Tenth Avenue, where 16 families are living.

RIGHT: The scene at the "occupied" Alexandra Town Council boardroom. Lydia Mokgadi and a friend from Fourth Avenue talk about the good days in their homes, so near but out of reach.

PROTESTER: Jeanette Mafutywa is fed up with the plight of displaced residents.
DEFENCE Minister Roelf Meyer will ask the Goldstone Commission to investigate the violence in the Phola Park squatter camp on the East Rand.

Mr Meyer's announcement came after his meeting yesterday with the residents' committee and members of the ANC in Phola Park, three days after soldiers of 32 Battalion allegedly rampaged through the squatter camp, shooting, beating and raping residents.

He said he would ask the Goldstone Commission to probe all violence in the settlement, including the most recent events.

Residents had laid charges of rape and assault against members of 32 Battalion and police were investigating the allegations.

"The army will co-operate fully," he said.

He said that 32 Battalion would not be withdrawn from the area. However, the soldiers allegedly implicated "would be withdrawn from the area until the investigation is over".

The SANDF, he said, would also conduct an internal investigation into what happened on Wednesday night.

The results of our inquiry will be presented to the police," Mr Meyer said.

This was the first time since the troops were deployed in the area in April last year that their conduct had been questioned, he said.

"Since then the general situation in Thokoza township has calmed down a lot.

"We are proud of our soldiers and we want to make sure that the public is too," Mr Meyer said.

He appealed to all relevant institutions to help upgrade the conditions in Phola Park, which he said were "unacceptable".

"We will do whatever is necessary to rebuild a good relationship with the Phola Park community."
SLAUGHTER of the INNOCENT

By THEMBA KHUDHALO

THOSE brave, strong men of 32 Battalion had a battle to fight. Over 100 disarmed police trek over to their military camp, and found four women with bullet reports of rape (those courageous enough to speak of it), and a husband's account of his wife's death so pitifully left of words.

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THE battle-hardened soldiers of 32 Battalion say they did try to keep the peace in the East Rand’s Phola Park squatter settlement. But more than 100 residents, most of them women, have a different story. They say they were shot, sexually assaulted, clubbed with rifle butts, burnt, whipped or beaten by troops as they cowered in their homes.

Police have opened a murder docket in connection with one of the resident’s deaths and are investigating the violence.

The soldiers were patrolling the area late on Wednesday when they heard gunfire. They entered Phola Park to investigate, said the officer commanding the Witwatersrand Command, Major-General WG Kritzinger.

“The troops were attacked without provocation and one of them was shot. The SADF then returned fire,” he said.

“We are here to protect residents—we are not the aggressors.”

He gave few other details, but residents’ accounts filled in some of the gaps.

Rosalehle Komani, a 22-year-old pregnant mother, said she was woken by screams and gunfire at about 6pm. Praying the tumult would die down, she tried to haul her year-old baby at her side.

But minutes before midnight, the door of her shack burst open and two men in military uniform rushed in, shooting. “Where is your man?”

Before she could answer, a rifle butt slammed hard into her head.

The horror did not end for Mrs Komani until the men had finished pillaging her home.

While the lone soldier cradled her baby in his arms, the other grabbed her private parts, she said.

Bleeding

Mamalele Gqumza, 27, died early on Thursday after being raped and shot in the legs, according to an affidavit from her husband, John Msimango, 32.

He said they had been woken by screams and hurried footsteps outside their shack, and suspected a police raid.

They took the precautionary measure of moving to the floor for safety but “as we were preparing to sleep on the floor, shots were fired into our shack and I was hit in both legs.”

Hearing his wife’s screams, he looked down and saw “both her legs completely fractured and held together by flesh.”

Mr Msimango said he was ordered to open his door for one white soldier and a number of black soldiers.

“Without saying anything, a black soldier kicked me under the right eye with the butt of his gun while others were kicking me. I was dragged outside, leaving my wife with some of them.”

Mr Msimango said he tried in vain to find help and returned to find “my wife lying on the floor, bleeding profusely with her panties off. She had been raped.”

With what little energy he had left, he tried to help his wife.

“At dawn, she begged me to hold her and she passed away in my arms.”

Kicked

In another part of the settlement, a young woman who shared a shack with her mother and four-year-old son, says, too, was raped.

The young woman said in her affidavit that her mother was forced out of the shack at gunpoint, and she was left alone with one soldier.

“He pushed me down and I begged him not to molest me; but he climbed on top of me, pushed my thighs apart, tore my panties, held a gun to me and threatened to kill me if I made a sound” “Then he raped me.”

Cynthia Mnisi, 29, said she was dragged out of her home by four men and when she tried to run away, she was kicked repeatedly in the stomach, and her back burnt.

Phola Park looked like an open-air casualty ward on Friday morning, with frightened residents milling around with bandages on their heads and plaster casts on their limbs.

A number of residents said the soldiers had continued assaulting people until about 8am on Thursday and had threatened to return that night.

Police said in a statement they had received no official reports of violence in Phola Park on Wednes-

Sunday Times Investigation

By PETA KROST

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JOHN Msimango

Shot in both legs.

Suspects

SADF spokesman Major Andrea Jordaan dismissed all the allegations against 32 Battalion as false. Nevertheless, Major-General Kritzinger said the SADF had launched an internal investigation into the alleged murders, rapes and assaults.

The SADF has also undertaken to hold an identification parade of 32 Battalion soldiers, allowing the alleged victims of the Phola Park to point out suspects, and is considering replacing the battalion in the area.
Point out the AK-47s or die!

By THEMBA KHUMALO

DOBSONVILLE Civic Association (DCA) leaders are fearing for their lives after their colleague, Zacharia Morulele, was brutally assaulted this week by a group of whites purporting to be policemen.

Morulele, 42, said about 14 white men broke down his shack door on Thursday night and demanded AK-47s before punching and kicking him.

They later took him to Doornkop Cemetery where they continued assaulting him and threatened to kill him.

The assaults continued when he denied knowing the addresses of other DCA members.

The group left, leaving him with one of his colleagues who pleaded with him to say where the AK-47s were if he wanted to live.

When the group returned they hit him with rifle butts and ordered him into their vehicle, warning him not to look at their number plate.

They dumped him about 2 km from his home and ordered him to run. He could not run as his legs and kidneys were extremely painful and he was further assaulted until he fell.

One of the group drove nearer and Morulele managed to read the vehicle’s registration number before they sped away.

He said the recognised one of the men as a Protea security policeman.

A spokesman for the Soweto Police, Col. Panvana Zwane, said he was not aware of the incident and advised Morulele to lay a complaint.
The final resort: Train boycotts

Train after train of empty carriages — this, community leaders believe, will be as eloquent and successful a protest against train violence as the week-long sit-in at Spoorneet’s offices. By LINDA RULASHE

A step forward ... Sit-in leader Father Smangaliso Mkhathwana Photo: KEVIN CARTER

Five working groups representing all the parties involved in the talks have been established to give effect to the agreement.

Nevertheless, the boycott called for last week by political, religious, labour and civic organisations on the Reef appears likely to go ahead. Organisers have urged commuters not to buy train tickets during the boycott.

African Railways and Harbours Workers’ Union. Other demands presented earlier on Tuesday included that R500-million be made available to upgrade security, compensation for victims and that the culprits be jailed.

Mkhathwana commented: “The agreement is a step forward, but I don’t want to exaggerate the advance made.”

“We are tired of picking up pieces of black flesh,” said Tokyo Sexwale, chairman of the ANC’s PWV regional office, this week.

Mkhathwana said there were elements using violence to destabilise South Africa’s transition to democracy and that action was to be taken to curb the violence. Some of the steps were the installation of security fencing and metal detectors at stations, an increased police presence and the searching of commuters.

But the nine protesters and community leaders believe these measures have not been effective.

“The police have simply not done enough,” says the Congress of South African Trade Union’s PWV regional secretary, Amos Masonto. “There have been no significant arrests or noteworthy convictions. Although we believe there are a number of police in the force who seek to do their job, there are quite a number who are not committed to doing their job.”

According to the Human Rights Commission’s latest Area Repression Report, the number of police who died in train attacks in the first three months of this year outstripped the combined figure for the whole of 1990 and 1991.

In 1990, 11 attacks resulted in 59 deaths and 277 injuries; in 1991, 23 attacks caused 38 deaths and 206 injuries; the first three months of 1992 saw 120 attacks, resulting in the loss of 126 lives and 235 injuries. And in spite of the ban on weapons on Reef trains which came into effect on March 22, indiscriminate attacks on commuters continue.

March saw the highest number of incidents — 27 — since the attacks first began in July 1990. Fifty-five people lost their lives on trains last month, the second-highest toll since July 1990. Most of the attacks occurred on East Rand trains, where 21 people lost their lives and seven were injured.

On March 23, members of the South African Police announced a major breakthrough in their investigations into recent train violence when they arrested two South-African police men.

The two, aged 24 and 26, were alleged to be responsible for an attack on commuters on March 19 between Bramfontein and Doornfontein stations, in which nine men and a woman were injured. The police apparently boarded a train bound for the East Rand with witnesses who pointed out the suspects. In a follow-up investigation, the third man was arrested at his place of work. All three men were inmates of the Menne Hostel.

Charges against three Nancefield hostel dwellers who were arrested last year for an attack on a Soweto train, however, were withdrawn because of lack of evidence. Seven people were killed and 18 injured in that attack, which took place on June 25 at Kliptown station. A spokesman for the attorney-general’s office said no credible witnesses could be found to identify the men as the culprits.

While the police have called on the community to come forward with evidence about attacks, the community is now likely to take the next step on its own: by keeping away from trains altogether. Train after train of empty carriages, they believe, will be as eloquent a protest as the sit-in.
blast as violence rages

Woman dies in grenade
Teachers lose their honourable status

"IT was after school and I was leaving the classroom for home, when I heard the heart-breaking whimp- per outside the door. "A large young girl entered uninvited. A few minutes later a group of natty boys, one holding a gun, stood noiselessly," a teacher said.

"They forced her and me to scowl. The girl came fly- ing home, she saw me as her savior. I knew there was nothing I could do as I looked down the barrel of a gun but I could not leave her to the dogs.

Swore "In desperation I started dragging her by the arm. The boys hung on to her arm as we swore at us, trying to surge me. It was a human tug-of-war. I pulled until they gave up. "I do not think I have ever been so moved and frustrated in my life," the teacher continued. It sounds like a gangster movie but it is not.

It is one of the recollections of a Soweto teacher who has been teaching for 15 years.

He says he will always remember the day he played tug-of-war with the young girl's body against the notorious "Jack-relers" gang outside his classroom.

In fact, it is not even an unusual occurrence. It has become a way of life for these professionals who were once revered in all black communities.

Dangerous He also remembers the day he wrestled with a gang- tating pupil inside the music mathematics exam room. "The playground vigil- eter whispered to us that one of the pupils had a gun on his desk and was going to use it as a ruler."

"We wanted to see for ourselves. One by one we went into the exam room. I could not take it. The group of us approached the young- ster, who simply refused to surrender his highly dan-

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Police break up march on Soweto hostel

POLICE and members of the South African Defence Force fired teargas and rubber bullets to disperse a group of pupils who were marching on the Dobsonville Hostel in Soweto yesterday.

Soweto police spokesman Captain Govindasamy Mabona told about 250 schoolchildren were dispersed when they tried to march on the hostel.

"Police fired teargas and rubber bullets in an attempt to disperse the schoolchildren," he said.

He said the march couldn't have resulted in a bloody altercation between the inmates and the pupils.

Witnesses said police had intervened when a group believed to be from a nearby school tried to attack the hostel.

Some parents had to fetch their children from school, as fears of an outbreak of violence spread.

No injuries have been reported.

*See pic on page 4*
NINETEEN suspects have been arrested in connection with a large arms cache and a man's genitals discovered yesterday by police in Orlando East, Soweto, police said yesterday.

The discovery was made after policemen noticed a group of men running into an Orlando East house. They subsequently searched the premises, according to police.

Soweto police spokesman Captain Govindsamy Mariemuthoo said 19 men were arrested and his office would issue a detailed statement later today.

Violence against commuters on Tuesday claimed the lives of at least three men who were thrown from trains. Police said.

Police said one man was found between the Crown Mines and New Canada stations, another between the Delmore and East Rand stations in Germiston, and a third body was found at Boksburg station.

A man shot and burned to death at the Sotho hostel in the East Rand township of Vosloorus.

In the nearby Phola Park squatter camp, Tokozza, a man was wounded and arrested after police took action against unidentified gunmen.

Also on the Reef, private and police cars were damaged by stone-throwers at Sebokeng. Vereeniging, and a private home was set alight at Evaton, Vanderbijlpark.

A woman was killed when a Russian-made Fl handgrenade detonated after it was hurled into the bedroom of her Sebokeng, Vereeniging, home early yesterday.

Two others were wounded in the 3am explosion.

A private house was damaged when petrol-bombed at Wembezi near Eastwood and at Rocklands, near Bloemfontein, two private vehicles were damaged in stone throwing.
Police hold 19 after finding arms cache

NINETEEN suspects had been arrested in connection with a large arms cache discovered on Tuesday by police in Orlando East, Soweto, police confirmed yesterday.

A Soweto police statement said the political affiliation, if any, of those arrested had not been established. Investigations were continuing and the suspects had not been charged yet.

At least five people died in other unrest-related incidents since Tuesday morning, including a woman who died when a Russian-made F1 hand grenade detonated after it was hurled into the bedroom of her Sebokeng home yesterday. Two others were wounded.

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In Phola Park squatter camp in Thokoza, a man was wounded and arrested after police acted to neutralise gunfire from unidentified gunmen.

Meanwhile, Transport Minister Piet Welgemoed told Parliament yesterday a R26m strategy to stop armed passengers boarding trains, which involved active police and military support, was being implemented.

The three-year project started in 1991 and about R5m had already been spent, with R40m budgeted for the 1992/3 financial year, he said during the Transport Vote debate. 278

The strategy included security fencing at all stations, adequate lighting, access control and the active presence of police.

Communication between train drivers, the control room and the police had been improved to reduce the reaction time to dangerous situations.

The SADF had been deployed in greater numbers at Metro stations at the request of the Commuter Corporation. Police and SADF travelled on commuter trains.

All trains were regularly stopped and searched for dangerous weapons, toll-free telephone numbers had been instituted for criminal actions to be reported and rewards were offered for useful information.

Tests were being conducted on introducing video cameras to monitor commuter behaviour.

A Metro police force and co-operation with community groups were also being investigated.

Goldstone Commission chairman Judge R J Goldstone said yesterday inquiries into train violence and unrest in Alexandra, Greater Soweto and the Vaal Triangle would begin in Pretoria next week.

Meanwhile, the OAU said yesterday it would send a monitoring team to SA to assess the situation in African townships.

A communiqué issued at the end of a one-day summit meeting of the OAU ad hoc committee on southern Africa held in the northern Tanzania town of Arusha on Tuesday blamed the SA government for failing to stop the violence.

The committee also called for active involvement of the international community by bringing the violence issue before the UN Security Council for a possible solution. — Epa-AFP.
Ambulances may withdraw

AMBULANCE and fire fighting services may be withdrawn from violence-hit Sebokeng in the Vaal Triangle following the continuing confrontation between police and residents.

The head of the ambulance and fire brigade in the township, Mr. Sakkie Louwrens, said yesterday it was becoming increasingly difficult for his team to render services in the township.

He said the current violence was worse than that of 1976 because then youths only threw stones unlike now when there were shootings.

"Unless the community helps us to render these services we will have to withdraw them," he said.

The latest clash between police and residents was triggered when the police allegedly shot an innocent person as they chased two suspected bank robbers.

Mr. Abel Mokgeli, a newspaper vendor who witnessed the incident near Zone 11 on Monday, said he survived by lying on the ground when a man next to him was shot by police.

Meanwhile, in Dobsonville, Soweto, a gang which has holed up in the ruins of Dobsonville Hostel -- about 100m from the local police station -- has launched a reign of terror, looting and driving residents out of their homes.

The Shole family, whose home is opposite the hostel, yesterday morning became the latest victims of the mob's terror.

An armed mob attacked pensioner Mrs. Miriam Shole and her six children just after midnight.

Shots were fired through the windows before the mob broke down the door, assaulted the family and ransacked the house before leaving with a television set and other valuables.

Residents complained that the police station was not offering any protection.

Residents said the local police referred them to Protea, which took long to respond.

Soweto police spokesman Captain Govindsamy Marienuthoo yesterday said "complaints of this nature should be sent to Colonel Fanyasa Zwane."
Arrests: ANC claim "cynical"

The Democratic Party said yesterday the arrest of Mr. M. M. and J. M. M., leaders of the ANC, was "cynical" and "politically motivated." Mr. M. M. and J. M. M. were arrested in a "third" incident in which the ANC was accused of "inciting violence and disrupting public order." The party, which won a majority of the vote in the recent general elections, said the arrests were "politically motivated" and "uncalled for." The ANC, which is a major opposition party, has been accused of "inciting violence" in recent elections. The party has denied all charges and said the arrests were "politically motivated."
By Mohan Govender

Civic Association of Southern Transvaal leaders will meet the Vaal Civic Association today to investigate the circumstances leading to the weekend arrest of a former CAST member — one of two senior ANC officials arrested in connection with a shooting in Sebokeng.

Police detained Satembiso Radebe, former CAST regional organiser, and Mandla Petrus Mazebuko, vice-chairman of the ANC’s Evaton branch, on Saturday following a shooting on Friday in which one person died.

CAST publicity secretary Sandy Lebese said the organisation’s executive committee would meet Sebokeng residents today to discuss the shooting, before making a statement.

The National Party and the Inkatha Freedom Party yesterday questioned the ANC’s role in township violence in view of the arrests.

NP secretary-general Dr Stoffel van der Merwe said the men had been caught “red-handed by the police while heavily armed and posing as policemen”.

This cast doubts over the ANC’s accusations about the role of President de Klerk and the Government in township violence, he said.

“If their regional leaders are renegades, then it means that the ANC does not have control over its members and cannot be relied upon to fulfill its undertakings. The NP calls on the ANC to investigate the matter and to tell South Africans why their operatives were impersonating police. The ANC owes the public an explanation,” said Dr van der Merwe.

IFP Transvaal Youth Brigade leader Themba Khoza said the arrests made a mockery of the so-called “third force” theory.

“The arrests have exposed the myth that the ANC had nothing to gain from perpetrating acts of violence.

“Certain reactionaries within the ANC had formulated the ‘third force conspiracy theory’ as a strategic response to growing public concern about the organisation’s own role in the violence,” Mr Khoza said.

ANC spokesmen could not be reached for comment.
Police hold 9 over attacks

Police yesterday arrested nine people in Phola Park, near Alberton, for questioning in connection with a spate of attacks and the killing of police men in the area, said a Witwatersrand police spokesman.

Captain Ida van Zwiel said while the crimes were being investigated in the squatter camp, a young man was shot in the shoulder after allegedly firing on police.

Members of the East Rand Murder and Robbery Squad and other police units went into Phola Park yesterday to investigate the murder of several police officers and attacks on other policemen in past months, she said.

The shooting took place at 2.30 pm when policemen were leaving the squatter camp.

A 23-year-old man was shot in the shoulder when police returned fire.

The nine people held for questioning would either be released after 48 hours or charged, the SAP said.
Disaster area

A delegation from violence-torn Alexandra township met the Minister of Law and Order yesterday to discuss the plight of 10,000 displaced families.

The delegation also discussed the possibility of declaring affected places disaster areas.

Speaking after their meeting with Mr. Hermus Kriel at police headquarters in Pretoria, Mr. Paul Mashatile, a spokesman for the 12-man delegation, said 60 people had died in the township since March 7.

The delegation comprised members of the ANC, the SACP, Cosatu, the ANC Youth League and SADtu.

"We told the Minister that we would like the Government to declare areas affected by violence "disaster areas,"" said Mashatile.

These areas were between First and Sixth avenues (London and Roosevelt) in Phumelela.
ANC men held

Police have arrested two armed ANC members who were found posting as policemen in Sebokeng on Friday.

Another ANC member, Mr Moses Nhlapo, was killed on Sunday after he fired at the police with an AK-47 rifle. Witwatersrand police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe told a press conference yesterday that Malherbe said police recovered an AK-47 rifle and 10 rounds of ammunition after the shootout.

Mr Sihlembiso Badele, a regional organiser of Cosatu and member of the ANC, and Mr Mandla Peter Mazibuko, vice-chairman of the ANC's Evaton branch, were arrested after being found wearing police uniform.

Both appeared in the Sebokeng Regional Court yesterday. They have been remanded in custody pending further investigations. - Sapa.
The Katina P released more than 9 000 tons of oil as it sank off the Mozambique coast on Sunday. It was photographed going down by Capt Peter Rimmer, master of Pentow Marine Safety John Rose, which had been towing the oil tanker.

FW to hear Alexandra aid plea

LAW and Order Minister Herman Kriel agreed at yesterday’s meeting with Alexandra community representatives to refer a request for part of the township to be declared a disaster area to President FW de Klerk.

The Alexandra Civic Organisation and local branches of the SA Communist Party, the ANC and the Congress of SA Students asked Kriel to declare a section of the Alexandra township, known as “Beirut”, a disaster area.

At least 60 people have been killed and 585 injured since fighting broke out between residents and Inkatha-supporting hostel dwellers.

Delegation spokesman Paul Mashatile said thousands of residents had been displaced by violence and their houses looted. “We are asking government to assist these people materially,” Mashatile said Kriel, who indicated he would visit Alexandra soon, promised to refer the request to De Klerk.

Law and Order Ministry spokesman Capt Craig Kotze would not comment on the meeting.

Meanwhile Sapa reports the nine community leaders staging a sit-in at Spoornet’s Johannesburg offices have agreed that the Witwatersrand Commissioner of Police can represent Kriel in talks on Reef train violence.

ANC spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said the deadlock between the protesters and Law and Order and Trans-

port was broken when acceptance was reached on Gen Gerrit Erasmus’s representation at the talks.

Mamoepa said Law and Order had told them Erasmus would have the necessary powers to make decisions on measures to be taken to curb the train violence.

They had decided to accept the proposal and a meeting would be arranged to discuss the violence. Officials of Spoornet and the SA Railways Commuters Corporation would also attend the talks.

A police spokesman said yesterday four of the 10 people who died in unrest incidents on Sunday were killed by police who returned fire after being attacked in three inci-

dents.
Demo to go on despite order to leave

By Charmeela Bhagwat

Community leaders staging a sit-in at the Spoornet offices in Johannesburg said yesterday they had received a letter at the weekend demanding that they leave the premises within 15 minutes.

However, Spoornet communications adviser, Jacques Pienaar said the nine community leaders were not threatened but "requested in a friendly manner to vacate the premises."

ANC FWV regional executive member, Jessie Duarte, said they received the letter from Spoornet's human resources assistant general manager, Jan Bredenkamp on Friday night.

Mr. Pienaar said the group had been requested to leave because "they rejected and ignored the proposals we put to them and we felt there was nowhere to go."

But Ms Duarte said the group did not reject or ignore the proposals - they refused to discuss them until the Minister of Law and Order or someone from his office were involved in the discussions.

"Spoornet has not been able to produce the Minister of Law and Order and we will be here until they do," she said.

"Father Smapaliso Mkhatswa, one of the protesters who have been in the building for the past six days, said: "We insist that we meet Government decision-makers because there is a time factor involved."

"More lives can be saved if the crisis is resolved quickly and people are dying while we sit here."

Mr. Pienaar said Spoornet officials were doing their best to get the Minister of Law and Order to meet the protesters as they were "just as concerned about the violence."

ANC leader Walter Sisulu was due to meet the protesters late yesterday afternoon.
ANC men held in 'police clothes'.

OWN CORRESPONDENT
JOHANNESBURG — An ANC official and a regional organiser for the ANC-aligned Civic Association of Southern Transvaal (CAsT) - both armed and wearing parts of a police uniform - were arrested in Soweto after a man died and another was injured in what police described as a gun attack on a car.

Police said yesterday that the car resembled an official SAP vehicle.

A third ANC member, Mr Moses Nhlapo, was shot dead by police in the township on Sunday. Police said he had opened fire on them with an AK-47 rifle and killed a four-year-old girl.

Mr Mandla Maunake, vice-chairman of the ANC’s Eshowe branch, had a Rassan-made handgrenade and regional CAsT organiser and ANC member Mr Sitembala Radebe had a 9mm pistol when they were arrested on Friday, police said.

Both men appeared in Soweto Regional Court yesterday and were remanded. No charges were put.

Mr Nhlapo, of Zone Seven, Soweto, left South Africa in 1986 for Swaziland where he had received military training from the ANC before returning on December 17, 1994, reporters were told.

ANC TO ACT ON 'NECKLACE' SPEECH — PAGE 2

Witwatersrand spokesman Colonel Franz Malherbe said police had suspected for some time that people were posing as policemen and becoming involved in township violence. The arrest of the two men dressed in police jackets could confirm these suspicions.

He said police were called to the scene of the shooting on Friday night. They found Mr Maunake, wearing a green municipal police jacket, and Mr Radebe, in a blue police jacket, hiding in a nearby house. A third man, carrying an AK-47, escaped.

Colonel Malherbe said: “The question to be asked is why two men, arrested at the scene of a shooting of civilians, were wearing police clothing. Is it to create the impression that police are involved in killings or is it mere coincidence?”

ANC spokesmen could not be reached for comment yesterday.

The colonel said: “What is very clear to us at this stage is that members of the public are in possession of police equipment and a possibility is that they may abuse the circumstances, trying to create a perception that cannot be proved afterwards.”

However, he said police jackets were easily obtainable, either through theft, loss or through policemen who were allowed to give jackets, but not police insignia, away.
JOHANNESBURG. — The Witwatersrand Commissioner of Police will represent the Minister of Law and Order in talks on Reef train violence with nine community leaders staging a sit-in at Spoornet's offices here.

ANC PWV spokesman Mr Ronnie Manoepe said yesterday afternoon the deadlock between the protesters and the ministries of law and order and transport was broken when acceptance was reached on General Gerrit Erasmus' representation at the talks.

According to Mr Manoepe, the leaders had received a statement from the Ministry of Law and Order informing them General Erasmus would have the necessary powers to make decisions on measures to be taken to curb the train violence. — Sapa
Storm brews over Alex refugees

By Anna Fox

Confrontation is looming between about 500 Sandton council workers and the town council about the workers’ refusal to vacate council premises in Sandton which they have been occupying since last year to escape violence in neighbouring Alexandra.

The council, which threatened to evict the workers last year but held off pending negotiations with the workers, said yesterday that the employees would have to be housed elsewhere “as a matter of urgency”.

But the workers, interviewed by The Star yesterday, maintained they would not move.

The matter was due to be discussed at a town council meeting last night.

Sandton management committee chairman Willem Hefer said yesterday about 570 employees had occupied the Randfontein and other council depots in March last year after an outbreak of violence in Alexandra.

The council later gave the workers permission to stay there temporarily.

After numerous requests for them to find alternative accommodation, 430 employees had vacated the council premises — several with the assistance from the council’s housing scheme, Mr Hefer said.

The other employees remained in the depot, although the council had explained to them that they could not continue to live there.

“Since that date the council has been actively seeking ways of assisting these employees to find alternative accommodation,” Mr Hefer said.

However, some difficulties had arisen such as the scarcity of land and affordable housing in the PWV area and the reluctance of financial institutions to invest in black townships.

The occupants yesterday said they had been sleeping in the depot’s toilets, changeroom area and unwalled eating area.

Nyaniwani Mramba said it was too dangerous to return to the township.

“I have tried to find other accommodation but have been unable to,” he said.

Hlimot Mnani added: “Although we are sleeping in the toilet area here at the depot, it is better than getting killed in the township.”

Joseph Dweku said he too had tried in vain to find alternative housing.
CAST call for end to violence

Staff Reporter

The Civic Association of the Southern Transvaal (CAST) has called on its communities to unite against ongoing township violence.

Speaking after a weekend meeting at a Johannesburg hotel, CAST publicity secretary Sandy Lebese said the violence was "disturbing the fabric of society".

Mr Lebese called for the immediate removal of all SADF units, including 32 Battalion, from the townships and "the end of raids and harassment on communities by security forces".

President de Klerk's call for the disbanding of private armies was not acceptable, he said. "We cannot allow the Government to dictate to us to disband 'people's structures'. The liberation armies should remain until the new government is elected."

Referring to the recent announcement by the Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing, Leon Wessels, that there would be non-racial local government elections in two years' time, Mr Lebese said the communities should also take two years before rent and service charges were paid.

The Vaal Civic Association will hold a march on May 9 to protest against the Transvaal Provincial Administration, Telkom and Post Office, and the SAP and SADF.
Declarations of an Alex disaster area, Kriel urged

By: Meicke Kothba
Pretoria Bureau

Alexandra community leaders yesterday met Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel in Pretoria and asked him to declare the violence-racked township a disaster area.

The 12-person delegation comprised members of the local branch of the ANC, ANC Youth League, Congress of South African Students, South African Democratic Teachers Union and the SACP.

Delegation spokesman Paul Mashatile said the main purpose of the meeting with Mr. Kriel was to discuss the ongoing violence in Alexandra and to have "Beirut" - the area between First and Sixth avenues which has been worst hit by protracted violence - declared a disaster area.

He said 60 people had died since March 7, with 585 injured and about 10,000 displaced.

Mr. Mashatile said certain measures would be taken once Alexandra had been declared a disaster area.

These steps included financial assistance to families to rebuild their houses.

"But the matter would have to be discussed with the State President first," he said.

Mr. Mashatile, who is also secretary for the local SACP branch, said the group wanted to meet President de Klerk.

However, Mr. Kriel had told them Mr. de Klerk had delegated him to hold the discussions.

Mr. Kriel was assisted by a representative of Mr. de Klerk's office.

Mr. Mashatile said the talks were frank and open and Mr. Kriel had listened very carefully to the community leaders.

Mr. Kriel had assured them that he would submit a report on the meeting to Mr. de Klerk.

Further talks would be held with Mr. Kriel, who had also promised to visit Alexandra in the near future.

A Law and Order spokesman declined to comment on the meeting.
Goldstone Committee to inspect Phola Park

By Mceke Kostoba
Pretoria Bureau

The Goldstone Committee, investigating the alleged brutality of members of SADF's 32 Battalion on Phola Park residents earlier this month, is to conduct an inspection in loco in the area on Thursday afternoon.

Committee chairman Solly Sithole announced this during yesterday's sitting in Pretoria. The hearing was postponed until tomorrow morning.

Mr Sithole said the inspection in loco would be conducted at 2 pm.

Mr Sithole granted the postponement after Advocate Barry Roux, acting on behalf of some members of the 32 Battalion, told the committee he needed time to consult his clients on the question of why they entered Phola Park on the night of March 8, 1992.

Advocate Roux said he would be ready to continue with the hearing after the consultation.
Kriel urged to declare
Alexandra disaster area

The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA — Alexandra community leaders have appealed to the Minister of Law and Order to declare the war-torn township a disaster area.

Representatives of the ANC, South African Communist Party, ANC Youth League, South African Democratic Teachers' Union and Congress of South African Students met Mr Hernus Kriel in Pretoria yesterday to put forward the request on behalf of about 70,000 dispossessed residents.

"At least 60 people have died and 565 have been injured since March 7 this year," said Mr Paul Mashatile, acting spokesman for the 12-member delegation and secretary of the SACP.

He said Mr Kriel had assured the delegation the request would be conveyed to the State President and promised a response would be made "soon".

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Train mayhem talks go on

JOHANNESBURG. — Proposals for ending train violence were discussed at talks which lasted until 2am today at Spoornet's offices where nine activists have been sitting in for six days.

Spoornet spokesman Mr Jacques Pienaar said the "positive" proposals would be considered and discussion would continue later today.

African National Congress Witwatersrand spokesman Mr Ronnie Manthupa said talks were due to start again at midday.

On Monday Witwatersrand police commissioner General Gerrit Erasmus met the nine activists who are holed up in the railway company's Johannesburg offices.

ANC deputy president Mr Walter Sisulu also visited them to express support for their demands for tougher measures by police and railways authorities to quell the mayhem on commuter trains.

The nine, including Catholic priest Father Mangaliso Mkhatswaya, occupied the offices last Wednesday.

The Human Rights Commission said in its weekly report yesterday that at least 129 people had died in train violence this year.

Father Mkhatswaya said last week he believed train violence would escalate in the run-up to next month's Codesa II — Sapa.
ANC to discipline leader over threat

The ANC said yesterday it would discipline western Transvaal leader George Mathusa, who reportedly told a funeral in Bophuthatswana on Sunday that the ANC would make the homeland ungovernable through necklace killings and bombs.

ANC spokesman Gill Marcus said yesterday the organisation found Mathusa's threat unacceptable and secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa had asked him to come to the ANC's Johannesburg headquarters to account for his statements.

Marcus said while the ANC was extremely concerned about the continued repression in Bophuthatswana and the intensified harassment, it could not condone threats to resort to necklace killings. "It is a barbaric and unacceptable method of execution, which the ANC has never condoned," she said, adding that disciplinary action would be taken.

The national peace committee said in a statement yesterday it would check the accuracy of Mathusa's statements. The national peace committee has taken note of the fact that the ANC has dissociated itself from Mathusa's statements and has called upon him to account for them. This action would be in line with the peace accord, and the situation will be carefully monitored," the committee said.
Men ‘in police jackets’ arrested after attack

AN ANC official and a regional organiser for the ANC-aligned Civics Association of Southern Transvaal (Cast) — both armed and wearing police uniform — were arrested in Sebokeng after a man died and another was injured in what police described as a gun attack on a car.

Police said yesterday the car resembled an official SAP vehicle.

A third ANC member, Moses Nhlapo, was shot dead by police in the township on Sunday after police claimed he had opened fire on them with an AK-47 assault rifle and killed a four-year-old girl.

Mandla Mazobuko, vice-chairman of the ANC's Evaton branch, was in possession of a Russian-made hand grenade and regional Cast organiser and ANC member Sitembiso Radebe had a 9mm pistol when they were arrested on Friday, police said.

Both men appeared in the Sebokeng Regional Court yesterday and were remanded in custody. No charges were put.

Witwater rand police spokesman Col Frans Malherbe said yesterday police had suspected for some time that people were posing as policemen and becoming involved in township violence. The arrest of the two men dressed in police jackets could confirm these suspicions, he said.

Malherbe said police were called to the scene of the shooting on Friday night. Investigating the scene, police found Mazobuko, dressed in a green municipal police jacket, and Radebe, in a blue police jacket, hiding in a nearby house. A third man, carrying an AK-47, escaped.

Malherbe said: “The question to be asked is why two men, arrested at the scene of a shooting of civilians, were wearing police clothing?”

ANC spokesmen could not be reached for comment yesterday.
THE ANC PWV region on Saturday threatened to "call on people to occupy all railway stations and railway lines" if Spoornet did not withdraw its request to community leaders staging a sit-in to vacate the premises.

The leaders, from the African National Congress, Cosatu, SA Communist Party, churches and SA Railways and Harbours Workers' Union (Sarhwa) have been staging the sit-in since last Thursday to protest against what they perceive to be ineffective and inadequate measures to counter the wave of attacks on trains in the Witwatersrand.

Spoornet, in an earlier statement, said its attempts to engage the protesting leaders, "to put positive steps in motion," were rejected and ignored.

"The delegation's main concern centres around what they want to talk to and not what they want to talk about, which we believed was the safety of the commuters on Metro trains.

"We therefore kindly requested them to vacate our premises voluntarily."

The ANC called on all organisations to support the sit-in by holding night vigils, candlelight demonstrations and mass rallies on Spoornet premises. - Sapa.
Reef unrest death toll 22 at weekend

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. - There were at least 22 unrest-related deaths on the Reef at the weekend.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Ida van Zeele said one man died in Sebokeng yesterday morning when municipal policemen fired at five gunmen. Police found the bullet-riddled body of a four-year-old child in the township.

Sapa reports police and soldiers launched a massive search yesterday in Meadowlands, where at least two people were killed on Saturday.

Police spokesman Captain Govinda-samy Mariemuthoo said several firearms were found.

Three hostel residents were ar-rested for murder, one for possession of a home-made firearm and two for possessing ammunition.

Also in Soweto, five people were killed and two seriously injured in a pangal attack on Saturday night.

Four other bodies were found.

In Alexandra police found the charred body of a 11-month-old baby among razed shacks.

Four other people were killed in the township on Saturday.

In Katlehong, on the East Rand, one person died and at least 40 were injured on Saturday afternoon in an attack on a group of mourners. Captain Van Zeele said the mourners were travelling in three buses from Vosloorus to Katlehong. Three bodies were found in Vosloorus on Saturday.

Police said yesterday a 33-year-old woman was shot dead in an attack on a house in KwaTabeka near Mafikeng. A 70-year-old woman and a 27-year-old man were injured in a similar attack.
Soweto

30 Shot in Soweto

Residents, hostel dwellers out between fighting breaks

By Ruth Bhengu

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POLICE detained 12 members of the Azanian Youth Organisation who took part in a picket against a political trial in Potgietersrus on Friday.

The protest followed a ruling by a magistrate in the trial of four alleged members of the Azanian National Liberation Army that a confession made by one of the accused, Mr Samuel Maluleke, was made freely and was admissible as evidence. The ruling was made by Mr AGH Bouwer.

The demonstrators displayed placards decrying the testimony. Some of the placards read: “Down with Racists Courts”, “Liberation Now”, “War against Azania is war against Azayo”.

The 12 include Azayo’s national secretary-treasurer, Mr Jeffrey Mogale, Miss Constance Monisi, Mr Kgadi Kekana, Mr Aubrey Malosa, Miss Naome Pole, Mr Stephen Sebelehele, Mr Mpho Mpande, Mr Collins Maluleke, Mr Mphela Kekana and Mr Ati Machochoane.

The group was rounded up by police and taken away in police vans. Witnesses said. They were released on R100 bail each on Saturday and would appear in court today.

Meanwhile the trial of four alleged Azania members, Mr Alexandra Palagangwe, Mr Cornelius Kekana, Mr Phuti Mothoegae and Maluleke, has been postponed to July 20.

The postponement followed an application by defence lawyer Mr M Mavudla. The four have pleaded not guilty to four charges of sabotage and illegal possession of firearms and ammunition.

The State alleges that the four had, as part of the military activities of Azania, attacked a provincial administration outpost near the town in February last year.

Maluleke’s confession was the subject of a trial-within-a-trial in which he disputed its contents, alleging that he was tortured by police with electric shocks and his head dunked in water to force him to make the statement.

He faces a separate charge of murder for the killing of a policeman in shoot-out with another unit of Azania.
16 people die in clashes, 14 injured as police fire buckshot

The Argus Correspondent and Sapa

JOHANNESBURG. — At least 14 people were injured when police fired buckshot at Soweto residents after intervening in gun and stone throwing battles between residents and Meadowlands Hostel dwellers.

Earlier, at least three people were injured when shots were allegedly fired from the hostel.

By last night, the weekend unrest-related death toll in Soweto was 16, police said, with eight killed yesterday.

Five people died when they were attacked by a group armed with pangas early yesterday.

Two people were shot dead in Orlando East.

One man was killed near Dube Hostel when gunmen fired on a group.

The Soweto Civic Association accused police of siding with hostel dwellers. But police denied the allegations.

The chairman of the Killarney branch of the SCA, Mr Weston Shabanga, claimed thousands of Inkatha supporters were brought to Meadowlands Hostel under police protection yesterday morning “to kill” residents.

Mr Shabanga said shots were fired from the hostel less than 12 hours after between 8,000 and 10,000 Inkatha supporters arrived from three hostels near central Johannesburg.

Police liaison officer Captain Govindasamy Mariemuthoo denied that hostel dwellers had been brought in by police.

He said that many hostel dwellers came out of the hostel when police arrived yesterday morning to search for weapons in the hostel and in surrounding Mzimhlole, Killarney and Meadowlands.

During the search firearms were confiscated, but nobody was arrested, he said.

The shooting in which the three residents were injured began about 4pm, disrupting a civic meeting attended by a Star reporter — convened by the SCA to help find a solution to the ongoing violence.

With the first sounds of gunfire, people at the meeting ran towards the hostel. Residents and hostel dwellers started hurling stones at each other.

When police arrived, they ordered the residents to disperse. When the call was ignored, police fired teargas.

During a subsequent argument with police, a resident was arrested. Captain Mariemuthoo said that the man had attempted to stab a policeman.

After other residents had tried to wrest him from police they fired buckshot, injuring 14 residents. Most of the injured were hit while running away.

The Star’s reporter saw the incident.

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muthoo said teargas was used to disperse the crowd.

Sapa reports from Maritz-

burg: Mr Philip Powell, the first white to be appointed an urban representative of the KwaZulu government, was one of three people injured in a shooting attack at Imbali near Maritzburg last night, according to KwaZulu MP Mr Dali Ntombela.

Police spokesman Lieutenant Henry Budhram confirmed that Mr Powell, his bodyguard Mr Philip Zuma and another man, Mr Michael Mkhize, had been admitted to Grey’s Hospital with gunshot wounds.

The men had been at a day-long rally at Imbali.

The exact circumstances of the shooting were not known.

Lieutenant Budhram said it appeared shooting had broken out after the rally and the injured men were apparently caught in the crossfire. They were under sedation and unable to answer questions.

Mr Powell is about 32, and is a former president of the conservative National Students’ Federation. In May 1991, he was appointed the Natal Midlands urban representative of KwaZulu Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

The NSF, founded in 1984 by Mr Powell and others, was thought by some opponents to be a front for the National Party. Mr Powell said the organisation was funded by firms and businessmen whom he could not name.
Bloody weekend in Transvaal townships

Staff Reporters

Two children — an 11-month-old Alexandra baby and a four-year-old Soweto girl — were among the victims of a bloody weekend on the Reef.

At least 18 Soweto residents were killed — five in a single attack — and many others injured in political violence, pushing the weekend toll in Transvaal townships to 38.

In Meadowlands, Soweto, at least 14 people were believed to have been injured late yesterday when police intervened during battles between hostel dwellers and residents.

At the time of going to press, Soweto police spokesman Captain Govindsamy Mariemuthoo had confirmed only one injury as a result of the police action.

In the worst attack of the weekend — in Orlando East, a major flashpoint of the weekend carnage — five people died and two others were injured early yesterday by unknown attackers armed with pangas.

Captain Mariemuthoo said at least six other politically motivated killings took place in Orlando East from 9 pm on Friday, when an unidentified man was gunned down.

At midnight on Friday, unknown gunmen armed with AK-47 rifles opened fire on a house in the Soweto suburb, killing three people. Later that Saturday night, mobs went on the rampage, attacking houses.

At least one shack was razed, and police found a burial body inside. A man, who had been stabbed to death, was found in the street. Three suspects were arrested, Captain Mariemuthoo said.

In Dube yesterday, a man was killed near the hostel. When gunmen fired on a group of people.

In a day of sporadic clashes in Meadowlands, the Soweto Civic Association (SCA) accused police of siding with hostel dwellers. But police denied the allegations.

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At least one person was killed and 46 were injured in a gun attack on mourners in Katlehong on the East Rand on Saturday.

The Congress of South African Students (Cosas) has claimed that most of the injured mourners suffered buckshot wounds from police fire and that the police stood by during an initial attack.

Police say gunmen hiding in the veld opened fire on three Putco buses carrying mourners from Vosloorus to Katlehong.

The dead man has been identified as Michael Shongwane.

Two men were shot dead by gunmen and two others were wounded in Dabazana Street, Vosloorus on Saturday night. Another man, Daniel Lesofo, was shot dead in a separate attack in the township on Saturday night.

In Katlehong, an unidentified man was shot dead in a minibus at 4 am on Saturday.

Six people were wounded and two arrested for obstructing justice when police used birdshot to disperse what they described as "an unruly mob" of 250 people in Reiger Park, outside Boksburg, on Saturday.

Two policemen were injured during the clashes.
Everyone thought the ANC-alliance delegates were being stroppy at a meeting on Thursday to set up a local dispute resolution committee (LDRC) for Alexandra. Except the alliance. They wanted an LDRC as much as anyone but they were trying to explain, without much success, that they had not been properly briefed (seemingly by their own side), and at local branch level they had no mandate. No mandate, no immediate action — surely everyone could understand that? The answer was “no”.

The meeting had been called by regional dispute resolution structures, under the National Peace Accord, to set up the LDRC at that precise moment on Thursday, in the Sandown Hall, Sandton.

It was all in the minutes and more than 50 delegates were there from about 30 organisations to finish what they had come for. Surely everyone could understand that?

In this case the answer was “yes”. But not all the delegates had seen the minutes, and there was this problem of not having a mandate.

Until Thursday, the burden of finding peace in Alex had lain with the small Interim Crisis Committee (ICC), comprising one ANC member (Mike Bea), one from Inkatha (Bruce Anderson) and a few non-aligned members.

The ICC was present at the Thursday meeting and Mr Anderson latched on to the mandate problem to score a political point for Inkatha, although the committee had worked hard to show it was impartial.

All sweetness and light, he said that if some delegates did not want to set up a structure under the Peace Accord, let’s go ahead with those who did.

Colonel McGill Alexander, commanding SADF Group 18, stayed firmly in the middle ground: let’s go ahead, yes, because people are dying... but it was essential the alliance joined in as soon as possible.

Then Deane Yates of the ICC intervened.

He knows how grassroots-based ANC democracy is, that it can and does take time for a branch to get a mandate. But he wanted progress.

“We have a tremendous responsibility here. We need an LDRC. But the people on it must be willing to work hard, and work together. What we do not want is a talking-shop.”

They had been at it for two hours, and now the convener stepped in decisively. Fresh-faced Edwin Molahlehli, a Vista University law lecturer who seemed to know exactly what everyone was saying before they had finished, but rarely interrupted, was containing growing frustration.

Now someone whose bona fides the alliance and Inkatha accepted without question had urged action, not paralysis, and Mr Molahlehli moved:

“There will be a 10-minute break for caucusing,” he said.

“While you’re holding your discussions I’ll move about and speak to the various delegations.”

The break lasted 20 minutes, but it worked.

The ANC’s Grant Rex (Alex branch) stood up; the alliance was absolutely committed to the peace process and the LDRC. Please understand there simply had to be discussion, so that the branch could bring the membership with it.

But the alliance was in favour of setting up an interim structure right now.

Mr Molahlehli, appointed convener by the National Peace Secretariat, on the suggestion of Independent Mediation Services of SA, said nothing. He had done his job, helping the various sides to find each other.

A resolution went through and a committee of 12 was set up: two ANC; two Inkatha; two Alex City Council; two from the security forces; and four non-aligned members, including some from the ICC.

An ANC delegate warmly welcomed a few remarks by an SAP officer: And the Alex LDRC was on track.
Gruesome death in violent Vaal

By THEMBA KHUMALO and SOPHIE TEMA

VAAL Triangle townships have erupted, claiming at least 10 lives - five of them from one family - since last week.

Reacting to the gunning down of five Lethedile family members by unknown gunmen on Sunday, local youths went on the rampage and necked at least four more people they suspected of being police informers and IFP supporters.

An incident which shocked the Sebokeng community was the neckacing of 22-year-old Lydia Matieho Moloung. Her mother Maria, battling to fight off tears, said her daughter was not an informer and at no stage did she have an affair with any policeman.

Maria said on Wednesday afternoon a group of youths came to her house to look for Matieho. Shortly afterwards she heard her daughter had been neckaced.

"I found Matieho burnt to ashes a few streets away from my house," she said.

She said she had heard no one had come to tell her why her daughter was killed.

"All I've heard are rumours that she had an affair with a policeman and that she was once overheard phoning the police with information on the comrades. But we have no phone in the house," said the distraught mother, huddled on a worn sofa in her sparsely furnished two-roomed house.

Matieho's neckacing is reminiscent of the tragedy of Maki Skosana, the Duduzza girl whose gruesome death at the hands of comrades in 1997 cost the ANC foreign support.

Vaal police spokesman Captain Piet van der Venter confirmed Matieho's death and said three other neckaced bodies were found in Sebokeng on Monday.

Two more murders were reported in Sharpeville later this week. In one incident a woman was shot dead while she was cooking in her kitchen.

A man was found dead in his bathroom in Selembone Road, Evaton.

The Lethedile family will be buried at a funeral held today.
JOHANNESBURG. — Security forces arrested 11 people at Khumalo Valley in Kriel on the East Rand on Thursday night and seized two pistols, two AK-47 rifles and ammunition.

Police said the action was taken after shots were fired at the security forces. The ANC, however, alleged that SADF members had opened fire without warning on a house where a community meeting was being held.

The ANC further charged that a number of people were injured in the attack and that the house was destroyed. This was denied by police, who said there were no reports of injuries and that no estimate of damage to property had been made. — Sapa.
Arrest after rail attack

JOHANNESBURG. — Police this week made what they hope will prove a breakthrough in the Reef train violence with the arrest of a man after an attack on rail commuters.

The arrest came as community protests launched this week against the SAP and SpoorNet’s handling of the violence included marches, a sit-in to demand action and an emergency church summit to bring about peace.

Thursday’s arrest came when gunmen opened fire at commuters at Orlando station in Soweto. Police made no reports of injuries.

In another, unconfirmed, train attack on Thursday night, one person was reported to have died and two were reported critically injured on a train between Mzimhlope and Phomolong stations in Orlando West.

The report was made by the ANC, but Soweto police could not confirm the incident.

An estimated 300 forged railway workers gathered outside the Johannesburg offices of SpoorNet yesterday to show solidarity with nine community leaders staging a sit-in to highlight the train violence on the Witwatersrand. — Sapa
UNITED STATES Air Force Gunnery Sergeant Robert K. Walker, right, of West Point, Michigan, doesn't need a physical therapist to help him with sprains, strains, and sore muscles. He's just one of the thousands of military personnel who have been treated with the latest in decompression therapy, known as the Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT) program.

The HBOT program uses specially designed chambers that simulate the effects of high-altitude flight to treat a variety of conditions, including decompression sickness, radiation sickness, and certain types of infections. The therapy works by increasing the pressure and concentration of oxygen in the body, allowing the body to better heal and recover.

Walker, a crew chief in the 2nd Reconnaissance Wing at Hurlburt Field, Florida, credits the HBOT program with helping him recover from a serious injury.

"I had surgery on my shoulder last year," he said. "But the HBOT helped me recover much faster than I would have otherwise. I was able to return to duty sooner and get back to work quicker."
Anti-violence demos stand firm

MONTSHIWA MOROKE

THE nine community leaders who have been occupying the Johannesburg offices of Spoornet since Wednesday in protest against train violence could spend the weekend away from their families.

In a statement read by Father Smangaliso Mkhathwana on their behalf, the sit-in group repeated its stand not to leave the premises until the ministers of Transport and of Law and Order had acted decisively to halt the carnage.

The group, who represent the clergy, SA Railway and Harbour Workers Union (Sarhwa), CAST, Cosatu and the ANC, hold the two ministers responsible for the safety of commuters.

Also attending the press conference at Spoornet yesterday were top-ranking ANC and SACP officials Cyril Ramaphosa, Dr Phelo Jordan, Tokyo Sexwale and Charles Nqakula.

Mkhathwana, who said the country was in the middle of a national disaster, spelt out demands which he said were reasonable to any right-thinking people.

Some of the demands were that the Government make available a minimum of R500 million for the purpose of restructuring safety measures because in the past President de Klerk had committed public funds to various national disasters.

"We believe this disaster has claimed more lives in a short space of time than any other and deserves urgent resources to be made available. A special fund is required to give effect to the point above, in addition to adequate compensation."

As a matter of extreme urgency, measures had to be taken by the police to reduce death on the trains between now and the Code 2 session. Mkhathwana said.

Other demands were:

- The development of well-trained, efficient and adequate security personnel with immediate effect on commuter systems.
- Installation of a permanent security system to screen commuters and refuse access to armed commuters.
- Confiscate dangerous weapons and so-called cultural weapons and to ensure their destruction or storage.
- Erection of security fences alongside the railway lines, especially in close proximity to hostels, as well as erection of adequate gates and permanent metal detectors.

"Central to the maintenance of commuter safety is a need for a specially trained task force to enforce effective policing methods."

"The task force should be jointly maintained by Sarhwa, the community and Tranmet. This will ensure that the recruitment, training and control of the task force is properly managed," Mkhathwana said.

Already, black political, religious, labour and civic organisations on the Reef have called for a six-day boycott of trains from May 4.
New date set for train boycott

A WEEK-LONG train boycott, due to start yesterday to protest against the train killings on the Witwatersrand, has been postponed to May 4.

This was announced at a press conference by a newly-formed steering committee of major township groups concerned about the carnage.

The steering committee represents the African National Congress, Pan Africanist Congress, Congress of SA Trade Unions and National Council of Trade Unions.

Other groups are the Civic Association of Southern Transvaal, SA Communist Party, Human Rights Commission, Soweto Church and church groups.

The ANC's Mr Tokyo Sexwale, who chaired the press conference, said the steering committee, which had been set up to deal with the violence on the trains, fully supported the train boycott call.

''The carnage taking place on the trains has compelled us to take action to express our anger at the violence. That's why we have targeted train violence."

Representatives also pointed out that the SA Railway Commuter Corporation had admitted it could not guarantee the safety of train travellers.

Meanwhile, representatives of the Ministry of Law and Order were last night scheduled to meet nine community leaders who are staging a sit-in at the Soweto headquarters in Brakpan, Johannesburg, to protest the killings.
Train attack survivors tell of big escape

SURVIVORS of Wednesday night's train attack at Mzimhlophe Station yesterday alleged the assailants had told them they were after the blood of township residents.

Three people were killed and 18 injured in the incident.

The survivors claimed their assailants boarded the train at Mzimhlophe Station, which is not far from the trouble-torn Meadowlands Hostel.

They said the men went on a rampage soon after the train had left the platform.

They also said the train stopped immediately when the attack started.

Speaking from their hospital beds at Baragwanath Hospital yesterday, three of the survivors said they were attacked by men armed with an assortment of weapons.

Mr Bufo Mogane (22) said, "A gang of about 20 men got into the train at Mzimhlophe and said they were looking for township people."

They pounced on us as soon as the train had pulled off the platform. But the train immediately stopped and the lights went off.

"People scuttled for cover and others jumped through the windows," Mogane said.

Mogane said he was stabbed in the back and hit with knobkerries.

Another survivor, Mr Richard Likhuleni (23) of Mapetla, said the attack started just when the train pulled off the station.

Likhuleni said he was approached by a middle-aged man who seemed to be the leader of the gang.

"He asked me where I lived and when I told him I was from Mapetla, he ordered the gang to attack me," Likhuleni said.

Likhuleni escaped with head, back and hand injuries.

Another survivor who refused to be identified said, "I was happy to see the train stop so that people could escape. Otherwise, more people would have died."

Soweto police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni yesterday announced that the police would offer a R20 000 reward to anyone who could give them information that could lead to the arrest of the attackers.
On April 19, a person was injured when Johannesburg municipality security guards fired rubber bullets at a group of residents living in a tent after they had been evicted from their homes in Ennerdale, South African Defence Force personnel in the attack was alleged by the Ennerdale and Surrounding Civic Association.

On April 20, the African National Congress reported that a Meadowlands youth was admitted to hospital and another arrested after the SAP Internal Stability Unit raided homes in the area "assaulting residents, looting property and shooting teargas and buckshot."
'Murder suspects ANC members'

By Gwede Mxenge

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30 slaughtered in Easter violence

By KENOSI MODISANE, Soweto Correspondent and Sapa

AT LEAST 30 people, including four policemen, were killed in separate incidents of violence on the Reef over the Easter weekend.

Three people were shot dead when men armed with AK-47 rifles raided a house in Schokeng yesterday morning.

This follows a similar attack at the neighbouring Sharpeville township, in which eight people were slain on Sunday morning.

In another incident in Sharpeville yesterday, a man was stoned and necklaced when he and a friend were approached by a group in the street.

Captain Piet van Deventer of the Vaal Triangle police said Mr Ben Khumbulza (50) and a friend were attacked by the men about 3pm. The friend managed to escape.

Four policemen were killed and six injured in separate unrest-related incidents, police said.

A policeman was killed in Soweto on Friday afternoon when he tried to arrest two men.

Another policeman was fatally shot while patrolling through a squatter camp in Power Park, Soweto, on the same day.

In Phola Park, a 24-year-old policeman was shot dead while trying to apprehend a suspect.

Five policemen were injured in a hand-grenade attack in White City Soweto on Friday afternoon.

In Alexandra, seven people were killed while in Mzimbilohe, Soweto, the house of 65-year-old Mr Patrick Mnguni was petrol-bombed about 3am yesterday.
Peace calls ‘not enough’

By PHANGISILE MTSHALI

PEACE calls by State President FW de Klerk, ANC leader Mr Nelson Mandela and IFP president Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi at Moria would have been effective if they had addressed their supporters.

This was the view of most callers to the Sowetan Radio Metro Talkback Show last night.

Other callers said the calls were a waste of time as De Klerk’s Government had the capacity to stop the carnage.

Tibatsi of Soweto said he felt the three leaders wasted time and money in addressing members of the Zion Christian Church.

He said it would have had more positive results if the three had addressed a joint meeting of their members.

Daniel of Hillbrow congratulated the head of the ZCC, Bishop Barnabas Lekganyane, for showing that he cared.

He said “the Moria experience” had the power to stop violence but ANC and IFP supporters must be called to a joint meeting, where the message of peace could be preached.

Dunno of Johannesburg said De Klerk had the power to stop the violence.

Johannes of Meadowlands said people must forget about peace “as long as there are rightwingers in the police force.”
Alex civic affairs halted by violence

CIVIC affairs in Alexandra township have been brought to a virtual standstill by the ongoing feud between Inkatha and ANC supporters.

Alexandra town clerk Willie Khumalo said yesterday most of the town council’s offices had been taken over by families displaced by the violence in the township.

Hundreds of families fled their homes last month after fighting between Alexandra residents and Inkatha-supporting hostel dwellers. They sought refuge at the council’s offices and the local civic centre.

Khumalo said the situation was inconvenient for council staff and was being “taken advantage of by some employees”.

He said it was difficult to keep thorough checks on staff attendance in such a situation, and a number of workers had not been reporting for work since.

But the council would not chase the families away as the violence which forced them out of their homes had not been addressed, Khumalo said.

Meanwhile, the Goldstone standing commission of inquiry into public violence and intimidation will question Umkhonto we Sizwe MK leaders on allegations that the organisation planned to attack four of Inkatha’s Transvaal strongholds.

Judge Richard Goldstone said in a statement yesterday a policeman told a Witvaal regional dispute resolution committee on March 26 that police had received information that MK had held a meeting the previous day. The policeman said it was decided at the meeting to attack the Inkatha hostels.

“After inquiry by an ANC member, the ANC informed the regional dispute resolution committee that no such decision had been taken. The matter was then referred to the commission, which was informed by police that the information had come from two informants who had been at the MK meeting.”

“The informants felt their lives were in jeopardy and on no account would they be prepared to meet, even in camera, with the commission. At the request of the commission, police have furnished it with written statements from both informants without disclosing their identities,” Goldstone said.

He said having regarded the seriousness of the allegations, the commission had decided to put the allegations to MK leaders “who are alleged to have been at the meeting in question on Thursday”.

Meanwhile Sapa reports three people were reported killed in Natal yesterday, bringing the day’s national death toll to nine as a result of political violence. Earlier, two people were killed and 11 injured when a bus was ambushed in the Table Mountain area, east of Maritzburg.

In the same area three people were shot dead at a bus stop and three were wounded including a three-month-old baby.

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In another development, police yesterday held an identification parade in Thokozani, on the East Rand, in connection with alleged misconduct of 22 Battalion soldiers in Piola Park squatter camp on April 8.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Col Frans Malherbe refused to say whether any of the soldiers had been identified as culprits.

Key leaders will attend church talks

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LEADERS of key black political organisations will meet church leaders today in an attempt to boost the peace process. It is expected that the summit—convened under the auspices of the SA Council of Churches (SACC)—will set the stage for a meeting between church leaders and government.

Sapa reports that ANC president Nelson Mandela, PAC leader Clarence Makwetu and SAPC chairman Joe Slovo will attend.

In a statement, the SACC said representatives from 19 black political organisations would attend. These included Inkatha, Azapo, the TBVC states, Cast, Cosatu, Nactu, Nacoco, the United People’s Front, Ximoko Progressive Party, Dikwankwelel Party, Isandzwayo West Party and Inyanda National Movement.

Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi’s private secretary, Amos Ngema, said yesterday that the Inkatha leader would not attend the summit as he had “other commitments in (KwaZulu capital) Ulundi”.

SACC general secretary Frank Chikane said today’s “emergency summit on violence” was in response to alarming levels of political violence.
Victims attend identity parade

By Zingisla Mkhuma

More than 70 squatters who say they are victims of an attack on the Phola Park squatter camp by members of 22 Battalion, attended an identification parade involving an undisclosed number of soldiers yesterday.

The press was barred from the official proceedings which were held inside the Tokoza Auditorium. Only members of the Independent Board of Enquiry (IBE) and lawyers for the victims were allowed in.

Some squatters, including a 14-year-old girl, attended the proceedings wearing bandages on their arms and legs. Some of them walked on crutches.

A spokesman for the IBE, Sally Sealy, said there were 101 victims of the attack which left two dead, but many of them could not identify their assailants because it was dark when the attack occurred.

More than 70 people were treated in hospital for their injuries. They have accused members of the SADF’s 22 Battalion of going on a “camping” after they had alleged that a shot was fired at them from the squatter camp.

A woman was killed and several others were raped and injured in the raid which took place on April 9, said squatters.

The police said they were investigating charges of murder, rape, assault, malicious damage to property, theft and attempted murder.
Phola Park: Cops probe 37 charges

By MONK NKOMO

POLICE are investigating 37 charges, including rape and assault, against several members of the 32 Battalion who were pointed out at an identification parade this week.

The charges follow a raid by the battalion at the Phola Park squatter camp on April 9.

Two people were killed and about 100 assaulted. Property was stolen and damaged during the raid.

The details of the charges were revealed in Pretoria yesterday by Mr P Hattingh, SC. He was representing the police at the preliminary inquiry of the Goldstone Commission into events at Phola Park on that day.

Hattingh said 32 of the 240 men on parade on Tuesday were identified "and of these 32 only nine were positively identified as having been on duty at Phola Park that day."

Another witness, Miss Sally Ann Sealy, a researcher with the Independent Board of Inquiry, said she helped to take statements from the victims.

In another case, an old woman was dragged out of a shack while "her young daughter was raped", said Sealy.

Major Petrus van Eeden of the SADF told the inquiry that two SADF members, including a certain Mpande, were wounded when unknown persons fired at their battalion at Phola Park during the night of April 9.

Van Eeden denied allegations that members of the battalion had raped and assaulted squatters that night.

"The relationship between the 32 Battalion and Phola Park residents had been good and healthy since they started operations there on August 7, 1990," he said.

Responding to questions, Van Eeden said although the troops had gone to investigate sporadic shootings, nobody had been arrested. He conceded that, by returning the fire, SADF members could have seriously shot and wounded innocent people.

The commission will be chaired by an advocate, Mr Solly Sithole.
Report says train deaths spiralling

JOHANNESBURG. — The number of people killed in train attacks during the first three months of this year outstripped the combined figure for the whole of 1990 and 1991, according to the Human Rights Commission's latest Area Repression Report.

A total of 97 deaths on the tracks was recorded in 1990 and 1991, while 126 such murders took place in January, February and March this year, the report records.

The number of attacks rose even more sharply than the death toll, each recent attack accounting for substantially fewer deaths and injuries than the mass murders which took place in commuter coaches during 1990.

In 1990, just 11 attacks resulted in 59 deaths and 277 injuries, while in 1991, 23 attacks caused 38 deaths and 206 injuries.

The first three months of 1992 witnessed 130 attacks, resulting in the loss of 125 lives and 235 injuries, the HRC has calculated.

The HRC has attempted to determine the political affiliation of the victims and the perpetrators of violence during the especially bloody month of March when the death toll in political violence shot to 437 — the highest level since August 1989.

Only in 30 percent of fatalities was it possible to identify the affiliation or community status of the victim. Of this identifiable group, “the victims were ANC supporters and township residents for 76 percent of the dead and 78.4 percent of the injured and Inkatha supporters and hostel dwellers for 24 percent of the dead and 24.6 percent of the injured,” the report states.

Where perpetrators of violence could be identified, ANC supporters and township residents were responsible for 9.5 percent of the killings and 19.7 percent of injuries, while Inkatha supporters and hostel dwellers inflicted 90.5 percent of the deaths and 80.3 percent of the injuries.
Huge march for train peace

JOHANNESBURG: A crowd of about 2,500 marched to John Vorster Square today to deliver a memorandum demanding an immediate meeting with the ministers of police and transport to address violence on Reef trains. The march, which was led by representatives from the ANC, Cosatu, the SA Communist Party, the Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal and churches, also delivered the memorandum to Spoor's head office.

Nine community leaders then embarked on an indefinite sit-in at the offices.

The memorandum said 155 people had been killed and 414 injured in train attacks in the first three months of this year. — Sapa.
Phola Park victims identify 9 ‘raiders’

By Mckeed Kotolo
Pretoria Bureau

Phola Park residents have positively identified nine soldiers who allegedly took part in assaults by members of the SADF’s 32 Battalion during a raid on the East Rand squatter camp two weeks ago, the Goldstone Commission heard in Pretoria yesterday.

This information was released by P A Hatting, SC, representing the South African Police at a preliminary hearing of the commission, investigating allegations of assault, rape and damage to property by soldiers on the night of April 8.

The full inquiry is scheduled to start on Monday.

Mr Hatting said of the estimated 240 members of 32 Battalion at an identification parade in Tokoza on Tuesday, 32 were identified by 45 residents as having participated in the alleged attack.

He said it was found only nine of the 32 soldiers had been at Phola Park on the day of the alleged attack.

Advocate Hatting added that police were investigating 37 charges including charges of rape, assault, and malicious damage.

Researcher at the Independent Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression Sally Soele said she had visited Phola Park on April 9 at the request of the ANC, attorneys of the victims, and Lawyers for Human Rights.

Ms Sealey said eye-witnesses had told her between three and six army vehicles had entered the camp at about 9 pm.

She rejected SADF claims that they were shot at by unknown persons from the direction of the squatter camp prior to the raid, saying all those interviewed and those who submitted statements said they did not hear any gunshots “prior to the arrival of the SADF in Phola Park”.

She said the raid was mainly conducted by black soldiers who wore “browns” and spoke Fanagalo and Portuguese.

Together with some leaders of the Tokoza civic association, they transported injured people to hospital and later accompanied about 60 of them to Tokoza Police Station to lay charges, she said.

Major Petrus van Eeden of the SADF said he did not believe his men could have committed the alleged rapes and assaults.

He conceded, however, that some troops could have been heavy-handed with residents after shots had allegedly been fired from Phola Park at the SADF patrol.

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Disabled Alex workers trapped

By Montshiwa Moroke

The violence in Alexandra has trapped disabled people in the township because they are afraid to go to work, a Self-Help Association of the Disabled (Shadax) spokesman said this week.

Shadax is based in London Road, Wynberg, and is near the area where the worst fighting takes place.

It employs about 60 disabled people from Alexandra, including paraplegics and blind and deaf people.

Shadax spokesman Sinah Gwebu said only between eight and 15 people had reported for work daily since the violence started in March and the company was suffering financial losses.

Mrs Gwebu said a doctor and several shop owners in the vicinity had already moved out of the area, fearing for their lives and properties.

She said the situation had become so serious that the company had decided it would be best to move to an area such as Marlboro, on the other side of the township.

"It is only us who still remain here but our colleagues are afraid to come to work because we are where some of the worst violence has taken place," she said.

"Two weeks ago we did not work for a week and this is negatively affecting our contracts."

She said her company would be speaking to owners of businesses to see whether they could assist them in any way. They would approach landlords to discuss the rental for alternative premises.

A committee from Shadax intended to meet Alexandra councillors to see if they can offer the organisation some land.
Police probe soldiers’ conduct

PRETORIA — Charges are being investigated against nine SADF members after they were pointed out at a police identification parade following an alleged assault of Phola Park residents earlier this month.

A police representative told the Goldstone Commission in Pretoria yesterday the charges against 32 Battalion members ranged from rape to theft and assault.

32 Battalion officer Maj Abbe van Beeden, at a preliminary hearing of the commission to determine terms of reference for an inquiry into the incident at Phola Park, Thokoza, strongly denied the troops under his command had assaulted and raped Phola Park residents on April 8.

However, he conceded that troops could have been hard-handed with residents because they did not co-operate after shots were allegedly fired from Phola Park at an SADF patrol. He said the patrol had returned the fire, and later picked up ‘‘a number of spent AK-47 cartridges in Phola Park. Two SADF members were injured in the exchange of fire.

Sally Ann Sealey, a senior researcher for the Independent Board of Inquiry, said according to residents, the SADF members had embarked on a house-to-house search after they had allegedly been shot at.

None of the people from whom we have taken statements or whom we have interviewed heard gunfire on that evening prior to the arrival of the SADF in Phola Park.”

Shack dwellers said the soldiers had assaulted them, in many cases without conducting any search for weapons, hitting them with rifle butts and beating them with sjamboks, bats, iron pipes, pick-handles and sticks; Sealey said 25 to 30 limbs had been broken.

“Some residents reported being assaulted twice by different groups of soldiers.”

Several residents reported that the screaming and shooting continued all night.”

According to the statement, four women — one of whom died — were raped and a large number were indecently assaulted.

Sealey thought that more women had been raped but were afraid to report this.

 Soldiers

“All the rapes were perpetrated by soldiers at gunpoint and were accompanied by assaults and foul language.”

“In most cases, the rape was preceded by a soldier pointing a firearm at the victim’s private parts.”

Both legs of one rape victim were fractured by bullets fired from outside her shack. Her husband was assaulted and dragged outside, and when he eventually re-entered the shack, she told him the soldiers had raped her. Her underpants had been removed. She died from loss of blood at dawn, said Sealey.

Judge Richard Goldstone said that after considering yesterday’s evidence, the commission would frame the terms of reference for an inquiry into the incident.

WILSON ZWANE reports a police spokesman said the identification parade was ‘‘one of the many‘‘ which would be held in Thokoza.

The Human Rights Commission said in a statement yesterday 61 people had been killed and 45 injured in the past week. In an apparent reference to an attack on a house in the Vaal Triangle township of Sharpeville, it said the week’s incidents showed a noticeable increase of attacks in which large numbers of unsuspecting residents were killed in their homes.”
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Anti-violence protesters hand petition to police

Thousands of people marched to John Vorster Square yesterday to protest against the continued violence on Reef trains and to commemorate the deaths of six South African Railways and Harbours' Workers Union (Sarhwu) members who had been shot dead by police during a 1987 railway strike in Johannesburg.

Former Sarhwu general secretary Archie Sebeka handed a memorandum to Johannesburg Police District Commissioner Brigadier Bram Strauss, demanding the establishment of an interim government.

ANC stalwart John Nkadimeng demanded that single-sex hostels be occupied by families and that all political prisoners and the establishment of an impartial police force be released.

At the start of the march in Wanderers Street, Cosatu regional secretary Amos Mazendo accused the police of falling to do their work.

"People are killed in front of them and they do nothing," he said.

Leaders of the ANC, SA Communist Party and Cosatu took part in the march.

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"Peoples who have no families should be evicted from the hostels in the townships and be replaced by families," he said.

Foreigners from neighbouring countries who have no families here are being used to perpetrate violence," said Mr Nkadimeng.

After the march, nine community leaders embarked on an indefinite sit-in at the Johannesburg offices of Sponset to protest against continuing train violence.

ANC PWV spokesman Ronnie Mamoea told Sapa.

The delegation comprises railways workers' representatives as well as members of the ANC, SA Communist Party, Cosatu and the Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal.
Slain policeman: 3 ANC men held
Johannesburg Bureau

The ANC must take responsibility for the March 31 murder of a policeman in Alexandra township, the police said yesterday, at a press conference to announce the arrest of three ANC members for the killing. Police liaison officer Lieutenant-Colonel Dave Bruce said he did not claim the ANC had sanctioned the murder, but that the ANC was "in the same political organisations".

The three had admitted they were members of the ANC.

Mr. Happy Mahlango, 25, and two 17-year-old youths were arrested on April 13 for the murder of Warrant-Officer Boatsu Pilani, who was pulled from his car and shot with his own pistol before being set alight.

ANC spokesman Mrs. Gill Marcus said she could not comment until the matter was substantiated.
ANC man held

DURBAN — Police on Wednesday arrested a prominent ANC member in Empangeni after he was found in possession of illegal weapons, an act which has been slammed by the organisation as part of a “harassment” campaign.

Mr. Bongani Msomi, a regional administrator for the ANC in Northern Natal, was arrested after police searched a house rented for staff members by the ANC. He said police seized 612 rounds of AK-47 ammunition, one fully loaded AK-47 magazine, pistol holders, handgrenade dust covers, three pistol magazines and one Stechen pistol, 124 pistol rounds, four handgrenades, detonators, nine rounds of .38 Special ammunition and several IFF membership cards.
Boycott of trains urged after deaths

By Thabo Leshene and Stan Hlophe

Black political, religious, labour and civic organisations on the Reef have called for a six-day boycott of trains as the death toll from the slaughter of passengers continues to mount.

The boycott call was made jointly by the ANC, Cosatu, Naeto, PAC, SACP, Human Rights Commission (HRC), Civic Associations of the Transvaal, the SAC& and Soweto's Sanco MK Party at a press conference held in Johannesburg.

The demands include provision of security for commuters, compensation for victims, and that the killers be jailed.

The Azanian People's Organisation endorsed the call.

Consulted

PAC leader Ntsundeni Madzunwa, who acted as spokesman for the organisers, said the IFP had been consulted about the idea but could not attend yesterday's meeting to decide about the boycott.

IFP leaders Humphrey Ndlovu and Themba Khoza, with whom the organisers claimed they were in contact, could not be reached for comment.

The organisers urged commuters not to buy train tickets during the boycott.

Employers were asked to "take the initiative" and arrange alternative transport for their workers.

The carriage on Reef trains has reached unprecedented levels in spite of the safety measures introduced by police and the railways.

The murder on Wednesday of three passengers on a Johannesburg-Soweto train pushed the death toll this year to 12.

According to the HRC's latest reports, the number of people killed in train attacks during the first three months of the year outstripped the combined figure for the whole of 1990 and 1991, when 97 people died.

Nine community leaders sitting-in at the Johannesburg offices of Spoornet in protest against train violence, last night vowed to continue with their action until a decisive plan to halt the carnage was agreed upon.

The nine, who began their sit-in on Wednesday, are general secretary of the Institute for Contextual Theology, Father Smapangalishe Mkhathswa, Cosatu regional general secretary, Amor Masando, Jessie Duarte and Kgotlhoame Ramego of the ANC Women's League, CAST deputy president Kgabi Masontu, SARB regional secretary, Elize Sogoni, SARB regional vice-chairman Sydney Hlako and Vangvandik Mkhosana.

Father Mkhathswa said discussions with representatives of the SAP, Tramnet, Spoornet and Metro were adjourned until today.

The Ministers of Police and Transport could not attend the meeting as the group demanded. The group held the two Min-

isters responsible for the safety of train commuters.

The ANC yesterday claimed one person was killed and two were critically wounded last night in an attack on train commuters in Soweto, Sapa reports.

A Soweto police spokesman said police found the body of a man next to the railway line, but he could not confirm that the death was connected to a train attack.

The body had stab wounds and was found at about 6.30 pm between the Mzimhlophe and Phoromlong stations in Orlando West. Police were still investigating the cause of his death, the spokesman said.
MK leaders testify before commission

By Mkeka Kholo
Pretoria Bureau

Two senior Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK) commanders on Wednesday denied allegations that an MK meeting on March 26 had decided to attack four Inkatha Freedom Party hostels in the Transvaal.

But they admitted the ANC's military wing did not have absolute control over its members.

MK political commissar Oupa Monareng and PWV chief of personnel Sydney Mpilo were testifying before the Goldstone Commission in Pretoria following allegations by two police informers who had earlier claimed they had attended an MK meeting at the ANC's head office in Johannesburg where a decision had been taken to attack the IFP hostels.

Mr Monareng said members at the meeting did suggest that MK should attack the hostels because they felt their lives were threatened.

However, the suggestion was turned down by the leadership because the armed struggle had been suspended and MK had become more involved in mass action.

Mr Monareng, however, told the commission that members "could do their own thing" without the mandate of the leadership.

The commission also heard that the PWV regional headquarters was not empowered to take such decisions. Only the national leadership had such powers.

Mr Mpilo said MK was bound by the Groote Schuur and Pretoria Minutes and the D F Malan Accord to the suspension of the armed struggle.

He said MK had no right to commit soldiers to action that would be detrimental to these.
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Four killed in violence

FOUR people were killed in a fresh outbreak of violence in Soweto last night.

Three bodies were found with stab wounds along a railway line near Mzimhlophe Station, according to Soweto police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni.

He said 17 people were injured in what appeared to be a train attack.

An hour after the incident, a hand grenade was thrown by unknown people at Meadowlands Hostel where a 57-year-old man was killed.

Another man, Mr Robert Dlamini (40), was injured.
Summit to set up peace committees

A NETWORK of multi-organisational special committees is to be set up throughout the country in an attempt to end political violence and eradicate intimidation.

A source said 19 organisations which attended this week's emergency summit on violence had appointed a seven-member working committee, whose task would be to work out strategies by which to filter the "spirit of reconciliation" down to grassroots level.

The working committee, which is made up of representatives from the ANC, Inkatha, PAC, Azapo, SA Communist Party and homeland parties, will meet within two weeks, probably on May 8.

The source said the committee would determine the nature of an international mechanism to monitor violence. Government and security forces were not invited.

Meanwhile nine community leaders, who had been staging a sit-in at Spoorneit's Braamfontein headquarters since Wednesday, yesterday vowed to continue their protest until their demands were met.

The leaders, protesting against high levels of violence on Reef trains, said yesterday evening discussions they had held earlier with representatives from Transnet, Spoorneit, the SA Rail Commuter Corporation (SARCC), Law and Order Ministry and Transport Ministry, did not yield much.

The protesters are demanding provision of adequate security on trains in consultation with the community, prosecution of perpetrators of violence and compensation of violence victims.

Soweto police spokesman Capt Joseph Ngobeni said yesterday that a the body of a man with stab wounds had been found near a railway line in Soweto at 6:30pm.

But Ngobeni said he could not confirm claims by the ANC that the man had been killed, and two others critically injured, in a train attack yesterday evening.

"We are still investigating the cause of his death, and presently have no reports of other injuries," Ngobeni said.

Earlier, police arrested a 22-year-old man who fired shots at a commuter train at Orlando station, Sapa reports. No one was injured.

Minister

Trade unions, civic bodies and church organisations yesterday joined political organisations in calling for a week-long boycott of trains in protest against the ongoing attacks.

The organisations, which included the ANC, SA Communist Party, Cosatu, Civics Association of the Southern Transvaal and the HRC, called on township residents not to use trains from May 4-9.

In another development, the Alexandra Civic Organisation and local branches of the SA Communist Party, the ANC and the Congress of SA Students will meet Law and Order Minister Bernus Kriel on Monday. ANC Alexandra spokesman Obie Bapela said the organisations would ask Kriel to declare a section of the Alexandra township, known as "Beirut", a disaster area.
MK denies a plot to attack hostels

MEMBERS of Umkhonto we Sizwe's PWV regional headquarters yesterday denied they had taken a decision to attack Inkatha Freedom Party hostels.

But they told the Goldstone Commission in Pretoria yesterday they could not guarantee absolute control over MK members.

"Anybody can do his own thing without the mandate of the MK leadership," Mr Oupa Monareng, MK political commissar, told a hearing chaired by Mr Justice Richard Goldstone.

The hearing was convened after two police informers said they had attended an MK meeting at Shell House in Johannesburg last month, where a decision was taken to attack IFP hostels in four Transvaal areas.

Monareng said members at the meeting suggested MK attack the hostels, but the leadership's response was that the armed struggle had been suspended. MK had become more involved in mass action.

Mr Sidney Mbilo, the regional headquarters' chief of personnel, told the hearing the Groote Schuur and Pretoria Minutes and the DF Malan agreement bound MK to suspend its action and that MK had no right to commit soldiers to action that would be detrimental to these accords. - Sapa.
entire '90, '91 toll
92 train deaths exceeded
8 die as gunmen attack Sharpeville home

By Brian Sokata

Easter turned tragic yesterday for the Lethedi family when unknown gunmen shot dead eight people, including a child and a family friend, at their home in Sharpeville, near Vereeniging.

Elias Lethedi (46), his wife Johanna (41), son Wessel (15), daughter Jostine (16), Mr Lethedi's sisters-in-law Manol Makhaketsa (41) and Munefie Moisi (16), Solina Thakadi, and a friend, Japha Vilaka (19), were butchered by five men armed with AK-47s, according to ANC branch chairman Siza Rani.

He said the men drove a Mazda 323.

The killings took place at about 2.45 am.

Police spokesman Captain Piet van Deventer said police had no evidence that the killings were politically motivated.

Addressing a press conference with ANC leaders at the Lethedi home, Mr Rani said the men broke the kitchen window, fired several shots, waited to see if there was any retaliation, and then burst into the kitchen.

Mr Rani said: “Three men went to the main bedroom, while others remained in the kitchen. They demanded money, which the family did not have, threatening to kill everyone.

“They then shoved them into the children’s bedroom, raped one of the women before beginning to shoot. And when one of the killers ran out of bullets, he went outside to refill the magazine.”

He said the survivors of the attack, one of whom police said was wounded in the arm, were missing.

A heartbroken Albinas Lethedi, Elias' brother, said he felt 'terrible' because they had buried his brother's son, Rangoane (26), only three months ago. An Umkhonto we Sizwe cadre, he died in what police said was a shootout with terrorists.

I was shocked when I arrived at the house at about 4 am after being telephoned by Father David Diakoboga of the Anglican Church. In the children's bedroom I found my brother and the bodies of six other people sprayed with bullets. We found another body in the lounge," said Mr Lethedi.

Also speaking at the press conference, ANC NEC member Winnie Mandela launched a scathing attack on the police and the government for "failing to act" in the Sharpeville massacre, which occurred 20 years ago.

She said the attack was "well-orchestrated pattern aimed at weakening the ANC, and was committed by "those who do not want to see peace.

"These killings must stop. That religious meeting addressed by leaders in Mora is meaningless if the Government continues to kill people," she said.

The township killings, she said, could affect the process of the ANC.

ANC PWV region deputy chairman Bavumile Vilakazi.

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Security forces, ANC differ on shootout

The SADF and SAP this week offered a vastly differing account from the ANC of an overnight gun battle and arrest of 17 people in Katlehong, Khumalo Valley.

The SADF's Witwatersrand Command Unit, in a press release last Friday, said its Special Investigation Unit in Katlehong had been responding to information about a possible weapons cache in a house in Katlehong when it came under heavy fire.

"The patrol returned fire and surrounded the house. Eleven people surrendered and were arrested. They were in possession of two AK-47 rifles and a pistol," the SADF said.

In a separate statement, the SAP said a policeman had joined a SADF patrol in Katlehong after receiving information that illegal weapons were kept at a house in Khumalo Valley.

When the patrol arrived at the house they were fired on. The security forces returned fire.

The commander of the patrol then ordered the people in the house to throw their weapons outside. Two AK-47 rifles were thrown out and the 17 people inside the house were arrested on charges of attempted murder.

SAPA reported that the SAP's Special Investigation Unit in Katlehong then searched the house. Police took possession of the two AK-47 rifles, two pistols and ammunition.

The SADF said no people inside the house were injured, but two SADF members sustained slight shrapnel wounds. The SADF made no mention of any casualties.

ANC representatives in the township, Floyd Mashaka, had earlier alleged SADF members had opened fire on ANC members meeting in a house in Katlehong.

An ANC member in the township also charged that several people were injured and the house was destroyed.

SAPA
Residents turn on security forces

More die as street battles rage in Alex

ALEXANDRA exploded yesterday as residents turned on police and army members and fought running battles throughout the day.

At least eight people had died since midnight and more than 50 were injured in the latest and worst outbreak of fighting in days of violence.

Police admitted it was unlikely that the violence would soon be brought under control.

All day mobs wielding petrol bombs and stones fought running battles with police and one another throughout the township.

Violence erupted in the morning, but subsided briefly before full-scale clashes between parties in the late afternoon.

On Tuesday night three people reportedly died in sporadic incidents of violence.

"SADF are the only ones who can bring peace to Alexandra," a resident said yesterday.

Police remain for 20 minutes to perform their duties in Alexandra. I guarantee total bloodshed and a complete breakdown of law and order," regional police commissioner Maj-Gen Gerrit Erasmus said last night.

It was clear that the ANC and Inkatha had no control whatsoever over their members and supporters, he said, rejecting claims by the ANC and Inkatha that police were to blame for the violence.

Yesterday two policemen were killed and an SAPF member was injured when he was hit by a high calibre sniper bullet.

Several children, aged between six and 14, were taken to the Alexandra Clinic in the late afternoon to be treated, mainly for bullet wounds.

"The township was engulfed in flames and smoke when large groups of residents taking part in an impromptu stayaway, erected barricades of burning tyres and car shells, stones and huge pieces of scrap metal, blocking almost every street.

Scores of youths hurled petrol bombs and stones at the large contingent of police armoured vehicles patrolling the streets and throughout the afternoon, rifle fire, reportedly from the Makwane hostel, could be heard.

The hostel's mostly Zulu-speaking residents have been at the centre of much of the violence since the weekend.

Dozens of squatter shacks were set alight by petrol bombs yesterday, with residents fleeing the area around the hostel.

Police men with automatic rifles stood guard while futile attempts were made to bring the fires under control.

SADF members who residents generally regard as being impartial, came under fire.

Shots were fired at an army patrol vehicle wounded a soldier.

Police reinforcements were brought in from several surrounding areas yesterday in an attempt to end the fighting.

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Street battles

Spokesmen for the Alexandra Clinic reported that five injured people were injured yesterday, most for gunshot wounds.

A Witwatersrand police station officer confirmed that a policeman was burnt to death on the bunch of a car, and said he had received an unconfirmed report of the death of another.

ANC Alexandra spokesman Joel Bapela said, "Alexandra is in a state of war," blaming the police and Inkatha "bandits" for the continuing violence.

The police last night rejected an ANC claim that they were responsible for the violence "with the contempt it deserved".

"It is totally unacceptable that the police are still blamed for the violence in Alexandra. Earlier Inkatha also blamed the SAP for allegedly siding with the ANC in the current violence," Erasmus said.

SAPA-Reporter reports Inkatha spokesman Muxa Mntuli as saying the ANC had "thousands of automatic weapons and was "hellbent on destroying the SADF"

ANC spokesman from Macosoma accused Inkatha of fighting to delay voting for a new election, adding government. "Lack of violence makes it difficult to hold an election," he said.

In other incidents, Sapa reports that two policemen narrowly escaped death after being hit by an axmith at KwaZulu.

Police said WO Chris Rossouw and Sgt Sidney Crankem received information that a group of people were looting on the outskirts of town. They went to investigate and drove into a gunfire ambush. They returned fire but had to retreat on foot after their vehicle failed to start. Both were wounded.

A woman was killed and several houses damaged in gunfire and petrol bomb attacks in three separate incidents in KwaZulu near Durban.

In Nqumeni near Engcengeng in 13-year-old youth was shot dead and the house of an ANC/Catana official was petrol-bombed.

Last night seven people were injured when a land grenade exploded outside a Police bus in Soweto.

Police spokesman Col Fanyana Zanele said the bus was passing Newlands hostel at 4.30pm when the grenade was thrown through a window.

The explosion tore a hole in the floor of the bus and knocked out most of the glass.

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From Page 1
4 policemen die, 6 hurt in Easter unrest

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Another policeman was shot dead while patrolling a power park squatter camp in Orlando, Soweto, on Friday afternoon.

In a police follow-up operation, two men were shot dead and eight were arrested.

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Five policemen were injured in a grenade attack in White City, Soweto, on Friday.

The men were patrolling and saw two suspects, one armed with an AK-47 rifle. As the patrol car approached them, the gunman threw the grenade at the police.

A policeman was shot dead while chasing a gang of car thieves in Umlazi outside Durban on Sunday. Police said that Constable Bonginkosi Bhengu, who was off-duty at the time, and SH Dlamini were walking to their car when they noticed a gang tampering with it.

The policemen chased after the men and in the dark one of the men fired a shot, killing Constable Bhengu.
Prayers fail to put end to slaughter

Staff Reporters

While political leaders pleaded and multitudes prayed for peace at Moria in the northern Transvaal at the weekend, 26 people died in unrest-related incidents.

Four policemen were killed and six injured during seven separate attacks on members of the SAP during the same period. (See accompanying story.)

In the latest attacks, four houses in Sharpeville were petrol bombed early yesterday morning.

A young Sharpeville man was stoned and necklaced when he and a friend were approached by a group of men while walking in the street yesterday afternoon.

Captain Piet van Deventer of the Vaal Triangle police said Ben Khumbula (20) of Sharpeville and a friend were attacked by the men at about 3 am. The friend managed to escape.

An 18-year-old youth was fatally wounded and a 17-year-old girl was hurt when two gunmen switched off an Ewtalow hall's electricity supply and then stood in the building's doorway shooting at random.

Police spokesman Captain Piet van Deventer said a group of people were watching a film inside the hall in Wright Street at about 2 am yesterday. The generator outside the hall was switched off and two men, one armed with an AK-47 rifle and the other with a 9 mm pistol opened fire.

Lucky Meloa of Molele Street, Zone Six, Extension One in Sebokeng, was fatally shot in the chest. Mpupe Tshabalala of Wright Street was shot in the left leg.

Also yesterday, police confiscated several firearms and arrested four men at the Sebokeng Hostel.

Soweto police were shot at by a group of people when they went to a scene near a garage in Meadowlands, Zone 1, to investigate the murder of a middle-aged man yesterday.

Captain Joseph Mngeni of the Soweto police said an unidentified man had been stabb ed and then set alight by a group of men at about 3.15 pm. Police arrived at the scene and were shot at by gunmen in a crowd of bystanders. They did not return fire, but the wheel of their vehicle, a Nyalak, was struck.

Nine people were killed and six were wounded on Easter Sunday, police said.

In the worst attack, eight people were shot dead and one was injured in an attack on a Sharpeville house early on Sunday morning.

Residents and family members said the victims were well-known ANC members.

In a separate incident, a man with bullet wounds in the head and neck was found in a Sharpeville street on Sunday morning.

In Alexandra, two women and a man sustained stab wounds during an attack by a group of men.

In another incident, a man was killed when five men opened fire on him. In a third incident, one man was killed and another seriously wounded when they were attacked by a group of men armed with firearms and knives.

A savage revenge attack took place at Magabeni, near Umkomaas, following an attack on a group on Saturday where a man was shot.

Early on Sunday morning the group that was attacked retaliated and two women and a man were fatally wounded. Another woman sustained bullet wounds.

Once men were arrested by police in connection with the attack.

Police seized 11 homemade firearms of different calibres, two AK-47s, two 365 rifles and a 9 mm pistol as well as a large quantity of ammunition.

Also on Sunday, police disco-
Young man stoned and necklaced in Sharpeville

The Star Correspondent
Johannesburg — A young man was stoned and necklaced when he and a friend were approached by a group of men in Sharpeville.

Captain Piet van Deventer of the Vaal Triangle police said Ben Khambula, 29, of Sharpeville, and a friend, were attacked by the men as they walked in a street about 3pm yesterday. The friend escaped.

Mr Khambula, however, was stoned and was then necklaced by the thugs. He died at the scene. The motive for the attack is not known.

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Constable Bhengu, who was stationed at Lamontville police station, was off-duty at the time.
Family wiped out in massacre

By ISAAC MOLEDI

KHABI Lethedi (20) was left without a family after eight members of his family were shot dead by gunmen in Sharpeville near Vereeniging at the weekend.

His father, Mr Elias Lethedi (45), his mother Elizabeth (40), sister and brothers Josithina (19) and Zacharia (16) were gunned down by four men on Sunday at about 3:30 am.

His relatives, Mrs Manoni Mohlaoi (38) and her daughter Mmotshe (15), Selina Mohlaoi (28) and a visitor, Japhia Vilakazi (19) were also killed in the tragedy.

A witness said she was awakened by a “big bang” at 2:45am. When she peeped through the window she saw a car parked in front of the Lethedi’s yard.

She saw a man with a rifle going into the house and a few minutes later gunshots were heard.

A witness said Khabi was saved because he was not at home when the incident happened. He is believed to be in hiding.

A close family friend quoted a 19-year-old survivor, Nina Mohlaoi, as saying the attackers claimed they were from the Kwa Madala hostel near Vanderbijlpark.

Mohlaoi was slightly injured in the hand.

The ANC has announced that it would seek an urgent meeting with Minister of Police Mr Gerrit Kriel to discuss the deaths of the eight people, who are believed to be ANC members.

The organisation’s assistant secretary in the PWV region, Mr Bumuzile Vilakazi, said the organisation would also make submissions about the incident to the Goldstone Commission on violence.

However, they said it was early to blame any organisation until their investigations had been completed.

Police said one AK-47 rifle and a number of handguns were used in the operation.

Funeral arrangements were still being made but it is believed that the dead would be buried on Saturday.
Victim’s family fears to hold vigil

By Brian Sokutu

The family of a man necklaced to death on Monday in Sharpeville, near Vereeniging, fear to hold a funeral vigil for him in case they are attacked.

At least nine people have been killed in the township since Saturday when eight people were shot dead by unknown killers.

Friends and neighbours yesterday assembled to pray at the Lebiedi home — scene of Saturday’s massacre — but a frightened Johannes Kambula, whose younger brother Ben (20), was necklaced on Monday by a group of youths told the Star: “Any vigil or church service for my brother could invite AK-47s.”

Mr Kambula’s brother was burnt to ashes after being stoned by angry youths who suspected him of being “a sellout,” said Ben’s friend Johannes Ndlovu, who was with him at the time.

Mr Ndlovu, a Mozambican amateur photographer, managed to escape after the group confiscated his film.

“I went to collect money from my clients and Ben asked to go with me. We did not find the clients.”

“The street in the area where my clients live was seething with groups of youths, but we did not expect any attack.”

Slaughter

“I went inside a shop to buy cigarettes, and when I got out I was horrified to find the group, armed with pangas, attacking Ben with stones.”

“They then confronted me, demanding my film. I managed to escape, sadly leaving my friend to be killed. Maybe they thought I was going to take a picture.”

“They surrounded him and slaughtered him like an animal before necklacing him to death for absolutely nothing.”

The ANC Sharpeville branch has condemned Mr Kambula’s killing.

“This is certainly not the act of ANC youths. The ANC condemns the necklacing in the strongest terms,” said ANC Sharpeville branch chairman Siza Rani.

Sharpeville was tense yesterday. But as youths gathered on the corners of stone-barricaded streets at least one vigil went ahead.

Ministers, neighbours and relatives assembled at the Lebiedi home where Elias Lebiedi (46), his wife Johanna (41), son Wessie (15), daughter Jostine (19), Mr Lebiedi’s sisters-in-law Manol Makhoketsa (41) and Msetsi Moisi (15), Selina Thakgudi, and a friend Japha Vilaka (19), were butchered by five men armed with AK-47 rifles at about 2.43 am on Saturday.

Their funeral, expected to be attended by thousands of people, is being held at the George Thabe Stadium on Sunday.

Meanwhile police have agreed to give priority to the solving of the Lebiedi massacre.

At a meeting in Johannesburg yesterday between ANC and police officials, police spokesman Colonel Zirk Gous said: “There was agreement of the urgent need for the speedy solving of this case.”

An ANC spokesman said police had a 16-man team working around the clock on the investigation.

The police delegation was led by the divisional commissioner, General Gerrit Erasmus. Colonel Gous said the police were looking for the family member who survived the attack to help them in their investigation and the ANC agreed to help in this regard.

The ANC spokesman said the police asked for used shells and any other evidence they might have to assist the probe.
Immediate action is expected to address the allegations of violence and intimidation. The Commission has been investigating the allegations and has found evidence of abuse. The ANC has denounced the allegations, calling for an independent inquiry. The Police have also been called in to assist in the investigation. The ANC has promised to take all necessary action to ensure the safety and rights of its members.
By THEMBA KHMALO

"THOSE are our enemies from the bush. We engaged them in several skirmishes to stop them from harassing the villagers in Angola. They have killed some of our comrades, including a woman, but later we taught them a lesson or two."

These were the words of the ANC guerrilla commander who tried to give City Press a clue as to why members of the 32 Battalion were harassing blacks in the townships, and more recently, at Phola Park near Thokoza.

The commander, who preferred to remain anonymous, alleged that the battalion members were former Unita fighters who were recruited during South Africa's army occupation in Angola.

"You must look at the people they choose to attack ANC strongholds. Look at what they did at Phola Park and at Mandela-Park last week," the commander said.

He said the Portuguese-speaking battalion of black soldiers was involved in a concerted campaign to uproot ANC supporters.

Last week members of 32 Battalion smashed into Phola Park squatter camp in a night raid. More than 100 squatters suffered gunshot injuries and at least four women told horrific tales of rape in the wake of the ordeal.

Battalion members are alleged to have killed 42-year-old Nomatuso Guama, who died in agony hours after being shot during the raid.

Barely a week later, another group of soldiers allegedly assaulted two men during a raid on Mandela Park in Bekkersdal on the West Rand.

At a press conference at the Thokoza temporary military base days after the Phola Park raid, the Wit Command's General WG Kritzinger said the army would investigate in the township.

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A shantytown battlefield littered with wounded residents...these bloodied victims (right and far right) were two of the more than 100 residents wounded during the blitzkrieg on the camp.

We are targets, says ANC cadre.
Black Cats ‘killed cows with two legs’

By PHILIPPA GARSON
A MEMBER of the Black Cats in Wesselton has given a gruesome account of muti murders committed by the group to increase their fighting prowess in battles against “comrades.”

Strife between the two warring groups continues today, despite the fact that the Goldstone Commission has been hearing evidence in recent weeks. The Weekly Mail has published allegations that the Black Cats received arms training at Mkuze, an Inkatha camp, and that policemen based at Ermelo police station aided the gang in stirring conflict against African National Congress-supporting residents.

The Black Cat, who may not be named, described how gang members, acting on the instructions of an Inkatha man working on a mine near Ermelo, committed two murders. They then took the blood and body parts to the Mkuze camp where an iyinga performed a ritual to increase their strength against the ANC. He blames the muti for his and other gang members’ inability to stop fighting.

“After that time we would look at people and see them as nothing. If a person tried to play with me I would knock him down hard — even though I knew he was playing. There is no conscience, no guilt.”

“The man (mine-worker in Ermelo) said if we wanted to be strong we had to get two cows with two legs, a male and a female — meaning two people — and slaughter them as if they were cows.

“Then we had to take off their little fingers, their small toes and their eyes. We had to slit their throats and drain the blood into buckets in two separate containers.”

The Black Cat is the third member of the gang to disclose the inner workings of the vigilante group to The Weekly Mail. He told how the murderers took place shortly before about 20 gang members left for Ulundi in October 1990 and then went to Mkuze camp to receive military and political training.

“We found the girl next to a church outside Wesselton where there is a squatter camp. We killed her there.”

The gangster said before her throat was slit, blood drained and her fingers, toes and eyes removed, several gang members raped her.

“The man we found on the bridge that links Wesselton to Wesselton Extension. Then we dropped him in the river.”

He describes how the body parts were wrapped up and dried and the blood poured into two 10 litre containers. The material was transported to Ulundi and then to Mkuze, claims the gang member. He says the leadership was given orders not to mention the issue until a man approached them asking for the parcel. In the meantime, a little water was added each day to the blood to prevent it from drying up, he claims.

“In Mkuze a man approached us ... he introduced himself as Ndwanwane. We handed over the stuff to him and he said the nails had to be removed — then he crushed the fingers and toes on top of a stone and mixed a black muti mixture. We were all cut here (on the chest and under the arms) by the iyinga. He mixed the blood and put the muti on each of us where he cut us. We drank the blood. We did not pay for this. The man said he was helping Inkatha.”

The Black Cat blamed his and other members’ aggression and desire to kill on the muti. “The muti worked. When there was a fight our team had courage and faith. The people we fought ran away ... I am very short tempered. We are all the same, all of us who got this treatment. At night I lie in bed and kick. I want to fight.”

The gangster said his sister was trying to raise funds to send him to a man in Pietersburg who could give him an antidote to the muti.

Members of the local civic in Wesselton said it was “common knowledge” that the Black Cats took part in muti murders. Several bodies had been found with parts removed, they said.

The following victims of alleged muti murders were found in Wesselton over the 1989/1990 period when the violence was at its height:

- In June 1990 Abaalom Nkoyana was found dead with his genitals removed.
- In mid-August 1989 an 18-year-old (name unknown) was found dead near a church.

- In December 1990 Queen Dube (18) was found dead with her bladder, breasts and eyes removed.

- In August 1991, the body of a 16-year-old Vusi Nhleko was found. His fingers had been cut off.
ENNERDALE residents yesterday burnt down three houses, causing more than R100 000 damage, in protest against the eviction of four families on Tuesday for non-payment of rent.

Police spokesman Captain Piet van Deventer said trouble started shortly before 9am yesterday when a group of about 100 residents petrol-bombed three empty houses in Capricorn and Brescia streets in Ennerdale.

"They were the houses from which people were evicted yesterday. Damage is estimated at between R30 000 and R40 000 each. One house was also stoned, causing R200 damage."

Van Deventer said there had been no police action, no arrests and no reports of anyone being injured in the unrest.

He said he understood that the council would continue to guard the homes. Police would continue to patrol.

In a statement, the city council's Health and Housing Committee chairman, Mrs Mariette Marx, said the situation was confusing but that four houses had been burnt down. She said the four tenants evicted yesterday were in arrears by a total of R106 000.

Marx said that during the morning, the council received more than 100 calls from residents wishing to make arrangements to pay off their arrears and take transfer of the houses. Yesterday residents barricaded the roads into the township and prevented from reaching the burning houses.

On Tuesday the Sheriff of the Court at Vereeniging, assisted by a large contingent of police, evicted those residents the Johannesburg City Council had obtained court orders against for rent arrears.

Ennerdale Civic Association member Mr Andre Geen said the situation was very tense.

"Some houses have been burnt down. There were clashes throughout the night with the city council security at the houses. Green claimed that council security men fired into the air with live ammunition and at residents. "But no one was injured," he said. - Soweto Correspondent

*See picture on page 13*
Four people — including a seven-year-old child — were killed and scores were injured when armed Zulus went on a rampage in Alexandra yesterday morning, the ANC has claimed.

But police said only one man was killed in a gun attack near the Madala hostel at 9 am.

In another attack at 5 pm, three people were wounded when gunmen attacked a taxi rank at the entrance to the township.

ANC spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa claimed that about 15 armed Zulus launched the attack from a hostel, shooting at people in yards and at children at the M C Weller Lower Primary School in Second Avenue.

The child who was shot dead was a member of a choir visiting Alexandra from Lesotho. His guardian, "Robert", said the child had been in a minibus near Third Avenue at about 9.30 am when the shooting started.

"They killed my one child and three of the others were injured. When we got out of the kombi further on, it was hijacked," Robert said.

Police had no record of the attack. Witwatersrand Police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said: "Police were called to a school in the area, but when they got there, nobody could say what was going on."

ANC PYW spokesman Floyd Mashele told a press conference in the township that, after the attack on the school, "the attackers then retreated back into the hostel and came back with reinforcements". He said they then ran down Third Avenue, shooting randomly.

When The Star arrived in Third Avenue, a crowd had gathered near where a man who had been shot several times had collapsed.

The victim's friend, who asked to be named only as "Fusi", said that at about 10 am "these three Zulus came running down the street shooting. They ran around the corner into the hostel," he said.

One man, who was pointed out to police by a crowd of people as one of the attackers, was arrested.

According to the ANC, yesterday's violence came after a landmine, allegedly planted by IFP members, was discovered outside a hostel last Friday.

According to the Human Rights Commission, 50 people were killed and 376 injured in Alexandra in March. This figure does not include yesterday's deaths.
Nine people injured as limpet mine explodes in dustbin

BOMB TERROR
AT RAND SHOW

By Peta Kroft and Sharon Chetty

A MINI-LIMPET mine exploded at the Rand Show 10 minutes before closing last night, injuring nine people, police and witnesses said.

The 23-year-old victim, a pedestrian, said, "I was walking in the area when I saw smoke and heard an explosion." He was taken to hospital with a broken leg.

The blast occurred on the second day of the Rand Show, causing widespread disruption and confusion.

Police found a group of people still in the area after the blast. They cordoned off the area and found no more explosives.

A hospital spokesperson said the injured were treated and discharged.

Bleeding

A guard heard a loud noise and turned towards a group of people, a witness said. A man fell to the ground and a woman screamed.

"I heard a loud bang," a woman said. "I saw people running in all directions." Another woman said she was injured by flying glass.

The area was cordoned off and police attended.

A spokesman for the SAP said, "We were called to the area and found several people injured. We are investigating the cause of the blast."
25 die in township violence at weekend

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The chilling discovery of the bodies of five men in Alexandra Township yesterday brought to at least 25 the number of people killed in townships countrywide at the weekend.

Police yesterday arrested three men in connection with the murder of Warrant-Officer BS Pilane during bloody fighting in Alexandra at the end of last month.

A police spokesman said the firearms were also recovered. He said the men will appear in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court tomorrow.

Warrant-Officer Pilane's body was found yesterday morning after it was burned and put in the remains of a burnt-out police vehicle close to his home. He was 25 years old.

Police said yesterday's gunfire comes from a former boss of the same police unit; a former boss of the same police unit; the police said.

Three of the unidentified victims had also been burned.

The only clue to what police suspect is a single attack, possibly carried out during the course of Sunday night, was an empty town home on the scene.

In another attack in Alexandra at the weekend, a man was shot dead in the 'Tonton' area near the Alexandra Central Police Station.

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Winnie attacks police over squatter camp deaths

WINNIE Mandela, making her first public appearance since she resigned from her senior ANC job, accused "terrorist" security forces of shooting dead two people at a squatter camp in Soweto.

A Vanwe camera crew reported that Mandela waved a plastic bag full of spent shells which residents said were from shots fired by the police.

She told them the people were angry and that they ought to leave. They did.

Police spokesman Joseph Nkosi said unidentified gunmen had attacked a police patrol at 1.15am and one policeman had been killed and another wounded.

Police then entered the camp to look for the attackers.

Mandela resigned from her post as head of the ANC's social welfare department on Wednesday, saying allegations that she was linked to the killing of activists in Soweto during 1989 had created a difficult situation for the ANC.

She is on bail pending an appeal against her conviction and six-year jail sentence for kidnapping two youths and being an accessory to murder.

On Monday Nelson Mandela, citing unspecified differences, announced that they were separating after 33 years of marriage. — Sapa-Reuters.
Winnie visits squatters after two shot dead

WINNIE Mandela, making her first public appearance since she resigned a senior ANC job accused of "terrorist" security forces of shooting dead two people at a squatter camp on Friday.

Ending one of the worst weeks of her political career, the estranged wife of ANC president Nelson Mandela, visited Soweto's Powerv Park on Good Friday where two squatters were killed shortly after 1.15 am.

A policeman was also shot dead, police said.

Police spokesman Joseph Ngobeni said "gunmen attacked a police patrol, killing one officer and wounding another."

Police then entered the camp to look for the attackers, and two people were killed in a clash.

Mandela told squatters: "Today is a day of worshipping, but we are spending this day trying to defend ourselves from a terrorist government that has sent its forces to attack defenceless men and women in their sleep."

"I heard the shooting from one o'clock from my house. We will do everything in our power to defend ourselves."

When Mandela arrived at the camp police were still searching for arms. She told them the people were still angry and they ought to leave. They complied.

Meanwhile, another policeman was shot dead in a clash with Phola Park squatters near Thokoza yesterday morning.

"East Rand police spokesman Capt Piet van Deventer said police were on patrol in the camp when a 24-year-old black policeman was shot in the head."

At 6.30 am a group of about 50 men opened fire with AK-47s on the police. Casspirs, he said.

Police returned fire and the men fled. At about 9.30 am the police returned to the area and the policeman was shot in the head.
Leaders protest against violence

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Child nabbed in bizarre IFP twist

A small baby has been kidnapped in a bizarre twist of events related to recent IFP allegations that the ANC was preparing a "huge" offensive against its members on the Reef.

The one-and-a-half-year-old child, Nosizwe Molale, was snatched from a nanny's house by a man believed to be responsible for the false IFP claims which led to an emergency sitting of the Goldstone Commission.

"Soweto police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni confirmed that a charge of kidnapping had been laid at Moroka Police Station by the child's mother, Ms Kgomotso Molale (27).

So far, no one has been arrested and investigations are continuing.

In recent allegations, the IFP claimed Noel's grandmother's house in Mapetla East, Soweto, was being used to house ANC commanders and weaponry for the planned attack against the IFP.

The Goldstone Commission found that the allegations could not be substantiated and had come from sources which the IFP could not name, including two cleaning women and a mystery Rustenburg man.

Molale recently said the rumour of the pending ANC attack could have been started by the child's father after their once steamy love affair had gone sour.

She subsequently told her story to the secretary of the Goldstone Commission, Mr I du Toit.

Du Toit said Molale's evidence would be put before the Commission today.
JOHANNESBURG Nine community leaders have promised to continue indefinitely their sit-in at Spoornet's offices here to protest against the inability of the parastatals to curb crime on trains.

Their pledge came as a newly-formed steering committee of major township groups announced yesterday that it would organise a boycott of trains in protest against violence on the Witwatersrand after May 4.

Church leader Father Smangaliso Mkhathwana said that in discussions with senior Spoornet management and police representatives yesterday it became apparent that whatever the steps taken to end violence on trains, they were totally inefficient.

Spoornet's senior general manager, Mr Gert Britz, said his company, the security forces and the SA Railways Commuter Corporation had taken every reasonable step possible to curb violence. — Sapa
A PROBE into the notorious Welverdiend Police Riots Unit resulted in the appearance this week of three of its members in the Carletonville Magistrate's Court.

Const Petrus Mato, 33, of Tladi, Soweto, and Det Srg Ephraim Bulini, 32, of Ikageng, Potchefstroom, briefly appeared before magistrate JJP le Grange, charged with theft and with pointing a firearm.

They were not asked to plead and the case was postponed until May 6.

The assault charge case of Const Samuel Nkambule, 28, of Khusango, was postponed to May 12.

Other policemen attached to the unit are also expected to appear on May 12.

Their appearance follows an investigation by the SAP, assisted by the Independent Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression and the ANC's Carletonville branch, following allegations of assault, attempted murder and torture.
Phola Park: claims to be probed

The Goldstone Commission, which yesterday held an inquisitorial hearing into the SA Defence Force 'raid' on Phola Park residents, said it had requested the Tokozza Committee to urgently establish the facts relevant to the allegations made by residents.

Mr Justice Goldstone said in a statement yesterday, the committee would also establish the medical facts concerning the injured residents and two injured SADF members.

However, he said the committee would not investigate "each of the many alleged cases of criminal conduct" as it would be time consuming and could prejudice police investigations into the allegations.

However, the committee would attempt to ascertain why members of the SADF's 32 Battalion entered Phola Park on April 8, and whether they did misconduct themselves, Mr Goldstone said.

The commission had also requested its counsel, Advocate J J du Toit, to meet members of the battalion who entered Phola Park and obtain a first-hand account of the events from them.

The commission has already received affidavits from most of the residents of Phola Park, who allege criminal conduct on the part of certain members of the battalion.

Advocate S Sithole will chair the Tokozza Committee. — Sapa.
The Minister of Police Mr Hermus Kriel must resign.
His resignation is a matter of life and death.
If the violence continues after this resignation we
will have to ask the State President to step down.
Quite clearly, the people who are in power to look
after our welfare, the people whose salaries come
from the taxes that we are paying, have failed us.
They have failed the citizens of this country, and
they are in the process of being a danger to them-
selves.
It will not take too long for violence to spread. We
are almost certain that this process will start with
the officers of the law becoming the victims.
People who take the law into their hands very
soon begin to attack the officers of the law.
After that it becomes open season and this coun-
try will degenerate into a state of civil war.
With more and more people dying in township
unrest we can draw only two conclusions. The first
is that the police are actively involved in keeping the
violence on the boil. If they are not involved, they
are unable to stop it.

That being the case, the Minister of Police must
hand in his resignation. He is unable to do the job he
has been elected to do.

If this does not happen then we must accept the
awful suspicion in the minds of township people
that the Government is deliberately turning a blind
eye to this.

While our heads tell us that would be like cutting
the state's nose to spite its face, our hearts tell us
state complicity grows by the day.
Police and residents clash after shots fired

JOHANNESBURG — Three Park residents and police clashed in the squatter camp outside Alberton when the two groups shot at each other.

A resident said a tense situation had become out of hand and both groups took pot shots at each other.

Cattle were moving about the area and there was plenty of shooting. People were running scared," she said.

The ANC spokesman in the area said police surrounded the area and it was difficult for field workers to move in and intervene.

Police spokesman Warrant-Officer Andy Piëke said trouble began when members of the East Rand Murder and Robbery Squad went to the area to arrest two suspects in a criminal case.

While they were arresting the men, residents began shooting at them. Warrant-Officer Piëke said police returned fire but he was unable to say whether anyone was injured.

The ANC spokesman said he believed two people were badly wounded in the shooting.

Sapa reports from Pretoria that a man wearing the uniform of the right-wing Afrikaner Weerstands beweging was arrested at a roadblock in Pretoria for illegal possession of explosives.

Lieutenant-Colonel W. J. Vlotman said that while searching the man's car, members of the Internal Security Unit found commercial explosives under a seat.

Colonel Vlotman said the man was due to appear in court soon.
One killed as police clash with Phola Park squatters

ONE person was killed and at least five injured when police opened fire on the East Rand Phola Park squatter camp yesterday, a community leader said.

The leader said the incident happened at about 2pm after police raided shacks and arrested a number of people.

"Then without provocation, police started shooting indiscriminately at residents," he said.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Capt Ida van Zweel confirmed the incident, but denied that police shot at residents without provocation.

Van Zweel said policemen — including members of the Benoni Murder and Robbery Squad — went to Phola Park to investigate a number of alleged murders of policemen where they were apparently sprayed with AK-47 gunfire. They fired in retaliation and a man was wounded and taken to Natalspruit Hospital. He was being kept under police guard.

Van Zweel said she had no knowledge of other injuries and the death.

However, she confirmed that police had, in the course of their investigations, arrested nine other men who would be held for questioning.

Meanwhile Sapa reports nine protesters seeking an end to train killings last month won a pledge for tougher measures and ended their sit-in launched seven days ago.

And in Natal the SAP's Special Investigation Unit is to probe the massacre of six people in a bus ambush near Amamntintlawo on the Natal South Coast on Monday afternoon.

Police spokesman Capt Bala Ntadu said an intensive search was being carried out for a group of men armed with AK-47 rifles, shotguns and .38 pistols who opened fire on a bus traveling to Mashawasi Reserve.

Former Transvaal Attorney-General Don Brunette has been appointed chairman of the Police Board, which includes three prominent human rights lawyers — some with ANC links, by Law and Order Minister Hermias Kriel.

Reconstituted in terms of the national peace accord, the Police Board would comprise members of the public, the SAP and members of the police forces of the self-governing territories.

Meanwhile President F W de Klerk has accepted an invitation to meet the national peace committee to discuss the ongoing political violence.

A source said invitations had been issued to all political leaders who signed the initial peace accord in September last year. So far only De Klerk had responded.

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Troops admit hitting
Phola Park residents

By Meied Kaledo
Pretoria Bureau

Nine SA Defence Force members, identified by Phola Park residents as those who attacked them on the night of April 8, admitted their actions to their commanding officer during internal investigations.

The revelations were made to a committee of the Goldstone Commission by Captain Mark Hermanson, commander of the 32 Battalion platoon, which has been blamed by residents for an attack that left one person dead and more than 100 injured.

Captain Hermanson said that when he instituted his own investigation, the soldiers had admitted to being "heavy handed" in slapping and punching Phola Park residents.

However, the captain denied that slapping or punching a person in the face was an assault.

He said he had been unaware of the alleged assaults until he read newspapers reports two days after the incident.

Responding to a question from advocate S.L. Joseph, acting for the ANC, on allegations that members of 32 Battalion had searched shacks at random, assaulted residents, raped and caused the deaths of others, Captain Hermanson said the soldiers could have been "heavy handed" on some residents but had had no intention to inflict injuries.

He emphatically denied allegations of assault but conceded that some of the troops might have "slapped or struck some residents with clenched fists".

Captain Hermanson told the chairman of the committee, Solly Sitole, he did not believe striking someone with an open hand or a clenched fist constituted an assault. He admitted that kicking a person with a boot was an assault.

The committee heard that the 32 Battalion troops had entered Phola Park after the captain heard shots from a heavy-calibre weapon from the direction of the settlement.

He then sent about 25 troops to the area to investigate. The troops were shot at, on their arrival, he said.

The shooting started at about 9 pm and lasted about 20 minutes. About 200 bullets were discharged by the SADF soldiers. He had reinforced the 25 men with an extra 46 men.

After the shooting had stopped, Captain Hermanson instructed the troops to search the shacks for arms after a resident had informed a Lieutenant Ras about a firearm in a certain shack. They also searched for the injured, he said.

The captain denied there was a communication problem between the residents and members of 32 Battalion because both spoke English and Afrikaans.
HUMAN and material resources should be made available to combat violence on trains, community leaders engaged in a sit-in at the Spoornet headquarters in Johannesburg demanded yesterday.

In addition, the protesters said, security systems such as fences and metal detectors should be installed, a special task force jointly maintained by Spoornet, the SA Railway and Harbour Workers Union (Sarhwo) and the community should be trained, and a R500-million made available to upgrade security.

Compensation should be paid to victims of train attacks, they said at a Press briefing on the sixth day of their protest.

They said they had presented their demands to representatives of the Ministry of Law and Order and Spoornet at a meeting lasting about five hours on Monday night and early yesterday.

Saying the meeting had almost ended in another deadlock, the protesters added that another would be held later yesterday.

Father Smangaliso Mkhathshwa, spokesman for the group, said: "There is a crisis regarding train safety and this facility (trains) needs to be secured. We have chosen unorthodox action but we wanted to draw attention to the train killings."

Mkhathshwa said the killing rate seemed to increase before important political happenings. The group feared another rise before Codesa 2 and it was this that had prompted the sit-in.

He said there was no co-ordination between Spoornet and the SAP to try to end the violence.

"The fact that there have been hardly any convictions is cause for concern."

Witwatersrand Commissioner of Police General Gerrit Erasmus, representing the Ministry of Law and Order, had been "evasive and unwilling to participate intelligently". the group said. - Sapa.
We're just a bit heavy handed, says captain

The definition of assault took on new meaning yesterday during the Goldstone Commission investigation into the alleged misconduct in Phola Park of members of 32 Battalion three weeks ago.

Responding to allegations of assault, Captain Mark Hermann said his troops were just being "heavy handed" on the night of April 8 when Phola Park residents were allegedly raped and assaulted. One person died and several were injured. Damage was also done to property.

Hermann, who was not on the ground at the time of the battalion's clampdown, said he believed his troops had only stopped, punched and dragged residents around - which is what was an assault. He believed assault meant something like kicking a person with a boot.

Despite the incident, which resulted in several injured residents being admitted to North Coast Hospital, Hermann supported the action of his troops.

"There might have been good reasons for that," he said. The reasons, he explained, could include a person resisting arrest and trying to escape.

"It's a happy with my soldiers' behavior," he said.

According to evidence given by the captain, his men were acting on a tip given to him by an unofficial informer who said a gun was hidden in one of the huts in Phola Park.

The captain initially looked confused when asked to establish the conditions and circumstances surrounding a series of gunshot incidents from the camp, then prompted soldiers to return fire.

Despite not being able to identify where the shots were coming from, the soldiers had indiscriminately shot back in the dark, Hermann said the solders had been acting within the law by exercising their rights to defend themselves.

"You did then authorize those actions, did you not," asked counsel for the victims, Stephen Bosco SC. "Yes, I did," replied Hermann.

"It is not wrong to fire on a criminal running away in a crowd?"

Hermann admitted it was.

Joseph then retorted that, on April 8, Hermann probably knew that if they were shot, it was justified.

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Genco Beherend Beopark is an investment holding company with a 54.8% interest in Gencor Limited. Shareholders are referred to Gencor's interim results which are also published today.

Interim dividend

An interim dividend in respect of the year ending 31 August 1992 of 14.3 cents per ordinary share was declared on 20 January 1992, payable on 29 May 1992 to shareholders registered on 31 January 1992.

An interim report giving more detailed information will be mailed to shareholders. Copies may also be obtained from the Secretary at the address given below.

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Goldstone to probe anti-ANC killer gang

The Argus Correspondent
JOHANNESBURG — The ANC has asked the Goldstone Commission to investigate a group of notorious gangsters said to have been responsible for the deaths of at least seven people and injuries to six others in Tembisa on the East Rand on Sunday.

ANC Tembisa branch organiser Mr Isaac Mahlangu said yesterday that the IFP leadership in the area had confirmed that the 23-member gang — known as "Teasers" — were IFP members. But Mr Mahlangu said the IFP had distanced itself from the mob's activities.

The ANC said it had decided to raise the problem with the Goldstone Commission because police to whom cases of murder, robbery and rape were reported had failed to make arrests.

East Rand's police spokes-

man, Lieutenant Wicus Weber, confirmed that Mr Mahlangu had reported the gang's activities to the police, but he strongly denied ANC allegations that police had not acted. He said investigations were under way.

"I'm aware of allegations that the gang was responsible for Sunday's attack. They are said to be a group of vigilantes and we're still investigating," he said.

Mr Mahlangu alleged that the gang, whose members lived at the Vusi mara Hostel, had shifted its focus from ordinary crime to assassinations of ANC activists.

"Our information is that the gang is armed by shipments of weaponry delivered to the hostel by some forces as part of a countrywide trend to establish fund and train gangsters to attack communities and ANC activists in particular," said Mr Mahlangu.
24 die in two-day wave of violence

AT LEAST 24 people had died by last night in a two-day wave of violence which saw ANC and Inkatha leaders warning that the conflict was likely to escalate over the Easter weekend.

Police found five bodies with gunshot wounds in Alexandra township, north of Johannesburg, yesterday morning. Three of the bodies were partially burnt.

A police spokesman said today that the men had been murdered on Sunday night.

The spokesman said another body with gunshot wounds was found at Katlehong's Buyafuthi Hostel.

At least nine bodies were found on the Reef on Sunday night alone. The police said six men were killed and five injured in a series of attacks.

Police said yesterday that the attack was to avenge the death of Abednego Gumede, who was killed on Saturday.

In Cape Town, a man was shot dead and three people were wounded in renewed taxi violence in the Cape Peninsula.

ANC PWV spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa

Violence said violence was expected to escalate dramatically over the Easter weekend as there were forces at work "undermining the national peace accord and slowing down the transitional process".

Inkatha has also expressed fears that the violence would escalate, saying it had information that the ANC intended attacking Inkatha strongholds on the Reef. The ANC has repudiated the claim.

Meanwhile, a committee of the Goldstone standing commission on public violence and intimidation will probe the violence in the Phola Park squatter camp, particularly the incident last Wednesday in which soldiers of 32 Battalion allegedly assaulted and raped residents.

In a statement yesterday Judge Goldstone said the Thokoza committee, under the chairmanship of advocate Solly Sothole, would be asked to investigate "as a matter of urgency and submit an interim report to the commission".

Yesterday police found the body of a man they believe was killed in Wednesday's attack.
32 Battalion under fire

CALLERS to the Sowetan Radio Metro Talkback Show last night condemned the 32 Battalion which has been linked to allegations of murder, rape and assault following a night of terror last week.

They called on the Government to take action against the 32 Battalion which they accused of "clinging to apartheid".

Some called for the disbandment of black political organisations and the creation of a national army to protect black communities.

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Leonard of Hillbrow said the violence sweeping the country was only directed at black communities.

"This is utterly black people who can stop this violence through black solidarity," he added.

Langa of Alexandra said the Government was impartial.

"It is call on black organisations to disband their armies," he said.
Commission to probe SADF's 32 Battalion

A COMMISSION of inquiry into allegations that members of 32 Battalion raped, assaulted and killed Phola Park squatters on the East Rand last week will begin its work next week.

The Goldstone Commission yesterday said the Tokozol committee would visit on April 22 to investigate issues and disputes concerning the events on April 8.

"Thereafter the commission will frame further terms of reference with regard to this matter," the commission said.

The committee is chaired by advocate Mr S Sithole. He has been asked "to inquire into the events in question as a matter of urgency and to submit an interim report thereon to the commission." - Sapa.
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They called on the Government to take action against the 32 Battalion, which they accused of "clinging to apartheid".

Some told host Tim Modise that black political organisations should form armies to protect black communities instead of relying on the security forces.

They urged Unkonto we Sizwe, the Azanian National Liberation Army and the Azanian People's Liberation Army to unite and jointly defend black communities.

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"It is only black people who can stop this violence through black solidarity," he added.

Langa of Alexandra said the Government was impartial.

"Hence its call on black organisations to disband their armies," he said.

Dave of Katlehong said the 32 Battalion was incapable of protecting black people.

"We have been relying on so-called peace-keeping forces to maintain order," he said. "Let the Government of the day take charge of law and order..."

However, Joe of Alberton said the South African Defence Force should remain in Phola Park in order to maintain peace.

"It is to have misplaced faith to expect the Government's forces to protect those it is intended to suppress," said Pat of Hillbrow.
Violence moves to Katlehong, Natal

Staff Reporters and Sapa

Katlehong on the East Rand was the scene of the worst of the Reef township violence yesterday after horrific weekend attacks in Alexandra and Tembisa.

In just over three hours in Katlehong yesterday morning after two men were shot dead and two others were seriously injured in a shooting spree at Kwenini hostel late on Monday, police picked up three bodies in the sprawling township.

In Natal, violence has claimed at least three lives since Monday in the Hopewell area in the Ixopo district and at Emangeni's Esikhawini township.

An unknown number of schoolchildren were reportedly injured when a gunman went berserk at Esikhawini yesterday.

KwaZulu police spokesman Colonel Moses Khanyile said a man was being treated for a gunshot wound at Esikhawini clinic.

He did not know the condition of the children.

He said the incident followed a proposed students' march which had been cancelled. Classes have been suspended at the Malamulele High School where the incident took place.

Police also disclosed yesterday that they had seized a large arms cache in Malukazi, near Durban, on Friday following investigations into the murder of a policeman.

The badly decomposed body of a man was found on a section of railway line between Katlehong and Wadeville stations yesterday.

A Witwatersrand police spokesman said the body found in Katlehong — that of an unidentified man who had been shot in the head — was found at about 7.30 a.m. yesterday behind the Vufuti hostel.

'Verely an hour later, in Ncala Section, police found another body. The man had been shot in the chest and back.' At 9 a.m. in front of the Kwenini hostel, the body of a man who had been shot in the back and side was discovered.

Describing Monday's violence at Kwenini hostel, the police spokesman said at about 4.45 p.m. four young men from Tshongweni Section who had boarded a train at Katlehong station were accosted by a group of about 50 armed men.

When the train stopped at Kwenini hostel, the four were forced inside and were then ordered to escape by about 10 Zulu-speaking men. When the men fled they were shot at.

'An 18-year-old man and a youth aged 17 died, while two 19-year-old men were injured.

Police are to investigate three cases of rape and two murder in connection with an alleged rampage by 32 Battalion soldiers in Phola Park last Wednesday night.

The legal firm acting on behalf of the ANC in Phola Park has claimed that one of its members, Vusi Sithole, was threatened and cursed by security force members when he attempted to intervene during the questioning of a resident whose wife was killed and allegedly raped on Wednesday night.

Reacting yesterday, Law and Order Ministry spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said all aspects of the Phola Park controversy, including Mr Sithole's allegation, would be thoroughly investigated.
At least Meyer took the flak

Among the peace initiatives made at the weekend was a ministerial visit to Phola Park. PETER WELLMAN assesses Saturday's visit by Minister of Defence Roelf Meyer.

AT LEAST he went there, three days after members of 32 Battalion allegedly rampaged through Phola Park squatter camp on the East Rand.

Roelf Meyer's concern was obvious, said delegates to his meeting with residents in a small community hall.

There he was, the man ultimately in charge of 32 Battalion, and residents let rip in a meeting closed to the press.

As with so many peace initiatives in Phola Park and elsewhere, the shouting comes first.

Delegates said the meeting became heavily politicised, and one ANC delegate in particular took a hard line.

At a press briefing later the Minister took a conciliatory line, but not all of his men did that.

A senior officer suggested that the soldiers were so busy they probably did not have time to rape anyone — although newspapers have carried reports by residents on four rapes.

A major suggested none of the troops could have sjambokked anyone because sjamboks were not among weapons issued.

And another major tried crassly to intimidate a reporter who seemed to me to have been doing her job, asking residents what they thought of the Minister's heavily guarded visit.

The Minister made concessions. The soldiers implicated were withdrawn from the area until after an SADF probe, with residents participating, and the results going to the police for possible prosecutions.

The Goldstone Commission of Inquiry would be asked to investigate the incidents.

And 61 Mechanised Battalion has taken over patrols.

And he said upgrading the area was a priority.

At least Mr Meyer got to talk to residents: three other meetings planned for the area that morning simply did not happen.

They were the local dispute resolution committee, set up under the National Peace Accord, an ANC regional meeting, and an ANC meeting with residents on their problems.

Observers have suggested the Minister's visit may have overaken the others, and raised a fresh point:

How well planned was it?

It was certainly hasty, I was given only 30 minutes' notice. And SADF liaison officer Major Andreas Jordaan (not the one who threatened the woman journalist) was in such a flap he left his cap behind, which meant he couldn't salute any of the generals.

And the Minister did not talk to all sides in Phola Park; there are doubts whether the residents' representatives he saw actually represent the whole community, which is split.

But at least he went there and took the flak. It may not be much, but he is headed in the right direction.
25 die in township violence at weekend

Staff Reporters

The chilling discovery of the hacked and shot bodies of five men in Alexandra township yesterday brought to at least 25 the number of people killed in townships countrywide at the weekend.

Police yesterday arrested three men in connection with the murder of Warrant-Officer BS Pilani during bloody fighting in Alexandra at the end of last month.

A police spokesman said his firearm was also recovered. The men will appear in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court tomorrow.

Warrant-Officer Pilani's body was found draped across the bonnet of his burnt-out police vehicle close to his home. He was off duty at the time.

Police said yesterday's gruesome find was made on the corner of Root Street, and Fifth Avenue — in the IFP-controlled shack settlement known as "Beirut" — at about 8.49 am.

Three of the unidentified victims had also been partially burnt.

The only clue to what police suspect was a single mass attack, possibly carried out during the course of Sunday night, was an empty 9 mm shell on the scene.

In another horrific attack on Sunday night, a gang known as the "Roosters" opened fire with AK-47 rifles and shotguns from a minibus and a car, killing seven men and wounding five other people in front of a butchery in Tembisa, near Kempton Park.

No arrests had been made by last night.

The Goldstone Commission announced yesterday it would investigate allegations that members of 32 Battalion raped, assaulted and killed Phola Park squatters on the East Rand last Wednesday.

In a statement, the commission said it would sit in public in Pretoria next Wednesday.

"Thereafter, the commission will frame further terms of reference with regard to this matter," the statement said. adding that the Tokozita Committee, under the chairmanship of advocate S Sithole, would also be required to submit an urgent report on the matter to the commission.

Police reported that another four people were killed in sporadic attacks in Phola Park at the weekend.

The Alexandra Clinic reported treating 14 people — five for gunshot wounds — since Friday.

West Rand IFP chairman Humphrey Ndlou has strongly rejected the ANC's recent demand for the closure of Alexandra's Madala hostel and the eviction of "Beirut" squatter families.

Mr Ndlouu accused the ANC of playing "the politics of yesterday — instead of today's politics of negotiation".

In Soweto's Fred Clarke squatter camp, adjoining Klip spruit extension, a gang of men armed with AK-47s and traditional weapons went on the rampage on Sunday night, killing a man and damaging 22 shacks, police said.

Police seized an AK-47 rifle with a magazine, five AK-47 rounds and a shotgun.

Describing the assault last night, Klip springs residents said a group of about 30 men from Nancefield hostel attacked residents of the squatter camp at about 10 pm. Shooting continued for about half an hour, one resident said.

Police said two homes were set alight in separate incidents in Dobsonville, Soweto, at the weekend, while the ANC yesterday claimed six houses had been burnt in the area.

Dobsonville's Luthuli Street reportedly became a "no-go" zone on Sunday night as residents, fearing armed attackers, barricaded themselves in their houses.

In yet another mass attack at the weekend, five people were killed when a group of mourners attending a funeral hurled petrol bombs at a house in the Mmamoli district of Nkstheni, in Zululand.
Petrol bomb thrown at official's home

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A petrol bomb was thrown at the Linden Extension, Johannesburg, home of Randburg town secretary Mr Willem Van Graan.

Although he accepted a petition handed in by residents of Bloubosrand who protested against plans to settle the Zevelfontein squatters on their doorstep, there is no indication the two incidents are linked.

The bomb caused limited damage, and nobody was injured. Mr Van Graan’s father, Jan, 81, said:

He and his wife Gertjie, 79, who share the Acacia Street home of Mr van Graan and his wife, Lukie, said all four family members were asleep at about 3.15 am when the device exploded on the roof of the carport.

He said: "I heard the dogs barking, but I didn't hear an explosion. I understood it was aimed at a window, but it landed on the roof of the carport.

It fell about 45 cm short of the ledge and burnt itself out on the roof."

Mr Van Graan did not speculate on the motive for the attack, and his son was unavailable for comment.

Mr Van Graan said he had heard that a neighbour had spotted a suspicious car in the area shortly before the attack.

"He followed it and as the car came around the corner he saw a man jumping into it, and he saw the flames. He contacted the fire brigade and the police."

Police spokesman Captain Henriette Bester said the motive for the attack was not yet known, and arrests had not been made.
Carts plan opens vista for vendors

A MOBILE vending unit which would save Johannesburg’s 5 000 street vendors from selling from boards and bins would soon hit the streets, the Johannesburg City Council said at the weekend.

Dinky Pillay, the council’s assistant director for informal sector development, invited the private sector to buy advertising space on these carts.

Mobile vending unit manufacturer The Munch Hut developed a cart with 18 advertising spaces. The Munch Hut MD, Trevor Jones, told the launch of the project on Thursday.

Jones said his company would rent advertising space to raise revenue to fund the manufacture of more carts.

Munch Hut would rent the carts to vendors at R6 a day, maintain and repair the trolleys and monitor them to see that standards were maintained. It would also hold promotional competitions among hawkers.

The company would, in conjunction with the council, provide training and support for the hawkers and try to obtain discounts for them through bulk buying.

The trolleys are designed to handle anything from food to textile goods. Secure overnight storage facilities would be obtained within the CBD for the hawkers and cleaning facilities for trolleys would also be provided.

The SBDC would provide finance for renting and to vendors who chose to buy the units, which sold at R200 and R500.

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Easter clashes on Reef feared

INKATHA and ANC officials have expressed fears of large-scale township violence on the Reef over the Easter weekend.

Inkatha officials claim major attacks on their supporters have been planned, and many migrant workers from Natal have cancelled trips home over the holiday weekend.

The ANC has vehemently denied it has any part in such plans and says the Inkatha statements are a bid to divert attention from the real perpetrators of violence.

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DURBAN OPPORTUNITY

I have fully equipped office/rep's/storage, I need product to sell in the Retail area.
Eskom helps Anti-Crime Initiative

By Stan Hlopa

The Anti-Crime Initiative (Saci), an alliance of 15 organisations, has been boosted by an undertaking by Eskom to provide 10 000 posters to be displayed throughout Soweto in a bid to fight crime and violence sweeping the township.

Saci executive committee member Shimane Kumalo, of the affiliated organisation the National Institute of Crime and Rehabilitation of Offenders (Nicro), said a lot of progress had been made since the anti-crime conference held two years ago to tackle the escalating crime rate and violence in Greater Soweto.

Discussions

The conference, held under the auspices of the South African Council of Churches, was attended by a broad spectrum of community leaders, educators, social workers, students, businessmen, trade unions, and welfare organisations. One of its resolutions taken was to form Saci.

Mr Kumalo said publicity and educational sub-committees had been formed by Saci.

He added that the committees had already held several discussions with the Soweto police.

Mr Kumalo said the emphasis was to educate and make the community aware of the crime wave.

"And we will soon be embarking on a poster campaign to make people aware of the crime.

"We will also visit high schools to educate the youths about abuse of liquor and drugs.

"Statistics have revealed that most crime is committed by people between the ages of 15 and 26.

"All progressive and welfare organisations have been approached for their input as this affects the whole community," he said.

"Workshops will be held throughout the township to educate the community on preventative measures as it has been proved that part of the crime was caused by the carelessness of the people themselves," Mr Kumalo said.

"We have also approached companies and churches for their help, and periodical discussions with the police will be held to highlight the community's complaints against them.

"Our two previous discussions with the police have turned out to be fruitful and we hope the same spirit of co-operation will prevail for the good of the community."

Revamped

"Also, the television programme on crime will be revamped as we feel our task will be made easier with the help of both electronic and print media."

He said the alliance would remain non-aligned. Its affiliates include: Brain Power (a youth organisation), the Association for the Physically Disabled, civic associations, Nicro, Ministers United Co-responsibility for Christians, Interfaith Community Development, Greater Soweto Chamber of Commerce, South African Black Social Workers Association, Baragwanath Social Workers, National Association of Ex-Prisoners, and Entokozweni Community Centre.
Cracking up... In one of the worst cases, the wall of this Noordgesig house is in danger of collapsing.

by residents of Noordgesig

old wrongs

nesburg's so-called col-

and Ennerdale, in recent OUISE BURGERS reports.

row to decide on a plan of ac-
tion for Noordgesig.

"Some of the houses are in a
gost disgusting state and a lot
of work will have to be done
dere," she said she was not
dpressed about the visit to the
rea because it was obvious peo-
ple cared.

Problems in Ennerdale, how-
ver, could take a lot longer to
lve after resistance to evic-
tions a week ago.

The council got court orders
gainst rent defaulters more
han a month ago, but attempts
by the sheriff of the court to
ct them were unsuccessful.

The council developed a hous-
ing scheme in Ennerdale Exten-
sion 5, and to date more than
R6 million is owed to the coun-
cil in rent arrears.

"We are still willing to talk to
people to come to some arrange-
ment," Mrs Marx said.

"But with waiting lists run-
in to the thousands, we can't af-
ord to keep people in houses
who owe us thousands of rands ()

The dispute in Ennerdale cen-
tres around the condition of the
houses.

"We have gone to great
lengths to resolve the problems
of purchasers, and have reached
agreement with their represen-
tatives to either rectify defects
or reduce the purchase prices
by independently assessed
values," Mrs Marx said.

"Some residents, however,
want the houses for free or at
very low cost."

The houses, ranging in price
from R26 000 to R35 000, were
sold on deed of sale in 1986.

Today they have a market price
of between R50 000 and R70 000. The council claims it made no
profit on the land or buildings, and purchasers were required to
take transfer by December 31
1996, six months after procla-
man of the township.

An agreement was reached
between the Johannesburg City
Council, the Ennerdale Civic
Association and Ennerdale Man-
agement Committee that the
findings and determination of the
assessor regarding the value of
the property would be final and
hindig, and that the deed of sale
would be amended to reflect the
new purchase price, that the
original purchaser take transfer
of the property within six
months, and that the civic asso-
ciation persuade affected resi-
dents to start repaying monthly
rentals.

The agreement was con-
frmed in writing by the civic's
legal advisors, the Legal Re-
sources Centre, but the face of
the civic changed and they now
claim there was no agreement," Mrs Marx said.

Ennerdale civic leaders em-
pasitically state that there was
no agreement with residents and
say they have problems with the
council's offer.

They have accused the coun-
cil of violence in the area, a
claim which has been categori-
cally denied by management
committee chairman Ian David-
sen.

He explained that the council
had been forced to take Cas-
spirs into Noordgesig and Enner-
dale after council security per-
sonel were stoned and threat-
tened with necklicing, but said
the council men were under
strict instructions not to use
force against residents, and
added that he had videoapes of
the recent evictions to prove it
was residents who had threaten-
ted the sheriff and council per-
sonel in Ennerdale.

Mrs Marx said where there
was genuine hardship and ten-
ants could not afford to pay rent
or electricity, the council had a
general relief fund from which
they could possibly be assisted.
Six men shot dead in attack from minibus

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Six men were shot dead and two seriously wounded in an attack in Tembisa, outside Kempton Park.

Police spokesman Captain Bruger van Rooyen said according to initial reports the attack took place in Uitshambeka Section about 7.30pm yesterday when gunmen in a minibus shot at pedestrians with AK 47 assault rifles.

"Police found the bodies of six men with bullet wounds. Two other men who had been injured were taken to hospital."

Captain Van Rooyen said he had no further details.

The killings bring to at least 12 the number of people killed in political violence on the Reef at the weekend. Several people were injured.

Police spokeswoman Captain Henriette Beiter said the body of a man, identified as Mr Lucky Makhize, was found shot in the back in Phola Park about 1pm yesterday.

About 10.30am yesterday police found the body of a man at Katlehong Station. He had been hacked to death.

A gang of men armed with AK 47s and traditional weapons went on the rampage in Soweto's Fred Clarke squatter camp last night, police confirmed today.

A police spokesman said 10 men attacked the camp, shooting dead a 38-year-old man and damaging 22 shacks.

Police seized an AK 47 rifle with a magazine, five AK 47 rounds and a shotgun.

Klipspuit residents said last night that a group of about 50 men from Nancefield Hostel attacked residents of the squatter camp about 10pm. Shooting continued for about half-an-hour, a resident said. One person was believed dead and another injured.

No outbreaks of violence were reported in Alexandra yesterday, but at 6.35pm on Saturday, on the corner of Ruth and 6th avenues, police found a man who had been shot and wounded.

He was taken to Alexandra Clinic.

About 2.35pm on Saturday, the body of a man was found on the corner of First and Roosevelt avenues, Alexandra.
Get army out of townships, says ANC

By Shirley Woodgate

The PWV region of the ANC has demanded that all army units should be removed from the townships and confined to barracks after brutal attacks were reported at Phola Park and in Mandela Park, at Bekkersdal.

This follows an announcement by Defence Minister Roelf Meyer, after he had met Phola Park residents and local ANC officials, that he would ask the Goldstone Commission to investigate the violence in the East Rand squatter camp where soldiers of 32 Battalion allegedly went on a rape and assault rampage last week.

Mr. Meyer said that he would withdraw soldiers allegedly implicated in Wednesday’s raid on the Phola Park squatter camp until investigations into the raid were complete.

He said a company attached to 32 Battalion would be withdrawn, but that a general SADF presence would be retained.

Speaking at the SADF support base in Tokoza on Saturday after a consultation with members of the Phola Park Residents’ Association, Mr. Meyer said the Defence Force was not looking at scaling down its operations or withdrawing completely.

“We have a responsibility to execute our function to take care of the safety of the people in Phola Park,” Mr. Meyer said.

He said he would be doing everything necessary to get to the bottom of the raid.

The Defence Force would conduct its own internal inquiry. Charges had been laid with the police, and the SADF would assist the police in their investigations of criminal charges, Mr. Meyer said.

ANC PWV spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said yesterday members of the SADF had also raided activists in Mandela Park.

“They (the soldiers) assaulted them (the activists) and forced them to identify shacks belonging to other ANC members.”

“The SADF members then went to these homes and harassed, assaulted and in some cases stole from the people.”

Mr. Mamoepa added that 500 residents of Mandela Park had marched to the SADF military base at Bekkersdal on Friday night to protest against alleged SADF raids on the informal settlement.

There was particular concern over incidents occurred virtually while Mr. Meyer was assuring people there would be an investigation into the events at Phola Park.

The latest issue would be raised with the ANC at national level, Mr. Mamoepa said.

A spokesman for the Witwatersrand Command confirmed that the SADF, in cooperation with members of the police, carried out a search operation in Bekkersdal on Friday night.

All allegations of assault or looting were strongly denied and people who made allegations were asked to lay charges with the local police.
Six killed
in unrest in
townships
at weekend

Staff Reporter

At least six people were killed
and several injured as political
violence continued to simmer in
Alexandra and in East Rand
townships at the weekend, po-
lice reported.

Spokesman Colonel Johan
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the body of a man was found on
the corner of First and Roose-
velt Avenues, Alexandra.

Captain Bester said police
had not established how he died.

At the same time the body of
a man who had been shot was
found at the Madala Hotel.

At about 10 pm on Friday, the
body of an unknown black man
was found with hack wounds.

At about 6 pm, opposite a
house in First Street, the body
of another unknown man was
found: He had been hacked
crossed the chest.

On the corner of Selbourne
and Ruth streets, a policeman
Hlongwane was attacked alleg-
edly by ANC supporters: Petrol
was thrown over him and he
was set alight, but managed to
flee to the Madala Hotel, where
he was taken to hospital.
'End this raging violence'

By SOPHIE TEMAN

AN INTERDENOMINAL church group of about 200 women marched on John Vorster Square this week to protest the violence raging across the country.

Women from the Inkatha Women's brigade were among the group which was led by Mary MaSechaba Mabaso. The group marched from the St Mary's Cathedral and were met at the station by District Commissioner Brigadier AJ Strauss.

After a lengthy discussion with Strauss, the women threatened to hold a sit-in at the square, until they got a "positive reply" from the government.

A message was faxed to the Law and Order Minister Hernia Kriel, but he was not available.

Mabaso said: "The violence that has claimed so many innocent lives has been of no benefit to anyone."

"Today we have come together as women and mothers, to take the bull by the horns."

"We are demanding an end to the violence - not tomorrow, not the day after but now!"
By DREW FORREST

UNRULY elements within Phola Park's defence unit may have set the spark for the 32 Battalion "riot" in the East Rand squatter camp last week.

The Weekly Mail last week lifted the lid on a leadership controversy in Phola Park in which members of the defence unit have played an active role. There are reports of an armed seizure of power and a subsequent reign of terror against residents. Given the ferocity of the battalion's reaction — one person was killed and 100 hurt in an alleged hours-long orgy of shooting, beating, rape and plunder — it seems likely the soldiers were shot at by squatters, as the SADF has claimed.

Sources say the apparent hysteria of the largely Angolan battalion was atypical. "They've polished their marbles since the war in Angola," one commented. "They seem to have behaved with restraint during the recent Nancefield violence and in Natal."

Phola Park's defence unit was almost certainly responsible for the AK-47 attack on a passing minibus on February 26 in which four inmates of the nearby Thokoza hostel were killed. The four were members of Inkatha's United Workers Union employed at the Rand Water Board, but evidence put before the Goldstone Commission strongly suggests the attack was unprovoked.

A spokesman for the settlement's new leadership, Zinshile Mathiso, this week denied his committee had been installed by force and insisted no-one had fired on the soldiers. He declined to elaborate, saying he did not want to prejudice a planned meeting with the ousted leaders.

But The Weekly Mail understands that the ANC and its armed wing, Umkhonto weSizwe, are worried about the defence unit's lack of discipline.

The question of what 32 Battalion was doing in the area remains. The Goldstone Commission is investigating this, but the likelihood is that it was conducting an arms sweep. Phola Park squatters all say the soldiers kicked down shack doors and demanded to know where weapons were hidden before assaulting them with pipes, rifle butts and pangas.

The raid appears to form part of an emerging pattern of SADF weapons searches in ANC-supporting black settlements. Last Friday the SADF combed the Mandela squatter camp, in Bekkersdal on the West Rand, for arms, sparking complaints of widespread abuse. The raids often appear to be linked to searches for ANC members and their arms. A member of the ANC's regional executive committee, Sonwabo Ngonini, said he would be killed at Lam by white soldiers and two blacks in balaclavas wanting to search his house for weapons.

With them was another ANC man, Zola Jakuza, who had allegedly been forced to point out Ngonini's house. He was covered in mud — he claims he was made to roll in a ditch — and said in Xosa: "They have already killed me". Ngonini said the raids were to mean he had been badly beaten.

Ngonini said when he pointed out that only policemen with warrants were empowered to conduct a search, he was abused and threatened in Afrikaans. During the illegal search which followed, R260 belonging to his mother disappeared.

Also assaulted, Ngonini said, was branch committee member Douglas Mqina, together with numerous other shack-dwellers. When the search failed to yield results — large holes were dug in Mqina's shack floor — Mqina and Jakuza were "abducted" to the SADF base outside the township, where they were "tor- tured" before being released at noon the next day.

Earlier in the week, Bekkersdal's...
Phola Park residents lay charges

Staff Reporters

A total of 58 Phola Park residents yesterday laid charges of assault and attempted murder at the Tokoza police station against members of 32 Battalion.

Residents, some with bandaged limbs and others walking with crutches, were transported from the Phola Park committee office to the station by bus.

The charges follow allegations of an attack on the squatter camp last week which left one woman dead and several other people seriously injured.

Residents at the camp said yesterday the badly decomposed body of a man believed to be the second fatality in the attack was found in a shack in the camp this week.

Affidavits were handed over to the Tokoza Station Commander Major S P Funani by Simon Tsotetsi of the ANC's Violence Commission and legal representative Vusi Sithole.

Certificates

Major Funani said police would go through all the affidavits to determine the exact charges. He said people who made allegations of attempted murder would have to submit medical certificates to support their claims.

The South African Council of Churches yesterday repeated its recent call for the SADF, liberation armies and the SAP to be placed under a joint command "as soon as possible" in order to ensure peace in this country.

The church body was reacting to last Wednesday's raid at the Mandela squatter camp in Bekkersdal by a SADF unit when residents were allegedly assaulted, shot at and had their property destroyed.

One resident, Korea Mathe, accused the soldiers of ransacking his shack and stealing R500.

The SACC noted that the SADF "aggression" came against the backdrop of more than a year of peace.

Angry Bekkersdal residents are now demanding the immediate withdrawal of the army. The demand was made jointly by the ANC, Azapo, PAC and Bekkersdal Civic Association.

The allegations have been denied by SADF spokesman Major Andries Jordaan.
Residents’ night of trauma

By Charmeeta Bhagwai and Sapa

Johanna Morepedi, whose Meadowlands home was burnt and looted on Tuesday night, sat on the roadside with her meagre belongings and a worried look on her face after being forced from her home of 32 years.

She was not the only person leaving her Bakwena Road home in Zone 1, Meadowlands, Soweto. Nine other homes in the street were also petrol bombed and looted at about 11 pm.

No one could identify the culprits, but residents said they saw three groups of about 15 men run back to Meadowlands Hostel after the bombings.

Obed Sebope (20) was alone when his home was set alight. He said he woke up when he smelled the fire. Two petrol bombs were thrown into the house and he had to escape through a back window and through his neighbour’s house.

By the time he got to the road, the attackers had already bombed two other houses and were retreating to the hostel.

The other families, who were also sitting on the roadside waiting for relatives to collect them, were too scared to talk. One woman said she lost her youngest son to the violence three months ago.

“I’ve had enough. They’ve taken everything,” she said.

Seventeen other homes were set alight in Reef townships yesterday morning — 14 in Alexandra and three in Emderdale, where residents burnt down homes after the occupants were evicted.

A woman died of a heart attack when a petrol bomb was thrown at the entrance of Meadowlands Hostel at about 2.30 pm yesterday, according to police spokesman Captain Govindasamy Mariemuthoo.

He said police fired teargas in Meadowlands at 3.30 pm when a Casspir was stoned. No injuries were reported.

Captain Mariemuthoo said police were keeping a “monitoring presence” in the vicinity of the hostel last night in a bid to prevent further violence.

A foreign news agency reported Bekkersdal residents burnt shacks after an alleged SADF raid on the township on Tuesday night.

Two people were killed and three injured when gunmen shot at people at a Duco hostel shop in Soweto on Tuesday.

Between Ikwezi and Inhlanganise stations in Soweto, a man was injured when he was attacked and thrown from a train on Tuesday.

A Witwatersrand police spokesman said that at Jeppe Station in Johannesburg on Tuesday, two men and four women were injured on a train “when panic broke out in one of the coaches about an impending attack”.

He said all six people were slightly injured and were discharged after being treated at the Hillbrow Hospital.

At Braamfontein Station, police found a wounded man and in Tokozzi, police found a seriously wounded man.

Evictions to continue...
14 Beirut shacks destroyed in attack

The news...
JOHANNESBURG. — Seventeen homes have been set alight in Reef townships, 14 in Alexandra and five in Ennerdale, where residents burnt down homes after the occupants were evicted.

And in Meadowlands Zone 1, 10 homes were earlier petrol bombed and looted.

Police said that in Ennerdale residents barricaded roads, preventing the fire brigade from reaching the fires.

In Meadowlands, a man was shot in the head and killed, police said in their latest unrest report.

Thirty minutes earlier a 64-year-old man was slightly injured when he was thrown off a moving train at Orlando Station.

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The Argus Correspondent, Sapa.
Mutl’s magic works on the shopfloor and the battlefield

BEFORE the attacks which contribute to the country’s widespread violence even occur, factions on either side of the political divide religiously consult their iyangas for muti in preparation for battle.

These attacks — if they are not completely suicidal — frequently invite retaliation and result in more deaths than victories for either side.

The bloody civil wars in Natal bear testimony that it is not only on the strength of their numbers that factions go into battle but more often by that of their iynaga’s muti. It is important that the men who go into battle are collectively strengthened and protected by the iynaga, to ensure there are no weak links.

To foot the bill for his services, communities are taxed up to R30 a household, according to residents of pro-African National Congress areas in Natal townships.

Leaders on either side, particularly Inkatha, are said to be more powerful because of the particularly strong muti they are given.

Many iyangas have been killed after battles when it was thought they had “gone too far” and were using witchcraft to enhance their skills — often in favour of the other side.

“I believe iyangas are positive forces and give herbal medicines to cure and these medicines work,” says a young activist from kwaMashu near Durban. “In these parts anyone who is a ‘comrade’ is treated by our own iynaga.”

On his upper arm the young man wears a cloth belt containing the muti “to frighten off or confuse the enemy in an attack. You must wear it every day before you go into battle to increase its strength”.

Scratch-like incisions on his throat and wrists are the places where blood was drawn and mixed with muti. This is placed in a cloth and discarded “in a place where you do not go regularly, but your enemy may well”. Whoever first lays eyes on the cloth will be overcome.

“When we feel weak and think that Inkatha may have ‘bewitched’ us, we burn inpupo — an aromatic incense — to enliven the comrades. After this we want to toyi-toyi and be active.”

On March 24 last year, 13 people — the ground and a man dipped a branch into a bucket and “appeared to sprinkle some liquid over the people as they were sitting there”.

Hattingh makes a further allegation that the people in the veld “observed that the birdshot fired at them had no real effect. You were fortified in the belief that you were in fact immune against bullets”.

He subpoenaed a professor of anthropology, Petrus Jacobus Jonas from the University of South Africa, who explained the traditional use of war muti. Jonas told the court that traditionally no battle was fought without the tola (a special war diviner) having treated the warriors and their weapons. Nowadays, iyangas and sangomas perform a modified, shorter version of this once important task.

The use of muti in resolving labour disputes is firmly believed by many workers and union leaders. The fierce battles between workers and the police during the 1987 railway strike illustrates the confidence workers placed in muti.

They consulted a sangoma from Swaziland who gave medicine that would make them invulnerable to police bullets. In the belief of the protection of the muti on their foreheads, workers bravely fought police in the confrontation which ensued outside Cosatu House in Johannesburg.

“Cleansing medicine” is also used before wage negotiations, labour-related court cases and even to protect workers from retrenchments.

Union members of shaft 6 at the Western Holdings gold mine fetched a sangoma from Transkei to protect them from retrenchments taking place at the mine. After consulting the sangoma, a heated confrontation with management ensued in which six miners and a mine engineer were killed.

The medicine is said to have the power to “tie up” the enemy or render them impotent. What makes them fierce is umxhupela, the medicine derived from animals such as the poison of a snake or the gall of a bull — the power of the animal is passed on to the man who killed it.

On occasions when this deep-rooted belief in muti has been fatal, it is put down to the inexperience of the iynaga.
ANC wants Goldstone to probe Tembisa gang

THE ANC will ask the Goldstone standing commission on public violence and intimidation to probe activities of an east Rand gang which allegedly killed six people in Tembisa at the weekend.

Six men were killed and five injured in Tembisa on Sunday when gangsters, known as “Toasters”, sprayed pedestrians with AK-47 and shotgun fire.

According to police, the “Toasters” were travelling in a minibus and a sports car when they opened fire on people.

ANC Tembisa organiser Isaac Mahlangu told journalists yesterday the gang, which was formed last October and consisted of 25 members, was harassing residents “under the cover of Inkatha membership”.

Mahlangu said the gang was staying at Tembisa’s Vusimusi Hostel — an Inkatha stronghold.

He said besides requesting the Goldstone commission to investigate the gang’s activities, his organisation was also demanding the arrest of the gang’s members and the closure of the Vusimusi Hostel.

Inkatha Youth Brigade leader Themba Khoza denied his organisation’s involvement with the gang.

Meanwhile, the death toll continued to mount on the Reest. Police found four bodies in the East Rand township of Katlehong yesterday morning.

Also in Katlehong, two men were shot dead and two injured on Monday night after they had allegedly been forced off a train and into Kwsine Hostel by a group of 50 armed men.

The police spokesman said the injured men — who were admitted to Natalspruit Hospital — had alleged that on boarding the train at Katlehong Station, they were forced to sit down by the armed men.

On reaching Kwsine Station, the men were forced off the train and into the hostel where they were told to flee. "When they fled, they were shot," the spokesman said.

Sapa reports police said yesterday three people died and several homes were burnt in Natal unrest yesterday and on Monday.

The deaths were reported from the Sappi compound in the Hopewell area of the Ixopo district.

Maritzburg police spokesman Capt Henry Bodram said a man and two women died of gunshot wounds following an attack by unknown people at about midnight on Monday.

In another development, the police said they were investigating three rape charges against members of the SANDF’s 32 Battalion.

Soldiers of the battalion allegedly assaulted and raped residents of the East Rand Phola Park squatter camp.

The Goldstone commission said recently it would probe the incident. In a statement on Monday, Judge Goldstone said the Thokozana committee, under the chairmanship of Adv Solly Sithole, would be requested to investigate "as a matter of urgency and submit an interim report thereon to the commission".
Five killed in violence

FIVE people were killed, 11 injured and 22 shacks and houses petrol-bombed in continuing violence in Alexandra and Soweto yesterday.

This brings to at least 11 the number of people killed in the latest violence on the Reef since midnight on Monday.

Seventeen shacks were set alight in Alexandra yesterday morning and four houses were burnt in Erinvalle, south of Johannesburg.

In Soweto, two hostel dwellers, Bongimuzi Mkhatho (18) and Sipho Nkubane (17) died instantly at Dube Hostel when sixgunmen opened fire on a group in the hostel bar.

Mr Simon Khumalo (24) who was shot in both legs, died later at Baragwanath Hospital.

Shopowner Mr Zabilile Dladla (72) was shot in the chest and his daughter Sibongile in the stomach. Their conditions were reported as satisfactory.

Soweto police spokesman Captain Goybindasamy Marienthoo said an unidentified man died in Meadowlands after he was shot in the head at 6.30am.

A seven-month-old baby escaped death when eight houses were petrol-bombed in Meadowlands. The baby was sleeping with her mother, Miss Maeso Morapedi, when men believed to be from nearby Meadowlands Hostel threw petrol bombs into their room.

Six people were also injured in Jeppe station after panic broke out in a train coach over a pending attack.

A 64-year-old man sustained slight injuries after he was attacked by people and thrown out of a train at Orlando Station in Soweto.

Meanwhile, Sapa reports that church leaders have been asked to set aside Friday June 5 as a National Day of Prayer and Healing.

The initiative is as a result of a decision taken at the National Conference of Churches in South Africa in November 1990.

"Unreserved support has been forthcoming from Codesa, and all leadership in the spheres of politics, business and industry is being asked to support the National Day of Prayer and Healing by allowing workers time to attend a prayer service at the nearest church of their choice, or to hold prayer meetings in the workplace," the NCCSA said in a statement yesterday.

"At the crucial time in the country when violence continues unabated, co-chairmen of the NCCSA said it recognised that not all churches had been fully supportive of the Rustenburg Conference and its declaration.

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Charges laid against 32 Battalion

A total of 58 Phola Park residents were yesterday laid charges of assault and attempted murder at Tokozama police station against members of 32 Battalion.

Residents, some with bandaged limbs and others on crutches, were transported from the Phola Park committee office to the police station by bus.

The charges follow allegations of an attack on the squatter camp last week, which left one woman dead and several others seriously injured.

Residents at the camp yesterday said the badly decomposed body of a man, believed to have been the second fatality of the attack, was found in a shack in the camp this week.

Affidavits were handed over to the Tokozama station commander Major SP Punani yesterday by Mr Simon Tshotho of the African National Congress' violence commission and legal representative Mr Von Silholle.

Punani said police would go through all the affidavits to determine the exact charges.

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He said people who made allegations of attempted murder would have to submit medical certificates to support their allegations.

Krugers said some of the residents in the camp had also laid charges with the police last Friday.
20 arrests during rent march in Lethbridge

BY ALAN HUE

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Church leaders want SADF out of villages

By MATHATA TSEDU

THE Northern Transvaal Council of Churches has urged township and village leaders in the region to urge the removal of SADF troops in the area.

In an Easter message issued in Pietersburg yesterday, the NTCC, which is a regional body of the SACC, accused the soldiers of "brutal killings, maimings, sexual abuses and disruption of freedom of expression".

The message said armed soldiers who patrol the townships and villages in the rural areas instilled "a traumatic psychological experience for children who are supposed to be growing up in an environment devoid of hostility".

Saying the Northern Transvaal was peaceful and therefore did not need patrols by the SADF, the NTCC said communities should intensify calls for the removal of troops from residential areas.

Allegations

The call came a week after members of 32 Battalion were accused of raping and killing women at Phola Park squatter camp on the East Rand, and further allegations of assaults on innocent civilians in Bekkersdal township on the West Rand.

The NTCC also called for restraint in resorting to boycotts when problems arose in education. The council said other means of resolving the problems had to be sought to ensure that education does not grind to a halt.

It also called for a broader sharing of information about AIDS with neighbours, saying knowledge and information about the disease was scanty in the rural areas.

The council also wished all religious pilgrims who will travel to different centres for "collective worship" and other people who will be visiting families and friends over Easter a safe journey.
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DARK MAY
Youths run amok in city centre
11 injured as train safety plan unveiled

By Brian Sokutu, Gien Elsas and Thabo Leshilo

Just hours after police yesterday unveiled a strategy to stamp out violence on Reef trains, at least 11 people, including two children, were injured at Dube station in Soweto when unknown gunmen opened fire on commuters.

Soweto police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni said police found two slightly injured schoolchildren, aged 14 and 16, among the injured at the scene of the shooting, which took place at 1.50pm. The children had jumped from the moving train to escape the attack.

Captain Ngobeni could not say whether the children were included in the casualty list of 11 treated at the Baragwanath Hospital.

No arrests have been made.

Announcing the measures to combat Reef train violence in Johannesburg earlier, Witwatersrand police spokesman Colonel Prans Malherbe said a force of more than 1,200 policemen and SA Defence Force members would be deployed on trains, at stations and along railway lines during peak hours from Wednesday.

The plan covers the Witwatersrand and Soweto areas, extending to Tembisa and Springs on the East Rand and Randfontein on the West Rand.

Most of the security personnel would wear uniform and the rest civilian clothes.

Colonel Malherbe said the plan on dangerous weapons would be enforced “with every available means.”

If train violence continued, additional steps would be taken to strengthen legislation to stamp out violence.

Brigadier Japie Venter has been appointed to co-ordinate the operation. An operations centre has been set up in Diepkloof, Soweto.

Colonel Malherbe said the new strategy had been undertaken in agreement with senior police officials from the Witwatersrand, including regional commissioner Major-General Gerrit Braam; Spoornet officials; and community leaders representing commuters.

He expressed the need for cooperation and support from the public in stamping out violence on trains.

Despite the new measures, a steering committee comprising the ANC, PAC, CAST, SACP, Nactu and Cosatu, yesterday said it was going ahead with a five-day boycott of trains from Monday to Saturday next week. Reacting to the boycott, the IPP said there had been inadequate consultation with all political organisations.

“However, we appreciate the steering committee’s recognition of commuters’ democratic right to use trains. We urge our members to use trains,” said IPP central committee member Themba Khoza.

In other incidents of violence in Soweto yesterday afternoon, a beer delivery truck was looted and burnt in Diepkloof and a grenade attack was reported in Meadowlands. No one was injured.

In another effort to curb violence, Law and Order Minister Herrus Kriel yesterday declared the magisterial district of Vanderbijlpark, including violence-torn Sebenza, an unrest area with immediate effect.

Mr Kriel said measures in addition to the ordinary law of the land were necessary to enable the Government to ensure the safety of the public and the maintenance of public order.
Two die, many hurt in bloody Soweto clashes

GUY JEPSON and THABO LESHILO

WORKERS’ Day turned into a bloody nightmare in Dobsonville yesterday, as police, residents and hostel dwellers — all armed to the teeth — clashed repeatedly in the Soweto suburb.

But in Alexandra, near Sandton, timely action by police prevented what could have been a bloody sequel to an otherwise peaceful May Day rally, after an angry mob tried to storm the Madala hostel, an Inkatha Freedom Party stronghold in the township.

By 5 p.m. in Soweto, after a day of sustained violence marked by gun battles, petrol bombings, burning barricades and harsh police action against residents, the official death toll in Soweto stood at two.

Dead on arrival

Among the many injured were three policemen — victims of an enraged mob.

Baragwanath Hospital superintendent Dr. Anna Marie Richter said two people, victims of sharp-point ammunition, were certified dead on arrival yesterday.

Sixteen other gunshot casualties were being treated, she said.

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Police spokesman Major Ray Harris said at least four violent outbreaks were reported in the area before 7.25 a.m., when SAP members took action to keep residents and hostel dwellers apart.

"At about 5.20 a.m., one of the patrols noticed a group of men, armed with traditional weapons and homemade firearms. In order to apprehend the people carrying the home-made weapons, the patrol went in on foot.

A grenade was thrown at them. The group then turned on them, attacking them with the traditional weapons and home-made firearms.

Three policemen — Lieutenants Andre Steenkamp, Constables Cornelius Killian and Constable John Cave — were injured and later admitted to the Garden City Clinic.

Steenkamp suffered a gunshot wound to the leg; Killian a shrapnel wound to the shoulder and a shotgun wound to the leg, and Cave a partially amputated finger.

Pot-shots

Gun battles continued until mid-afternoon as Dobsonville hostel dwellers took pot-shots at taunting youths armed with rocks and petrol bombs in Mopeng Street.

From about 11.50 a.m. journalists covering the mayhem in Mogorosi Street repeatedly came under fire as police used birdshot, rubber bullets and tear gas to disperse residents.

Two television cameramen were shot by

Violence

birdshot pellets as the SAP Officers — pelted with stones and the occasional petrol bomb — ranged up and down the barricaded street.

Many residents interviewed by Saturday Star alleged the police had opened fire at random on residents.

Harold said that if any residents had complained about the police action, they should report their claims and be prepared to make statements.

"I said one resident, who refused to give his name. "It started this morning at 4 a.m. I don't know what happened. I was asleep. We want to demolish the hostel dwellers, we are mad."

After midnight, in one shack in Mogorosi Street, 22-year-old Johannes Seka lay moaning on his stomach, his basic pack marked with birdshot rounds.

"There are better ways to do it," screamed the man who later carried him into the ambulance. Three other injured youths were inside — one slumped against the back window, his back a bloodstained mess.

Jacob Dube (19), whose home in Jorno Street was petrol-bombed by a "chide" at about 11 a.m., had a different story to tell.

Before he threw the petrol bomb, he told me I am inkatha.

In Alexandra, heavily armed policemen sealed off a route leading to the hostel, where residents with weapons were said to be fighting in wait for marchers.

At the rally, speaker after speaker blamed President de Klerk's Government, BPF president Mangosuthu Buthelezi and the police for the violence.

The leaders also made an impassioned plea to the people not to "play into the hands of the enemy by reviving the lie" that violence in the area was due to differences between Zulu and Xhosa.

Free leader Moses Mphahlele called on the 400-strong crowd to "drive out Inkatha (from Alexandra) with your bare hands."
Soweto: LA ‘looked like a party’

JOHANNESBURG — Political violence continued to plague the Reef yesterday with police reinforcements being deployed in Dobsonville, Soweto, after three policemen were seriously injured when fighting broke out between residents and hostel dwellers there.

Referring to current race riots in the United States, residents said the situation in the township “made LA (Los Angeles) look like a party”.

They said hostel inmates had begun sniping at 6am and residents had called the Peace Action Committee — who are monitoring violence in townships — to notify the police.

Police also said one man was killed on Thursday when unidentified attackers threw him from a train at Soweto’s Dube station.

In another incident at Dube, police said, two men were slightly injured when commuters jumped off a moving train to escape a gun attack.

The incidents follow Thursday’s announcement by the police that a combined force of more than 1 200 SA Police and SA Defence Force members would be deployed at stations, on trains and along railway lines at peak hours.

Meanwhile, two handgrenades were on Thursday thrown at a bus in Sebobeng, which falls under the unrest area of Vanderbijl Park declared in Thursday’s Government Gazette.

However, police reported that neither of the handgrenades detonated as the safety pins had not been removed.

On Wednesday in Sebobeng, police said, two men were fatally shot and three injured when unidentified attackers traveling in a blue car sprayed them with AK-47 rifle fire.

Despite the new measures involving the SAP and SADF, a steering committee comprising the ANC, PAC, Cast, SACIP, Nactu and Cosatu and the institute for Contextual Theology intends going ahead with a five-day boycott of trains from Monday.

The steering committee said negotiations had taken place with organisations such as Putco and Nafio for additional transport during the train boycott.

Twelve people were arrested, 19 firearms of various kinds and a large quantity of ammunition were seized and a small firearm factory was smashed early on Thursday morning in a special combined operation by the SAP and SADF at Alexandra’s Madala migrant workers’ hostel, near Sandton. — Sapa.
Living in the grim shadow of death

WHITEMAN Gaborone is 82 years old and waiting to die. Just 260 m from his Meadowlands home, his wife Modikeng (77) lives with her two children in an apartment of Spintla. She is also waiting to die. They are two people caught up in the feud which has bedevilled Meadowlands for most of the last 25 years.

Every day they wait as last hangings on the door or the final grenade of the night reach them. Both are terrified day and night and desperately wish the fighting would stop, allowing them to live normal lives.

Neither believes attempts by the local district council and police to resolve the conflict will resolve the conflict.

Their sentiments are shared in the deeply divided community.

The ANC has no intention of allowing other parties to threaten it, and its representatives are negotiating in the LDRS's bad faith, he says.

But his party's commitment to peace is also shaky. He admits the IFP is not prepared to turn its back on the fighting.

"We won't put the peace that Jesus Christ preached to his Christians. This is the way we will stop the violence. We will not stand by and watch it happen."

"Once we form another party to challenge the ANC, the whole thing will be stopped. Army must also be used against civil violence."

"We don't want our country to become another Mozambique, but if there are groups pulling the country in that direction, what should we do?"
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South Africa

Security forces blamed

THREE people died and 110 were injured in the week ending April 14 as the result of security force action, says a Human Rights Commission report.

Most injuries were the result of the incident in Phola Park on April 8 in which the SADF's 32 Battalion reportedly went on the rampage in the informal settlement camp.

In the same week, 69 people were killed and 55 injured in vigilante-related actions in the PWV area and Natal, the report said.

Nineteen people were killed and four injured in an explosion of violence in the Vaal region on April 19, and 20. Five of the eight reported attacks were directed against residents in their homes.

In one incident, on April 18, five armed men believed to be Inkatha supporters attacked the ANC-supporting Latha family household at 2.45am, killing eight people and injuring one.
DATE OF THE LAW: Award won in Chicago.

The same words and phrases used by the workers in the factory and on the picket line are echoed in the [Image].

The central figure, a worker with a sign, is seen at the center of the scene. Other workers and police are also present, with a clear contrast between the two groups.

The image is a powerful representation of the struggles faced by workers during the May Day protests.

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Sebokeng ANC homes attacked

By STAN MHLONGO

THE homes of two Vaal ANC members were shattered by bombs this week, leaving one person dead, two injured and forcing a family to abandon their house.

At the Sebokeng Zone 13 home of ANC Youth League President Ntswaki Smith, her 32-year-old mother, Aina, was killed and her sisters, Nankia, 19, and Winnie, 2, were injured by the grenade blast.

At the home of Elias Molapo, a few kilometres away in Sebokeng Zone 11, the bombers struck after midnight, turning the day into another Black Wednesday.

They blasted windows with gunfire before hurling a grenade into the house.

Nobody was injured, but the frightened Molapo family vacated the house early the next day.

Smith vehemently rejected the police version that her mother was "killed by a grenade explosion which erupted under the pillow on which she was sleeping".

She also questioned the priorities of the police in conducting a thorough search of the house and paying scant attention to the body of her dead mother and her sisters who lay injured. She also wanted to know why her two brothers, Jordan and Dick, were arrested with police making disturbing allegations that dagga was found in their possession.

Vaal police liaison officer Captain Piet van Deventer confirmed both grenade blasts.

He said the motives for the grenade attacks were unknown and police were investigating.
WARNING... Lvithahl Street families live in fear. When will there be another attack on their homes?

Pics: Ntate Khotele

The community of 100 families are on edge after a recent attack on a local business.

Community leader, Mr. Mampuru, said, "We are living in fear. We are not safe in our own homes."

The latest attack happened last night when a group of armed men broke into a local shop and stole all the cash and goods inside.

Mr. Mampuru added, "We need help from the authorities. We want peace in our community."

The police are investigating the case and have appealed to the public for information.

"We urge anyone with information to come forward," said Detective Inspector Lekale, "We will do everything in our power to bring the perpetrators to justice."

Residents are also appealing for help from the community.
"We need to protect each other," said one resident, "We can't do it alone.

The community is planning a rally to demand better security measures.

"We will not stand idly by," said Mr. Mampuru, "We will fight for our rights."
The killers still stalk taxi rank

By MONWABISI NOMADOLO

POLICEMAN Wellington Deyi, identified as the notorious “taxi war hitman,” is dead, but the almost year-long Springs taxi war is far from over.

Taxi killers below Deyi was framed for the violence while the real killers are still on the loose.

A group of drivers has called for the intervention of the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry to help stop the violence.

Deyi was fatally shot by policemen in his bedroom during an early morning raid at his home in Kwa-Thema on Monday, April 13, after he allegedly pointed a firearm at a policeman.

He family has denied that he had a firearm.

Police said they had a warrant for his arrest after he was implicated in an attempted murder involving a taxi vehicle.

So far, 53 people have been killed and more than 100 injured since the eruption between the Springs Taxi Association and the Sinamowe Long Distance Taxi Association.

East Rand police spokesman Lieutenant Wiaan Weber confirmed Deyi was shot by police after threatening them with a firearm.

“We were really a hitman,” Weber said, adding that he had been rejected by the force at the time of his death to his alleged involvement with a gang which spread terror in the townships.

Weber said when Deyi was short, police issued a warrant for his arrest. This followed an incident in which he allegedly fired on a taxi from the N17 freeway on April 11, injuring the driver and a passenger.

The spokesman said police had to force entry into Deyi’s house after he refused to open the door. Police had no option but to shoot after he pointed a firearm at them.

Police found a baby Browning pistol and a Second World War rifle allegedly stolen from police, he said.

However, Weber could not confirm that Deyi’s wife was also arrested by police and later released on R500 bail for possession of an illegal firearm.

Deyi had several cases against him allegedly involving murder, attempted murder.

Deyi was buried in the Transkei last weekend.

“A taxi driver, who wished to remain anonymous for fear of his life, said ‘police wanted to make Deyi a scapegoat so that he could not speak for himself.”
Trains boycott begins

Soweto's trains were only 20 percent full today as commuters heeded the call for a six-day train boycott to protest against the slaughter of Reef rail passengers.

The boycott came from the ANC, SACP, PAC, Cosatu, Nactu, the Human Rights Commission, Civic Associations of the Transvaal and the SACC.

The Inkatha Freedom Party and the IFP-aligned United Workers' Union of SA urged their members to defy the boycott, saying they had not been consulted in its planning.

According to Spoorsnet figures, trains from Soweto carried only 20 percent of the usual passenger load today. In Tembisa and Krugersdorp, the East Rand trains were less than half full.

The Tembisa, Limudentla and Leralla stations on the East Rand were virtually empty as commuters jostled for seats on the trains.

Trains from Daveyton and Soweto, and Soweto, were apparently empty.

The boycott comes days after the Soweto Transport and Taxi Association increased fares by as much as R1 for a trip from Soweto to Johannesburg.
Anglican bishops warn of anarchy

JOHANNESBURG — Southern Africa’s Anglican bishops yesterday warned of anarchy if violence was allowed to continue in South Africa and called for the installation of an interim government.

In a statement at the end of a five-day synod they also condemned what they called the "jockeying for power" in government.

"The need for an interim government and elections for a representative constitution-making assembly is far greater than the sometimes petty jockeying for power that is seen in politics," the bishops said.

Referring to the recent events in South Africa, they said: "The bishops said they were convinced that the evidence "now amounts of deliberate, cold-blooded use of violence for political ends is but the tip of an iceberg."

"Anarchy will grow to the degree that nobody will be able to escape it and no government will be able to end it," they said. — Sapa

Winnie re-elected to top ANC post

JOHANNESBURG — Winnie Mandela, estranged wife of ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela, was yesterday re-elected unopposed as chairwoman of the ANC Women’s League in its regional meeting here.

Two other nominees, Ms Amena Cachalia and Ms Mavis Magazi, chose not to stand.

The executive members were chosen by secret ballot at the meeting. They include Mrs Gwen Mahlangu as deputy chairwoman, Mrs Lilai Masupha as general secretary, Ms Malim Moajale as assistant general secretary and Mrs Maggie Nkomo as treasurer.

Mrs Mandela was not available for comment.

SAP takes steps to protect train-users

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Special security measures are to be taken from today to prevent vandalism of commuters wanting to use trains in spite of a boycott by black organisations, a police spokesman said yesterday.

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The boycott will go ahead despite agreements between community leaders and the SA Rail Commuter Corporation (SRCC) at a meeting in Durban when the corporation agreed that it would not allow armed police to board trains.
Police sergeant killed by squatters

Johannesburg — A group of angry Soweto squatters killed a young police narcotics agent in Kliptown yesterday after he shot dead an alleged drug-dealer.

Police spokesman Colonel Fanyana Zwane said Soweto Resident Marius, 26, of the Soweto branch of the narcotics bureau, was stabbed in an eye and then three times in the chest. He died at Garden City Clinic here.

Colonel Zwane said Sergeant Marius went to the squatter camp at Imbali to arrest a suspected drug-dealer.

After the suspect said Sergeant Marius deserved better, the policeman tried to arrest him. When the man pulled out a knife and stabbed Sergeant Marius in the eye, the policeman shot the man dead.

A large crowd gathered at the scene and Sergeant Marius jumped into his car to get help. However, his bleeding eye wound caused Sergeant Marius to drive into a bush.

Colonel Zwane said 5 killed in Alexandra

The mob then surrounded the car, pulled the policeman out and an unidentified squatter fatally shot him in the chest.

Two policemen who arrived on the scene later were royed on in a showroom and a pistol.

In other incidents yesterday, three people were found dead in Alexandra. Two had been shot and one stabbed.

This brought the number of people killed in Alexandra since Workers’ Day to 21.

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EC ministers to visit SA

LISBON — Three EC foreign ministers will visit SA next month to discuss the spiral of violence among SA blacks and what is seen in Europe as rights abuses by police.

The EC foreign ministers, who met in Guiamaras on Friday, agreed to send the foreign ministers of the Netherlands, Portugal and Britain to SA for talks with political leaders. Officials said the three ministers, whose nations represent the previous, current and next EC presidencies, will go to SA in the first week of June.

The mission, a Danish idea, is designed to "help lower the level of violence ... and install a more democratic system in SA," said French Foreign Minister Roland Dumas. — Sapa-AF.

Unrest death toll soars in another violent weekend

POLICE reported at least 14 deaths in unrest over the long weekend — bringing the countrywide death toll since the start of the previous weekend to 58.

Sapa reports yesterday's official unrest report said bodies were found in several Reef townships.

In Alexandra, two men died of bullet wounds, one was stabbed to death and two men were wounded.

At Zonkizizwe squatter camp outside Katlehong on the East Rand, police found the body of a man who had been shot. The body of a black man who had been hacked to death was found at Thokoza, near Alberton.

A body was also found at Merafe station in Soweto while a man was injured when people fired at him at Inhlazane station, Soweto.

Reports say that at least eight people died in violence on Friday night.

Police listed 18 incidents in which the eight were killed and 30 others wounded. Some of the clashes were linked to May Day rallies.

Police said two people were thrown from a train near Germiston after being stabbed. Another man was found shot at the wheel of his minibus in Imbali, near Maritzburg.

The remaining five were killed in Alexandra, Katlehong, Thokoza, Dube (Soweto) and Secunda.

In the previous six days, 54 people were killed.

Police were on alert in potential flashpoints to keep the peace between rival black groups staging rival May Day rallies. Witnesses said most of the clashes and killings happened as rival supporters headed for home.

At several of the rallies, Cosatu leaders threatened a general strike if government did not meet its demands for an interim government by June.

Government on Thursday declared the Vanderbijlpark magisterial district, which includes violence-torn Sebokeng, an unrest area. Law and Order Minister Herman Kriel said in the Government Gazette that measures additional to the ordinary law of the land were necessary to enable government to ensure the safety of the public and the maintenance of order.
Bishops blast 'jockeying for power'

South Africa's Anglican bishops yesterday warned of anarchy if violence was allowed to continue in South Africa, and called for the installation of an interim government.

They condemned in a statement what they called the jockeying for power at the Convention for a Democratic South Africa.

After a five-day showdown that ended on Friday in Kempton Park, the bishops said the need for an interim government and elections for a representative constitutional-making assembly "is far greater than the sometimes petty jockeying for power that is seen in CODESA".

Referring to the recent sentencing to death of former police captain Brian Mitchell for murdering 11 black people, the bishops said: "The Government's inadequate, half-hearted response to revelations in the trial exposes its incapacity to run a proper police force.

"We call on all parties to move urgently towards the establishment of an interim government." They called on CODESA to work quickly towards setting up an international monitoring force to be present in situations of conflict.

The bishops from Lesotho, Mozambique, South Africa and Swaziland, warned feuding political parties against placing all the blame for the violence on the Government.

"They have as much of a duty as the Government to look critically at themselves and their followers," the statement said.

They urged people to get involved at grassroots level in working for the implementation of the National Peace Accord, to play an active part in the political process and to promote a culture of tolerance. — Sapa.

Policeman shot dead in Klipspruit

Staff Reporters

After a weekend marked by violent clashes between Reef township residents, hostel inmates and police since Workers' Day on Friday, the death toll stood at 15 this morning.

A policeman — Sergeant Raymond Maritz (24), stabbed in the eye and shot in the chest by a mob in Klipspruit, Soweto, after he shot dead a suspected drug dealer yesterday — was the latest victim of township violence.

Soweto police spokesman, Colonel Fanyana Zwane, said Sergeant Maritz, of the Soweto branch of the Narcotics Bureau, went to the Klipspruit squatter camp at about 11 am to arrest a man allegedly dealing in drugs.

After the suspect sold Sergeant Maritz dagga worth R20, the policeman tried to arrest the man. When the suspect pulled out a knife and stabbed Sergeant Maritz in the eye, the policeman shot the man dead.

A large and aggressive crowd of residents gathered at the scene and Sergeant Maritz jumped in his car and tried to go for help.

Fear and impaired vision caused by blood flowing from his eye wound caused Sergeant Maritz to drive into a boulder.

The mob surrounded the car, pulled him out and a squatter fatally shot him in the chest.

Two policemen who later arrived on the scene were robbed of a shotgun and a pistol.

In other unrest-related inci-

dents, four people were killed at Dube Hostel and Merafa Station in Soweto on Saturday.

On Friday, three men died in Dobsonville, Soweto, in running battles between police, residents and hostel inmates.

Gun battles continued until mid-afternoon as Dobsonville Hostel inmates reportedly took pot shots at taunting youths.

According to the official police unrest report, three people were found dead in Alexandra township on Saturday. Two were shot and the other was stabbed, bringing the death toll in Alexandra to five since Friday.

Action by police in the area prevented what could have been a bloody sequel to an otherwise peaceful May Day rally after an angry mob tried to storm Mandela Hostel, an Inkatha Freedom Party stronghold.

Baragwanath Hospital superintendent Dr Anamartie Richter said two people — victims of sharp-pointed ammunition — were certified dead on arrival Thursday morning. Sixteen other gunshot victims were being treated, Dr Richter said.

Three policemen — Lieutenant Andre Steenkamp, Constable Corneblius Killian and Constable John Cave — were injured and later admitted to the Garden City Clinic.

In other violence on Saturday, a man was hacked to death at Tokoza on the East Rand, and another found shot dead at Zone 5, in the same area.

At Imbali, Maritzburg, the body of a man who had been shot was found slumped in his minibus on Friday.
The policy on the right portrays the impetus to peace and the potential for a path towards resolution. The focus on peace is reinforced throughout the document, underscoring its importance in the process of reconciliation and cooperation.
The Community Agency for Social Enquiry says that 23 percent of the incidents of violence on the Reef between July 1990 and July 1991 are attributable to the police.

In CASE's consolidated report, compiled by its deputy director, Dr. David Everatt, the aggressors were identified in a total of 601 instances of violence on the Reef.

The report claims that the Inkatha Freedom Party was the aggressor in 190 (51 percent) of the incidents and the SAP responsible for 84 (23 percent) incidents.

The IFP has issued an own study in which the aggressors were variously identified as members of the ANC or its aligned organisations.

The police have also strongly dismissed findings blaming them for the violence.

The CASE report says "the two organisations have been reported to act in collusion in acts of violence."

"Allegations of police bias, brutality and active participation in the violence have been made from the moment the violence began and have continued throughout the 12 and one third month under study here."

The report continues: "Complaints of police partiality have been a continuing companion of the Reef violence. The police response to allegations made against them is commonly a flat denial."

"They are joined in this by Government ministers and most recently the State President, who rejected allegations against the SAP as "irresponsible, unfounded and unjustifiable"."

The report says members of the SAP have, on occasion, been accused of "terrifying acts of brutality". "In May 1991 the Sunday Star reported that the 18-year-old survivor of the Alexandra vigil massacre of March 1991, in which 15 people were killed, was allegedly taken by police to an Inkatha-controlled hostel."

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Policeman from car,

Arrest bid brings police dead to 21

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The murder of a policeman has pushed to 21 the number of policemen killed on the Reef this year and the township death toll to at least 15 since Friday.

Sergeant Raymond Maritz, 24, was stabbed in the eye and shot three times in the chest by a mob of angry residents after he shot dead a suspected drug dealer.

Police spokesman Colonel Fanyana Zwane said Sergeant Maritz, a member of the Soweto branch of the Narcotics Bureau, went to the Klipspruit squatter camp about 11am to arrest a man allegedly dealing in drugs.

After the suspect sold Sergeant Maritz dagga worth R20, the policeman tried to arrest him.

When the suspect pulled out a knife and stabbed Sergeant Maritz in the eye, the policeman shot the man dead.

A large and aggressive crowd of residents gathered and Sergeant Maritz jumped in his car and tried to drive off.

With blood flowing from his eye wound, Sergeant Maritz drove into a boulder, Colonel Zwane said.

The shouting mob surrounded the car, pulled the policeman out and a squatter shot him in the chest.

Two policemen who arrived on the scene later were robbed of a shotgun and a pistol.

Sergeant Maritz was taken to hospital, where he died.

In further unrest-related incidents, four people were killed at Dube hostel and Merle station in Soweto on Saturday. On Friday three men died in Dobsonville in running battles between residents and hostel inmates.

According to the official police unrest report, three people were found dead in Alexandra township, outside Sandton, on Saturday. Two were shot and the other stabbed to death, bringing the death toll in Alexandra to five since Workers' Day on Friday.

In other violence on Saturday, a man was hacked to death at Thokoza on the East Rand, and another was found shot dead at Zonkeziwane, in the same area.

At Imball, Maritzburg, the body of a man who had been shot was found slumped in his minibus on Friday.
A menacing quiet in a dark city

FOCUS ON VIOLENCE

The Soweto townships of Meadowlands, Mzimhlophe and Killarney are in the frontline. Their proximity to Meadowlands Hostel means they are in the middle of a "war zone" where hostel dwellers battle "defence units". Sowetan reporter RUTH BHENGU spent a night with a "war zone" family.

WHEN I revisited Mzimhlophe, city of light, last week I was shocked by the changes.

Driving through the township at night one can feel the menace in the darkness. It is almost eerie.

Speaking to the residents one can understand why.

This troubled community has experienced horrific violence in recent months as hostel dwellers and residents tried to defend themselves from attacks on each other.

Death and destruction have become commonplace.

Children can play in the dusty streets and ignore bomb blasts a few blocks away. During a "quiet" period two or three people might die and several houses get either bombed or looted.

Residents will assure you, however, that it’s a "quiet" period, things are not so bad.

This picture is a far cry from the Mzimhlophe I had known. I had spent many uproarious nights in this township.

I had attended parties where we danced until late at night.

Then the flickering lights which were dubbed "Apollo's" would turn the darkest night into a broad daylight and every weekend a carnival-like atmosphere prevailed.

It was funereal when I returned there last Wednesday night.

I knew about the shooting, bombing and burning. I had read the statistics on death and injuries. But I had a feeling there was something else, something not even other Soweto residents, let alone the whole world, knew.

My host, Mainini, had told me that it was quiet. She had also warned me to come before 6pm while it was still light. After work everyone hurried home and locked the doors.

Finding the house I was going to spend the night in was difficult because of the darkness. My colleagues were not too pleased with me at all for exposing them to danger.

Asking for directions in the dark and almost deserted streets of Mzimhlophe at night is like playing Russian roulette.

A sniper could take a pot shot at you and disappear into the dark. Anybody your approach looks as if he is about to bolt.

The two guys we met three houses from the one we were looking for were uneasy. They warned me never to do this again if I valued my life.

I later discovered that they were members of the defence units. Every able-bodied man is expected to go and keep guard at the border of the township and fear of attackers.

But it is the youths who seem to have the guts to do this task.

At a residents’ meeting called by the local civic association a few days before I had met several young men, mostly under 20, who wore a black beret, a black T-shirt with a yellow Star of Freedom on it and black shorts.

Although the residents speak highly of them and who believe in their ability to defend the townships, my heart went out for these young men, none of whom were mere children.

The strain caused by lack of sleep and fear could not be disguised.

There was also the matter of the five youths who were arrested when they were found with a number of arms. They were out on bail of R300 each and money was needed for their defence.

6What worries me is that we are hoping that when all this is over the children who have been involved in this war will settle down and be normal again. But will they really? 9

My host who had seen me through the window led me into the dark house. She held my hand and gently led me into the bedroom where the only source of light was a portable black and white television set.

Her mother and a teenage nephew and an eight-year-old niece were sitting around the tv set watching a movie. The family had already had their supper but Mainini had waited for me. So we had ours under TV light.

We talked about what it was like living under such conditions. My host family talked about the hardships that the violence has brought about.

Fact that those who used to travel to work by train have to leave home one and a half hours earlier because the taxis cannot cope with the number of passengers.

Nobody really knows the source of the trouble but people have since taken to locking their doors during the day.

"I used to leave at 7.30am to be in time for work at 8.30am," says Mainini, who works at Wits University as a secretary. "Now I have to leave at 6.30am."

"There are so many things that have changed. There are areas that we can't go into in the same township. We have to take in-doors at a certain time. You can't have visitors in the evening."

"We cannot even see our boyfriends unless we meet them in town or other townships. Nobody wants to take the risk of driving through this place once it's dark."

"But that's really trivial stuff if you think about the women who have had to make really difficult choices. Some township women who have boyfriends in the hostel have had to either go and stay there or give them up."

Mainini's mother is fondly known as Aunty Ali. She is a retired nursing sister. She has been living in Mzimhlophe since the early sixties, before the hostel was built.

"This used to be one of the most peaceful townships," she recalls. "We had no gangsters, no vigilantes and no troubles. Everyone knew their neighbours and cared for them."

As we prepared to go to bed we prayed.

The youngest member of the family who lives in one of the tiny rooms overlooking the berg, is about to be eight years old.

So we turned off the light and got down on her knees. We thank God for another "quiet" day.

The steps to violence

January 20 Two choir members Victor Mabuse (30) and Johannes Sekwela (22) died in a revenge attack by hostel dwellers.

January 27 A 26-year-old man killed and four people injured in a bombing. It was one of the five bombings.

February 9 Eight people killed, 16 injured and 12 houses set alight.

March 13 By this date reports from various sources showed that more than 450 people had been killed in the Reef.

March 15 Two women killed and six men injured.

March 16 Eight people including a three-year-old and three nurses were fired at with birdshot in Meadowlands during clashes between residents and hostel dwellers.

March 17 Six killed, 15 injured.

March 30 One person killed and three men injured at the hostel. In another incident 19 injured and one person killed when two hand-grenades were thrown into a group of commuters waiting for a taxi along Vincent Road.

- According to the Human Rights Commission, the number of deaths since violence began in 1990 is 678.

- A total of 372 people died and 770 injured nationwide between March 1 and 30.

- Three weeks after the announcement of the referendum, 206 died in the Tramvail according to the Institute of Race Relations Survey for 1992.

- The number was almost double the figure for 21 days before the announcement.
'Battalion is not barbaric'

Members of 32 Battalion, accused of having murdered, raped and assaulted Phola Park squatters on the East Rand, were not barbarians and were not capable of such acts, the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry heard yesterday.

The officer commanding the platoon on April 8 when the incidents allegedly took place, Captain Mark Hermansen, said the accusations were an exaggeration to discredit 32 Battalion.

Residents claimed that on the night of April 8, members of 32 Battalion murdered two people, raped three women, assaulted 47 people, and were involved in four cases of malicious damage to property and two cases of theft.

Captain Hermansen said the troops involved did not have the opportunity to commit such acts and the measure of discipline among them would have prevented such acts. He did concede that members of the battalion had been found guilty in the past in disciplinary hearings unrelated to the Phola Park incident.

He said on the day in question, several faction fights and other incidents of violence had taken place, which could have been the cause of the residents' injuries.

"Who says the same people who were injured are not involved in the campaign against us? I am not even sure if you will find any injuries under all those bandages if you take them off."

The officer, who was in command of the two platoons at the scene, Lieutenant Frederik Hendrik Ras, testified that on the night in question 32 Battalion had come under heavy automatic rifle fire, and in the process a sergeant was wounded.

Lieutenant Ras said he saw no violence except for what he termed incidents of "heavy handedness". These included a resident being pulled by his clothes after he ran into a soldier; a resident being "tackled" when he tried to run away; and a resident being forced to allow a search of his person.

— Sapa.
Commuters boycott trains

REEP train occupancy levels plummeted yesterday at the start of a six-day boycott in protest against train violence.

Soweto services operated at between 15% and 20% of normal levels and most trains on other lines were less than half full. Police said there were no reported incidents of boycott-related violence.

The SA Rail Commuter Corporation said passenger numbers dropped to 50% of normal load yesterday morning on the Germiston-Kraaiphong route and to 40% on the Tembisa line. However, on the Daveyton line on the East Rand, trains were full. A corporation spokesman said train occupancy levels last night remained low.

The train boycott was called to protest against unrest on trains and to support demands for improved security measures on trains and stations.

A Spoornet spokesman said the West Rand was largely unaffected by the boycott. Sabia and Putco spokesman said their services had transported between 10% and 20% more commuters.

Spokesman for the steering committee on train violence, Tokyo Sexwale, said yesterday "the mood of people participating in the boycott is very positive, despite the high cost of alternative transport". He urged employers to take "a reasonable attitude" to workers arriving late.

SAP spokesman Capt Joseph Ngobeni said the boycott was "quiet".

Boycott

However, police reported 17 unrest-related deaths, mostly in Natal. In one incident five people were injured when four men dressed in blue overall opened fire on vendors waiting to board a train near Umkomaas on the south coast early yesterday, Saga reports.

Four policewomen were injured and two of their assailants killed when police drove into an apparent ambush at Umgeni on the south coast. In other unrest in the region, four people were shot dead in separate incidents at Polvans and Mpumalanga.

Police also reported yesterday that seven people died in faction fighting at Harding in southern Natal on Sunday. Another four died in unrest on the Durban on Sunday.

Twenty-six ANC Women's League members began an indefinite sit-in at a Maritzburg police station yesterday to demand the withdrawal of riot police. 32 Battalion soldiers and Kwadliso police from Isithembis township. The protesters were part of a group of about 5,000 Inkatha women who marched through the city to protest against alleged bias by the soldiers and riot police in the township.

The Goldstone commission of inquiry into violence was told yesterday members of 32 Battalion, accused of having assaulted, raped and murdered residents of the Free Park squatter settlement on the East Rand, were "not barbarians" and were not capable of such acts.

Capt Mark Hermanoff, the officer commanding the battalion on April 5 when the incident allegedly took place, said the troops involved did not have the opportunity to commit such acts, and the measure of discipline among them would have prevented such acts.

Residents claimed that members of 32 Battalion murdered two people, raped three women, assaulted 47 people and were involved in four cases of indecent assault and two cases of theft.

Lt Frederik Hendrik Rus, the officer in command of the two platoons at the scene of the incident, testified that on the night in question 32 Battalion had come under heavy automatic rifle fire and a sergeant was wounded.

After the attack he arranged a sweeping line to establish if there were any wounded in the settlement and to search for firearms. The sweeping line was thrown wide and the 60 members of 32 Battalion involved were about 2m apart. During the sweep several houses were broken open and a search conducted in a shop.

Rus said he saw no violence, except for what he termed incidents of "heavy-handedness", which could be justified in the light of the fact that his troops had come under fire.
I watched people’s court killing

By Philip Zondo

A Vosloorns woman yesterday told the Rand Supreme Court how members of a Katlehong “people’s court” carried out a decision to kill two youths by hacking them with pangas and setting one alight.

Leticia Hlahane, testifying at the trial of 16 Katlehong residents on three charges of kidnapping and two of murder, said that on December 26 1990 a group of men armed with pangas arrived in Vosloorns.

They chased a group of youths and returned with John Mashilo, Zohbilela and Buthi Windstone Mokoena, whom they assaulted, bound with wire and threw into a Toyota bakkie, Ms Hlahane said.

Travelling with a neighbour, Ms Hlahane followed the bakkie to Freedom Square in Katlehong, where the youths had been locked in a garage.

The group had gathered outside to discuss their fate, Ms Hlahane said. She did not observe who then said the two youths had to be killed.

A third youth, also allegedly kidnapped by the group, was set free. Mashilo and Buthi were brought out and Phillip Mashilini (30), Hendry Tsoane (37) and a 16-year-old youth began to hack at Mashilo with pangas, Ms Hlahane said.

Mashilo fell on the tar road. His attackers continued hacking at him, Ms Hlahane said.

David Motswana (18) had then brought a bottle of petrol, which he threw over Mashilo. Albert Khumalo (25) set him alight, Ms Hlahane said.

The group had then turned their attentions to Buthi, who had been assaulted and already lost consciousness. The 16-year-old youth had taken a large concrete slab and dropped it on Buthi’s head. He had then turned Buthi on his back and said: “This dog is not yet dead.”

Buthi died in Natalpruit Hospital on January 7.

Mr Mashinini, Mr Khumalo, Mr Motswana, Mr Tsoane, Solomon Radebe (44), Walter Selombo (21), Chabedi Makae (18), Griffiths Moletsane (23), Samuel Nhlapo (21), Victor Mapeka (25), Abram Madlala (18), Lawrence Motsumai (19), Johannes Makae (22), Hendrik Maneybody (18), Simon Mathe (18) and the 16-year-old, all of the Molobung district of Katlehong, have pleaded not guilty.

The hearing continues.
**Man injured by unknown gunmen**

A 29-year-old man was shot and seriously injured in Soweto last night when a number of unknown men armed with AK-47 rifles fired at a shack on an Orlando West property. (27E)

The unknown men entered the yard of house number 5907 in Orlando West at about 7.15 pm, firing several shots at the shack. The injured man was hit in the head and admitted to Baragwanath Hospital. His name cannot be released until his next-of-kin has been informed. — Staff Reporter.
In-fighting could sink Alex forum

By Anna Cox

A row between squabbling Alexandra organisations could torpedo the Northern Joint Negotiating Forum (NJNF).

Many organisations have threatened to boycott any decisions taken by the NJNF as only the Alexandra Civic Organisation (ACO) has representation on the NJNF, which they feel does not speak for them.

As a result, a new umbrella organisation, the Alexandra United Forum (AUF), has been formed. Members include the Alexandra Land and Property Owners Association (Alpoa); Alexandra Taxi Association; Alexandra Chamber of Commerce; East Bank Residents Committee; Alexandra Builders Association; Alexandra Civic Association; Women for Peace; the Alexandra, Randburg, Midrand and Sandton Taxi Association; Azapo; the PAC; the IFP; and the Ministers Fraternal Council.

AUF spokesman Jacob Segopa said the ACO represented only shack dwellers and not the middle-class people who had been there for three generations.

Alpoa executive member Daktiy Rametsi said: “The ACO does not represent the people of Alexandra and has therefore no right to negotiate on our behalf.

“The ACO has lost a lot of support in the township,” Mr Rametsi added.

NJNF chairman Peter Gardiner said the ACO represented the majority of Alexandra residents.
JOHANNESBURG. — Soweto trains carried between nought and 15% of their normal passenger load yesterday as thousands of commuters heeded the call for a six-day train boycott to protest at ongoing attacks on Reef passengers. This was confirmed by rail transport Spoornet.

Soweto commuters have been the most affected by the train violence, in which more than 130 people have already been murdered this year.

Passenger numbers dropped to 50% of the usual load on the Germiston-Katlehong route and to 40% on the Tembisa line, according to Spoornet. However, coaches were full on the Daveyton line on the East Rand.

A Spoornet spokesman said the West Rand was largely unaffected by the boycott, and although the southern side of Johannesburg was not really monitored, trains from Ennerdale township were down to about 15% of their usual load.

The South African Black Taxi Association said there was an increase in taxi passengers needing transport from Soweto and from other areas heeding the boycott call.

Sowetans boycott on violence

With the “avalanche of passengers”, some drivers ignored regulations in an effort to “kill the rush”, a Saba spokesman said.

Saba had however warned its members “not to be euphoric about the train boycott”, the spokesman said: A boycott against taxi operators could be just as successful.

The association could not move additional taxis into those areas affected by the protest action, as there were no more vehicles available.

Putco said that from rough estimates made of ticket coupons, there had been about a 5% increase in passenger numbers yesterday morning.

The company had laid on 20 extra buses, but only nine had been used, predominantly in Soweto.


The Inkatha Freedom Party urged its members to defy the boycott, saying its leaders had not been consulted.

Inkatha expects the boycott of train services on the Reef to fizzle out after two or three days rather than continue for the six days called for by the ANC, the SA Council of Churches and others.

Inkatha central committee member Mr Themba Khoza said last night that commuters began returning to trains to go home to Soweto yesterday afternoon, and that the boycott was largely ignored in Pretoria.

Goldstone Commission inquiries into violence on trains, and into violence in Alexandra, Soweto and Vaal triangle townships, were to resume in Pretoria today.

A hearing on trains violence was yesterday postponed to today so that counsel for the South African Police could provide evidence on the subject to other interested parties. — Sapa
Violence on the line

AT LEAST seven people died and 38 were injured in townships in Workers' Day violence, bringing the week's death toll in the unrest to more than 60.

The bodies of three people were found near railway stations on the Witwatersrand after being stabbed and hurled from speeding trains.

Police said two men were killed and at least one was seriously injured in a shooting in Alexandra township.

The attack took place in an area dubbed "Beirut" and controlled by the Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP).

Yesterday Dobsonville's bowels smoldered uneasily after residents and hostel dwellers clashed repeatedly on Friday. At least two people were killed and three policemen injured in running battles.

Witnesses said hostel inmates began sniping at Dobsonville residents before dawn and police patrols came under fire while trying to keep the two groups apart.
Train boycotters turn screw

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — The train boycott to protest against the continuing slaughter of Reit passengers strengthened its grip today, with some peak-period early morning trains running at just 10 percent occupancy.

And with taxis doing a roaring trade, some commuters accused taxi owners of cashing in on the train boycott. Taxi fares rose as much as 70 percent just three days before the protest began.

An elderly man at one station said although he was "100 percent" behind the boycott, he couldn't join it for economic reasons. His weekly train ticket to Inhazane station costs only R8.20, while the bus costs a whopping R20 and the taxi R6 daily.

According to Spoornet statistics, trains running from Soweto, which bore the brunt of the violence, were 10 percent full today, compared with 20 percent occupancy yesterday morning, the first day of the six-day boycott.

The boycott, scheduled to last until Saturday, was called for by the ANC, SACP, PAC, Cosatu, Nactu, the Human Rights Commission, Civic Associations of the Transvaal and the SACC.

According to the HRC's latest reports, the number of people killed in train attacks during the first three months of this year outstrips the combined figure for the whole of 1990 and 1991, when 97 people died.

More than 130 people have already been murdered on Reit trains this year. The Inkatha Freedom Party and the IFP-aligned United Workers Union of South Africa have urged members to defy the boycott.
16 men charged with murder

By SONTI MASEKO

SIXTEEN men, including a youth, appeared in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday on charges of murdering two men, one of whom was allegedly set alight in Katlehong in 1990.

They have pleaded not guilty before MrJC Labuschagne to two charges of murder and three of kidnapping.

The accused are Mr Phillip Madimana (33); Mr Solomon Rabie (44); Mr Albert Khumalo (26); Mr Walter Solombo (21); Mr Chabedi Makae (18); Mr David Motswana (18); Mr Henry Tsane (37); Mr Griffiths Moletsane (23); Mr Samuel Nhlapo (21); Mr Victor Mapela (28); Mr Abram Malala (18); Mr Lawrence Motsumi (19); Mr Johannes Makae (22); Mr Hendrik Manybody (18); Mr Simon Mashe (18) and a 16-year-old youth.

They are alleged to have kidnapped Mr Oupa Selepe, Mr Mashilo Tsabalala and Mr Bani Mokoena on December 26, 1990 and took them to a house in Molotong Section where they were assaulted.

Tsalabala was allegedly doused with petrol and set alight. Mokoena, who was allegedly hacked with pangas, died in hospital on January 7 last year.

Selepe, who survived the attack, told the court he and the two dead men were kidnapped by a group of about 40 -panga-wielding men, who forced them into a van.

He said their captors locked them up in a garage while they held a meeting to discuss their fate.
Despite all the horror people are living here

Sowetan 5/19/92

The word "hostel" often conjures up images of violence. But after spending a day at Meadowlands Hostel in Soweto, ABBEY MAKOE discovered that despite all the scary stories about the hostels, the people living there are also human. MBUZENI ZULU took the pictures.

This is home to thousands

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Source: Humphrey Nelova, IFP's Transval leader

Life in Meadowlands Hostel is not at all easy. It is a constant battle to rise above the squalor and filth.

"The residents are actually trying hard to turn poison into medicine," lamented one hostel dweller.

As I walked around the hostel I wondered how anybody could be expected to cope with living under such conditions.

For, how does one come to grips with the stench emanating from dirty rows of toilets with no doors and no privacy?

Outside, many men basked in the sun, drinking sorghum beer and chatting nostalgically about families in Natal. Children, who should be at school or creche, play around nonchalantly.

As photographer Mbuzeni Zulu and I approached them, many pairs of curious eyes stared at us.

They seemed to be asking: Who are these strangers?

When we identified ourselves as Sowetan journalists all were eager to talk to us - "to tell the side of the story".

Men, women and children complain about amazambane, Zulu for potatoes. Amazambane is a hostel term for a hand-grenade.

It is believed that the first time township residents threw a hand-grenade at the hostel, dwellers thought it was a potato, until it exploded.

The more we listened, the more it became obvious that fear plays a big part in their lives. Fear of township taxis, fear of strangers, fear of more "amazambane".

People who love life

But, in spite of what I saw, the people inside the hostel say they love life.

There are a string of shops, including restaurants, inside the hostel and a huge pub which was filled to capacity as early as 1am. A group of men stands guard at the main entrance, watching every visitor coming into the hostel.

The shops sell almost everything one finds in huge supermarkets in the city.

Unemployed dwellers say they walk around the hostel fence day and night, ready to quell potential attacks.

They bitterly blamed the police for confiscating their "traditional weapons" in a recent swoop, saying the same was not done to the township residents.

Heavily-built shebeen king Bofa Mbongwe (42) is also happy with hostel life. He came to the hostel in 1974 after leaving his home in Ladysmith, Natal. He shares his room with his wife and niece, whose father was killed during violence in 1988.

"As in the townships, I thought we too had to stop relying on outsiders (township residents) for entertainment," said Mbongwe, pointing to a large quantity of empty beer bottles.

Nonlanhla Mngbane (22) looks twice his age. She left her Maritzburg, Natal, home at the age of 11, she said. She could not disguise her dislike for township residents.

"They treat us like animals just because

CAIPHUS HLABESA

Caiphus Hlabesa (54) is unemployed, bitter and now that he is ready and willing to die, his only wish is to be buried at his birthplace, Nkandla, Natal. He is a member of Inkatha and has no interest in politics.

His wife divorced him some years ago, fleeting with their three children. He has not seen them again. Among his belongings in a tiny corner he calls a bedroom, is a lumber jacket, a grey shirt and a jacket. No trousers can be seen.

The string of questions disturbs him so he retorts: "I am an ordinary man. Go speak to politicians. But if you can, please bring me some food, sometimes."

JOLLING TIME: Patrons enjoying beers inside the only tavern in Meadowlands Hostel. The women came to Johannesburg to be with their men.

Tomorrow — we speak to the hostel leaders
"They treat us like animals just because we are Zulus. They will live to regret it."

NONHLANHLA NGUBANE

"When we launch retaliatory attacks, we run over everyone and anything."

THEMBINKOSI BIYELA

IVY HLATSHWAYO: One of the many women cooking for boyfriends or husbands with whom they live in the hostel.
ANC-SACP go to trouble spots

By Montsho Otoroko

A combined delegation of the ANC and SACP, accompanied by civic association members, yesterday paid a visit to the troubled Soweto-township of Meadowlands, Dobsonville and Killarney to talk to residents.

The delegation was led by ANC PFWV-current chairman Tokyo Sexwale, SACP secretary-general Chris Hani, his assistant Charles Ngakula, and Lindwe Maseko, secretary-general of the ANC PFWV Women's League.

Mr. Hani told Killarney residents that the violence was state orchestrated, and those who were attacking residents had been poisoned by apartheid. "These people have been told the ANC is bad and have been used as cannon fodder. They have been used and made to fight their own people. They are nothing but bandits and act like Renamo," he said.

Mr Sexwale said the violence was being directed by the Government, and therefore it was important to remove the present Government from power.

Residents in those areas told the delegation that for months they had been unable to sleep at night and their children had been unable to go to school.

They demanded the police turn a blind eye. Earlier, Meadowlands hostel residents were outraged after a pensioner was stabbed in the neck and abdomen by youths allegedly from Killarney.

Richard Dibetso (67), who stays in the hostel, was waiting for a taxi along Vincent Road, at about 9.30 am, when the attack occurred.

He was taken to hospital by ambulance nearly an hour after being stabbed and writhing in pain in front of his room.

Residents also complained that their children had stopped attending school at Meadowlands, Maimbophie and Killarney. They said they had been waylaid while boarding and alighting from taxis.

How can these children do this to someone who is as old as their grandfathers?" a resident asked.
Probe hears of hostel violence

By Peter Wellman


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Mr Justice Richard Goldstone explained when proceedings began at 10 am: an overview would be provided by "knowledgeable persons about violence in any particular area on a report basis ... (the process) is not inquisitorial or adversarial. When we have established, what the issues are, we frame terms of reference relevant to a particular area."

Yesterday's business was not an inquiry in which the commission would make decisions or a finding, he explained.

As with an earlier hearing about 32 Battalion and Phola Park squatter camp residents, the initial hearing would not include cross-examination; people were free to give evidence as partisans; and the commission was open to suggestions on lines of inquiry.

A legal source said yesterday that this approach democratized the whole concept of a judicial commission of inquiry, while the commission retained its independence.

Obed Bapela, ANC branch secretary in Alexandra, spoke of the violence in March, April and August last year and this year. Each of these flare-ups had been preceded by a massing of Inkatha members in the hostels in Alexandra, he said.

He supplied details on some of the 9,000 people he estimated had been uprooted by the violence, including people living near Madala hostel in Alexandra whose homes had been taken over by Inkatha supporters. The commission ordered that their identities be kept secret until it was established whether they would give evidence under the protection of the commission.

"We are strongly of the view that traditional and cultural weapons are extremely dangerous ... if the men in the hostels were to be disarmed, further bloodshed could be avoided."

Opposed

Mr Bapela also said: "We are strongly opposed to the notion of any particular area being declared exclusive to any political organisation."

Max Mosselman, instructed by the IFP on behalf of Alexandra hostel dwellers, did not enter a written submission.

He agreed with the suggestion that the area needed a local peace accord, but said negotiation and agreement were more important than retribution.

Judge Goldstone interrogated: "Assuming the allegations of misconduct of the ANC are correct, and people had left their homes because of victimisation, must the commission not investigate, and right those wrongs?"

Mr Mosselman replied: "Rather the matter was discussed and negotiated. Hostel dwellers were displaced, too. We need the cooperation of all parties involved."

The Rev Liz Carmichael, of the Alexandra Interim Crisis Committee, did not appear, but wrote in an eloquent submission: "It does appear to me that the IFP has made an effort to gain an area in and around the M1 (Madala) hostel where it will be certain of a block of votes, rather than to run a political campaign of a more conventional kind.

"...I do not mean to exonerate any other group. Extortion and intimidation does seem to have been practised, and in some form or other continues to be practised, by various civic and political bodies."

"... But I note, in the open attitude of the IFP in particular, a marked tendency to speak of 'our stronghold' and 'our area' and to defend it."

She proposed a local peace accord, policing, upgrading and new housing to replace the hostel.

A police submission, read by Capt. A G Brits of Soweto, said the violence was a result of an ANC-IFP power struggle, and that the SAP had been in the forefront of peace moves.


They strongly linked hostels to violence, and a thread criticizing the police was present in both submissions.

The commission was urged to find ways of getting police to search hostels and confiscate weapons more often.

This stung Col. Alexander Stapelberg, commanding the Soweto Stability Unit, to take the stand and say several allegations against the police were simply not true, and that the police were doing their best.

Mr Justice Goldstone said the investigation would continue when a decision on what to do next was announced. This would be done as a matter of urgency.
PRETORIA.—Violence on trains in the Germiston area claimed the lives of 48 people, and 32 were injured from July 1 last year to April 27 this year, a Goldstone Commission committee chaired by Mr Gert Sleyn heard here yesterday.

Sergeant Paul Jansen Oosthuizen of the unrest investigating unit in Katlehong told the committee investigating violence on trains that the dead and injured included commuters thrown from moving trains and those killed inside trains.

He said that between July 1 last year and April 1, 1992, 27 violent crimes on trains and nine on stations had been reported by commuters.

Sergeant Oosthuizen said witnesses to most of the cases claimed they were attacked by men armed with AK-47 rifles and other dangerous weapons, wearing red bands and speaking Zulu.

He said that on January 27 this year a witness pointed out five men said to have taken part in attacks on commuters. The men were arrested.
JOHANNESBURG. — About 20 extra buses were laid on by Putco to deal with an increase of between 40% and 80% in the number of Soweto passengers as the Reef train boycott entered its second day yesterday.

And a Spoornet spokesman said train occupancy dropped as low as 10% during the day, although the normally empty trains which left between 4am and 8am had been nearly 85% full.

The same pattern occurred on the Vereeniging line, although trains travelling the Daveyton line were about 70% full during peak hours.

A spokesman for Putco said that in comparison with Monday, when passenger numbers rose by about 5%, the increase yesterday was between 30% and 40%.

Boycotters claim authorities have not taken enough action to prevent violent attacks on train commuters. More than 130 people have died in train attacks this year.

The Train Boycott Steering Committee said yesterday attempts would be made today to persuade Soweto taxi operators to lower their fares.

It said the Randfontein Taxi Owners Association had decided to reduce its fare by 20% to R4. — Sapa

PRETORIA. — A man was killed when unknown assailants opened fire with AK-47 rifle on his vehicle in Kwa-Thema near Springs on Monday.

The body of a man with bullet wounds was found at Dobsonville hostel, the scene of a confrontation between residents, hostel dwellers and police last Friday.

Shots were fired at a commuter train between Bramfontein and Springs stations around 7am yesterday, according to police spokesman Warrant Officer Andy Piek.

WO Piek said this was the first shooting incident involving a train on Witwatersrand routes, except Soweto, so far this week. — Sapa
IFP under fire at violence hearing


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It's peace or pangas

FOCUS ON
VIOLENCE

MR RONNIE MPANDE (63) was going to collect his pension yesterday. He did not get there.
Instead he collected five stab wounds after an encounter with four youths who crossed Vincent Road, the boundary between Meadowlands township and the hostel where he lives.
The youths stabbed Mpande twice in the throat, once in the back and twice in the stomach.
His neighbour, Mrs Lizzy Ndini, ran to assist with first aid but was shot at. She was lucky to escape unharmed.
By late yesterday, many old people inside the hostel could not leave the premises to collect their monthly pensions. They live on the side of the hostel adjacent to "Death Road", as Vincent Road has come to be known.
Pangas, knives, handgrenades, spears, iron bars and guns are the normal weapons in the on-going battles between Meadowlands Hostel dwellers and residents of Killarney, Mzimhlophe and Meadowlands townships.
Pensioners on both sides are now caught in the crossfire.
The location of the hostel units makes them vulnerable to attacks.
The main fear of the hostel folk is the sporadic lobbing of amamhlonga, a term for a handgrenade, by township residents in their dwellings.
A pensioner, who screamed for help as Mpanes lay on the ground near "Death Road", slashed out at the apparent failure of parents to control the youth in the townships.
MaKhumalo, not her real name, came up with her own proposals for ending the violence in the area.
She said the Government had "better bring back the Section 10 law", under which unemployed people roaming the streets could be detained.

GEORGE

RAZED TO THE GROUND: Another handgrenade was thrown on this side of Meadowlands Hostel yesterday, completely destroying the building.

PIC MBUZENI ZULU

She said hostel children did not attend school in the township because they feared for their lives while township children stayed away from school voluntarily.
Like many of her neighbours, MaKhumalo's main fear was of another amamhlonga being thrown at her home.
"This violence is no longer politically motivated. It is no longer the ANC and Inkatha that are at each other's throats. The whole thing has been taken over by thugs and gangs mushrooming in the township," MaKhumalo said.

Tomorrow — Township youth explain their role in the violence
Doing it for survival?

Dumisane Dubazile, a warlord at the hostel, gives his view:

The notorious thing about Dumisane Dubazile is that he is always wearing his big and heavy overcoat. And he refuses to say what lurks underneath it.

But, with the knowledge that Dubazile is a self-confessed “warlord”, one can only guess what goes with his secrecy.

His friends inside the hostel, who have great respect for Inkos’ Ennyama (black chief) as he is known in the hostel, said he had never taken off the coat.

When he talks about the current violence his voice fills with anger. “For as long as we are attacked by those people (township residents), we shall hit back, twice as hard.”

Asked if he was scared of coming to Johannesburg a year ago, knowing there was a “war”, Dubazile appears perplexed at the question and asks: “If your brothers were being killed somewhere wouldn’t you go and help them?” One of his three brothers, who also live in hostels, had just been killed at Dobie Hostel, a few hours before this interview with Dubazile.

These are the bitter outpourings of a tall, strong and angry “warlord” who speaks no language other than Zulu.

His pronunciation of some English words baffles me – he pronounces the letter “R” as “L”. To his mind, Meadowlands Hostel dwellers face many problems.

He left his Natal home a year ago in search of work in Johannesburg. Until now, he remains unemployed but still hopes that some day the sun will shine on him, too.

He left his wife and three children at home. But how does he survive in competitive Johannesburg?

Dubazile said he received money from friends inside the hostel. He does not smoke and the only kind of alcohol he drinks is sorghum beer. He calls it “home (Natal) Beer”, with conspicuous pride.

But Inkos’ Bayama still has hope. He always rises at 5am. When going to “market” – his term for looking for a job – he kicks off his blankets as early as 4am, he says. He often looks for casual work within the hostel or maybe at the shops “so that I can buy some bread and sugar”.

His friend, with whom he shares a two-roomed unit, buys groceries and sometimes gives him pocket money. He and neighbours drink a lot of sorghum beer during the day. Dubazile is obviously bitter about the apparent lack of parental control in the townships, referring to the neighbouring Killarney, Mzim-hlope and Meadowlands.

His hatred for township residents, who he says treat hostel dwellers like sub-humans, is clear.

He has taken an active part in confrontations between his fellow-dwellers and township residents, but would not elaborate.

One thing is certain. He does not intend going back to Natal, at least not now, he says with a wry smile, his snow-white, well-arranged teeth surfacing as the left and right cheeks pull in different directions.

Quietly, he moves towards the tavern, where residents meet for merrying and drowning the violence blues.
Play ball or be met by
AK-47s, heads told

By Stan Hiphe

The Congress of South African Students (Cosas) yesterday demanded that Soweto principals embark on a school boycott from today — or "be met by the AK-47s".

The boycott is in protest against increased exam registration fees for black matric pupils.

The threat was made at a stormy meeting in Soweto, called by Cosas to discuss protests against the exam fee rise, after discussions between the student body and the Department of Education and Training (DBE) reached deadlock.

A man, who identified himself only as a Cosas executive committee member, told the meeting: "If you don't do as we say, you will be met by the AK-47s and other violent actions. It is common knowledge that principals have been passive while enjoying the fruits of DET."

"We want you to go out there and pressure the DET. If you stand up and be counted, the DET will listen."

The remarks drew a sharp reaction from Soweto headmasters, but were not rejected by other Cosas executives.

Angry principals who attended the meeting called Cosas "autocratic" and "a bunch of drop-outs".

Cosas urged principals not to accept the new registration fees, increased from R54 to R66 for Senior Certificate entry and R71 for university entrance.

Cosas demands a reduction in registration fees and a postponement of the payment date. DET director-general Dr Bernard Le Roux this week said the deadline remained, except in "exceptional" cases.
Savuka man dies in hail of bullets

Dudu Ndlou, a member of the internationally-acclaimed South African Afro-rock group Savuka, died in a hail of AK-47 bullets on Monday night.

Ndlou (34), a percussionist and dancer with Savuka, was walking along a gravel road with a friend about a kilometre from his homestead in Keats Drift near Tugela Ferry when he was shot.

Police said Ndlou was hit in the chest, staggered backwards and collapsed and died.

Motive

"Investigators who arrived on the scene recovered nine spent cartridge cases from an AK-47," said a police spokesman.

He said it was difficult to say whether Ndlou was ambushed. The police did not know of any motive for the killing.

Detectives have opened a murder docket and are investigating.

Ndlou, who broke into the music industry only in the last few years, was regarded by those who knew him as a "natural".

He played in many concerts abroad with Savuka.

Roddy Quin, who manages Johnny Clegg and Savuka, as well as Mango Groove, yesterday expressed deep shock at Ndlou's death.

"Mr Quin said Clegg would issue a statement about the tragedy on his return to SA today from Los Angeles where he has been recording.

Members of the music community were shocked by the murder."
Two bodies found in Soweto

Crime Staff

The bodies of two unidentified men believed to have died in unrest-related violence were found in Meadowlands, Soweto, yesterday morning.

Police spokesman Colonel Panyana Zwane said a 39-year-old man was found at the entrance to the Meadowlands hostel with gunshot wounds. He said the body of a 30-year-old man who had been stabbed in the head and then burnt was found in Zone 1.

Two men were injured when a hand grenade exploded in a room at the Dube hostel in Soweto yesterday morning.

Colonel Zwane said the two injured men were holding the grenade when it exploded.

One of the men, aged 38, was wounded in his right upper arm and back, and the second, a 17-year-old, was wounded in his left arm.

They were taken to the Johannesburg Hospital.
Taxi support for boycott?

Johannesburg — Soweto taxi drivers will decide today whether to give "unqualified support" to the Reef commuter train boycott, after an appeal from the boycott steering committee yesterday.

Committee spokesman Mr. Ronnie Mamoepe said Satha had been asked to postpone increasing taxi fares.

Drivers would also be asked to cut existing fares by 20% for the week of the boycott, which was called in protest against violence on trains.

Meanwhile, Mr. Mamoepe has said the death of a man near Dube station on Tuesday lent justification to the boycott. "This is precisely why we called the boycott."
Witnesses ‘spoke to reporters’

PRETORIA. — Witnesses and complainants in most cases of train violence in the Johannesburg and Germiston areas failed to come forward to give statements, but newspaper reports indicated they spoke to reporters, a Goldstone Commission committee heard here yesterday.

Colonel William Benn, head of the investigating unit into train violence in the two areas, told the committee it was difficult for the police to investigate most of the cases because witnesses disappeared without trace.

He said after attacks, injured commuters who gave names and addresses to the police on the scene later registered under other names at hospitals, which made it impossible to trace witnesses.

Asked by committee chairman Mr Gert Steyn if it was possible to acquire statements from injured people in hospitals, Colonel Benn said the police in most cases were told it was a patient’s privilege to decide whether to lay charges or not.

He said in other incidents witnesses approached to give statements by investigating officers said they had already given statements to their representatives and refused to give information to the police.

However, he said, the police received help from the public in three attacks on commuters — the attack at Jeppe Station (charges were withdrawn against the accused), Park Station (a man was arrested and received seven years’ imprisonment) and when a Cosatu member pointed out five men at Germiston Station (the case is continuing).

At the same sitting, the commanding officer of the Internal Stability Unit in Soweto, Colonel Alexander Stapelberg, said it was impossible to search for dangerous weapons during rush hour when about 336,000 commuters entered or left the stations.

He said normal policing could not be applied at rush hour. — Sapa
Grenade kills two in Soweto

Johannesburg. Police reported that two men were wounded yesterday morning after a hand grenade exploded near the Dupe hostel in Soweto. The bodies of two men with stab and bullet wounds were found by police later in the day, also in Soweto.

Despite the drop in incidents in the Witwatersrand, a new report by the Human Rights Commission (HRC) recorded horrendous statistics of violence for the period April 29 to May 5 throughout the country. Fifty-seven deaths and 81 injuries were recorded during that period.

In the PWV area, Alexandra was clearly the flashpoint, accounting for the highest number of casualties—12 deaths (and 18 injuries). The Natal-South Coast accounted for 14 deaths and five injuries, the report said.
One qwash

WASH! is a new gun fashioned by teenage boys in the backyards of Killarney and Meadowlands in Soweto.

The boys, some as young as 15, are commanders in the local "defence unit" in the war against Meadowlands Hostel.

The boys say they use their guns against the police and hostel dwellers in the shanty town area.

Since February, when a hostel woman was killed in a hand-grenade attack allegedly by hostel dwellers, parts of Killarney and Meadowlands have become a "no man's land".

According to the boys, their groups are fighting for control of "no man's land". They are the boys themselves, hostel dwellers and the police.

The boys say they were driven to take up arms to protect "our parents' and our living space."

Some of them wear army jackets. None of the boys would say who came up with the idea of the homemade guns, but all seem to know how to make them.

The name Qwash! comes from the sound the wooden firearms make when the bullet goes off.

Any kind of bullet can be used without difficulty, the boys say.

They say their speed equals that of conventional guns.

They will not disclose the source of their bullets. All that 16-year-old Tsholofelo will say is, "We have connections."

Tsholofelo has dropped out of school. Other weapons the boys use in their night patrols are knives, iron bars, pangas and anything they can use for an effective attack on the police and the hostel dwellers.

During the two hours of interviews at the boys' headquarters in Meadowlands, I am addressed as "my broer."

"Our problem, my broer, is that we don't have enough weapons to launch a fullscale attack on the hostel," one says.

I joined a defence unit at 8pm on a Wednesday.

Youngsters in Meadowlands, Soweto, are caught in the thick of the violence tearing through this community. Many have graduated from axes and stones to self-made guns called Qwash!
The effects of violence on children

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Declare Beirut a 'disaster zone' - Alex

THE notorious “Beirut” area in Alexandra could be virtually deserted next month if the State President accedes to a call by community organisations to declare it a disaster zone.

At a meeting with Minister of Law and Order Hermus Kriel early this week, delegates from the ANC, SACP and Cosas urged the Minister to take immediate steps to restore law and order in the strife-torn area.

If the area is declared a "disaster zone", all the residents still living there will have to move out while the area is brought back to normality.

"Residents will be accommodated in churches and community halls while a rescue team repairs homes, schools and shops and restores the area to what it was," said Alexandra ANC spokesman Obed Bapela.

Mr Bapela said once the operation was complete, the original 9 300 families from the area who have since been displaced, will be brought back.

He said other families have illegally occupied the homes of the displaced families.

Response

State President PW de Klerk who is the only person with the power to declare an area a "disaster zone", is expected to respond to the delegation’s call by the end of the month.

"Beirut - the area between First and Sixth Avenues - has been described as a ‘no-go’ area since:

- Homes were burnt and vandalised, forcing residents to flee.
- Shops were looted and broken down, bringing business to a standstill,
- Schools disrupted and
- All health services halted, posting a serious health risk to the community.

Mr Batela said residents had been informed about the call and were "happy that attempts are being made to bring back peace and stability to Alexandria."
A committee of the Goldstone Commission has heard how a Phola Park mother of three asked her husband to hold her in his arms before she died last month.

John Maimango yesterday told the committee — chaired by Solly Sithole — that his wife died after they were both shot while trying to go to sleep in their shack in Phola Park on April 8.

Mr Maimango said his wife whose leg was severely injured during the shooting — had earlier gone to visit a neighbour. When she came back she told her husband she had heard gunshots in a section of the squatter area. Because this was an area far away from them, Mr Maimango told his wife not to worry.

She later suggested they sleep on the floor and not on the bed. But before they could do this they were hit by gunfire. Mr Maimango was wounded below the knee and his wife in the leg.

He said they heard screams and people running near their shack and before they knew what was happening, they heard loud knocks on their door.

"I opened the door and saw a group of men in military uniform who immediately came into my shack," Mr Maimango said.

One of the men assaulted him with the butt of a rifle before he was thrown out of the shack.

"I told the men that my leg was injured but they did not care," Mr Maimango told the committee.

When he was thrown out of his shack he went to seek help from one of his neighbours. Because the area was cordoned off by members of 32 Battalion, most of the people were afraid to venture outside.

Mr Maimango told the committee that he waited for the men to leave before returning to his shack.

When he got there, his wife told him she had been raped and that their 12-year-old son, who was also in the shack, had been slapped in the face.

Mr Maimango said he tried to stop the blood flowing from his wife's injured leg but could not succeed.

A few minutes later his wife said: "Hold me, I am dying."

Because he was afraid to venture outside, his shack, he waited until the next day before summoning help, Mr Maimango told the committee.
Phola Park residents were angered and frightened during an intensive police search of the East Rand squatter camp yesterday in which three men were arrested and an AK-47 with ammunition was confiscated.

While tense residents gathered in groups, a convoy of police vans and Casspirs drove through the camp, searching homes and the surrounding bushes for arms caches, fugitives and drugs.

A helicopter circled over the camp for more than three hours. A man wearing a balaclava was seen pointing out shacks.

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Warrant-Officer Andy Sieleke said members of the East Rand Murder and Robbery Squad went to the area to find suspects involved in various criminal offences, including the spate of attacks on policemen.

"A 29-year-old man, known only as Majolo, said about six policemen had broken into the three shacks where he, his wife and five primary school children lived.

"Beds were overturned, and panels torn down; furniture was broken and picture frames were left shattered on the floor. Wall units and their contents were thrown around the rooms, and drawers containing clothes were emptied. Residents complained that police wearing civilian clothes had not shown them search warrants, refused to identify themselves and did not respect their property.

"A social worker, employed by the Catholic Church in the area, said: "Residents believed the old residents' committee was inefficient and corrupt, but since the new committee has been in power, the camp has had trouble with the police."

"She and others in the camp believed an elderly committee member had become a police informer."

ANC branch vice-chairman Sally Pietersen accused police of harassing residents.

Warrant-Officer Sieleke said it was a "normal crime-prevention exercise". If property had been damaged, it should be reported and the matter would be investigated.

Phola Park made news headlines recently following allegations that members of 32 Battalion murdered a resident and raped or assaulted dozens of others.

Captain Mark Hermanson, commander of the accused platoon, told a committee of the Goldstone Commission last week that some of his men had admitted slapping and punching residents, but said this did not constitute an assault.
Reef, Vaal strife hardening attitudes

By Thabo Leshilo
Political Staff

The hardening of attitudes in communities in the Witwatersrand and Vaal regions as a result of the continuing violence is a matter of increasing concern, according to the National Peace Committee (NPC).

Spokesman Val Pauquet said a meeting of the peace body’s Wits/ Vaal region held this week saw this as an inhibiting factor which could affect the credibility of the local dispute resolution committees established in the area.

She said about half the R1 million allocated to the publicity and communications subcommittee of the NPC for the April/May/June period would be used in this troubled area.

Local peace committees were discussing how best the funds could be used, Ms Pauquet added.

Since its institution in February this year, the Wits/Vaal region has set up 13 local committees in Germiston, Tokoza (Phola Park), Vaal (Vereeniging, Sharpeville, Vanderbijlpark, Sebokeng, Evaton, Bophelong and Boipatong), Benoni (Boksburg, Ben-veyton, Actonville, Wattville, Reiger Park), Krugersdorp (Kagiso, Munsieville, Amandla), North East Rand (Kempston Park, Tembisa, Midrand, Ivory Park and Rable Ridge), Alexandra, Katlehong, Vosloorus, Meadowlands, Orlando, Klipfontein and Dobsonville.

In the main, the ongoing township violence had been the top priority.
Trains: Are women smuggling weapons?

PRETORIA. — A Goldstone Commission committee heard yesterday that women commuters were suspected of smuggling weapons onto trains.

Colonel Alexander Stapelberg of the Soweto Internal Stability Unit told the committee, chaired by Mr Gert Steyn, that because women could not be searched in public they could be carriers of the weapons used in violence on trains.

He said the police were examining the idea of establishing special rooms at railway stations where women suspected of carrying weapons could be searched.

Colonel Stapelberg told the committee that another problem was that commuters had a tendency of waiting on an overhead pedestrian bridge from where they could identify a particular train, and when it approached they would rush in a group through searching points, so evading searches.

Asked by counsel for the African National Congress alliance, Mr J G Rautenbach, why those commuters preferred to wait on the bridges to identify trains, he said commuters identified themselves with certain political, religious or ethnic groupings and one had to take a coach among his or her group to feel safe on a train.

Brigadier Johannes Jacobus Arpin, commanding officer of the Transport Policing Unit, in southern Transvaal, said that during rush hours commuters entered the station from different directions, including cut fences, to avoid being searched. — Sapa
MARITZBURG — The situation in Imbali and nearby Edendale remained tense yesterday as the stayaway, in its fourth day, continued to affect schools, and representatives of the ANC, Cosatu and the Chamber of Commerce and Industry met for discussions.

Forty-four schools under the Department of Education and Training have been affected by the stayaway.

Chamber director Mr Roly Waller said the talks were cordial and would resume today.

Meanwhile, the ANC Women's League planned further sit-ins to press for the withdrawal of riot police, KwaZulu Police and 32 Battalion from the townships.

In another development, Inkatha announced it would hold a meeting in Elandskop today "to decide on an appropriate response to the confrontationist politics of the ANC Midlands region".

The ANC has called a mass meeting today at Qokoqolo Stadium in Edendale to discuss responses from the police and the local Chamber of Commerce. — Sapa.
Two hurt as train boycott goes on

JOHANNESBURG. — The crippling train boycott continued here today and police said two people were injured when they were thrown from moving trains at Booyens in Johannesburg and Randlo Station, on the East Rand.

Soweto taxi fares will be reduced by 20% today and all taxi associations will relax rules on demarcation and spheres of influence in sympathy with the train boycott, the boycott organisers said.

Police arrested three men and confiscated an AK-47 rifle with ammunition after searching the Phola Park squatter camp on the East Rand early yesterday.

Nine people died in political violence on Wednesday, police reported.

Unknown attackers opened fire on a home at Zindingini in the Table Mountain area of Natal and killed four people, including a woman.

Two necklaced youths were found dead at Mangwengeni location in Bulwer, Natal.

Three people were killed in Soweto on Wednesday.

In Natal yesterday, two men were killed in a shootout apparently related to a taxi dispute at Durban Station near Greyville. — Sapa

Police raided a squatter camp near Soweto early yesterday and arrested a man they suspected was an accomplice in the killing of a narcotics Detective Sergeant Raymond Maritz at the weekend. — Sapa
Mandela is drawn into cop raid row

POLICE raided a squatter camp near Soweto early yesterday and arrested a man they suspected to have been involved in the killing of a narcotics detective last Sunday.

The raid was sequel to the killing of a white policeman after he had allegedly shot dead a drug dealer at the Ganda-Ganda informal settlement near Klipspruit in Soweto.

The squatters, mainly women, yesterday marched to the Orlando West home of African National Congress president Mr Nelson Mandela to seek protection from what they referred to as "police harassment".

Within minutes Mandela and his bodyguards drove to the settlement and addressed the squatters.

He told the squatters that he viewed the harassment in a serious light and would seek an urgent meeting with the Divisional Commissioner of Police, General Kobus Malan.

"I went home after visiting my wife at the hospital, only to find the women waiting to brief me about the harassment they said they were subjected to by the police the previous night. "They said police were responsible for assaulting them.

"The ANC views this attack on our people in a serious light and we will express our concern to the police authorities," Mandela said.

Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgren yesterday rejected charges by the ANC that the police had assaulted squatters and razed shacks during their 3½-hour raid.

Halgren said the search was conducted after a man had pointed out a suspect who was eventually arrested.

He invited victims of the alleged assaults to lay charges at a police station so that investigations could be made.

Squatters of Ganda-Ganda camp in Klipspruit, Soweto, were relieved at the arrival of ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela at the settlement. The squatters claimed they had been harassed by police and needed protection from the ANC leader. Police said they entered the settlement in search of a man suspected of being an accomplice in the killing of a narcotics detective at the weekend. A man was arrested during the raid.

PIC: PAT SEBOKO

By JOE MDHLELA and Sapa
BAROMETER

In Johannesburg, rubber bullets and batons were used on residents in Dobsonville, Soweto, during a clash between residents and hostel dwellers.

In Natal, two people were killed and 35 arrested in an incident in Durban. Police arrested 25 African National Congress Women's League members who were staging a sit-in at a police station in Inanda, in protest against the role played by the police in the area.

INFORMAL REPRESSION

Twelve deaths and 14 injuries have been reported in Soweto since May 1.

Soweto casualties dropped to seven deaths and 26 injuries from the 23 deaths and 35 injuries reported on May 1. Two of the incidents were recorded in Soweto and one in Dobsonville.

Six deaths and four injuries were recorded in Jabulani, one of which was against a South African Police officer. The other incidents were recorded in separate incidents in Zonkezwe, Thokoza and in the Kempton Park area.

UNREST AREAS

On April 30, the minister of law and order declared the magisterial district of Sandton Park, including the township Sebenza, an unrest area.

Fourteen townships have been declared unrest areas with curfews imposed on them. They are Soweto, Meadowlands, Diepsloot, Thokoza, Dobsonville, Koppies, Vosloorus, Tembisa, Alexandra, Sharpville, Etwatwa, Emmerdale, Soweto and Richmond.

VIOLENCE

In the PWV, one person was killed and 10 injured when police fired rubber bullets at residents.
EVIDENCE OF DEATH CAMPAIGN

Incidents in the past few months, which the ANC says demonstrate the “campaign to eliminate the organisation from the Vaal towns” include:

- **May 5:** The Vaal Council of Churches released a list of 19 ANC returnees who had reported consistent harassment and surveillance by police.
- **April 29:** ANC member Samuel Mbeni’s house was attacked by unidentified armed men in Sebokeng.
- **April 26:** MK member Mzwakhe Hlatso died in a skirmish with police. Unconfirmed reports said he was attacked by members of Inkatha but had succeeded in fighting them off. The Inkatha members then apparently called in the police, who shot and killed him.
- **April 18:** Seven members of the Ledisa family and a close friend were massacred at their home in Sharpeville. According to ANC branch chairman Siza Reni, the attackers fired shots into the house to see if the occupants would evacuate. They then forced the family into one of the bedrooms before beginning to shoot. According to a spokesman for the Vaal Council of Churches, the police had been searching for Khuba Ledisa, an MK member.
- **April 17:** Paul Mntamula and Oupa Yika, both members of the ANC Youth League, were kidnapped at gunpoint. Two days later their bodies were found.

Within the hour, the house was locked up and was as eerily quiet as the home next door, which had been attacked by a group of men armed with hand grenades early the previous morning. Four other bombed-out houses with shattered windows and burnt rooms had been abandoned in the same street, Sebe Street in Sebokeng’s Zone 7.

The mother of the family we visited was moving because of threats levelled at her son, a member of the ANC’s military wing, Unkhonto weSizwe (MK), who has recently returned to South Africa. She could not afford to take these threats lightly as entire families have been wiped out in the indiscriminate attacks on houses harbouring ANC activists.

Her son had not slept at home for the past three nights — he has joined an increasing number of ANC members in the area who are back on the run, never spending too much time in one place and careful about who knows of their whereabouts.

“With darkness comes fear,” said our guide, describing the mood in the township which has witnessed numerous assassinations, kidnapings and assaults since April 1990.

While ANC activists are clearly emerging as the main targets of this “low intensity conflict”, it is not entirely clear who is behind it.

Witnesses have, on different occasions, identified the attackers as Inkatha members, policemen and hit-squad members. ANC officials in the region are convinced that all three are to some extent working in cahoots, but they regard the hit squads as the main threat to members of the organisation.

“These people have cars and walkie-talkies and are well financed,” explained one official.

The recruitment of members of the ANC as informants for the police and hit squads is also presenting an increasing danger for the organisation.

“The police are raiding houses that have been pointed out to them,” said an ANC official in Sebokeng. “Well-known comrades have also been seen with the hit squads.”

Evidence of a death campaign

- **April 11:** Jongkie Mamba, a member of a community defence unit, was killed in the kwA Masiza Hostel by gunmen firing from a white combi.
- **April 5:** Sharpeville MK member Sam Ntepe was injured while trying to escape from police. Ntepe was hiding from a hit man who, according to the ANC, had been offered R5 000 to kill him. Ntepe’s house had been attacked twice by gunmen armed with AK47s and R1 rifles.
- **March 22:** A fieldworker for the Vaal Council of Churches and member of the ANC and South African Communist Party, Saul Tsotetsi, was killed in a hand grenade blast after he was confronted by three young men. One of the three was also killed.
- **March 15:** Chief’s Place Tavern in Sharpeville, known to be frequented by ANC members, was attacked. Two women were killed and several others were injured.
- **March 10:** Shortly before Elliot Motisiti (20) was to sign an affidavit about the shooting of Montoedi Molebatsi, he was shot dead. In his affidavit, Motisiti said Constable Skuta Marumo had shot Molebatsi although there had been “no sign of conflict” between the two.
- **March 1:** ANC activist Montoedi Molebatsi was shot by a policeman. ANC PWV regional spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said the attack was part of a police campaign to eliminate ANC activists in Sharpeville. “Information reaching us indicates that someone who the police had attempted to recruit as an informant was shown 15 photographs of Sharpeville ANC members. Molebatsi’s was among these,” he said. Police said the constable had fired in self-defence after Molebatsi threatened him with a gun.
- **January 24:** Ephraim Lefedi, an MK member and brother of Khuba Lefedi, died in a skirmish with police.
- **December 14 1991:** Five people were killed and four injured in an attack on a party in the home of an ANC supporter in Sebokeng’s Zone 8. According to the police, an unidentified gunman opened fire with an AK47 on the crowd in the house of Amos Twala, killing three men instantly. A woman and another man died later in hospital.
TRAIN officials said the price this week for failing to end the campaign on reef trains as the boycott called by political, civic and religious organisations "enjoyed massive support".

The boycott — the 16th and tomorrow — resulted in peak-hour trains travelling with as low as five percent capacity on the Soweto line, which has been the brunt of the protests.

More Boycott Steering Committee yesterday unless decisive action is taken to ensure commuters’ safety and protection.

A member of the TBS said: "The fees incurred by Spoornet is a consequence of the estimated 80 percent black passengers using its service have had enough.

"Support for the boycott was a reflection of the government's new policy of ending the train violence. The situation is currently being discussed in the Soweto line, which has been the brunt of the protests."

The spokesman added: "It was also important to note that the boycott had cost the operator the high cost of alternative transport for commuters.

According to Spoornet’s southern region spokesman for Soweto, the situation on commuter trains progressively worsened during the week. Occupancy rates dropped by 50 percent on the Soweto line, compared to 50 percent on Monday. The number of passengers on East Rand lines was between 40 and 50 percent.

On Wednesday morning, Soweto trains were reportedly carrying only five percent of their normal passenger load, but other lines such as those on the East Rand and West Rand enjoyed peak-hour rates of 70 to 80 percent.

The cost of the boycott has been estimated at R18 000 a day by a spokesman for the Metro Division of the South African Rail Commuters Co-operation.

The boycott had cost the Transnet commuter train service R16 000 a day by nine community leaders at the Soweto head office of Johannesburg last week, which is in an undertaking by railway authorities and the Ministry of Law and Order to implement increased security measures on trains.

Despite the undertaking, organisations such as the National African Congress (ANC), Pan-African Congress, the Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal and the South African Commuters’ Co-operation pledged ahead with the boycott.

Other organisations calling for an end to the violence which has plagued the Pretoria-Witwaterstrand train since September 1990 include the Human Rights Commission, Congress of South African Trade Unions, National Council of Tr axis, and the Institute for Constitutional Studies.

The Institute for Constitutional Studies and the IPW-aligned United Workers’ Union of South Africa, however, urged their members to defy the boycott, saying they had not been consulted in its planning.

As the boycott appeared to gather strength on Tuesday, commuters had to justify for their places on buses and taxis. Train did a roaring trade and many commuters got off the train to escape the violence, but had to make plans for a day.

However, the TBS spokesman countered these allegations. "We do not believe that those who were picking up with the boycott," he said, explaining that there had been communication problems between the South African Black Tax Association (Saba) and its members about waiving the increase this week.

ANC PWV spokesman Justice Madumalana said local associations affiliated to the National African Federation Transport Organisation (Nafta) and Saba had backed the boycott as a means to solve the problem on Monday.

An announcement was finally made yesterday to the effect that train fares would be reduced by 50 percent.

Wynand Burger, chief executive officer of the South African Rail Commuters’ Co-operation, said the boycott was unnecessarily "charging emotions and creating conflict areas.

In a statement, he implied the TBSCC to join hands and jointly search for solutions to the ongoing commuter violence in the Witwatersrand.

Burger added that the boycott was brought "unnecessary hardship to the major portion of commuters who wished to give them up on their "normal way of life undertaken. We are in the Metro side, with the security forces, are doing everything in our power to allay commuters’ fears and facilitate transport by train.

Reporting on the effectiveness of the boycott, Burger said the initial low occupancy levels during the Monday morning peak hours — particularly on the Soweto and East Rand lines — train services were followed by larger numbers of commuters using the afternoon services. Meanwhile, problems faced by the police in curbing the train violence were highlighted this week before a committee of the Gauteng Commission in Pretoria.

Commanding Officer of the Internal Stability Unit in Soweto, Colonel Alex Sandi Struik, said it was impossible to search for dangerous weapons during rush hour when about 350 000 commuters entered or left the stations. As a result, normal policing could not be applied at rush hour.

The committee — which is investigating the train violence — also heard that the main problem police faced was that witnesses and complainants failed to come forward and give statements in "most cases.

Newspaper reports, however, indicated that they spoke to reporters instead.

Colonel Williams Benn, head of the investigating unit on train violence in the Grahamstown and Grahamstown areas, said: "It has been difficult for the police to investigate more of the cases because witnesses just disappear without a trace.

Benn accused injured commuters of giving names and addresses to the police in the street but later registering under other names at hospitals.

Asked by committee chairman Gert Steyn whether it was possible to require statements from those injured in police action, Benn replied that the police were told in most instances it was the patient’s privilege to decide whether to lay a charge at all.

In other incidents, witnesses approached by investigators insisted they had already given statements to their representatives and refused to give the police information.

This was despite Benn’s appeals to the public on Radio Metro and his office of a R20 000 reward for information leading to any arrests and convictions.

So far the police had received public help only in one attack, he said. As a result, one man had been jailed for seven years. Charges were dropped in the second case, while the third case was still under investigation.

Asked by counsel for the ANCI-SACTO/Alliance, Qwena Raats, why he thought witnesses were not coming forward, Benn replied: "I don’t know. People have immediately come forward when a R10 or R10 000 reward was being offered for information for lesser crimes such as robbery."

By LINDA RULASHE

Support for train boycott

Discontented commuters tired of train violence showed their anger this week by boycotting trains despite the hassle of alternative transport.

By LINDA RULASHE
Cops raid Phola Park squatters

POLICE raided Phola Park squatter camp in the East Rand yesterday and residents alleged they broke down doors and damaged furniture in the shacks.

Residents had to flee when the police arrived at the camp and some said they fled when they saw the large police contingent and heard gunfire.

They told Sowetan that police forced their way into their locked shacks early in the morning. They alleged police selectively raided the shacks, turning over furniture and searching without saying a word.

Police could last night not be reached for comment on the allegations.

But earlier Witwatersrand police spokesman Warrant-Officer Andy Piek said the action was “a normal crime prevention exercise undertaken by police from time to time”.

He refused to provide details “at this stage”.

And a spokesman for Peace Action - a group monitoring violence in townships - said frastic residents had contacted the organisation complaining of what they called an imminent attack by security forces.

She said no reports of shooting or other incidents of violence had been received but residents were “very tense”.

Mr Nelson Ndodana (46) was among the group which fled the camp. He said when he returned about 30 minutes later he found the door of his shack wide open, although he had locked before fleeing.

At another shack Mr William Makhosi said it was opened forcefully. He claimed his furniture was damaged and the windscreen of his minibus smashed, allegedly by the raiding police.

Mr Douglas Bobi said he hid in one room of his two-room shack, used as a spaza shop and four white policemen after kicking his door wide open, pointed guns at him.

“They asked no questions. None of them uttered a word. They searched all over my house and one scrutinised my ID book he found inside a drawer,” Bobi said.

He said he watched helplessly as his furniture was damaged and was too frightened to ask the policemen any questions for fear of being assaulted.

African National Congress PWV region spokesman Mr Wally Mmbhele said women had been ordered out of the area and that people were “scattering in all directions”.

CRY OF ANGUISH ... Nine-month-old Lebogang Lerutla cries hysterically shortly after police raided her mother's shack at Phola Park squatter camp in the East Rand yesterday.

Pic: MBUZENI ZULU

By ABBEY MAKOE and Sapa
Qwash! The lethal sound of justice on Soweto streets

By VICTOR KHUPIFO

The young urban warriors of Soweto's streets have developed a simple but lethal weapon — called a Qwash, it is a cheap homemade gun used to mete out township justice. The victims are hostel dwellers and police and the battlefields are Killarney, Meadowlands and Orlando West.

Youths in the areas say they have formed "defence units" to ward off armed attacks which often take place around the nearby Mzimhlophe and Meadowlands hostels.

They claim this is necessary because the police do little to protect their families.

Their simple guns — made of old steel pipes, rubber tubing and rusty springs — are produced in backyards.

They are fired by pulling back the rubber trigger in catapult fashion and allowing it to slam into a nail which in turn fires the bullet.

The name Qwash is derived from the sound the gun makes when fired.

The gun can only shoot one bullet at a time. Any bullets can be used, but AK-47 rounds are a favourite.
Train Boycott Briefs

Rail killing during protest

The first commuter death since the start of the Witwatersrand train boycott on Monday was reported by police on Friday, as rail occupancy rates dropped to under one percent in Soweto.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Andy Peike said a man's body was found between Wadeville and Katlehong stations on the East Rand at about 6.30 am on Friday.

Peike added a second man was reported injured along the same line, but this could not be confirmed by police.

Police also reported that a blood-smeared coach was discovered on a train travelling between Bramfontein and Springs at 7 am on Tuesday after shots were reportedly fired at the train, but no injured or witnesses could be found.

Commuter violence also spread to Natal this week, leaving three men and a woman injured when unidentified gunmen fired on people waiting to board trains at Alfracombe Station near Umkomass on Monday.

The Human Rights Commission reports that from the beginning of the year to May 3 there have been 156 attacks on commuters, resulting in 150 deaths and 293 injuries.

'Kick 'em out or we strike'  
By THEMBA KHUMALO

ALEXANDRA residents have given the authorities until the end of May to expel IFP supporters from the troublesome Madala and Nobuhle hostels or face a rent boycott.

Sizakele Nkos of Alexandra Campaigns Committee said a delegation from the committee held talks with Law and Order Minister Hermus Kriel in April to tell him that the erection of a temporary police station in the township would not end the violence.

The committee also enlisted the help of diplomats from five foreign countries. After visiting the devastated areas in the Johannesburg township, the diplomats promised to persuade their governments to pressure Pretoria to end the carnage, Nkos said.

Kriel also promised to look into the matter and convey the residents' request for the conversion of hostels.

Nkos said Kriel further promised to refer to the Department of Health residents' fears of an outbreak of cholera because Xhosa-speaking night soil removers were refusing to work for fear of being attacked by IFP supporters.

Disaster zone

She said they had asked the government to declare the Beirut section between London and Roosevelt a disaster area. The hostel-dwellers had forcibly removed residents in the area and brought in supporters.

More than 50 people are believed to have died in the carnage at the beginning of April.

The Goldstone Commission is currently gathering evidence about violence involving hostel inmates and township residents in Reef township.
Death row’ for pupils

By MOSES MAMAILA

MZIMHolopHE hostel-dwellers allegedly abducted two pupils before taking them out to the veld to murder them.

One of the pupils lived to tell a gruesome tale of how getting into the wrong taxi on a school errand this week nearly cost him his life. His friend was not so fortunate.

Fourteen-year-old Elias Modikoane of Sapebuso Primary at Mzimhlophe, Soweto, said he pretended to be dead while the assailants kept on shooting at him and his friend. His classmate, Kenneth Majeng, 16, was repeatedly shot at because he "kept on screaming".

"They shot at me twice, ripping up my upper chest and my hands. I pretended to be dead and they left me,” said Elias.

Their horrifying ordeal occurred on Monday when they were sent by their teacher to collect books and they boarded the wrong taxi.

"A man called us in Zulu and warned us we could only run away if we were faster than a bullet,” the boy said.

The two boys were robbed of money and a wristwatch before being put on "death row".

Sapebuso vice-principal Phoka Tabane said the community was shocked by the "cruelty displayed by killers whose targets included innocent kids."
June 17th, 1994

Police could not be located for comment.

The hostel and kitchen are

burned to the ground, with a large

amount of debris still visible.

Police were trying to

break into the building to

search for possible bodies.

The bodies were found

inside, according to a

police spokesman.

A police officer said the area

had been cordoned off.

According to the latest

figure, 15 people were killed.

Several others, including

children, were injured.

The hostel had been

occupied by teenagers from

various countries.

The cause of the fire is

under investigation.

A $20,000 reward was

offered for information leading to

the arrest of the suspected

arsonist.

ATTENTION: A policeman stands guard over the damaged hostels in which were the last of two

blasts.

BY THEMES KINOU

Belgian Journalist

Rock Blasts
Train boycott is suspended

THE six-day boycott of trains by commuters on the Reef to protest against ongoing violence was suspended with effect from midnight yesterday, the Boycott Steering Committee said. CTNS 10/5/92

The committee said yesterday that the boycott had been successful, although it was not expected to bring an immediate end to the carnage.

A meeting of all organisations involved in the boycott would be held next week to review and plan future steps regarding the issue.

"The committee said it was overwhelmed by the unprecedented, historic, and significant support."

"The committee said the community's support was a signal to the government and Transnet that "unjust", drastic policy is taken to end the carnage on trains, and in our communities... our people will be driven to take extreme measures."

The boycott was opposed by the Inkatha Freedom Party, which has in the past been blamed for allegedly colluding with security forces in fanning the violence. — Sapa

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TWICE A DAY THEY RIDE THE STEEL COFFINS

SOMEBWHERE in Johannesburg, employees of engineering workshops are hewing sophisticated weapons designed specifically for train slaughter.

The weapons are getting better, and the kill rate higher.

In the first quarter of this year there were 130 attacks, more than three times as many as the combined total in the previous two years. The death toll of 126 is nearly four times as high as the 38 commuters killed last year.

On Soweto trains alone — where more than a million people travel between the shadow city and Johannesburg daily — police figures show 103 people injured (seven were policemen) and 13 dead in the first four months of this year.

Captain Thys du Plessis, 58, has been policing the trains for nearly two decades. He is head of the police Mobile Unit at New Canada, the Soweto station closest to Johannesburg, and has an unbelievable array of sophisticated — but "home-made" — weapons confiscated from commuters.

In Soweto, 318 trains with 2,441 coaches rush by 16 stations at peak periods. But they ran almost empty this week because of a boycott in protest against train violence. CHARLENE SMITH rode the...
There are intricate aseas-
gages that unscrew and can be
hidden in a newspaper,
walking sticks that conceal
bouqueted needle, simple
single-bullet guns with
catapult-type triggers.

Police have appealed to
the business community to
keep a closer eye on what
staff are doing after work.

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Stabbed

Among Captain Du Pless-
sis's collection is a partic-
larly lethal 80cm stainless
steel knife, with deeply
jagged edges, confiscated
in March. The knife was
seized during a police
search of commuter trains
every evening rush-hour.

Fifteen armed, uniformed
police had stepped on to a Soweto
railway carriage with about 60 commuters. As an
officer bent down to confiscate
the knife lying on the
floor, a commuter stabbed
him twice - once in the
arm, and with an assegai.
Another com-
muter struck another police-
man in the arm.

Three other policemen
were pushed off the train, which
was travelling at more
than 100km/h. Two are still
recovering from their
injuries.

In March, the 60 mem-
bers of the police Mobile
Unit, who travel on the
trains, worked an average of
24 hours overtime each
week - 1000 hours in total.
They do not get paid.

There is a group culture
in trains. People tend to
catch the same train.

A stranger boards, he will
often be thrown off be-
cause commuters fear
he could be an assailant.

Victim

Every commuter spoken
to by the Sunday Times
in random in Soweto this
week had been a victim of
violence, knew a victim or
had witnessed an attack.

Mrs Maria Khubeka, 31,
said her neighbour, the
father of three children,
had been thrown out of a
train window two weeks
ago. “He has brain damage.
Five men came to him and
asked why he was at work,
while other people are
suffering.”

Mrs Khubeka, a mother
of eight, said the assailants
were “the Zulus”.

“I'm a Zulu myself from
Ladysmith, but some of
these others are very bad,”
she said.

Mr Johnson Khosela, 34,
said men once came in a
car he was travelling in,
and began beating every-
one. “I lost my parcels
and money. I suffered for
the rest of the month.
I have four children
and earn R600 a month. I
can't afford to travel by
taxi.”

He says it would cost
him R54 a week to travel
by taxi from Orlando to
Johannesburg, compared
with R15, 80 a week by train.

The police insist the failure
of witnesses to testify,
hamper their efforts.

Brigadier Hlophe
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WICKED KNIFE: Captain Thys du Plessis with a
weapon seized at the price of five policemen injured

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Security the priority – Goldstone

SECURITY and the upgrading of railway stations to minimise the current violence on trains is the main priority of the South African Rail Commuter Corporation (SARCC), a Goldstone Commission committee heard in Pretoria on Friday.

A senior general manager of the SARCC, Dr Jacobus Meyer, told the committee, chaired by Gert Steyn, that his company was in the middle of a five-year plan and that progress was already visible.

He was positive that within the next two months studies on more effective ways to curb violence or criminal activities on trains would be completed.

Meyer said his company was also considering installing closed-circuit TV in coaches to monitor criminal or violent activities.

He said a task group made up of the SARCC and the SAP was established in March to look into the possibility of forming an SARCC police unit.

Meyer added his company was “visited” by members of the community in connection with the safety of commuters on stations and trains.

Among others the PAC’s Benny Alexander had visited him and brought suggestions to curb violence on trains and stations.
PRETORIA — Three men were killed in two separate unrest-related incidents in Soweto townships, according to the latest police report yesterday.

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According to the report, two men carrying two brown bags entered the hostel about 4pm. About the same time an explosion occurred, followed by a second blast half-an-hour later.

Despite the boycott of trains, police reported on Saturday that two men died in two days of attacks and that a third had been injured.

The boycott was suspended at midnight on Saturday. — Sapa
Move to promote Zulu battle sites

THE KwaZulu Monuments Council has approached the private sector to help promote the tourism potential of Anglo-Zulu War battlefields.

The scheme involves the construction of an overnight lodge where military and history buffs will be able to stay while visiting Isandlwana, where Zulus defeated the British in 1879 to become household name in the UK.

Bourke’s Drift, the Fugitives Trail and other historical sites are also involved.

Council director Barry Marshall said last week that the lodge development had been put on hold until August, when potential developers would be invited to attend a council workshop on the project.

He said there were only two broad requirements regarding the development — that any buildings did not detract from the ecology or the historical significance of the site, and that developers involved the local Mangwebevumani tribal authority which made the land available.

The proposed lodge would be built on a slope overlooking the Isandlwana battlefield, Marshall explained.

He said a large percentage of visitors to the area came from abroad.

Although the battlefield has been declared a national monument by the KwaZulu Monuments Council, the KwaZulu authorities did not have sufficient funds to cover proper restoration and maintenance, and had other priorities.

The council had therefore decided to involve the private sector.

Train boycott ‘a rolling success’

THE week-long Reef train boycott in protest against violence on trains was “a rolling success”, boycott steering committee spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said yesterday.

He said the support shown by commuters transcended political and ideological boundaries. It was significant that no reports of intimidation or damage to property were recorded, said Mamoepa. This indicated that people were not forced to boycott.

“We have made violence expensive” he said, adding that Spoornet had “complained bitterly” that the boycott had cost it R150 000 a day. Should the demands that formed the threat of the boycott not be met, another boycott could be launched.

He said government and Spoornet had agreed to prevent armed commuters from entering stations, fence off all stations and install added security as well as place TV cameras in all coaches.

The boycott was supported by the ANC, PAC, Cosatu, Naactu and the Civics Association of Southern Transvaal.

Meanwhile, police said yesterday three men were killed and two wounded in separate unrest-related incidents in Soweto townships.

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A R5 000 reward would be offered for any information leading to the arrest of the manufacturers of illegal firearms, Soweto police Regional Commissioner Maj-Gen Kobus Malan said. - Sapa.
Charred bodies of child, adults found near bullet-riddled car

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Police found the charred bodies of three white people — one a young child — in their bullet-riddled and burnt-out car on a road between Vosloorus and the Zonkizwane squatter camp on the East Rand yesterday morning.

SAP spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Dave Bruce said the car, a blue Alfa Romeo, was found at about 8 am. The bodies of the adults were lying outside on each side of the vehicle while the child’s was inside.

They had all been burnt beyond recognition. Police found seven bullet holes in the Alfa and several spent 7.65 mm pistol cartridges on the scene.

Colonel Bruce said detectives were working “flat out” on the case were still puzzled last night at the chilling discovery and had not established what the car was doing in the area, which was bounded by townships.

The car owner had been identified through the gutted vehicle’s number plates, but police will not name him until his next of kin have been located.

“All we know for sure is that this was a particularly gruesome crime which typi-
2 die in Friday night attack

TWO people were killed and several injured during incidents of violence in Soweto and the East Rand at the weekend.

A house was also petrol-bombed in Tembisa on Friday night while police and the ANC reported clashes between residents and unknown men at Dobsonville, Fred Clarke near Pinetown and Nancefield.

Colonel Dave Bruce, spokesman for the Witwatersrand police, said the dead were two women identified as Ms Juliet Dharmi and Nonhlanhla Dladla of Tembisa, who were killed on Friday night when a gang called The Toasters attacked residents at Umtshyneni Section.

He said during the same incident a house was petrol-bombed and more than eight people injured. Bruce said a man was later arrested by police after being pointed out by residents. The man is due to appear in court today.

The ANC, however, said it doubted whether the man would appear in court.

The ANC's PWV executive member, Mr Floyd Mashele, said residents were being targeted by people who are opposed to efforts of establishing a new democratic order in the country. He said people arrested for such offences were soon freed because he believed they were acting on orders from the State.

THE ANC's PWV region will meet tomorrow to discuss defence strategies. And members of the SA Democratic Teachers Union will hold a mass meeting at Regina Mundi Church in Rockville, Soweto at 1pm tomorrow.
Dobsonville council bombed

By IKE MOTSIAPI

DAMAGE estimated at more than R2 million was caused when residents of Soweto attacked the Dobsonville Town Council offices with petrol bombs last night.

The attack took place at about 7pm when a rampaging mob of about 200 people stormed the council offices near the Kopano Centre.

Police used teargas to disperse the crowd.

By 11pm, last night, firemen from the Jubilant Fire Department were still busy trying to put out the fire.

Police on the scene said they were called to the area about 7.30pm after receiving reports of trouble in the area.

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Dobsonville offices bombed at night

Nobody was injured and police made no arrest.

Mr Floyd Mashile, an executive member of the ANC PWV region who was on the scene, said his organisation would release a full statement on the events today.

He warned, however, that the authorities must heed the “people’s requests to end violence in black townships”.

Mashile said the police had been made aware of the potentially “explosive situation” in Dobsonville.

Soweto police spokesman Colonel Herman Hoblyn could only confirm that the council offices were on fire.

He said the police would release a full statement today.

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SA's weekly average outstrips LA death toll

LAST MONTH's unrest death toll of 356 was 81 down on that for March, but was still the third highest monthly figure since July 1999, the Human Rights Commission (HRC) said yesterday.

Sapa reporters of the HRC statement said the average weekly toll was 83 “at a time when the 58 deaths in Los Angeles’ week of riots and the circumstances surrounding them caused a world outcry.”

It said 22% of the dead were women and children. The PWV area accounted for 250 deaths and Natal 66.

Police yesterday reported 16 deaths in PWV township violence on Sunday. In the worst single incident, five minibus occupants were shot dead in Soshong.

Yesterday's official unrest report said three people died in Vosloorus and one each in Kadi消极, Alexandra and Soweto.

Vaal Triangle police spokesman Capt Piet van Deventer said 10 people died violently in the area on Sunday.

An SADF member was arrested yesterday and police are investigating a charge of attempted murder when a hand grenade exploded inside a police Casspir at Umlazi, injuring two policemen. A KwaZulu police spokesman said the incident happened when a west hawk patrol arrived. KwaZulu police were manning a roadblock.

KwaZulu police also reported that two men died when shots fired from a car at Esikhawini near Empangeni.

The latest National Violence Study Unit alleged yesterday that 14 separate attacks were made against Inkatha supporters at the weekend.

Meanwhile, police hunting the killers of three whites whose charred bodies were found near Vosloorus yesterday on the East Rand have discounted the possibility that they had lost their way.

Police spokesman Col Dave Bruce said yesterday the man, Francois Pretorius, knew his way around the area.

He had a bullet wound in the head, Bruce said.

The cause of death of the woman and the child had not been determined.

Police said a group calling itself Youth Revolution had claimed responsibility for Sunday night's arson attack on the Dobsonville Town Council offices in Soweto and had threatened to assassinate councillors, policemen and soldiers.

The sealed statement was delivered to Sapa yesterday afternoon by two men, who disappeared by the time it was opened.

The Goldstone committee inquiring into 32 Battalion's alleged rampage through Phola Park expressed concern yesterday at the gruelling questioning of a witness who lost his wife in the attack.

Committee chairman Sally Sibhole adjourned the sitting until tomorrow so legal counsel could decide on a line of cross-examination which would not be too harsh on John Msimango.

His wife Nomatuse died after she was allegedly shot in both legs and raped by members of 32 Battalion on April 8. He was also shot in both legs.

LHR set to act on Goniwe paper

LAWYERS for Human Rights (LHR) will ask President F W de Klerk to order an investigation into the deaths of 64 apartheid activists if allegations of state complicity in the 1985 death of Cradock UDF activist Matthew Goniwe are correct.

LHR national director Brian Currim said yesterday that if forensic tests carried out on an alleged military warrant ordering Goniwe's death proved the document was authentic, he would ask that 94 other deaths be investigated.

His list includes Wits University anthropologist David Webster and Mamelodi doctor Fabian Ribiero.

"At the time of the Harms commission (of inquiry into politically related deaths) I submitted an affidavit listing 64 people who had been assassinated between 1981 and 1988. The commission did not sit for long enough for the matters to be investigated. We suspected that the state might have been involved," Currim said.

"If it appears that the Goniwe documents are true and accurate it will be a strong indication that the security forces were responsible for the murder of Goniwe and others. Then we would want the president to order the opening of all the cases."

He said forensic tests carried out on the documents by police should indicate whether they were valid or not.

An LHR spokesman said yesterday the organisation was examining the legal grounds on which the release of killer policeman Khethlan Shange could be declared unlawful.
Garankuwa nurse shot dead on duty

A male nurse was shot dead while on duty during an apparent argument over the use of a telephone at Garankuwa Hospital on Sunday night.

The hospital’s medical superintendent, Dr Louis van Heerden, yesterday identified the man as Mr Abram Shithlane and said he was shot four times.

Van Heerden said he was told people arrived at the hospital’s out-patient depart-ment on Sunday night carrying a person they did not know was already dead.

After they were told by Shithlane — who was on night duty — that the person was dead and could not be admitted, the visitors asked to use a telephone in the hospital.

Shithlane told them the telephone was only used for internal calls and that they would not be able to contact anybody from outside the hospital. An argument apparently ensued, and one man produced a gun and fired four bullets at Shithlane. He died instantly.

Although sources within the hospital said a suspect had been arrested, Van Heerden could not confirm this.

“The hospital is investiga-ring the matter,” he said.

Several nurses at the hospital were still shocked yesterday about the incident. Nurses interviewed said a strike was looming to pressurise the authorities to arrange security at all the wards and departments.

“We want a guarantee from management that we will be secure at all times while on duty. We are peturbed at the lack of security here,” the nurses said.
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In his personal findings, a person identified himself with a group in a residential area, and this was continued in trains. The same people travelled together daily in the same trains and they started knowing and trusting each other, he said.

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The documentary also showed searches conducted by the police in which they found scores of weapons, including some that were adjustable and could be concealed. — Sapa.
Inkatha suggests special peace treaty for Alex

INKATHA wants to sign a peace treaty with the ANC and its allies to "ensure the cessation of violence, intimidation and other forms of aggression" in Alexandra, it was disclosed yesterday.

ANC Alexandra spokesman Obed Bapela said yesterday Inkatha official Bruce Anderson had raised the matter at a recent meeting of a local interim crisis committee.

Bapela said local structures of the ANC and its allies were debating whether to enter into such a treaty.

"The feeling is that there is no need for a peace treaty between the ANC, its allies and Inkatha as these organisations have signed the national peace accord," Bapela said.

Anderson confirmed that Inkatha wanted to have bilateral talks with the ANC.

Alexandra's Interim Crisis Committee co-ordinator Elizabeth Carmichael confirmed Inkatha had raised the matter and said her committee was discussing it.

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Another peace agreement, between community leaders, Spoornet and the SA Rail Commuter Corporation, ran into a hitch yesterday shortly before it was due to be signed.

The community leaders said they wanted their lawyers to study a sentence which Spoornet added to the document on Monday.

Institute for Contextual Theology general secretary Smangaliso Mkhathwa said it was hoped that the agreement would be signed this week.

Meanwhile, the ANC has said it was outrageous that a policeman who allegedly assaulted and raped a 17-year-old girl in Katlehong, on the East Rand, this week was still at large despite medical evidence and positive identification.

ANC spokesman Gill Marcus said the girl, who was allegedly raped early on Monday, had not only given the address of the policeman in question but had also identified him by name.

Police spokesman Capt Eugene Opperman said the policeman had not been arrested as investigations were continuing.

In another development, a policeman, Const P van Zyl, was stabbed twice on Monday afternoon during a confrontation with a suspect on a train between Doornfontein and Johannesburg stations. Van Zyl was treated and discharged from hospital and his attacker escaped.

Sapa reports that police found the stabbed and shot body of a policeman at a squatter camp in Katlehong on Monday night.

Goldenstone commission chairman Judge R Goldstone said yesterday the commission would hold a public inquiry on Friday into recent violence in Maritzburg.

Yesteray 22 ANC Women's League members were prevented from entering the US and British consulates in Durban to deliver memoranda protesting against 32 Battalion's presence in Imbali township.
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FORMER Natal flyweight and welterweight champion Mr Peter Nkosente Bhengu (53) says he was offered R260 for every person he killed in Alexandra when violence hit the area last month.

Bhengu, formerly of Chatsam Court in Joberta Park, Johannesburg, refused the offer made to him by his flatmates, who worked as security guards. They boasted they had a way of making money.

Later he was attacked with pangas and knives because he knew "too much", and left for dead.

Bhengu miraculously survived the violent attack, which left him with lacerated head, ears, and neck. He was in a coma for about 17 days at the Hillbrow Hospital. He was later discharged but had to be admitted to Baragwanath Hospital the same day, after he had collapsed.

He reported the matter to the police. The police arrested the men. When Bhengu later went to the flat to collect his clothing, he found his attackers had been released. He ran away.

His relatives suggest that Johannesburg's financial aid may also be one of the many bones used by mobile killer squads causing death and destruction in
Pupil accuses cop of rape

A 17-YEAR-OLD Katlehong schoolgirl has laid charges against a member of the SAP's Internal Stability Unit whom she alleges raped her on Monday in an armoured vehicle.

The girl's lawyer battled fruitlessly until late on Monday night to persuade police at Katlehong to act on "reasonable suspicion" and arrest the policeman concerned.

The girl was able to name the policeman in question. Through her lawyer, she made a full statement to the station commander at Katlehong police station, providing the police with a medical report plus slides and swabs taken during an examination earlier on Monday and two other witnesses testified to seeing her removed from her home.

Both the girl and her boyfriend are members of the African National Congress and they were accompanied to the police station by ANC national executive committee member Miss Gill Marcus and several members of the organisation.

Marcus told police the ANC was anxious that they should take swift and appropriate action to send a clear message to members of the force that abuse of members of the community would not be tolerated.

The station commander, a Colonel Dhlamini, had a docket opened and instructed the detective branch to investigate the girl's allegations. But he firmly resisted attorney Mr Stephen Hardie's request that an immediate arrest take place because there was "reasonable suspicion" that a Schedule 1 crime had been committed.

The girl stated that members of the Internal Stability Unit had come to the home she shared with her boyfriend about 2am, allegedly searching for weapons.

A particular policeman - whom she has known for three years - pulled her by the neck from the house and made her get into an armoured vehicle, where he allegedly assaulted her with a stick.

She said he and other policemen had asked her to point out the home of a friend of her boyfriend. When they discovered this person was not at home, they returned to a yard where several armoured vehicles and water tankers were parked.

After the white policemen had departed, the alleged rapist forced the young girl to undress and sprayed her with water from a hose.

Other colleagues allegedly intervened, asking where the girl's clothes were. She then got dressed.

But at a later stage, the policeman in question allegedly got the young woman alone into an armoured vehicle and, despite protests, allegedly assaulted her and forced her to have sex with him.
Body to help resettle homeless

The Goldstone Commission has instituted a committee to try to resettle the thousands of people displaced by political violence in Alexandra, Greater Soweto, and the Vaal Triangle.

Mr. Justice Goldstone, chairman of the commission investigating political violence, announced yesterday that urgent investigation was needed into allegations that people had been ejected from their homes. The committee would try to return the displaced people.

Public servants' fears spark talks

Public servants' worries about the future have prompted a multiparty conference planned for May 23, during which the ANC, Inkatha Freedom Party, and Conservative Party will clarify their intentions in a new public service.

Public Servants Association chairman Hans Olivier, in the latest public servants' magazine, has again focused on the anxieties among civil servants over the possibility of being laid off or left unprotected under the pending new government.
Feature of unrest is ANC, Inkatha rivalry

POLITICAL rivalry between Inkatha and the ANC was a common factor in recent violence in Alexandra, Soweto and the Vaal Triangle, the Goldstone commission has concluded from preliminary inquiries. The commission would now concentrate on probing claims that thousands of people had been forced to flee from their homes during the fighting.

It would look into whether such people should be compensated for their loss, Judge R.J. Goldstone, chairman of the inquiry into public violence and intimidation, said yesterday.

In view of what had been established about ANC-Inkatha rivalry, Goldstone said, his commission had decided no good purpose would be served by hearing many weeks of disputed evidence on the issue and on police conduct during the violence.

The judge gave the assurance that adequate policing was still receiving the commission's attention, and that its Thekzen committee had been studying ANC-Inkatha rivalry.

"The commission has decided that what does require urgent investigation are the allegations that violence in Alexandra, Soweto and the Vaal Triangle has resulted in the displacement of thousands of people."

A special committee had been appointed to establish the facts.

The committee would also consider whether people were legally or morally entitled to compensation for damages as a result of being forced to leave their homes.
Black business
loses millions

BY JOSHUA

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A witness who gave evidence in secret before the Goldstone committee inquiring into 32 Battalion's alleged rampage through the Phola Park squatter camp on the East Rand said yesterday that shots were fired before the soldiers arrived.

In a report read by committee member Bob Tucker, the witness said a squatter camp self-defence unit (SDU) often went to an area known as A Section to test their firearms. This was done on the night of April 8 before the alleged involvement of the battalion in shootings.

The witness also described a number of incidents in which members of the SDU have been involved.

These include a robbery outside Bethlehem, a shooting incident involving SDU members and three men travelling in a Rand Water Board minibus, and the abduction and subsequent murder of an Inkatha member who was abducted in Tokoza.

The witness said that on the night of April 8 he heard shooting and investigated. He met an SDU member who told him to fetch his firearm to fight soldiers.

The witness said he decided against the idea and went home, where he climbed on to the roof to see what was happening. He could not see much, but heard some shooting.

The witness said that on the morning of April 9, while standing on a street corner, he saw four black soldiers assault two residents.

He described an earlier shootout in the area when gunmen in a blue combi fired shots in the direction of Phola Park.

The gunmen left the vehicle and ran off. Residents saw one of the group carrying a firearm and attacked the combi.

The witness said the SDU used weapons such as axes, assegais and AK-47 rifles, but not heavy weapons such as rockets or hand grenades, which 32 Battalion claimed to have heard.

The sitting was adjourned until Monday.
Covert bases network set up in '88 - police chief

The Commissioner of Police yesterday admitted in an affidavit to the Pretoria Supreme Court that a nationwide network of covert bases was set up in 1988. The bases, in 11 regions across the country, fall under the Criminal Investigation Services, into which the security branch was absorbed last year, and are officially called "undercover operations and structures".

The affidavit was filed in an urgent application against the Daily News by the Commissioner of Police to prevent the newspaper from publishing allegations of police brutality.

The commissioner withdrew his application following an agreement with the Pretoria Mail that publication could go ahead if no member of the police was identified.

On Wednesday, the commissioner asked the Supreme Court to order that the newspaper be prevented from publishing information about the existence of undercover operations. — Sapa.

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Phola Park sweep angers squatters

By Monica Oosterwijk
Crime Staff

Nine men were arrested and a baby was injured during a massive police search at the Phola Park squatter camp on the East Rand yesterday.

One of the suspects was alleged to have been involved in a maze murder.

A baby was slightly injured when police fired tear gas at a shack. The mother, who was breastfeeding the child, ran out screaming for help. A car passing by the camp took the child to the Natalsveldt Hospital.

Police liaison officer Capt. Eugene Opperman first denied that police had used tear gas, but in a subsequent statement said "small amounts of tear gas" were used to disperse "aggressive people". He confirmed the baby was "affected in a slight way without any apparent lasting ill-effects".

Capt. Opperman said they were searching the area for suspects involved in the spate of attacks on policemen and other people. They were also looking for illegal weapons, ammunition, drugs and stolen goods.

He said the camp had been targeted because residents had been involved in 35 unrest-related attacks since the beginning of the year.

Five policemen have been killed in Phola Park this year, a further three have been badly injured and police officers have been involved in 24 other attacks.

The large police contingent was backed up by more than 250 SADF members, which included soldiers from 32 Battalion. A police helicopter circled overhead.

Soldiers surrounded the camp with guns at the ready. Women and children were put on one side of the camp and men were body-searched in a large enclosure.

Shots were fired during the search, but Capt. Opperman said he did know by whom.

He said several rumours spread through the camp about police allegedly beating up residents, but no assaults had been reported "as yet".

Phola Park made headlines recently following allegations that SADF members of 32 Battalion murdered a Phola Park resident and raped and assaulted dozens of others. The allegations are being investigated by the Goldstone Commission.

Creative thinker readies SAP for the new SA

CAPE TOWN — An expert on creative thinking had been working with the SAP to "bring home at ground level to members of the force the new milieu in which we find ourselves", Minister of Law and Order Hermus Kriel said in Parliament yesterday.

Mr Kriel was speaking during debate on the law and order vote.

He said he was aware that, for the South African Police, the ANC had been the enemy up until February 2 1990.

"Now the ANC is a political role-player and we are aware that it is causing problems in the force.

"We have obtained the services of Dr Kobus Neethling, an expert on creative thinking, and he is having great success in bringing home at ground level to members of the force the new milieu in which we find ourselves.

"We are also working with new recruits in the same manner," Mr Kriel said. — Sapa.
Murder suspects held after Phola Park raid

NINE people, including a man implicated in attacks on police and traffic officials in Phola Park, were arrested when police conducted searches in the squatter camp yesterday.

Police, who described the man as “one of the most wanted men on the Reef”, said eight other people suspected of several Reef murders were also arrested after the SADF cordoned off the squatter camp.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Capt Eugene Opperman said in a statement the man would be held for questioning, but it could not be established yesterday when he would appear in court.

No weapons or explosives were seized. Opperman could not confirm an allegation that an explosion had been heard in the Phola Park area during the police operation, but confirmed that policemen and residents had heard shots.

Opperman said Phola Park was notorious for attacks on security forces.

Between February 11 and March 8 five policemen were murdered and three seriously injured in attacks there, while 325 unrest incidents had been reported in the camp since January last year.

Sapa reports from Durban that police yesterday seized a large arms cache and arrested a prominent KwaZulu policeman who is alleged to be a warlord. Ten others were also arrested at Umlazi on Wednesday night for allegedly operating a protection racket.

The police followed a report to the Montclair police station by a resident who claimed he was threatened by the gang who told him unless he paid up he could not operate a business at Umlazi.

Police spokesman Capt Bala Naidoos said “at this stage the accused are facing charges of extortion. However, we are considering handing over the case to the special investigation unit.”

Police also seized a pistol and ammunition from the Durban ANC offices after obtaining a search warrant yesterday, our

Durban correspondent reports (єє)

A police spokesman said three men were questioned but no one was arrested.

ANC spokesman Dumisani Makhaye said office guards were using the pistol which belonged to the ANC.

“We have been asking the SAP for a licence for a long time but it is our right to protect the regional office. The KwaZulu Police protect Inkatha so we must protect ourselves too,” he said.

Meanwhile, an agreement to end violence on trains in the PWV region was signed in Johannesburg yesterday by Spoornet, the SA Railway Commuter Corporation, a representative of the Law and Order Minister, and a signatory representing the ANC, the SA Railways and Harbours Workers’ Union, the SACP, Cosatu, the Civics Association of the Southern Transvaal and the Institute of Contextual Theology.

Regional police commissioner Gen Gerrit Erensma agreed to redeploy personnel as soon as possible.

Three working groups will be set up to investigate issues such as refusing entry to any armed person, implementing permanent screening systems at stations and installing television cameras in train coaches.

In another development Amnesty International charged yesterday government had not taken firm enough action to end the security forces’ involvement in killings, torture and other abuses.

The organisation expressed concern that the current climate of fear and high loss of life would continue until government took steps to demonstrate publicly that all members of the security forces involved in human rights violations were brought to justice.

The organisation said it would release a full report on SA next month.
Violence focused in PWV

By Mokshina Moroke

The violence which was plaguing the country had assumed a specific focus on the PWV and had made the area one of the most dangerous regions, ANC Women's League PWV region chairman Winnie Mandela said this week.

Addressing a media conference in Johannesburg, Mrs Mandela said the past year had been the most difficult period in the region in a long time.

This was due to various factors, but mainly because it was the country's economic nerve centre, which meant the region had the highest population density.

"Also related to this is the fact that the region carries a high number of migrant workers housed in hostels. Homelessness and joblessness are stark realities that stare this region in the face.

"A combination of all these factors has made this one of the most dangerous regions to live in this country.

"The third force which is fanning the violence has also identified this region as a pilot project for the decimation of thousands of our people and the denial of political stability so crucial for the current process for the peaceful resolution of the apartheid problem," she said.

Church wrangle over NGK

By Carina de Graaff

Top representatives of the South African Council of Churches (SACC) and the Ned Gereef Kerk met in Pretoria this week to discuss the NGK's application for observer status in the council.

Last year the SACC national conference voted to postpone a decision on the NGK's application for observer status until this year's July conference.

According to SACC general-secretary Dr Frank Chikane, the SACC considered the need for the NGK to normalise its relationship with its three sister (black) churches as the key obstacle to the NGK being granted observer status.

Dr Chikane said the three sister churches said that "even today" the NGK had not rejected apartheid completely.

"They say the NGK has rejected only the hurtful aspects of apartheid," he said.

The NGK contends that it has unequivocally rejected apartheid.

This has been backed up by observers who saw great significance in the confession of a leading church member, repentinng apartheid, at the Rustenburg Conference of Churches in 1990.

1 in 6 in Gaborone has HIV

Star Africa Service

GABORONE — One in every six people in the Botswanan capital of Gaborone is infected with the Aids virus, according to the country's Health Ministry.

In Francistown, the second largest town, the infection rate is said to be one in five.

Reginalde Gasenelwe, under-secretary in the Ministry of Health, told a workshop in Gaborone there were 227 known cases of Aids in Botswana and 2 400 other people were known to be infected with the virus.

Mr Gasenelwe said there were an estimated 6 million sufferers in Africa.

Price of eggs set
3 shot at church meeting

Cape Times, Friday, May 15 1992

Caption: 3 women shot dead in church meeting.

In a church near the city of Cape Town, a shooting incident occurred during a meeting. Three women were reportedly shot and killed in the meeting. The police have confirmed the incident and are investigating the matter.

The community surrounding the area where the incident took place is shocked and grieved over the tragedy. Witnesses report that the shooting took place during a meeting of church members.

The police are appealing for any information that can help them in their investigation. They urge anyone with information to come forward and assist in the investigation.

In a statement, the church's senior pastor expressed condolences to the families of the deceased and called for peace and unity in the community.

The incident has sparked outrage among members of the community, and there are calls for better security measures to be put in place in places of worship and other public gatherings.

The police have also assured the community that they are taking the incident seriously and that they will do everything in their power to ensure justice is served.

The church community is currently coming together to support each other during this difficult time.

Caption: Condolence messages for the families of the deceased.

(Names of deceased not available.)

Caption: Police appeal for information.

"We are investigating this incident and appeal to anyone with information to come forward and assist us in our investigation," the police spokesperson said.

Caption: Church members gather for prayer.

The church community has come together to offer their support and prayers for the families of the deceased and for the community.

Caption: Community members pay tribute to the deceased.

"We are deeply saddened by this incident," a community leader said. "Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of the deceased and with the church community."
ANC, Spoornet sign historic pact

A DELEGATION of ANC-aligned organisations and Spoornet signed an agreement yesterday committing themselves to fighting violence on trains.

The agreement, which was signed at Spoornet headquarters in Braamfontein, represents positive developments in negotiations between the parties.

A recent deadlock resulted in last week’s boycott of trains by Reef commuters. The terms of the agreement include:

- Redeployment of security personnel as soon as possible to prevent possible violence before Codesta convenes.
- Implementation of preventative measures including a prohibition on possession of dangerous weapons and firearms.
- Employment of additional security guards.
- Requests for compensation for families of train violence victims were turned down by the SA Rail Commuter Corporation.

Members of the media were told the corporation would make an additional amount of R50 million available for the 1992/93 financial year to improve security measures on commuter facilities in the Wits and Soweto area.

The agreement was signed on behalf of the community leaders by Father Mangaliso Mkhatshwa, Spoornet’s group general manager, Mr Gert Britz, SARCC senior general manager Mr S Taute and Witwatersrand Commission’s Police, General Gerrit Erasmus.
Mr Mabusá Make lies dead after he was shot at a taxi rank yesterday.

Death at a taxi rank

A man was killed and three women seriously injured when the occupants of a passing car fired at people waiting at a taxi rank in Soweto yesterday morning.

The incident took place at Mzimhlophe about 6.40am while the victims were waiting for transport to work.

Eye-witnesses at the scene said they heard gunshots and saw the speeding car, with its occupants firing at people.

"In the confusion that followed people ran in all directions. I ran away because there was trouble," a woman said.

"I hid myself in a street corner. There was shooting and people were screaming. The car sped off and I immediately ran to the scene," a woman said.

She said a man lay dead on the ground. He was identified as Mr Mabusá Make (21), of Mzimhlophe.

The injured were identified as Miss Manini Makhena, Miss Tshidi Kubane and Miss Maki Mthethwa.

They were taken to hospital.

Police arrived at the scene but declined to comment.
ANC deplores IFP leader's assassination

The African National Congress has issued a statement denouncing yesterday's assassination of Simon Nkomo, a leader of the Inkatha Freedom Party, and blaming his death on "agent provocateurs" aiming to disrupt Coesa and set off another round of violence in the under-box township.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Warrant Officer Andy Pieke said two unknown gunmen said killed Nkomo at about 7:30 am as he walked to work. "He was shot twice in the back and died on arrival at the Alexandra Clinic," said Pieke.

He said police could not give more details on the attack but were investigating.

Meanwhile, the embattled township is showing itself, for reaction to his death. His killing has led to widespread fears of a violent retribution by IFP supporters in the Alexandra community.

Nkomo was a prominent member of the IFP and a respected member of the Alexandra community.

He was praised by all political parties as a man deeply involved in peace negotiations in the troubled township.

"Both residents and the hostel dwellers have clashed with each other, and the police during the past two months. Nkomo, a long-time resident of the township, was an active participant in violence.

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IFP negotiator assassinated

JOHANNESBURG.—A senior Inkatha official involved in peace negotiations with the ANC in Alexandra was shot dead yesterday morning on his way to work.

Mr Simon Nxumalo was chairman of the IFP in Alexandra and worked as an administration clerk at the township’s council.

Police said Mr Nxumalo was shot from behind while walking in Second Avenue in the north Johannesburg township at 7.30am.

He died at the township’s clinic.

IFP representative at the Convention for a Democratic South Africa (Codesa), Mr Bruce Anderson, said in a statement his organisation was “shocked and totally dismayed” at the assassination.

The PWV region of the ANC condemned Mr Nxumalo’s assassination.

Mr Nxumalo’s death was one of at least five in Reef violence yesterday.

Train violence claimed two people’s lives. Seven others were injured, according to police and fire department officials.

Soweto police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni said the body of a man was found on board a train stopped by police at New Canada Station.

A large group of armed hostel dwellers were on the train but police persuaded them to return to their hostel without disarming them, he said.

Another man was stabbed to death at Phetonti Station and two pedestrians were wounded by gunfire from trains at Inhlanzane Station, Capt Ngobeni reported.

Later yesterday morning, he said, a group of about 60 hostel dwellers tried to board a train at Nancefield Station, but police disarmed them and sent them home.

A fire department spokesman said five people were injured when gunmen opened fire on a train at Elandsfontein Station in Germiston yesterday morning.

He said one of the injured commuters was in a critical condition after being shot in the head and stabbed three times in the chest. He was airlifted to hospital.

However, police reported only two men were injured in this incident: One who was thrown from a moving train and another who was shot while standing on the station platform.

Police had no further details.

Police reported that one person was shot and killed and three others wounded yesterday morning when unidentified gunmen apparently sprayed passengers traveling in a taxi with gunfire at Ivory Park, near Midrand.

Midrand is between Johannesburg and Pretoria.

The police public relations division in Pretoria said that at Phola Park squatter camp, near Alberton, a policeman was wounded in his leg and another, in a hand, when a gunmen fired at police trying to recover a stolen vehicle.

In Johannesburg 10 people were arrested after a sit-in at the Department of Education.

"At Tokoza, Alberton, police found the body of a man." — Sapa

Govt rules out MK merger with police

Staff Reporter

THE Ministry of Law and Order ruled out any merger of the ANC’s military wing uMkhonwwe Sinwe (MK) with the police, saying the force was "apolitical" and members were compelled by law not to belong to political parties.

Ministry spokesman Major-General Leon Mellet said this in response to a report in which former National Intelligence Service head, Dr Niel Barnard, said that members of MK may have to merge with the police in a bid to end the violence in South Africa.

Dr Barnard, new director-general of the Constitutional Development Service, reportedly said the police — in their efforts to combat violence — would need the help of all the parties involved in the violence.

He said as far as he was concerned, it was not necessary for MK to merge with the SAPF but MK soldiers would have to be accommodated in some way or another.
ANC protest march in city

ABOUT 3,500 ANC supporters marched on Johannesburg police headquarters in John Vorster Square yesterday to protest against government calls for the ANC to disband its military wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe. Bearing placards, ANC and SACP flags, and singing political songs, the protesters wound along the streets, closely monitored by riot police. Leaders handed a petition to a senior police officer, after rejecting a black police lieutenant and threatening to occupy the station.
A gang of kids are allegedly terrorising residents and hostel dwellers in Mamelodi West.

The youths, whose ages range from 10 to 15, have been labelled by residents as "The Zafios" - a name derived from a CCV drama series Dinehle Magojela. They are accused of assaults, muggings and murder.

However, members of the Akajoe "clan", which organises parties for fee-paying members, say that residents had falsely branded them as "The Zafios" because a few members were thugs.

Residents say The Zafios operate mainly in Block B, E and F, where they have been accused of disrupting parties and robbing patrons leaving shebeens.

Hostel dwellers said they were regularly robbed in the area - even in broad daylight - and most of the victims have been stabbed.

A 13-year-old youth called "Murphy" is alleged to be the leader of the gang which has forced residents and hostel dwellers to start street patrols at night following the April 6 death of Jabu "Latele" Buthelezi, 31, a married father of two who was an MK cadre, a senior member of the Mamelodi Civic Association and the Campaign Officer for the SAPC in Mamelodi.

Buthelezi was allegedly stabbed and stoned to death by members of the gang when he tried to confront them over a mugging at an Akajoe party.

Police spokeswoman Capt Marlieze Louw said two people whose ages were not yet known have been arrested in connection with Buthelezi's death. She asked people with information about the Zafios to contact the Mamelodi police.
Trains violence still rages

VIOLENCE in Reef townships, and on trains in particular, continues unabated despite the signing of an agreement between ANC-aligned organisations and Spoornet aimed at restoring peace.

Police said two people were killed on Johannesburg-bound trains on Friday. One of the men was stabbed to death at Phetshane Station and the other murdered on a train at New Canada.

Jacob Makhetha, 52, who narrowly escaped death when he was slashed on the face with a pangas by alleged Inkatha supporters at Inhlazane station, accused police of siding with the attackers.

"Police stood without doing anything," said Makhetha, who was being treated at Baragwanath Hospital with other victims of the pre-dawn attack.

Reports by CP correspondents and Saps
Death threats came true

By SOPHIE TEMA

Simon Thandabantu Nxumalo, the assassinated vice-chairman of Inkatha's Alexandra branch and superintendent of the Mabhila Hostel, had a premonition of his death.

Nxumalo, 49, was shot and killed on Friday morning in Alexandra – a week after he had sent his wife and six children to Natal because he had received anonymous death threats on the telephone.

After the death threats he had decided to move from his house in Alexandra's Second Avenue to the white suburbs.

He was shot twice in the back by two men at about 7.30am on Friday while walking in First Avenue to his place of work.

Nxumalo was born in Bergville, Natal. He was an employee of the Alexandra Town Council for more than 25 years.

A spokesperson for the council said employees of the council who worked closely with Nxumalo had also received death threats.

IFP spokesperson Humphrey Ndlovu said: "We believe that this is part of the ANC's plan to wipe out the IFP leadership."

The Interim Crisis Committee (ICC) for Alexandra said: "The ANC and IFP together with the ICC absolutely condemn this kind of action."
Portrait ...or simply look into the eyes of a child and see the love there, and understand what the term "true innocence" means. The smell of baby powder, the feel of the baby's soft skin, the sound of a baby's laughter. These are the things that bring us closer to the innocent, and remind us of the fragility of life.

The baby's story is one of survival, but it is also one of hope. The doctors and nurses at the hospital worked tirelessly to save the baby's life, and the baby's mother was by his side throughout the journey. Her love and determination were palpable, and it was clear that she would do anything to protect her child.

The baby's recovery was slow, but steady. The doctors and nurses watched over him closely, and he gradually began to show signs of improvement. The baby's mother was overjoyed, and she held him tightly every chance she got, as if more than anything else she wanted to make sure that he was safe and loved.

As the baby grew stronger, he began to interact with the world around him. He reached out for toys and smiled at the people who interacted with him. He was a happy and healthy baby, and his mother was overjoyed.

The baby's story is one of love, hope, and determination. It is a story that reminds us of the preciousness of life and the importance of cherishing every moment. It is a story that brings joy to the hearts of all who hear it.
The nickname that 32 Battalion soldiers earned in the Angolan war, “Os Terríveis”, means different things to different people in South Africa.

To the SA Defence Force they are the bravest of the brave. This month the army conferred another 2,015 medals on the unit’s members, describing it as “one of the great fighting units of the world”.

To many township residents across the country they are truly the “terrible ones”, accused of rape, killing, theft and assault.

Allegations of misconduct have dogged the unit since shortly after its arrival in South Africa in 1989. It arrived here covered in glory, the most decorated unit since World War 2, with five members awarded the Honoris Crux for extraordinary bravery.

The defence force bought the tiny northern Cape village of Pomona to house the men, formerly leaderless FNLA soldiers who had been “adopted” by the SADF in 1976. By January 1990 they were in the townships — posted to Natal as a peacekeeping force in the war between Inkatha and the UDF in areas surrounding Maritzburg. Here they proved to be enormously effective. After their first two-month murders in the area dropped from 54 a month to just 13. But questions about the cost of their presence began to be asked. Was the alleged assault of innocent civilians an acceptable price to pay for keeping the peace?

By May residents had accused the soldiers of attempted rape and theft. Church and political leaders decried their presence, but the SADF dismissed these fears as being based on the ANC’s inability to influence the Portuguese-speaking foreign troops. Members of 32 Battalion are still in the area.

In February 1991 other members set camp on a soccer field in Thokoza on the East Rand. The allegations began again.

With weeks of their arrival they had incurred the displeasure of local people, according to the ANC’s Daily Monitor.

“They allegedly grab schoolgirls and fondle them in full view of military seniors,” said a report in the magazine.

A sociologist compiling evidence for the Goldstone Commission in the area, Miss Sally Sealy of the Independent Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression, documented the following allegations:

• On March 28 this year two vehicles bearing members of 32 Battalion raced into Khumalo Street, Thokoza, in pursuit of a car from which five men have been killed.

The car sped away but the soldiers opened fire on a circle of houses, shattering windows, hitting targets and narrowly missing the head of Mr Samuel Mahlabo, who was changing a car tyre.

Five charges of damage to property and one of attempted murder were laid with the Thokoza police.

• On February 26 a police helicopter and 13 cars full of police arrived in Holomisa Park on the East Rand for a weapons search. Members of 32 Battalion also arrived in several Hippos and surrounded a youth who had been shot from the helicopter.

According to a witness, Mr Gerald Masete of the local ANC office, the soldiers kicked and beat the youth, Similo Koti, 18, who later died. He was a well-known mentally retarded boy who earned his living collecting scrap iron.

• On April 6 Holomisa Park residents were patrolling their area, fearing reprisals for an attack blamed on local activists, when members of 32 Battalion arrived in three Hippos.

Soldiers opened fire without warning and shot Zalani Ngclobeni, 27, in the back and injured Phumile Nhlapo, Edward Nqumce and Vuyisile Gwebelele.

The SA Defence Force response to these allegations was:

“A spokesman for the Witwatersrand Command confirmed SADF Involvement in one of the alleged incidents where members of 32 Battalion helped injured people, after unidentified gunmen shot at houses in Khumalo Street on the night of 28 March 1992.

“Twenty-five spent 9mm cartridges were found at the scene.

“The other two allegations are unconfirmed and 32 Battalion involvement is strongly denied.”

And then, on April 6, “all hell broke loose in Phola Park” as the Goldstone Commission was told recently.

In affidavits, residents blamed murder, rape, assault and theft on members of the battalion. They alleged they were beaten with, among other instruments, iron pipes, sjamboks, cables, planks and a pang. Some victims were allegedly beaten unconscious.

In at least six cases they told of white or other black soldiers pleading with the unit’s members to stop the assault.

The soldiers later admitted to being “heavily handed” in slapping and punching residents. The Goldstone Commission was told.

But “there might have been good reason for that”, said Captain Mark Harrison, commander of the platoon involved.

He said the reports could be an exaggeration to discredit 32 Battalion.

“We have a problem. All over the country the police are keeping records of tactics and the goldstone Commission was asked to check them too. Each is prepared to report to propaganda — and the truth about the battalion lies somewhere in between.”
'Death warrant' to belong to the ANC

The ongoing violence had turned ANC membership into "a death warrant", Winnie Mandela told a mass meeting called by the East Rand ANC branch yesterday.

Mrs Mandela told the emotionally charged gathering at Etwatwa High School in Watville to form defence units.

The ANC casualty list was crippling the organisation's grassroots.

People were scared of joining because the majority of the victims of the violence were ANC members.

She called on the ANC leadership to address the problem as a matter of urgency, saying the violence was clearly a Government strategy of destabilisation.

She also called on the ANC to root out "a cabal in the national executive committee" that is leaking sensitive information to the newspapers.

Own Correspondent.
Bloodshed continues across Reef townships

By Brian Sokupa and Siphiwe Ntuli

Seven people were killed and 15 seriously wounded in unrest-related township violence on the Reef at the weekend, Witwatersrand police spokesman Lieutenant Wicus Weber said yesterday.

And in what Interim Crisis Committee spokesman Dr Liz Carmichael described as a crime-related killing which was not politically motivated, Mdlela Moetywa was shot dead and Patrick Cadinga wounded in Alexandra at about 8pm on Saturday. Police confirmed the attack.

Said Dr Carmichael: "We arrived at the scene of the shooting at a shack in Elegtha Avenue minutes later. Residents said the attackers burst through the door and opened fire. But they said it was a crime-related attack."

Alexandria — scene of Friday’s killing of IFP branch chairman Simon Nqumulo — remained calm yesterday

with security forces maintaining a strong presence.

Members of the Internal Stability Unit yesterday patrolled the area of "Belgravia" on foot and in Casspirs.

In other incidents of violence since Friday:

● Three men were killed and six wounded when an unidentified gunman opened fire on a group of people at a soccer field at Zone 6 in Sebokeng, near Vanderbijlpark, on Friday evening.

Lieutenant Webber could only identify Ranswi Sebaya and a man referred to as Moeketsi, out of the three who died.

Paulos Tema (20), Japhta Tsutsi (18), David Matlwa (18), Pepus Ngabe (18), James Joko (18) and Ephi Kekana (18) were injured.

Police later found 28 spent cartridges at the scene.

● In Meadowlands, Soweto, police found the bodies of two men with bullet wounds on Saturday.

● Four women were seriously wounded in a knife attack in Katlehong on Saturday.

● A man from Dube in Soweto was seriously wounded when two men fired at him on Saturday.

● A man was attacked with sticks and seriously injured at Johannesburg's Park station on Friday.

● Police found two wounded men in Eldorado Park station on the East Rand on Saturday. One man had been shot in the head and the other had apparently been thrown from a moving train.

● Police found a man who had been shot and seriously wounded in Phola Park on the East Rand on Saturday.

● A policeman was shot dead when a group of men fired shots at a patrol in Umkomaas, Natal. Police returned fire, fatally wounding one of the attackers. The SAP later found that the group had shot dead two men.

● A representative from the Peace Action monitoring group in Dobsonville, Father Phillip, said on Saturday night that a man had been shot and killed in the township.
Police at stations caught by surprise

A POLICE spokesman said at the weekend too few policemen had been posted at Reef stations to prevent throngs of armed, Inkatha-supporting hostel dwellers from boarding trains on their way to the Codesa II plenary session on Friday.

Two people were killed and two were injured in train-related violence on Friday morning. The incidents came a day after Spoornet, the SA Rail Commuter Corporation (SARCC), Law and Order Ministry representatives and community leaders signed an agreement aimed at ending violence on trains.

The agreement stipulates that no armed person should be allowed onto a train. Inkatha did not sign the pact because it was not involved in the recent protest at Spoornets Johannesburg headquarters.

An ANC PWV region spokesman said the failure by Spoornet and the police to prevent armed men from boarding trains undermined the agreement.

Soweto police spokesman Lt Col Tiekie Haldryn said although there had been policemen at railway stations in Soweto, there were not enough of them to prevent thousands of armed hostel dwellers from boarding trains.

The police had not expected hostel dwellers to turn out in force carrying spears, sticks and axes for a demonstration at the World Trade Centre in Kempton Park.

However, reinforcements had been sent to New Canada station, where some trains were stopped and passengers persuaded to return to their hosts. As the men were returning to the hostel, one man was stabbed to death. Another body was found in a train at New Canada station.

“An Inkatha station, shots were fired at pedestrians from the train. Two people were injured,” Haldryn said.

Spoornet spokesman could not be reached for comment.

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Lt Wkus Webber said three people were killed and six others wounded on the Reef on Saturday.

A man was killed and another wounded in a shooting in Alexandra on Saturday night. Mdlogo Motsiya was shot and killed in Eighth Avenue when gunmen opened fire from a passing minibus.

Another man, Patrick Cadinga, was shot and wounded during the incident.

Police found no cartridges on the scene of the shooting and the motive for the attack was not known.

In Meadowlands in Soweto, police found the bodies of two men. One had been shot and the other stabbed.

Five people — four women in Katlehong and a man in Alexandra — suffered serious stab wounds. A man from Dube Village in Soweto sustained serious gunshot wounds when fired at by two men.

Two suspects have been arrested in connection with this incident.

On Friday, two people were killed and seven others injured, said police.

In Ivy Park, police reported one person dead and three wounded in suspected taxi violence.

Killing leads to violence fears

FEARS grew at the weekend that the killing of senior Inkatha official Simon Nxmulo in Alexandra on Friday could lead to a renewed wave of violence in the township.

Nxmulo had been receiving death threats from alleged ANC supporters for the past 10 weeks, an Inkatha spokesman said at the weekend. He was gunned down by unknown men in Alexandra about 6 am.

He was one 10 who died in weekend violence countrywide, while 17 were injured, reports Sapa.

A family member said Nxmulo — who was chairman of the Alexandra branch of Inkatha and superintendent of the controversial Madala Hostel — was shot from behind while on his way to work.

Police said they were investigating.

Alexandra Health Centre spokesman Dr Tim Wilson said it was feared that Nxmulo’s killing could lead to a massive wave of violence in the township.

The centre has treated 627 people — 323 of them for gunshot wounds — injured in violence since March 7.

An Inkatha spokesman said his organisation believed elements in the ANC-SACP alliance were responsible for Nxmulo’s death.

The spokesman said since a sniper attack on Inkatha mourners on March 8, which sparked fighting between hostel dwellers and township residents, Nxmulo had been receiving death threats.

As a result Nxmulo had not been spending nights at his home.

Nxmulo’s opposition to a campaign by the ANC and its allies to have Madala Hostel closed could be one of the reasons for his death, the spokesman said.

Inkatha Youth Brigade leader Themba Khosa recently claimed there were plans by the ANC and its allies to eliminate Inkatha leaders on the Reef. The claim was repudiated by the ANC.

ANC PWV spokesman Ronnio Mamoepa said his organisation distanced itself from the Nxmulo killing.

He said the ANC believed that Nxmulo could have been killed by “agent provocateurs” who wish to trigger off a cycle of violence in the township.”
Mrs Winnie Mandela leads a protest song at a mass meeting in Wattville where she called on residents to form defence units.

Pic: JOE MOLEFE

Form defence units Winnie

FORM defence units and "we shall provide the means of defence", Mrs Winnie Mandela told a mass meeting called by the ANC on the East Rand yesterday.

Mandela told the emotionally charged meeting at the Etwatwa High School in Wattville that ANC membership had become a "death warrant".

She said the ANC casualty list in the ongoing violence was crippling the organisation's grassroots.

She said people were scared of joining the ANC because of numerous instances of violence where the majority of victims were ANC members.

Calling residents to form defence units and strong street committees, Mandela said: "If tomorrow you form defence units and street committees, and you don't have the"

Defence units

means with which to defend yourselves, call us, we shall provide the means.

"If thereafter you do not know how to defend yourselves, come to me. I will show you how to do it."

She called upon the ANC leadership to address the problem as a matter of urgency, saying the violence was clearly a Government strategy of destabilisation.

Suspension

Mrs Mandela said the suspension of the armed struggle did not mean that people should relinquish the right to defend themselves.

Cabal

"It only meant that the MK cadres should remain in their barracks wherever they are and wait for the whistle," she said.

She called upon the ANC to root out "a cabal in the NEC that leaks sensitive information to the press"
3 die in latest violence flare-up

THREE people died and six were seriously wounded in unrest-related violence on Saturday, the public relations officer of the SA Police said on Sunday.

A man was killed and another wounded in a shooting in Alexandra on Saturday night.

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Lieutenant Wicus Webber said Mr Mdelela Mselele was shot and killed in Eighth Avenue when gunmen opened fire from a passing minibus.

Another man, Mr Patrick Cadinge, was shot during the incident and taken to the Alexandra Clinic for treatment. Police found no cartridges on the scene of the shooting and the motive for the attack was unknown.

In Meadowlands in Soweto police found the bodies of two men. One had been shot and the other stabbed.

Five people, four women in Kathlehong and a man in Alexandra, sustained serious stab wounds.

A man from Dube Village in Soweto sustained serious gunshot wounds when fired at by two men. Two suspects have been arrested in connection with this incident. -Sapa
Consumer boycott suspended

The Zithobeni Civic Association (ZCA) has suspended the week-long consumer boycott of all Indian and white-owned businesses in Bronkhorstspruit until residents of the near-by Ekangala township are ready to join the boycott action.

A ZCA spokesman yesterday said the township was tense after an alleged police raid on the homes of community leaders at the weekend. Residents also demanded the reincorporation of Ekangala, which is part of KwaNdebele, into South Africa.

The organisations were scheduled to meet on Saturday.

The boycott started last Monday in protest against high rentals, power cuts and the demand for a joint negotiating forum for the Zithobeni and Bronkhorstspruit residents.

Residents of Ekangala were ready to join the boycott action in support.

The organisations were to meet on Saturday to discuss the boycott call.

The organisations were scheduled to meet on Saturday.
At least 26 listed as dead in SAP’s violence update

AT LEAST 26 people died and 24 were injured in political violence in the PWV region at the weekend and yesterday, police said.

Two killings were reported by police in the Vaal Triangle yesterday, and the Soweto Civic Association claimed one of its officials had been gunned down in Zola on Sunday.

Earlier, police detailed 23 unrest-related deaths on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Police closed Phola Park squatter camp, near Thokoza on the East Rand, yesterday for a second time in five days in what Witwatersrand liaison officer Capt Eugene Opperman described as “a continuous crime prevention operation.”

ANC spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said at least eight armoured carriers drove into the settlement yesterday afternoon and shots were fired. Opperman said he had no knowledge of any shooting during the raid.

Vaal Triangle liaison officer Capt Piet van Deventer said that at 2am yesterday, at Sebokeng near Vanderbijlpark, police found the body of a man who had been hacked and stabbed before being set alight.

Also yesterday, at 5.08am, outside Sebokeng single-sex hostel No 4, a gunman with an AK-47 rode open fire on a minibus taxi, killing a man.

The Soweto Civic Association said its Zola branch chairman Ernest “Mungwana” Mabaso was shot dead near his home on Sunday. Police were unable to confirm the shooting.

The police unrest report for the weekend said a man’s body was found in the veld in Sebokeng on Sunday night. He had been shot several times in the head.

The report also told of sporadic incidents of violence near Kimberley and in Natal — including the bombing of a University of Natal chemistry laboratory at 12.15am on Sunday. Damage to the building was extensive, but no one was injured.

According to police unrest figures 11 people died on Friday, and three each on Saturday and Sunday.

Police reported yesterday the discovery of three more bodies in the Vaal Triangle on Friday, three on Sunday, and two on Monday.

In Alexandra, north of Johannesburg, the body of a man, and another injured man with severe head wounds, were found.

In a separate incident a man was shot and wounded, and a woman was hurt when a group attacked her.

Van Deventer said that on Sunday night, two men burst into the home of a Sebokeng policeman, searched occupants and opened fire on the policeman. Both intruders were shot dead. The policeman was not hurt.

According to the official unrest report, police found a woman who had been badly burnt at the Ivory Park squatter camp near Tembisa, on the East Rand.

On Friday, in suspected taxi violence, police reported that one person was killed and three others wounded when unidentified men sprayed a minibus taxi with gunfire.

In another incident, Van Deventer reported that on Friday at 7.35pm, three youths died instantly when an unknown man opened fire with an AK-47 on a group of youths on a soccer field in Zone 12, Sebokeng. Six youths were seriously injured.

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Hospital chief in court on bribery and fraud charges

DURBAN — A former colleague of King Edward VIII hospital’s suspended chief medical superintendent told a regional court magistrate yesterday that she was asked to pay R6 000 for a job at the hospital.

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At least 26 listed as dead in SAP's violence update

AT LEAST 26 people died and 24 were injured in political violence in the PWV region at the weekend and yesterday, police said.

Two killings were reported by police in the Vaal Triangle yesterday, and the Soweto Civic Association claimed one of its officials had been gunned down in Zozi on Sunday.

Earlier, police detailed 23 unrest-related deaths on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Police raided Phola Park squatter camp, near Thokoza on the East Rand, for a second time in five days in what Witwatersrand liaison officer Capt Eugene Opperman described as "a continuous crime prevention" operation.

ANC spokesman Romie Mamoea said at least eight armoured carriers drove into the settlement yesterday afternoon and shots were fired. Opperman said he had no knowledge of any shooting during the raid.

Vaal Triangle liaison officer Capt Piet van Deventer said that at 2am yesterday, at Sebokeng near Vanderbijlpark, police found the body of a man who had been hacked and stabbed before being set alight.

Also yesterday, at 5.08am, outside Sebokeng single-sex hostel No 4, a gunman with an AK-47 rifle opened fire on a minibus taxi, killing a man.

The Soweto Civic Association said its Zola branch chairman Ernest "Mungwa" Mahaso was shot dead near his home on Sunday. Police were unable to confirm the shooting.

The police unrest report for the weekend said a man's body was found in the veld in Sebokeng on Sunday night. He had been shot several times in the head.

The report also told of sporadic incidents of violence near Kimberley and in Natal — including the bombing of a University of Natal chemical laboratory at 12.15am on Sunday. Damage to the building was extensive, but no one was injured.

According to police unrest figures, 11 people died on Friday, and three each on Saturday and Sunday.

Police reported yesterday the discovery of three more bodies in the Vaal Triangle on Friday, three on Sunday, and two on Monday.

In Alexandra, north of Johannesburg, the body of a man, and another injured man with severe hack wounds, were found.

In a separate incident a man was shot and wounded, and a woman was hurt when a group attacked her.

Van Deventer said that on Sunday night, two men burst into the home of a Sebokeng policeman, searched occupants and opened fire on the policeman. Both intruders were shot dead. The policeman was not hurt.

According to the official unrest report, police found a woman who had been badly burnt at the Ivory Park squatter camp near Tembisa, on the East Rand.

On Friday, in suspected taxi violence, police reported that one person was killed and three others wounded when unidentified men sprayed a minibus taxi with gunfire.

In another incident, Van Deventer reported that on Friday at 7.35pm, three youths died instantly when an unknown man opened fire with an AK-47 on a group of youths on a soccer field in Zone 12, Sebokeng. Six youths were seriously injured.

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Five killed in Reef unrest incidents

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Five people died in unrest incidents on the Reef yesterday, according to the latest police unrest report.

Vaal Triangle liaison officer Captain Piet van Deventer said police found the body of a man who had been hacked and stabbed before being set alight early yesterday morning in Zone 7 at Sebokeng, near Vanderbijlpark.

Also in Sebokeng, a man was killed outside the single-sex hostel at 5.00 am yesterday when a gunman with an AK-47 rifle opened fire on a minibus taxi.

In Soweto, a man was shot and wounded after allegedly opening fire on members of the police flying squad, according to Soweto liaison officer Colonel Tienie Halgren.

Two bodies were found at Phola Park on the East Rand yesterday, according to Witwatersrand Police liaison officer Captain Eugene Opperman.

Captain Opperman said a woman had been stabbed to death and a man had been battered to death.

Police were unable to release the names of any of the dead people.

The Inkatha Institute’s violence study unit reported that attackers armed with AK-47 rifles and hand grenades had damaged a house belonging to the KwaZulu legislative member for Ndwedwe, Pheneus Mfayela, on Sunday morning in Ndwedwe near Verulam outside Durban.
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25 die, 24 injured in PWV weekend unrest

JOHANNESBURG — At least 25 people died and 24 were injured in the PWV region at the weekend and yesterday.

The police were informed of the incident on Sunday night, but did not have any information about the cause of the deaths.

The police said they were investigating the incident and would provide more information as it became available.

The incident was reported to be a result of a clash between two rival political groups.

No further details were available at the time of writing.
Another swoop on Phola

Johannesburg — Police confirmed that several shots were fired during a crime-prevention operation in Phola Park yesterday.

A Witwatersrand police spokesman said no one was injured when the police retaliated with rubber bullets after coming under fire.

He said the raid was part of continuing investigations into attacks on policemen. Since February, five policemen had died and four were seriously injured.

Last week, police arrested a man in connection with nine murders.

Meanwhile, a sitting of the Goldstone committee, investigating 22 Battalion's recent raid on Phola Park was adjourned to today as witnesses were not available yesterday. — Sapa
Colonel feared bloodshed on train

PRETORIA. It was impossible for 30 members of the SA Police and 20 Defence Force personnel to disarm or arrest about 2,000 armed men who were on their way to CODESA II on Friday, a committee of the Goldstone Commission on violence on trains heard yesterday.

Colonel Alexander Stapelberg, commander of the Internal Stability Unit in Soweto, told the sitting that he found the situation so volatile that any confrontation could have resulted in bloodshed.

He said he had stopped a train with a large group of Zulus on board at New Canada station. There had been no time to ask for reinforcements and he had had to ask the group to take an empty train back to Merafe station, from where they would go back to their hostels, still carrying their weapons.

When his unit checked the train, left by the armed men, a dead body and an injured man were found. — Sapa
Business focus on the violence

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

THE violence that is devastating businesses in the townships will come under focus at a meeting of business people, at Sebenzile Petrol Filling Station in Meadowlands, Soweto, tomorrow.

The secretary of the Soweto Independent Traders Association (Sita), Mr Thami Skenjana, who is co-ordinating the meeting, said yesterday that business was unstable in many parts of Soweto, especially in Meadowlands and Dobsonville, where violence was rife.

He said most businesses faced the prospect of closing down because people were afraid to buy from those areas and added: “We need to do something in order to get our customers back.”

He called on business people, including hawkers, spaza shop owners, doctors, lawyers, taxi operators and musicians to attend the meeting.

“We need to organise ourselves to fight this violence,” said Skenjana.

He said that many other issues, including electricity tariffs, would be discussed.
Phola Park residents have been angered by another pre-dawn police raid on the squatter camp yesterday.

Two bodies found, man held in Phola Park raid

POLICE found two bodies and arrested a man after another pre-dawn raid at Phola Park squatter camp on the East Rand yesterday.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman yesterday said a man was battered to death and a woman fatally stabbed on Sunday night.

Police were unable to supply the names of the dead.

A man, arrested in connection with a petrol bomb- ing incident, was the 10th person arrested in Phola Park since last Thursday.

Opperman said the raid was an ongoing crime prevention exercise following the deaths of five poli- cemen at the camp this year.

He said Phola Park required constant police atten- tion as it was "ripe with violent criminals".

"There is no way we can allow people to attack security forces and Phola Park residents are constantly attacking the police," he said.

Police came under attack by residents yesterday, with snipers firing shots at passing police vehicles.

ANC regional spokesman Mr Ronnie Manoepe accused the police of harassing Phola Park residents.

He said eight armoured carriers patrolled the camp yesterday, adding this was "part of a strategy to destabilise Phola Park."

Replying to allegations that police fired shots at residents, Opperman said police had used rubber bul- lets and teargas.

The arrested men are being held in custody and will appear in court once investigations have been com- pleted, he said.
Soweto activist killed

Sowetan reporter
A MEMBER of the Soweto Civic Association, Mr. Ernest "Mungwa" Mahase, was shot dead near his home on Sunday, the association said yesterday.

Police spokesman Captain Govindsamy Marienuthoo said the police only had a record of a Mr. Edward Munga, who he said, was shot in Zola.

Marienuthoo could give no further details.

Mr. Molwane Lephunya of the SCA said Mahase, who was chairman of the association's Zola township branch, was shot on Sunday morning while on his way to a meeting.

"From the SCA point of view, we will leave no stone unturned until the perpetrators of this act have been found. We vow we will find them. His death shall be avenged," Lephunya said.

Sapa.
Why cops did not disarm IFP men - evidence

PEARS of chaos at New Canada railway station near Soweto last Friday led police to decide against disarming Inkatha Freedom Party supporters, a committee of the Goldstone Commission was told yesterday.

The IFP supporters, some of whom were armed with knobkierries and axes, were on their way to the World Trade Centre near Kempton Park where CoDesa 2 proceedings were in progress.

Captain Matthys du Plessis, a commanding officer at New Canada police station, told the commission that police either had to disarm the men and cause chaos, or ask them to go back from where they came.

"As we feared that there might be chaos if we disarmed them, we decided to prevent them from boarding the train and asked them to return where they came from," he said.

Du Plessis said there were commuters waiting for trains at the station.

"We gave them the option of leaving their weapons at New Canada railway station but they refused," he said.

He said the men were then escorted back to where they came from.
Three shot dead at railway station

PRETORIA — Seven people died in overnight violence, four of them at train stations on the East Rand, and four vehicles were set alight in the volatile Phola Park squatter camp area near Alberton as police raided the camp on Monday.

According to the official police unrest report, the bodies of two men and a woman were found with bullet wounds at Mandela Park station near Alberton on the East Rand, and a man was hacked to death near Wadeville station, Germiston.

A man's body was also found in Alexandra, north of Johannesburg, the report said.

Policemen also continued to come under attack with a municipal policeman dying on Monday night after being attacked by unknown gunmen in Dobsonville, Soweto. The man was walking with his girlfriend in a street when he was shot.

In another incident in Dobsonville, a man being pursued by policemen on patrol fired shots at them, one of which hit an officer.

The policeman's bullet-proof vest saved him from injury. Police returned fire, fatally wounding the man.

The Phola Park camp, described by police as a festering sore of violence and armed attacks, was on Monday raided for the second time in a week in what the police maintained was a crime-prevention operation.

ANC PWV spokesman Mr Ronnie Mamoepa condemned the raid, claiming it was part of a strategy to destabilise the area.

Rubber bullers

Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said, however, that the operation was part of investigations into the killing of five policemen and the wounding of four others in the camp since February.

At least nine people have been arrested in the two raids, including the suspected leader of a gang believed to be responsible for the attacks on policemen. — Sapa
Petrol tanker explodes

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A MAN was seriously injured and four houses damaged yesterday when a petrol tanker overturned after it was stoned by a group of youths in Diepkloof Extension, Soweto.

The tanker burst into flames, setting nearby houses and vehicles alight, causing damage running into hundreds of thousands of rand.

The owner of the tanker, Mobil, would not comment. Their Cape Town office said the person who could comment was not available.

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By the time the firemen came the front rooms and the three cars in the yard were on fire,” he said.

Two other houses in the same row were slightly damaged by the force of the explosion, which smashed windows and set the curtains alight. Furniture and household goods were damaged when they were hurled onto the houses.

The owners of the houses on each side of the first house came home to find neighbours moving their furniture out.

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A weeping Mrs Mona Lisa Hamilton said she received a telephone call at work to say her house was on fire.

“I am fortunate that there were helpers at home, otherwise the house would have burnt to ashes because the neighbours would not have been able to gain entry to put out the fire,” she said.

Soweto police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni confirmed that a man had been injured and four houses and four vehicles set alight in the incident.

He issued a strong warning to schoolchildren, especially in Diepkloof and Pimville, “to stop harassing and attacking innocent motorists and other people”.

“Police have tolerated this and have had enough. We are definitely not going to tolerate lawlessness any longer. From today we are going to take stern action against the schoolchildren concerned.”

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POLICE are to investigate anew allegations by Mr Peter Bhengu that he was almost killed after he refused to join a mercenary squad allegedly involved in Alexandra killings.

A senior police officer in charge of the riot and violence unit in Johannesburg this week phoned Sowetan trying to contact Bhengu, who is based in Soweto.

When Bhengu reported the matter to the police on April 23, police arrested five of his 10 attackers and charged them with assault. The men were acquitted in the Hillbrow Magistrate’s Court yesterday.

Police, however, declined to investigate Bhengu’s allegations that the attackers had offered him R260 for each person he killed.

They said they did not believe his attackers were operating for a political organisation which paid them.

Allegations

The police officer yesterday said they wanted a full statement from Bhengu to institute an investigation into the allegations.

Sowetan has refused to provide the address but indicated Bhengu would be informed of police interest.

Bhengu had told Sowetan that 10 security guards employed at Chatham Court in Joubert Park, including his brother, had offered him money if he joined their squad in the killings in April.

When he refused, they attacked him and left him for dead. He regained consciousness after being in a coma for 17 days.

Bhengu accused the police of siding with the attackers by not taking his case "seriously" and alleged that they were indirectly helping the squad.

The police attitude has come under fire from political organisations who expressed dismay that an assertion by a victim that he was attacked by a political hit squad was not investigated by the police.

Meanwhile, an alleged network of police bases said to be linked to attacks on political activists has been uncovered and confirmed by police.

Network

While police said the network was involved in undercover "normal" police work, media investigations have linked some of the bases, housed in so-called "safe houses", to recruitment of activists to attack political targets in various areas.

Police last week stopped the Weekly Mail from publishing names of policemen and addresses of houses involved in the network, but disclosed that 18 bases existed.

One such base in the Vaal was exposed two weeks ago but police said the place was being used for investigations into gun running.

The latest police disclosures come on the heels of revelations that senior army officers had ordered the "permanent removal from society" of Eastern Cape activists who were later found shot and burnt outside Port Elizabeth.
Police, strikers in confrontation

By Thomsina Morris
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"I was introduced to (a) Captain Kruger and I gave him information about people who were in possession of firearms. Acting on this information the police went to the hostel and found the firearms, and I was paid for the information," he said.

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The witness described a number of meetings at which plans to attack train commuters at railway stations were discussed, and how the attacks were carried out.

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JOHANNESBURG. — Thousands of Soweto<br>schoolchildren went on the rampage again yes<br>terday, setting a man alight and stoning cars.<br>Police expressed fears yesterday that a two-<br>day stayaway called for by the SA Democratic<br>Teachers Union (Sadtu), starting today, could<br>worsen the already explosive situation in<br>Killarney, Soweto. Police managed to douse the<br>flames, but the man died later in hospital.<br>The riots followed a schools boycott which<br>started this week in protest against a Depart-<br>ment of Education and Training decision to<br>increase matric exam fees.<br>Police spokesman Captain Joseph<br>Ngobeni said rubber bullets and tear gas were<br>used yesterday to disperse crowds of pupils who<br>took to the streets in the suburbs of Killarney,<br>Pimville, Diepkloof, Meadowlands, Moroka and<br>Jabulani.<br>He said that at 11.15am yesterday a group of<br>youths attacked an unidentified security guard<br>in Killarney. The man was attacked with a<br>stone before being set alight. Police doused the<br>flames and rushed him to hospital, but he was<br>certified dead on arrival. The vehicle the man was<br>escorting was also set ablaze, he said.<br>On Monday morning a petrol tanker collided<br>with a car and exploded after it was ambushed.
Police out in force as Soweto youths riot

STEPHANE BOTHEMA

The SAP's Internal Stability Unit was deployed at full strength in Soweto yesterday when thousands of rioting youths ran amuck for the second day, setting a security guard alight and stoning vehicles.

A school boycott which started this week resulted in full-scale rioting with groups of youths rampaging through township streets, stoning and petrol-bombing buildings and vehicles.

A pupil embarked on the boycott in protest at a Department of Education and Training decision to increase matric exam fees. A DGET spokesman yesterday confirmed there was already an 100% stayaway from Soweto schools, but said he could not give reasons.

Police expressed fears yesterday that a two-day stayaway called for by the SA Democratic Teachers Union (Sadtu), starting today, could worsen the already explosive situation in Soweto.

Sadtu has launched the boycott to support its bid for recognition by the DGET. Soweto police spokesman Capt Joseph Ngobeni said rubber bullets and teargas were used yesterday to disperse crowds of pupils who took to the streets in the suburbs of Killarney, Finetown, Diepkloof, Meadowlands, Moroka and Jabulani.

He said that at 11.15am yesterday a group of youths attacked an unidentified security guard in Killarney. The man was robbed of his firearm before being set alight. Police doused the flames and rushed him to hospital, but he was certified dead on arrival. The vehicle the man was escorting was also set ablaze, he said.

By late yesterday afternoon, most of the youths had dispersed, but some groups were still roaming the township, he said. The situation was being closely monitored by the police. No arrests were made.

SAPA reports that SA Council of Churches general secretary the Rev Frank

Soweto

Chikane has criticised the behaviour of Soweto students who ambushed a petrol tanker on Tuesday. The tanker was destroyed and its driver seriously burnt.

"I call on students to act responsibly in their efforts to address their grievances," Chikane said.

Meanwhile, police headquarters yesterday reported only one death, during unrest-related incidents on Tuesday. A man was reportedly shot dead in Dobsonville, Soweto, after firing on the police.

Youths also stoned members of the police and set a house alight at the Ratanda single-sex hostel in Heidelberg.
Man set alight, dies on way to hospital

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A man was set alight and later died yesterday during a day of rampaging by Soweto pupils in which they stoned cars and clashed with police.

It is not known who was responsible for the man's death. Soweto police said the man, believed to be a security guard, was attacked in Killarney before being set alight. His car was burnt and police found him barely alive and still burning. They doused the flames, but he died on the way to hospital.

Schools were deserted early yesterday as a group of pupils allegedly went from school to school urging pupils to leave their classes.

Yesterday's chaos followed a call by the Soweto branch of the Congress of SA Students for a boycott to protest against a rise in matric exam fees.

Police said there were sporadic incidents of stone-throwing around Soweto since early morning, when groups of pupils formed at street corners and stoned police vehicles and private cars.

Teargas and rubber bullets were used to disperse some of the groups.
Unionist Mayekiso, 'guards' arrested

JOHANNESBURG. — Alexandra Civic Association chairman and trade unionist Mr. Moses Mayekiso and three "bodyguards" were arrested in the township on Tuesday night, police said. The four men appeared in Wynberg Magistrate's Court yesterday, and were charged with the illegal possession of firearms.

Calling for the charges to be dropped, Numsa, of which Mr. Mayekiso is general-secretary, said a licence application for a weapon for his protection was not granted. Cosatu said if Mr. Mayekiso acquired or possessed arms illegally for his defence, the government should be blamed. — Sapa
Witness tells of IFP conspiracy
ANC in PWV may quit accord

By Michael Sparks

Leaders of the ANC PWV region are thinking of pulling out of the National Peace Accord, it was announced at a Johannesburg press conference yesterday.

ANC regional chairman Tokyo Sexwale said in a statement that after media revelations of covert security force involvement in violence, the ANC and its allies were compelled to re-examine their participation in the National Peace Accord structures.

The statement was endorsed by the regional heads of the SA Communist Party, Cosatu and the Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal.

The announcement followed a clear hardening of the ANC's negotiating stance in the aftermath of Codets 2's failure to agree on a blueprint for the transition period.

Mr Sexwale said: "We are left with no option except to conclude that the Government, police and army are rotten to the core..."

"It is now clear from the revelations that the security forces signed the National Peace Accord in bad faith.

"They continue to talk peace with us while waging low-intensity warfare against us," he said.

The ANC leader cited the kidnapping of ANC members, the close relationship between police and "notorious gangsters guilty of committing heinous crimes", and the plotting and actual murders by security force members "under the direct command of senior police officers and army generals".

Mr Sexwale added that while the country had often been informed that the carnage was the result of black-on-black violence, "the police and the army today stand exposed as the real perpetrators of these heinous acts".

The statement referred to the involvement of President PW de Klerk who "is not immune from all these acts by virtue of his co-option to the State Security Council".

The ANC PWV group plans to consult its structures and allies to determine whether they should withdraw from the peace accord.

Val Pawquet, National Peace Secretariat spokesman, confirmed that the group would be meeting with the executive tomorrow, and added that the withdrawal threat was being considered very seriously.

Asked whether the region's statement reflected ANC policy, national spokesman Saki Macozoma said: "It is the prerogative of each region if they want to consult with their structures."

Once this had been done, he said, the region would put its proposals to the national executive for consideration.

Mr Macozoma added: "At the national level we can say what we like, but if the people on the ground feel they cannot implement it, it doesn't mean much."

Sapa reports that the ANC leadership is coming under concerted pressure to take a harder line at all levels in negotiations with the Government after the disappointment of Codets 2.

According to well-placed sources, this is the clear message emerging from the rank and file, who believe ANC negotiators are being lured into a trap by the National Party.

In interviews in Johannesburg, township leaders since Codets 2, ANC leaders and supporters said they were worried that the organisation was negotiating according to rules set by the Government.

The National Peace Committee executive will be meeting tomorrow to discuss the matter, a spokesman for the executive said yesterday.

The executive is also understood to be discussing invitations to President de Klerk, ANC leader Nelson Mandela and IFP leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi to attend a joint meeting with the National Peace Committee to explore ways of stopping inflammatory statements by political leaders.
ANC warns on peace accord

A shoulder to lean on

THE Pretoria-Witwatersrand-Vaal region of the African National Congress is reconsidering its participation in the National Peace Accord, charging that the security forces signed the agreement in bad faith.

Addressing a Press conference in Johannesburg yesterday, ANC regional chairman Mr. Tokyo Sexwale said: "They continue to talk peace with us, while waging low-intensity warfare against us."

In a statement supported by ANC allies, Sexwale said their structures and allies would be consulted. The ANC allies who backed the statement were the SA Communist Party, the Congress of South African Trade Unions and the Civics Association of Southern Transvaal.

"We will be asking ... whether in their view the security forces and the Government signed the accord in good faith, the demands we ought to make, the advisability of withdrawing from the Peace Accord and conditions for resumption of our partici..."
Death, mayhem as children rampage

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It is not known who was responsible for the man's death. Soweto police spokesman 'Lieutenant

By PHANGISILE MTSHALI

Colonel Tienie Halgren said the man, believed to be a security guard, was attacked in Killarney before being set alight.

His car was burnt and police found him barely alive and still burning. They doused the flames but he died on the way to hospital.

Schools were deserted early yesterday as a group of pupils, allegedly went from school to school urging pupils to leave classes.

Yesterday's chaos followed a call by the Soweto branch of the Congress of South African Students for a three-day boycott to protest against "expensive" matric examination fees.

Halgren said there were sporadic stoning incidents around Soweto from early morning when groups of pupils formed at street corners and stoned police and private cars.

Members of the SAP's Internal Stability Unit used teargas and rubber bullets to disperse some of the groups.

However, gangs of pupils still roamed the streets in Pimville, Diepkloof, Meadowlands, Moroka, Jabulani and Orlando.

The Department of Training's chief director for the Johannesburg region, Mr. Richard Motau, said yesterday attendances were irregular with many schools being disrupted between 8am and 11.30am.
Help on violence needed

THE Goldstone Commission has appealed for information on the displacement of people due to the ongoing violence on the Reef.

Mr. Justice Richard Goldstone yesterday said the Commission had already established a committee to investigate this.

The committee needed information which would enable it to identify people who had been forced to leave their homes or hostels in Alexandra, Soweto and the Vaal Triangle.

Thousands of people have apparently fled their homes in these areas in recent months.

Anyone who could give this information is asked to write to the Secretary of the Commission, Private Bag X538, Pretoria, 0001 or fax (012) 320-3812. Sapa.
Residents set up crisis committee in Phola Park

By Peter Wellman

Phola Park, trying to raise funds and awareness, has formed an emergency committee (PCC) to liaise with the security forces. The committee was formed after a series of alleged shootings and murder.

Chairman, Andrew Bwete, who leads the community, said this week that the committee had been formed in response to a series of shootings and killings in the area. He claimed that the community had been targeted by organised criminals and that the shootings were a cover-up for the real target.

The committee, which includes members of the community, plans to hold regular meetings and to raise awareness about the situation.

Training

Committee members and residents of Phola Park were trained in community policing and conflict resolution.

The training was aimed at equipping members with the skills necessary to maintain peace and security in the area.

Packed

The committee said that it was packed with people who wanted to help. They were determined to make a difference and to ensure that the community was safe.

Conflict began a few years ago, but has become more intense in recent times. The committee said that it was trying to bring the community together and to promote peace.

The committee said that it was exploring options to increase the security presence in the area. This could include the deployment of additional police officers and the installation of security cameras.
Most violent period in SA history — and 1992 could become even worse, warn unrest monitors

BLOODY FACE OF REFORM

JOHANNESBURG. — The reform era has become the bloodiest period of South African history — and 1992 is set to become one of the most violent years on record, unrest monitors have warned.

The warnings came as brutal attacks continued on the Reef yesterday with at least five people being killed and many injured as gunmen and roving groups of youths ran amok.

If the violence continues at its present levels 2,000 people could die in political unrest before the end of the year, according to the South African Institute of Race Relations (SAIRR).

And the Human Rights Commission said yesterday the rate of political assassinations in the reform era of the '80s is more than five times that during the repressive period of 1985 to 1989.

"During the short 28 months from January 1990 to April 1992, HRC records show a total of 119 political assassinations, over five times the rate of such murders during the emergency years," the HRC said in a statement.

Mr John Kani-Berman, executive director of the SAIRR, said that if the violence continued at its present rate 1992 would be second only to 1989 as the most violent year recorded in South African history.

In the first four months of this year 923 people have been killed.

A total of 12,807 people had been killed for political reasons since September, 1984.

The total rose by three in Alexandra yesterday in a typically callous attack.

In a dawn attack in First Avenue, Alexandra, a passing minibus was raked with AK-47 gunfire. The 28-year-old driver and a passenger were killed instantly.

A second passenger later died in the Alexandra Clinic. Two other injured commuters were treated at the clinic and transferred to Hillbrow Hospital. None of the victims had been named by last night.

Residents said the minibus veered out of control and hit a lamp post after being hit repeatedly as it passed the intersection of First Avenue and Selborne Road.

Police found 29 spent AK-47 cartridges on the scene, said the taxi owner, Joseph Mokgotho, 43.

"I am just amazed that they could have done this. The passengers were just ordinary people going to work," he said.

In Soweto, where tensions have been heightened by a pupil boycott and teachers' protests, an unidentified woman was stoned and then set alight outside house number 1399 in Meadowlands Zone 5 yesterday. She died on the scene.

Police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn said a 16-year-old boy, fleeing from attackers in Meadowlands Zone 1, was cut down by gunmen armed with automatic rifles at the entrance of the hostel. Police raided two houses after the shooting and found about 30 spent AK-47 shells.

Colonel Halgryn said at 11am police dispersed a group of armed youths and seized two shotguns.
Woman burnt as pupils riot

Own Correspondent

Johannesburg.— The Reef erupted yesterday as rampaging Soweto pupils set a woman alight, police and gunmen exchanged fire in the Phola Park squatter camp and train violence flared up.

At least 11 people were reported killed in the latest violence.

Police liaison officer Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgyn confirmed that a Soweto woman died after being stoned and set alight at Meadowlands by pupils rampaging through the township.

Police said a 15-year-old youth was shot dead shortly after the woman was killed.

No arrests have been made.

Troops were rushed to Soweto yesterday to help quell the third day of rioting by thousands of pupils who stoned vehicles and homes and set them alight.

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Police had come under several automatic gunfire and petrol bomb attacks in the squatter settlement in the past two days, he said.

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Church leaders to see De Klerk

A delegation of church leaders is to meet President F W de Klerk in Cape Town this morning to discuss the escalation of violence and possible solutions.

The delegation is to be led by the general-secretary of the South African Council of Churches, the Rev Frank Chikane.

The other members of the delegation are the SACC's senior vice-president and the national co-ordinator of the Black Sash, Mrs Siphezile Duncan, the Rev TS Mahlaza of the United Congregational Church in Port Elizabeth, the SACC president and the president of the Federal Seminary in Maritzburg, Dr Khoza Mogojo, Bishop Stanley Magoba of the Methodist Church in Durban, the general-secretary of the Southern Africa Catholic Bishops' Conference, Brother Jude Pieterse, and Archbishop Desmond Tutu.
'No Angolan beatings by 32 Battalion'

PRETORIA - A high-ranking officer in 32 Battalion, which fought alongside the SA Defence Force in the Angolan bush war, yesterday denied the unit had assaulted civilians in Angola.

Major Waldemar Andries Frey, who is managing the training division of the unit, said this before a Goldstone Commission committee inquiring into the battalion's alleged rampage through Phola Park.

Questioned by a member of the committee, Mr. Bob Tucker, he said the unit was disciplined and members of the battalion were not allowed to attack civilians. He added that if there were any violent acts by members it would not be as a result of training from his division.

The chairman of the committee, Mr. Solly Sithole, asked Major Frey if it was possible for members of the battalion to regard ANC cadres - who fought alongside Swape before the independence of Namibia - as enemies now as a result of clashes they might have had in Angola.

Major Frey said the battalion, as far as he knew, never had any physical confrontation with the ANC in Angola. He added that the unit had no enemy in the country and was now only after criminal elements. However, he mentioned that if there was any bad blood between the two sides it would be an ideal thing if reconciliatory measures came from both parties.

Major Frey, answering another question from Mr. Sithole, said members of the unit in their duties had to stay two months away from their families before they were given vacations.

Mr. Sithole said he asked the question because members of the battalion were alleged to have raped women during the Phola Park sweep on April 8 and that the period without their loved ones could give light to the committee as to what it was dealing with.

The sitting was adjourned until today. - Sapa
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Police alleged the gunmen were attacking security forces from behind a "safety shield of children and women, knowing the gunfire could not be effectively returned".

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The violence at Phola Park was not only aimed at the police, but also at members of the public, Opperman said. Several attacks on private and commercial vehicles had been launched from there in the past few days.

He warned people to be extremely careful when travelling near the area, and to keep away if possible.

Referring to earlier claims that the settlement was being used as a training camp for so-called "self-defence units" by Mozambican Renamo and Fretilin members, Opperman claimed the units were initiated by the ANC, but had since been taken over by criminal elements. The units were launching criminal attacks from the squatter camp into several other townships on the Reef.
Who'd Kill Kathie's Peaceful Saturday?

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Soweto crisis for Cosas as youths erupt

By PHILIPPA SARBON

THE Congress of South African Students (Cosas) held a crisis meeting with its Soweto branch yesterday to find ways of ending the recent flare-up of violence prompted by students boycotting classes.

In a frightening echo of the mid-1980s violence, and even the 1976 uprising, frustrated youth living amidst worsening poverty, violence and disruption of family life have found an issue around which to mobilise — increased exam fees — and are venting their anger on indiscriminate targets.

According to police reports, the situation in parts of Soweto, particularly Meadowlands, Killarney, Diepkloof and Orlando, is "very volatile", with groups of young students setting and setting alight delivery vehicles.

In the latest incident a 16-year-old boy was shot dead outside the Meadowlands hostel and three people were injured in their home nearby when a man opened fire on them with a pistol.

By midday yesterday three vehicles had been set alight and a bus stoned and damaged.

Earlier this week youths attacked and set alight a security guard in Killarney, who later died. Four houses went up in flames on Tuesday when a petrol tanker veered out of control and crashed after being stoned by youths. The driver was seriously injured.

Most Soweto students are boycotting schools in solidarity with a two-day stayaway called by the South African Democratic Teachers Union (Sadtu).

The students are also protesting against the Department of Education and Training's decision to increase exam fees and the arrest last week of students who staged a sit-in at the DET's Braamfontein offices. In addition, they are voicing general grievances about inadequate schooling conditions like overcrowding and lack of textbooks.

Cosas national organiser Frank Namohapi said his organisation was worried that the unrest would spread to other townships.

"Students are going to lose their lives. We are calling on them not to take part in violence."

He blamed the DET for its "arrogance" and lack of consultation with parents and students in increasing exam fees.

"We don’t want Cosas to be responsible for this violence," said Namohapi, adding that students may be called on to return to school.
A WOMAN was stoned and burnt to death and two men, including a security guard, were shot dead during fighting near Meadowlands Hostel in Soweto yesterday.

Police said more than 10 people were killed and several injured in separate incidents of violence on the Reef and at Heidelberg yesterday.

Four men were killed on Wednesday night in renewed attacks on train commuters.

An armed gang attacked commuters on a train travelling between Wadeville and Elandshoek stations on the East Rand and the four men were blown off the moving train.

One of them died from a bullet wound in the chest and two others sustained serious injuries.

In another incident in the same area police found the bodies of three men after they had apparently been thrown from a moving train.

In Alexandra Township three people were killed and three injured when gunmen shot at a minibus with an AK-47 rifle.

Police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said the attack occurred about 5.20am.

Witnesses to the Soweto incident said the woman, believed to have lived at Meadowlands Hostel, was attacked by rioters.

By RUTH SHENGU
Witness tells of Inkatha hit-men

A former hostel dwellers provided the first direct link between Inkatha teachers and leadership violence and train attacks. By LINDA RULHAS

I could possibly attend at the hostel," he said, adding that all the residents were expected to know support for the IFP. "I predicted that support was strong support.

At some of the meetings, some people, especially one Nobuma, said people to volunteer to help in attacks on hostel residents. "They used to form a challenge... in the event that any of us were prepared to use spats and pangas, they could join the group." The warden told the commission, which is chaired by Judge Gert Steyn and is investigating violence on trains, that he had come to Soweto from Natal in 1989. He moved into Nancefield Hostel in October 1990 and lived there until November 27, 1991.

At first, the situation was peaceful, but tensions later developed between the different ethnic groups. Consequently, the Zulus despised because of the tension and for fear of being attacked by Zulus residents.

Comrade for Inkatha, Louis Visser, asked the warden whether he was an Inkatha member. "I was a hostel follower because we did not have a place to stay," he said. "I was staying at the hostel," the warden admitted, "if you are a resident you have to be involved with what they are doing and you have to follow them.

"Do you involve yourself in Inkatha matters?" he asked.

"I did not," he answered. Asked whether Visser had actually said the hostel dwellers should attack people in the township, the witness said, "Yes, and it would have been advocated if people should go and attack the ANC. He said more than 150 IFP leaders had been killed and 140 had been released or arrested.

"What would the ANC do in this case?" he asked Visser.

"They were afraid of hostels," the witness said. "If they saw hostel people working alone, they would have beaten them up.

"But what did they do exactly?" the witness asked Visser.

"They would rob and burn them," he said. Judges confirmed the witness's report of violence coming from both sides.

"What was the reaction then from Inkatha?" asked Judge Steyn.

"That would be addressed after there was a meeting and then after that, it resulted in fighting," the witness said.

"The main Zulus leaders who lived at the hostel and were involved in the meetings — some of which were attended by all the hostel people — were in the names of Zonke, Nobuma, Mthaba, Mbadu, Gatse and Mhlanga.

"They called on the Zulus to attack people in the community. There were also attacks by hostel dwellers on people of the community living in the township," the witness said.

Money on the box... Media Workers' Association of South Africa members picketed outside the SABC headquarters in Auckland Park on Tuesday. One thousand SABC workers went on a national wage strike on Monday which brought broadcasts on CCOV and the block radio stations to a stand. SABC labour relations spokesman Christo Pretorius maintained a steady "no comment" all the strike. Photo: KEVIN CARTER

Maties may become 'tribal college'

By GAYE DAVIS

A BILL before parliament enshrining Afrikaans as the medium of instruction at Stellenbosch University has drawn fire from progressive academics on the campus who see it as an attempt to exclude white students from the university's reputation of being a "tribal college," the student newspaper reports.

The bill was tabled in parliament this week — in the wake of the launch of a new movement, Stellenbosch Afrikaans (SAfrikaans), spearheaded by National PAC managing director Tony Voûter "as the interests of all Afrikaans people and institutions in future in the language," Naspers dailies have been leading the charge on education drives to raise funds for the movement, which will be fighting for Afrikaans to be retained as an official medium.

The Stellenbosch University Bill also comes at a time of heated debate over access to tertiary education. Use of Afrikaans as a medium of instruction at the majority of predominantly white residential universities has been called a "no-go" for change at the request of black applicants.

A technical adjustment made to the Bill this week means the appointment of students and admission of students will no longer be dependent on the number of Afrikaans as the medium of instruction. While this has won the Bill the support of unions, the National Society of Black Students, National Party and African National Congress (the Conservative Party is opposing it) academic believers has not changed their ground for concern.

"All the discriminatory element is now out," said Professor Laurens du Plessis of Stellenbosch's Department of Public Law. "But the basic question of whether the language medium should be entrenched, remains." Those who oppose it are not against Afrikaans per se. They feel there is a need for flexibility as South Africa moves into a new future. It is like anything else."

Professor Philip Nel and 11 colleagues in the Department of Political Science criticised a lack of consultation with staff and students before the decision was taken by the university's senate.

Although the Bill did not rule out student education choosing to take exams in English or lecturers giving some classes in English (with senate permission), the Bill ruled Stellenbosch's. History and tradition of orientation of accommodation of language preferences among students and lecturers.

Most daunting, said Nel and his colleagues, was the Bill's "definitive" declaration of "Norwegian social support" for the view that the university authorities were trying to minimise the university's relevance to the students, by excluding the institution. It was an unintended, he added, "improbable of insensitivity to the perception created."

"We are committed to building a university, which welcomes South Africans of all racial and cultural backgrounds," Stellenbosch said in a statement. "Professor Sample Terreblanche of the Department of Economics said he and others feared the move would lead to a "blackification" of the university. Stellenbosch is being seen as a "provincial, tribal institution."

"What will the reaction of the outside world?" he asked. "Stellenbosch can't be a centre of provincial, tribal instruction."

He also questioned the timing of the move "in this delicate period when everything is changing and when the whole issue of language rights in a new South Africa has yet to be cleared up."

The issue would remain controversial if it was perceived as a rigid ideological struggle — one no longer being fought between black and white, but between a middle-class and onus, he said.

"In this context, those in sufficient command of Afrikaans to go to university would be middle-class. This is the kind of situation which people will be afraid of and will fear."

"In fact, the policy did not come to the floor of the house in 1990 and only only once in 1991, after I had given them information which led to the token of many people."

The witness said he went to the police after hearing a row of officers and was afraid of becoming a victim of possession of illegal weapons. He was registered as a police informer and was given a code name.

"I am afraid would suggest firing of shots at the hostel. During the second half of 1990, I went to the Pretoria Police Station and met Detective Williams on the basis of the Superintendent of the firearm unit and was involved in implementing the order," the witness said.

"I was introduced to a Captain Krogh and he gave me information about people who were in possession of firearms. After that, I asked the police to the hostel and the hostel owners."

The police told the witness he was prepared to go to evidence in court, despite his identity being known by some of the hostel dwellers who were afraid of being identified by the police. However, he was not called to testify in court.

Towards the end of 1990, the witness informed the police of one person who possessed a gun. The man was arrested, but was later released.

In 1991, the witness pointed out people on three occasions. Two men had pointed out, Gwane and Bucese, were later arrested. Neither could remember who had warned both the hostel that residents were chased away, he said.

Counsel asking evidence for the commission, Judge Tomwane, said that he had made no adverse statements when he gave information to the police, because they did not say he should do it, he testified.

On June 24, 1991, he concluded, the hostel staff had been told that they were expected to report any incidents of people who told them an IFP member had been killed on the rail that day and that a revenge attack had to be
Inkatha leaders gave the orders

launched the next morning.

The group met early the next morning, as arranged.
The witness was armed with a pang a because he
didn't have money to buy a firearm. "We were all
sprayed with a herbal potion which was supposed to
make us unidentifiable."

Leaving the hostel at 6am, they walked along the
railway line to Kliptown Station. When a train
arrived, shots were fired and people jumped out.

"I ran back to the hostel, I think the other men in the
group must have boarded the train at Kliptown sta-
tion, carried out the attack and disembarked at
Nancefield station, because when I got back to the
hostel they were there. That was about 7.30am."

The witness named some of the hostel dwellers
involved in the attack, including leaders.

Two of the men involved in the train attack —
Mlamleli Mehan and Khulekani Mvela — were
arrested in July, when the witness identified them.
Both were found in possession of firearms and they
later confessed to being involved in the attack. Others
were later arrested for illegal possession of firearms.

Another attack was launched by about 200 hostel
dwellers on commuters at Nancefield station in
October 1991.

"When the train stopped, the hostel men started
shooting and hacking passengers," said the witness.
"I was standing nearby watching. We could see
people snatching the commuter’s who were trying to
g et off the train, and chasing and assaulting people
on the platform. I saw two policemen on the platform,
but they ran away when the shooting began."

The attackers changed their clothes after the attack
and joined those watching the ambulances at the sta-
tion, he said.

Unlike the first train attack, the witness did not
immediately report this second attack. "It was diffi-
cult for me to leave the hostel without being detected
or attacked. I only reported the incident in November,
to one Danie. I had his page number. I used to leave
a message and he would always turn up for meetings.

"He would give me about R200 at each meeting
and asked about what was going on at the hostel."

However, the witness said, he was not paid the
R10,000 owed him for information about the June
train attack, nor the R30,000 for information on the
October attack.

Du Toit asked: "But did the police not tell you that
you could only be given the money after a convic-
tion?"

"They said they would pay if I gave them infor-
mation that would lead to the arrest of those people."
ON Wednesday Sowetan criticised the police on incidents at Phola Park.

Major Ray Harrald, spokesman for the SAP in Pretoria, yesterday replied to our criticism:

"I refer to the editorial Comment published in Sowetan, May 20, 1991. Please allow me to make the following comments.

To state that "it does seem somewhat petulant, almost revengeful, to raid this particular camp because several attacks have been launched from it" is not true. The SA Police has a by-law-imposed duty to maintain law and order. We will carry out this duty to the best of our ability.

The SA Police had reliable information that certain persons being sought were at Phola Park and for that reason the area was searched. As soon as the criminal elements in Phola Park refrain from launching these attacks and harbouring those being sought for acts of violence, it will no longer be necessary for the police to carry out such operations.

'Deliberately tardy'

Your comment regarding our action against hostels being "deliberately tardy" is unfair and unfounded. Our successes regarding the recovery of illegal firearms and other dangerous weapons during operations when hostels are searched speak for themselves.

I would like to reaffirm our policy that where the SA Police receives sufficient evidence that any person(s) may be in possession of illegal firearms or may be responsible for the commission of any offence, we will not hesitate to act whether it be against the hostels or areas such as Phola Park.

Calls for the police to stay out of Phola Park would only benefit the criminal element and if we were to do so we would be playing into their hands. We are not prepared to do this. We owe it to the law-abiding residents of Phola Park to maintain law and order. We are quite sure that the inconvenience such a search may cause is a small price to pay.

We once again call on all the law-abiding residents of Phola Park, and all other strife-torn areas to support us in our efforts to maintain law and order."
Peace group to meet on violence

AN urgent meeting of the full National Peace Committee (NPC) is to be called next week because of increasing violence in the PWV-region and Natal.

This was decided at a meeting of the National Peace Executive in Johannesburg yesterday.

The executive said in a statement that matters to be discussed would include the restoration of local administration and services in violence-torn communities and the urgent need for improved police/community relationships.

Another urgent matter was the lack of full-time participation in some regional and local dispute resolution committees in flashpoint areas, which was "severely hampering the efficient functioning of these structures".

In conjunction with the National Peace Secretariat, the committee would consider an invitation to political leaders at all levels to advise on a manner in which security forces could collectively contain the upsurge of violence. — Sapa.
Rebels on rampage

ANC cadres turn defence unit into murderous gang

By DE WET POTGIETER

ANC's military wing have hijacked Phola Park township's self-defence unit and used it to conduct murders, armed robberies and attacks on security forces members, police claim.

In a joint operation by the SAP's Crime Information Service, the East Rand murder and robbery squad and the Internal Stability Unit, 12 dissident members of Umkhonto we Sizwe were arrested in the past two weeks.

According to a police spokesman, one of them has confessed to seven murders and three armed robberies.

Another MK member — who returned to South Africa at the beginning of the year — told police during interrogation that he was one of 200 MK dissidents who were arrested, while in the ANC's, Dakawa, training camp in Tanzania, to turn to a life of crime. He alleged that the serious crime rate could rocket from July, when MK will halt allowances to returned cadres.

'Crime' and armed robberies — in particular — would be the only avenue open to SDUs to finance themselves after that date, the suspect told police.

He said the dissidents had been transferred to Dakawa in May last year after refusing to undergo advanced training in conventional warfare, because they wanted to return to South Africa. They had been told by new recruits from South Africa that ANC-sanctioned self-defence units (SDUs) had been set up in townships.

The group decided to set up their own SDUs, without ANC approval, but to retain their MK links in order to ensure a flow of funds and weapons.

The map told police that plans to rob banks, hijack vehicles, launch attacks on members of the security forces and eliminate informers and "the enemy, like Inkatha" were laid in the Tanzanian camp.

Other suspects arrested revealed under interrogation that:

- Plans had been discussed for the abduction of children from a daycare centre in the Alberton suburb of Brackenhurst, attacks on soft targets as far afield as the Free State and executions by kangaroo courts;
- The Phola Park SDU replaced the residents' committees in March after two committees members were murdered and the rest fled the squatter camp in fear of their lives;
- The SDU is set on establishing a "liberated zone" and planned to use Phola Park as the model for other black townships and squatter camps such as Zonezizwe (Vosloorus), Mandela Park (Katehe) and Crossroads;
- Phola Park residents were intimidated into identifying soft targets at their places of work and providing details of security measures.

Patrols

Among the SDU members arrested are three charged with attempted murder following the recent attack on Phola Park residents by members of the SADF's 32 Battalion.

Also in custody is one of two former Frelimo soldiers who have been training SDU members in the township.

A senior SAP officer admitted this week that "ordinary" policing was no longer possible in Phola Park.

He said security force patrols had found the bodies of several people executed by kangaroo courts in the ruins of a hostess formerly occupied by Zulus on the outskirts of the squatter camp.

Since January 1, 338 cases of serious violent crime had been committed in and around Phola Park, he said.

The head of the East Rand murder and robbery squad, Lieutenant-Colonel Ivor Human, confirmed that suspects had been arrested in connection with the following crimes:

- An attack in which Constable Louis Oosthuizen was killed and Constable Hermanus Joubert seriously wounded in February when they were sent to the aid of an elderly couple who were being attacked on a smallholding near Bethlehem;
- An attack on a Rand Water Board minibus on the old Vereeniging road in February, in which four people were killed;
- The murder of Germiston traffic officer Richard Cousins, who was shot five times in the back on March 27 this year while trying to stop a speeding minibus, and the murder of an SAP warrant-officer on March 26;
- The murder of 18 IFP members on September 8 last year while they were marching to a rally at Thokoza stadium;
- The murder of a Coin Security guard during an R80 000 armed robbery last September.
Moses Maimon, CIRG, 30/5/77

By enraged squatters

"Killer" taxis targeted

[Image of a scene with a military helicopter and a journalist]
AT least nine people, including a prominent doctor and teacher, were found shot dead by unknown gunmen who went on a two-day shooting spree in Evaton, Sebokeng and Sharpeville this week.

The bodies of the victims were found by shocked residents in the three townships on Sunday and Monday morning in open veld. The killings are believed to be politically motivated because of the tension that prevails in the Vaal triangle.

Police spokesman Captain Piet van Deventer confirmed the discovery of the bodies and said police were investigating.

Seven of the victims were shot dead on Sunday night and two others died in the same way on Monday night, Van Deventer said.

He said at 8.45 pm on Sunday a group of armed men raided a policeman's house and demanded his service revolver and shot him. The policeman returned fire and killed two of the assailants and wounded another.

At 9.10 pm on Sunday two people were found shot dead in the head in Zone 14, Sebokeng.

Minutes later, five men carrying AK-47s walked into a shebeen in Evaton and demanded beer. When the shebeen king demanded money for the liquor, they shot him dead and left.

At midnight on Sunday the police found the body of a man near Hollywood Niteclub in Zone 12, Sebokeng.

At about 11.30 pm on Sunday the police also found the bullet-riddled body of a man in a street in Sharpeville.

An hour later in Zone 7 Sebokeng, the police found the necklaced body of Samuel Tosetsi of Evaton.

Residents at Sebokeng Hospital fired at and killed a passenger in a taxi at about 2 am on Monday.

On Wednesday three best friends were buried in Sebokeng.

They were found shot dead two weeks ago in a veld near Sebokeng.

STREETS OF FIRE... Fire fighters struggle to put out the Diepkloof fire (top) while black smoke (above) billows from a huge truck set alight by rampaging students in Soweto.

Bayumile Bahlekazi, an executive member of the ANC's PWV region, said there was attempted arson on his house last week. However, he would not divulge the details of the incident.

Residents said the Vaal triangle was steadily sliding into a fullscale war between township residents and faceless gunmen.

In the past five months peace has eluded the three townships as nocturnal prowlers – allegedly gangsters who have regrouped after the release of Victor Kheswa, popularly known as "Khethisizwe, the Vaal Monster" – go on killing sprees.

More than 30 people have died since the beginning of the year and political funerals of ANC activists have become almost a weekly occurrence in these townships.

Bahlekazi said: "When I drove around Sebokeng this week the township was under siege. Just about every street was barricaded with rocks by angry residents. The people are terrified of being killed for no apparent reason."

No one ventures into the streets after dusk in all five Vaal townships. The discovery of a secret police house by the Weekly Mail in Vereeniging two weeks ago, has fuelled fears that most of the killings are planned in the house.

Meanwhile, four Alexandra residents in Johannesburg were shot dead on Thursday morning, apparently by two men with AK-47s. Eight others were wounded during the shooting.

Revenge

Witnesses said the victims were inside a taxi at about 7 am at Pan Africa taxi rank.

The driver of the taxi died instantly and half his skull was blown off when the murderers struck, the witnesses said.

The attack is thought to be in revenge for the slaying of IPP chairman Simon Nxumalo in Alexandra last week.
Prisoners of fear
as gunshots echo

By STAN MHLONGO

THEY call the large Vaal township of Sebokeng "Boom Boom" nowadays.

No reference is intended to former world lightweight champion Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini.

What Sebokeng residents have in mind is the frequent echo of gunshots and the staccato rattle of AK-47 rifles that happens every night.

City Press went around the "Zones of Fear" in Sebokeng this week to confirm reports that - in Zone 7 especially - at 7pm residents keep off the streets and bolt themselves inside.

**Suspicious**

Yet few can explain the spectre behind the fear that stretches into neighbouring townships like Sharpeville, Boipatong and Bophelong.

In Sebokeng Zone 7, John Matuleka gave us suspicious glances and said: "You don't walk here after dusk. In fact, four houses were set alight a few metres from my home."

Matuleka explained nervously that "you can't go around trying to find out who did what to whom because these faceless vigilantes can turn you into their next target."

Countless states of emergencies have been declared in the Vaal area, the first being during the Sharpeville uprisings of 1960. Today, without any emergency in force, the place still looks (and feels) very much like it is under an unproclaimed emergency.

Kedibone Sechaba of Sebokeng Zone 12 said the Vaal area had catapulted back to the troubled 1984 era.

Dan Nkepeta, a resident of Sebokeng Zone 11, said: "It is true, it is no longer safe to walk the streets at night in Sebokeng."

As if to confirm this, Vaal police liaison officer Captain Piet van Doornenter reported this week that a couple were fatally shot with an AK-47 rifle while they were walking in Zone 14.

Taverns in the area, normally known for their vibrant atmosphere, are now operating at a very low key.

However, things were different at Mnonyaka By Nite in Sebokeng Zone 11, where patrons were doing the bump, jive and the jig.

No one knows why people are being killed - but the death toll keeps rising.

The same year.
Since the formation of the Germiston Local Dispute Resolution Committee last year, there has been a substantial decrease in violence in the area. LOUISE BURGERS spoke to Kathleen Jansen (right), one of the driving forces behind the committee.

area has been substantive. We need to work towards growing a community and putting issues of violence behind us.”

Issues such as the causes of violence and the socio-economic restructuring of the area are on the agenda.

Mrs Jansen said the Germiston LDRC was probably a lot further on the road than others, as it had already been through the “political positioning” stage. “Now we’re getting on with the job.”
Peace Committee to meet as Reef violence rages on

The National Peace Committee (NPC) meets in Sandton tomorrow amid continuing Reef township violence which claimed the lives of at least 15 people at the weekend.

An NPC spokesman said the meeting would discuss the 'threatened withdrawal from the National Peace Accord by the PWV regions of the ANC, the Congress of SA Trade Unions and other allied political groups.

Speaking on the "Agenda" TV programme last night, Deputy Justice Minister Danie Schutte expressed disappointment and amazement at the latest moves against the Peace Accord.

● Sapa reports that 38 jailed ANC Women's League members have begun a hunger strike, threatening to fast until the removal of the SADF's 32 Battalion, riot police and KwaZulu police from Imbali township near Maritzburg.

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14 killed in Reef unrest at weekend

JOHANNESBURG — Unrest and racial violence claimed the lives of at least 14 people in Reef townships at the weekend.

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### Committee 'did not OK investment'

**Durban** - The Kahn Committee, established last year by the President to scrutinise secret government projects, had not approved the R1.8m ‘investment’ of taxpayers’ money in a project to set up a chain of pro-SA magazines for circulation in West Africa, committee member James Macmillan said yesterday. The money had been spent before the committee had its first sitting.

He was reacting to a weekend report that the project was approved by the committee.

BILLY PADDOCK reports from Cape Town that the Foreign Affairs Department’s loss of R1.8m of taxpayers’ money was just another example of ‘nefarious practices by a dishonest regime’, DP member of the Public Accounts Committee Jasper Walsh said yesterday.

He said the loss occurred prior to President F W de Klerk’s takeover.

### 14 die at weekend in unrest and on trains

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The leader of the church delegation which saw De Klerk, SA Council of Churches’ Frank Chikane, said in a statement the churchmen also called for all armed forces to be brought under multiparty control. De Klerk agreed to that.

Government, too, would give priority to strengthening the Goldstone Commission of inquiry into violence and introducing a witness protection programme.
Pandemonium reigned in a Soweto church yesterday when rebel parishioners disrupted the service demanding the resignation of the minister.

About 50 demonstrators, who marched on the premises of the Dutch Reformed Church in Africa in Pimville, demanded the resignation of Rev Michael Mottingwe, after he was allegedly implicated in the killing of a man in January.

Tshepo Tumahole (22) was shot while demonstrating against Mr Mottingwe.

Tshepo's mother, Mrs Elizabeth Tumahole, who was among the demonstrators, said her son died as a result of a feud between the youth guild and the minister.
Mothers raise children in a culture of violence, fear

By Abdul Milazi

THE culture of violence in South African townships could have dire consequences for peace in the future.

Mothers in strife-torn townships live in constant fear for the survival of their children - and themselves.

A Tokoza mother of three, Mrs Ouma Sechele, said children were exposed to violence at a tender age.

"Nobody has ever thought what it does to a child to see his parents or relatives killed in front of him," said Sechele.

Sechele said it was difficult to cope with their own fears, let alone their children's. "She said it was difficult to predict where and when the enemy would strike."

"Sometimes I wonder if my children will make it home from school," said Sechele.

A 65-year-old Tokoza mother, Mrs Jenet Ntuli, whose son Sam was gunned down less than 1km from his home last year, said her grandchildren had no future.

"Since Sam was killed we fear that the same people who killed him might come back for his children," said a tearful Janet Ntuli.

The death of former Cosatu general secretary, Mr Sam Ntuli left two children fatherless, the second being born a week after Sam's burial.

"Their chances of receiving a good education are slim. We cannot manage to pay for their schooling since none of us is employed."

mother, Mrs Anna Mkhize, said their children were subjected to violence "left, right and centre".

"Here we are facing political, criminal and police violence," said Mkhize.

"Mkhize said children became the victims in the end."

Constant panic, fear and the pain of raising children amidst violence is a reality for mothers in strife-torn townships.
Where have all the husbands gone?

Women in pain: Sophie

Name: Sophie Rapudeng
Age: 29
Married: 1997
Husbands: Killed in September 1991 in Moloto during an attack on residents by unknown man. Had been a labourer in printing company. Payout was R600 and R2 300 from Blue Card (Unemployment) Insurance Fund money.
Children: Three. Aged ten, five and seven months. Baby was not yet born when her father died.
Own Accommodation: None. Living in a four-roomed house with parents, two sisters and a brother.
Education: Standard 8. Occupation: None. Never been employed before.
Earnings: Nil.
Insurance: None.

Women in pain: Audrey

Name: Audrey Tyeku
Age: 29
Married: 1996
Children: Three. Aged 14, seven and four years.
Own Accommodation: None. Living with mother, sister and two brothers in four-roomed house.
Education: Standard 8. Occupation: None. Never been employed before.
Earnings: Nil.
Insurance: None.

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I am dependent on the drugs he prescribed for me. If I don't take them, pictures of my deceased husband, the three people I saw on the train and all that blood flash in my mind. I lose the rest of my memory and I can't think straight," she explained.

Worst part "I was only discharged from the clinic because my medical aid did not pay for my stay anymore."

Perhaps the worst part about Nicole's plight (and that of many women whose husbands died) is the scorn from her in-laws who believe she had a hand in her husband's death. They did not attend the funeral and have not been seen nor has her children.

"I want to survive and be there for my children. I don't know how best I will do it. We did not have insurance but my children have a roof over their heads."

"I have not been to see a doctor since March 9 because I have not been paid for the time I have not worked. Hopefully I will be paid when I present my medical certificate."

"I am the only one to work."

"I want to help the women through their grief. The counselling service is to be available on Thursdays for the unemployed women and on Saturdays for those who are working."

"The community is ever one for these women to attend the funerals of their husbands and see with their own eyes that their husbands are dead."

Mr. and Mrs. Melamu, president of the IFOWL. We felt that if it was a time we coincided to do some practical help to Christians."

The IFOWL runs the Soweto Training Centre in Soweto where women are trained in various skills including knitting, sewing, gardening and cooking. The centre is situated at the Nkosi premises in Rockville, Soweto. For further details about the organisation, the president, Mrs Mary Melamu, can be contacted at 011-888-6525.
Homeless find
Alex ‘unbearable’

EMOTIONAL scenes rocked the Alexandra Community Centre yesterday as squatters related the unbearable living conditions in "Beirut".

They were taking part in a meeting held by the Alexandra Land and Property Owners’ Association who emphasised blacks should be encouraged to own houses.

Men and women burst into tears when one homeless woman staying at the Alexandra Council offices recounted her life at the squatter camp known as "Beirut" and from which she fled.

The meeting stressed good relations between tenants and landlords.

The association also emphasised that tenants should use available opportunities to buy houses at reasonable costs.

Alpoa executive member Mr Darky Rametsi said: The time has come for blacks to own houses, no matter how small, and not remain tenants for life."

Rametsi said a "reasonable" housing project is underway at Alexandra's Eastbank, funded by the Independent Development Trust.

"Some people may even get houses for free," he said.

Another council office dweller also from "Beirut", told of the miserable conditions of living at the offices.

She said: "Can you imagine the cold at that place? The inconvenience of about 27 families living under one indvidued roof?"

Tomorrow Alpoa will meet with the Joint Negotiation Forum, an organisation concerned with the upliftment of Alexandra, to discuss the plight of squatters and tenants.
Train commuters meet SAP

The first of a planned series of meetings between train commuters and the South African Police aimed at curbing train attacks took off on a positive start, Soweto police said yesterday.

Spokesman for the Soweto division Captain Joseph Ngobeni said the meeting, held at Protea police station and attended by about 40 train commuters, was intended to "reach commuters at grassroots level and hear from them their experiences in trains".

Trains in the Reef have been the scene of some of the bloodiest killings.

Among the participants was Mrs Masechaba Mabaso, president of the Inter-denominational Prayer Women's League, who has in the past led marches and held prayer meetings in the trains.

From the police was Brigadier Hennie Heymans, co-ordinator Lieutenant-Colonel Fanyana Zwane and Ngobeni.

Ngobeni said the attendants included the youth and hostel inmates.

"We intend to hold another meeting which would include the larger community because we hope this type of meeting would help us come to a more lasting solution."
Two youths die while playing with grenade

Two youths playing with a hand grenade which exploded in Meadowlands, Soweto on Saturday afternoon were among 13 people killed between Friday and Saturday, police said yesterday.

The bodies of seven men with burns or bullet wounds, or both, were found on Saturday in the Witwatersrand and Vaal Triangle townships of Bopelong, Sharpeville, Katlehong, Alexandra and Soweto.

Police did not give further details on the deaths other than to say the victims were killed by "unknown attackers".

Police had not yet released yesterday’s unrest figures by the time of going to press.

The body of one of the men was found next to the railway line between Wadeville and Elsburg stations on the East Rand. He had been shot and then apparently thrown from a moving train.

Alexandra residents arrested a man they suspected of murdering a person whose body was found in the township on Saturday afternoon. The residents handed the suspect to the police.

Police said a “routine police patrol” was attacked on Saturday morning by gunmen at the East Rand squatter camp of Phola Park, the scene of chaotic violence in recent weeks. The police returned the fire but no injuries were reported and the attackers escaped.

Five people were shot dead in two incidents in Soweto, on Friday.

In the first incident, three men were shot dead in a house; and in the second, a man and a woman died when the car they were travelling in was attacked by gunmen. - Sapa.
Unionist's funeral disrupted

By MAZWI XABA

MEMBERS of the SADTU disrupted a funeral of a Food and Allied Workers Union member in Katanana, Heidelberg, on Saturday when they ordered the mourners to disperse.

Witnesses said the incident occurred while mourners were returning from the cemetery during the funeral of Mr Koos Mpiwana (48), who died of natural causes last week.

FAWU member Mr Abay Motsile said the mourners were going to wash their hands at the deceased’s home when they were told to disperse.

The funeral followed a week of violence in the East Rand township.

On Tuesday, unknown people attacked an Inkatha Freedom Party member’s house with petrol bombs and later an ANC member’s house was burned down in what seemed like a revenge attack.

Police spokesman Captain Henrietta Bester said she had not received any reports about the incidents.
More executives lose jobs

Senior and middle management executives are feeling the draft as the recession takes its toll.

Placement industry sources confirmed yesterday there had been an escalation in the retrenchment of top staff, adding that sectors most severely affected were banking, mining, engineering and retailing.

Career transition international director Neil MacDonald said an inflow of applications and accompanying curricula vitae had been experienced over the past year as retrenched executives sought new jobs.

The number of layoffs at managerial level rose steeply last year with more companies approaching career consultants to help alleviate the problem of displaced managers, he said.

MacDonald said companies had offered employees handsome retrenchment packages of six months' to one year's salaries, but decided to look for more viable solutions, one of which was finding them work.

"Companies are putting on a more humane face when it comes to releasing trusted, experienced staff for whom there is no place in the restructured company."

Chart Outplacement Consultants MD Monty Wood agreed that job applications from retrenched business executives had increased over the past six months.

Companies were increasingly recognising the need to run tight and well-structured enterprises.

"Competent management needs to look at efficiency and cost elements, especially in times of recession."

Wood said even when the economy improved, companies would maintain "right-sized", tightly run operations.

Chart Consultants director Rod McIntjes said UK companies were "delayering".

Company hierarchies were closing the gap between higher and lower ranked workers, a development helped by the advancement of computer technology. An efficient computer database enabled top management to make decisions without having to consult middle management staff.

Station upgrading hit by funds shortage

The SA Rail Commuter Corporation (SARCC) project to upgrade nine Soweto railway stations has run into financial difficulties, it was disclosed yesterday.

The corporation announced in March this year it would pump R1.5bn into the project aimed at improving the service.

SARCC MD Robus Nel said yesterday the project had become too expensive so the corporation had to re-examine it. It was due for completion next month.

He said the need to incorporate requirements from the community and the Goldstone commission of inquiry into public violence and intimidation in the planning of the project had hit the budget.
Six die in violence
ABOUT 15 members of the SADF's 21 Battalion raided the Tamboville squatter area near Watville, Benoni, on Sunday night, assaulting and injuring residents.

But an army spokesman, confirming the incident, said: “As a matter of policy the SADF would not comment on the actions of individual members of its service.”

He said the incident had occurred “without the knowledge of the command structure”. He denied that the army had been involved.

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ANC withdrawal focus of talks

The National Peace Committee, which contains representatives from the ANC and the South African Peace Council, is expected to meet with government representatives next week to discuss the ongoing crisis in the country. The committee, which was formed in response to the escalating violence in various parts of the country, is expected to discuss the latest developments in the situation and to work towards a solution.

A government spokesman confirmed that the meeting is scheduled for next week, and that both sides are expected to present their positions and discuss possible ways forward. The government has been under pressure to take decisive action to address the violence and restore peace to the country.

The ANC has expressed its commitment to finding a peaceful resolution to the crisis, and has called for all stakeholders to work together towards a common goal.

A prominent ANC leader said that the focus of the meeting will be on identifying concrete steps that can be taken to address the violence and promote stability.

Meanwhile, the government has urged all parties to refrain from taking any actions that could escalate the situation further.

The meeting will be closely watched by international observers, who are concerned about the stability of the country and the future of its democracy.

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*Note: This is a summary of the document, which contains more detailed information on the meeting and the specific issues that will be discussed.*
Soldiers detained over clashes in township

Several SA Defence Force soldiers have been arrested after fighting civilians in Waterville on the East Rand on Sunday, a spokesman for Witwatersrand Command confirmed yesterday.

Public relations officer Major Andreas Jordaan said in a statement that the members, from 21 Battalion, were arrested by SANDF military police for absence without leave.

He said the SANDF would not condone any misconduct or bad behaviour by its members, adding that Wit Command reiterated that the soldiers were not on duty or deployed under army command at the time of the incidents.

“By this stage, without an investigation, it appears as if members of the community may have abused a group of individuals, or a group of off-duty soldiers may have abused their authority,” he said.

“The facts of the matter will only be established once it has been properly investigated,” Major Jordaan said.

“Meanwhile, we appeal to the community involved to come forward with their testimony,” he said.

“If they should choose not to use the military to do this, the defence force encourages them to make use of the SA Police,” Major Jordaan said. — Sapa.
A man claiming to represent the Azanian People's Liberation Army — armed wing of the Pan Africanist Congress — claimed responsibility in a telephone call to Sapa yesterday for recent attacks on security forces in Sebokeng and Phola Park.

The caller identified himself to a reporter but the line was bad and conversation broke up repeatedly. The reporter, who has spoken in the past to other callers claiming to represent Apla, did not recognise the voice.

The caller said: “You must take this information quickly... I'm not going to be around for long.”

The caller said Apla cadres had attacked security forces in Sebokeng and Phola Park in recent days. In an “operation” in Sebokeng at the weekend, three security force personnel had been killed, he claimed. The latest attack had been in Phola Park yesterday morning, when one person was killed.

The caller said the operations were aimed at protecting residents from “mercenaries and their defenders”.

Police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said he doubted Apla was operating from Phola Park, which he described as a “strong ANC area”.

“There are self-defence units operating in Phola Park and all are ANC-aligned,” Captain Opperman said.

He said police were not aware of the most recent Apla claims.

“This is the first we hear of Apla claiming responsibility for such attacks in recent days. Police are investigating several incidents in the Vaal Triangle and information will be made available when investigations are complete.” — Sapa
Constables injured in grenade blast

Vereniging Bureau

Two members of the police’s Internal Stability Unit in Vereniging suffered minor injuries after a hand grenade was thrown under their Casspir vehicle in Sharpeville yesterday.

Both constables H le Roux and C P Landman were treated for shrapnel wounds to their legs at the Med City Hospital in Vereniging, and later discharged.

According to Vaal Triangle police spokesman Captain Piet van Deventer, the two policemen were patrolling the Sharpeville area when they stopped and parked the Casspir behind a house.

Shortly after the constables got out of the vehicle, a grenade was apparently thrown under the Casspir by an unknown person.

The grenade exploded and the pair were wounded by shrapnel entering their legs. Police have opened an attempted murder docket in connection with the incident, but no arrests have been made.

In another attack, a member of 21 Battalion was killed in an attack on the SAPD in Sebokeng near Vereniging on Monday night, Witwatersrand Command reported yesterday.

The command’s liaison officer, Major Andreas Jordaan, said, battalion members were assisting a civilian whose vehicle had broken down in the township when they were fired on by unidentified attackers.

Police investigating the attack found a number of spent AK-47 cartridges on the scene. Major Jordaan said.

The name of the soldier will be released after his next of kin have been notified.
Two taxi drivers die in city shooting

By Brian Sokutu
Crime Staff

Two taxi drivers were shot dead and another was wounded by gunmen driving a black BMW and armed with an AK-47 rifle and a .45 pistol in central Johannesburg's busy Noord Street yesterday.

Commuters, fruit vendors and shop-owners in the area ran for cover at about noon when bullets began flying.

Police said they believed the killings were triggered by feuding between rival taxi organizations.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Sergeant Francois du Plessis said the gunmen immediately sped from the scene after the shooting. Police later recovered spent cartridges from the weapons.

Police arrived on the scene and cordoned off a section of Noord Street where the two bodies, one on the pavement and another on the floor of a fast food outlet, lay in pools of blood before being removed at 2 pm.

Police took possession of a .38 revolver with five unused cartridges from under the body of the man in the fast food shop.

A crowd of onlookers gathered in the area while residents from the Rowullan Flats peeped over balconies after police had ordered them to remain indoors. Forensic experts inspected the area.

The back windscreen of a car and the windows of at least one shop were damaged during the attack.
Unit admits to 'violence'

PRETORIA. — A lawyer appearing for 32 Battalion yesterday conceded some soldiers of the unit, during a sweep operation in Phola Park, performed acts of “heavy-handedness and technically committed acts of violence”.

“Mr Kobus Lowies, counsel for the battalion, told a Goldstone committee inquiring into the unit’s alleged rampage through Phola Park on the East Rand on April 8 that the concession was made solely to help finalise the committee’s findings.

However, he told the committee — chaired by Mr Solly Sithole — that the battalion denied any of its members committed any murder, rape, assault, or theft.

On the night in question, he said, members of the battalion entered Phola Park to investigate reports of automatic shooting and to restore law and order in the squatter camp.

Mr Lowies said a platoon of about 27 members found itself in an ambush where its members were shot at from different directions with automatic firearms.

A second platoon was sent to reinforce the first one.

He said the two platoons replied to the fire by firing 200 rounds, some of which hit several houses.

He blamed “so-called self-defence units” for firing on the battalion.

The sitting continues today. — Sapa
Hani recalls days of ‘paranoiac ANC’

PARANOIA and hysteria in the ranks of the ANC about government’s ability to infiltrate it before it was unbanned resulted in innocents being detained in prison camps, former Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK) chief-of-staff Chris Hani has admitted in a magazine interview.

Hani is reported by the last edition of Work in Progress as saying about 18 or 19 MK members found guilty by a tribunal of taking part in a mutiny against superiors in Angola in 1984 were executed.

At his request, the ANC leadership had stepped in and stopped further executions.

Speaking about ANC detention camps, Hani said one of the innocents detained in the mid-’80s, was national executive committee member Pallo Jordan, for making a derogatory remark about methods used by the ANC’s security department. Jordan was detained in May 1983 for six weeks after criticising the security infrastructure in a private conversation.

“And that critical voice reached the ears of security and because security was a law unto itself, Coorada Jordan was picked up and detained for a few days,” he said.

Hani said the climate at the time, when “the regime” was destabilising the ANC, killing its leaders and assassinating commanders of MK, had created a situation of overall suspicion.

When 60% of cadres sent to infiltrate SA were either arrested or killed, sometimes the wrong impression was drawn that those who handled the operations were working for the enemy, he said.

Bitter hostel debate continues

A FEW years ago hostel and township residents used to party together. Now they are enemies.

Residents say relationships with hostel residents started deteriorating in 1989 when violence rocketed in Reef townships.

They perceive hostels as the epicentre of violence. Civic organisations — such as the Soweto Civic Association (SCA) and the Alexandra Civic Organisation (ACO) — have echoed that sentiment.

SCA official Kgabi Moshukutu told a recent meeting of the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber that hostels should be “emptied” as they were breeding grounds for violence.

The civic organisations want the hostels converted into family units to allow migrant workers to live with their families.

However, this would be costly, and few hostel residents can afford to buy homes.

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Police hurt in grenade attack as violence flares

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The policemen were on duty when they noticed a person in an open field acting suspiciously. As they were approaching the suspect a grenade was hurled at them from a nearby property, Opperman said.

Police did not know who was responsible for the attack.

In the volatile Phola Park squatter camp on the East Rand, a police patrol came under heavy gunfire from unknown attackers yesterday.

Opperman said police were attacked by gunmen daily in the settlement. Several people had been arrested at Phola Park in the past weeks, he said.

Sapa reported yesterday that a man claiming to represent the Azanian People’s Liberation Army, the armed wing of the PAC, had claimed responsibility in a telephone call to the news agency for recent attacks on security forces in Sebokeng and Phola Park.

Meanwhile, the Goldstone Commission has set up a one-man committee consisting of Johannesburg advocate R M Wise to investigate recent allegations by the Weekly Mail newspaper that the police have been involved in planning or instigating violence in the Vaal area.

Commission chairman Judge Richard Goldstone said yesterday that on May 22 the Commission had held a preliminary inquiry into the allegations published in the newspaper on May 8 and 15.

Goldstone said such an inquiry would mean a specialist committee would have to be appointed and would need many weeks of preparation and more of evidence.

The commission believed the Weekly Mail allegations of criminal conduct by police required urgent attention and that they should be dealt with as a separate issue, Goldstone said.

The commission would hear evidence in this regard from June 15 in Pretoria.

‘Good Samaritan’ soldier killed in township

A MEMBER of the SADF’s 21 Battalion was killed by AK-47 rifle fire in Sebokeng, near Vereeniging, on Monday, while he and colleagues were helping a motorist.

Witwatersrand Command liaison officer Maj Andreas Jordaan said police investigating the attack found a number of spent AK-47 cartridges at the scene.

Jordaan confirmed also that several off-duty SADF soldiers were arrested after fighting civilians in Watamu township, on
Education ‘a priority’

THE problems facing education were too urgent and desperate for SA to wait for a new constitution and a new education policy, De Beers training manager John Gatherer told a private sector education seminar yesterday.

“Responsibility rests on all stakeholders affected — the private sector, the community at large, and as educationalists — to provide quality contributions to the education process while the interim period between negotiation and full implementation is with us,” he said.

The two-day seminar, organised by human resource specialist CTU, looked at ways in which the private sector could be more closely involved with solving SA’s educational problems.

ANC education head John Samuel warned that an education policy formulated by an interim government could end up with a mediocre solution.

Although all parties agreed that there had to be an urgent intervention in the “national disaster” of education, Samuel said there was no simple solution.

It would take years to restore the bankrupt education system, but in the meantime interested groups had to concentrate on reaching visible, realisable goals, he said.

Samuel warned businessmen that if they were “not brave enough” to become involved in wider educational movements, ideas from initiatives such as the seminar would be “doomed to remain in the covers of the report”.

Fedhasa petitions govt over holiday

FEDHASA yesterday petitioned President F W de Klerk and Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee to allow retail liquor stores to open on Saturday, a public holiday.

This follows earlier letters to De Klerk and Coetsee asking that any transgressions be overlooked.

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POLICE were yesterday hit by a flying handgrenade in Sharpeville, Witwatersrand, when two SAP members were seriously injured in a grenade attack.

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Beware those who advocate boycotts

A remarkable piece of paper landed on my desk a couple of days ago — and if it reached my eyes, it must surely have done the rounds elsewhere.

Distributed by an organisation calling itself the "SA Youth Talk Out Program", it urges "YOU, your neighbour and 50 000 'friends' to participate and contrive a more meaningful future and existence (sic) for ALL, and most important (sic) the children of tomorrow".

What "YOU" are required to do is to abstain from making further mortgage bond repayments for three months should the bond rate not come down to 14 percent by the end of May.

By so doing, "YOU" would achieve a "bond saving" — on a R40 000 bond, of as much as R335.

Repossession

I've carefully checked the fine print and nowhere can I find any mention of a warning that suspension of bond repayments exposes the homeowner to the risks of repossession.

Neither is there any indication of the additional financial burden imposed on the homeowner shortsighted enough to heed SAYTOP's advice.

No, far from risking the roof "YOU" have over your head, your delinquency will be channeled into improving your living standards, education, the upliftment of the needy, investment in your retirement — or anything else at "your discretion".

In a society more sophisticated in financial matters than ours, such blatant nonsense would give rise to general hilarity. But in a South African society gullible (via relative ignorance of the monetary and legal systems) to propaganda of this sort, it's alarming.

Either the powers that be at SAYTOP aren't aware of the mayhem that will result for those who take their urgings to heart, or they simply don't care.

If they, like their target audience, have any concern for the children of tomorrow, they have a responsibility to study the consequences of the content of their "literature".

Rubbish like this, and the dread that it might be acted upon, creates deep despair among those who cling to the hope that South Africa is destined to achieve winning-nation status.
Peace isn't going to fall from heaven, but he's optimistic

It takes an unusual man to stand up for peace when some of his closest companions, including his wife, have died in the ongoing violence. Alfred Woodington is one such man. Paula Fray reports.

Born in Transkei and brought up on the East Rand where his family had first-hand experience of forced removals, his journey into union and subsequently peace, negotiations started in 1977 after he left school and began work in a food canning factory.

The work was boring, says the man who prefers to call a spade a spade.

"I didn't last long. A job hop or two later, he moved to an engineering company nearer to home in Boksburg. Workers there formed a "rough committee" and in 1988 he joined the Metal and Allied Workers Union (Mawu).

"In those days, being a so-called coloured, you were just told to be in such a union. I was a member only in terms of paying contributions."

Mawu, he said, was the first truly representative union he belonged to.

By the time Mawu became Numsa in May 1987, he had been elected to the education committee in Benoni and his work with various groups had begun.

His decision to move from private industry into full-time union work meant a reduction in salary, but otherwise the change was not difficult.

When violence broke out at the end of 1990, the union formed the Numsa crisis unit to assist and protect members. In effect, it meant taking his first step in peace resolutions.

"The crisis unit meant engaging with whoever was necessary," he says.

The unit was abandoned after six months but, in June last year, was revived after another flare-up of violence.

"The crisis unit existed long before the signing of the National Peace Accord," he notes. One example of the work needed was resolving violence at a disused Iscor hostel, KwaMadalas in Vanderbijlpark.

"On July 22, 1990, there was a rally held after the release of Madiba (Nelson Mandela). After the rally, there was an outbreak of violence at hostels with Inkatha members. Inkatha members had to leave these hostels and they took over KwaMadalas. At first there were 50 and it grew to 400."

Clashes continued. Lives were lost and people were threatened. Eventually Numsa's crisis unit, Iscor and Inkatha joined forces to try to establish peace.

Now Mr Woodington is one of two Cosatu representatives on the Vaal/Witwatersrand RDRC. Talking to people on the other side of the fence is part of the job. Thinking of people in terms of being on the other side of the fence, he says.

"In order to achieve peace it will be necessary for myself and Inkatha to engage in some talk. One thing we must understand is that peace is not going to fall from heaven. It is a process."

The growth of local dispute resolution committees is sign enough that the process is under way. But a time-frame cannot be given. It is the tendency to violence which must be arrested, he says.

"Peace is definitely making inroads."

Only once has he seriously questioned his involvement:

Reaching out... Alfred Woodington. Picture: Peter W

Three years ago his wife died in a car accident. A recent Howard Thomas Award-winning article about "unsung union leaders" included his name.

And he enjoys reading the nostalgic times in the bible. He was once a scout leader who taught his children the strength of his late grandmother.

A large-boned man, he has a big personality. A lot of his time is spent with his son, a student at the school he attended, while his daughter still lives at home.

"I was going on strike. We had a shop floor meeting at the time. To the guy who can't get a job at the end of the day, that's what it's all about. It's important to have a union."

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Ex-Lekoa mayor found shot and necklaced

Crime Staff

A well-known Vaal resident and former mayor of the now-defunct Lekoa Town Council, Esau Mahlatsi (45), was shot in the back and "necklaced" in Sebokeng early yesterday.

The badly burnt body of Mr. Mahlatsi was found abandoned in Monhoeshoe Street, in Zone 13, shortly before 5 am.

Mr. Mahlatsi, who lived in Zone 10, also had bullet wounds in the back. According to a police spokesman, "it has not yet been established whether the former mayor was still alive when he was necklaced.

An autopsy is to be held to determine the cause of death.

The identity of his attackers is not known.

Mr. Mahlatsi served as the mayor of the Lekoa council in the mid-1980s.

According to yesterday's police unrest report, three other people were killed and four seriously wounded in the Transvaal and Natal.

A police patrol in Daveyton on the East Rand came across the body of a woman who had been doused with petrol and set alight. In Sebokeng another police patrol warded off an attack by unidentified gunmen.

No fatalities or injuries were reported from the attack.

Phola Park on the East Rand had a relatively quieter 24 hours with only one incident in which a delivery vehicle was set alight, causing damage estimated at R1,500.

A suspect believed to be a KwaZulu policeman was arrested after two men - one armed with a 9mm pistol - fired at a bus in the Table Mountain township, near Maritzburg, killing two men and seriously wounding two men and a woman.

Unidentified gunmen fired shots at guests attending a party at Umkomaas on the Natal South Coast, seriously wounding a man.
Phola Park sweep ‘was done in a rush’

PRETORIA. — The purpose of an April 8 sweep operation at Phola Park in the East Rand by members of 32 Battalion was not fulfilled because it was apparently done in a rush, a Goldstone committee heard this week.

Lieutenant Fritz Ras, commanding officer of one of the platoons which entered the squatter camp that night, was giving evidence before the committee inquiring into an alleged rampage by the battalion.

He said the sweep, after shots had been fired in the area, was made for injured people and possible illegal firearms, but nothing was found when shacks were searched.

Lieutenant Ras told the committee, chaired by Mr. Solly Sithole, that before the sweep it was decided the platoon would go into every shack which had bullet holes. He had a few of his men, acting on information received earlier, searched a house, where weapons were allegedly stored.

Lieutenant Ras said the sweep was in an alley, and the soldiers moved quickly through the shacks and returned to a soccer field where military vehicles were parked.

Asked if the house of Mr. John Mlambo, who was shot in both legs and whose wife was killed, could have been missed in the sweep, Lieutenant Ras said it was possible, because Mr. Mlambo’s shack was between 35m and 50m from the alley.

He said that during the sweep some members of the platoon were “heavily armed” when people tried to run away. — Sapa
Decide on death penalty — judge

A RAND Supreme Court judge on Wednesday urged Parliament to take a final decision on the death penalty, saying it was uncivilised to keep prisoners on death row for years.

Sentencing two murderers of an elderly Johannesburg woman to death, Judge M J Strydom said it was extremely upsetting that the Criminal Procedure Act expected him to impose the death penalty when executions were suspended.

"The time is over-ripe that a decision be taken," Strydom said.

He sentenced Simon Plaatjies, 26, and Philip Masala, 29, to death for murdering Joan Enrie on July 29 last year by tying a cord around her neck and strangling her during an aggravated robbery, for which the pair each got 15 years.

He said 25 prisoners were awaiting execution at the end of last year.

"If the death penalty is not abolished in the future, mass executions will have to take place," the judge said. He agreed with an editorial in the SABC Bar Joint Consulting that this was not an option.

The editorial said a possible solution would be the death penalty's abolition, but all race groups seemed to favour its retention.

Despite the controversy, Strydom said, he had to follow the law. "In your case," he told the murderers, "the death penalty was the only appropriate sentence."

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Ex-mayor dies after necklacing

FORMER Lekoa township mayor Esau Mahlatsi died yesterday after being shot and necklaced in Sebokeng in the Vaal Triangle, police said last night.

Spokesman Capt Henriette Bester said police found Mahlatsi's charred body at about 4.45am in Mokotse Street, in Section 13 of the township.

The motive for his murder and the identity of his killers were not known. Mahlatsi apparently survived several earlier attempts to kill him.

Soweto police last night reported that the Meadowlands hostel was attacked twice during the afternoon. At about noon an unknown man opened fire on the hostel. One man was injured in the incident.

At about 2pm, a handgrenade was thrown at the hostel. Capt Govindasamy Marienuthoo said the grenade failed to explode. Police were investigating both incidents.

In a shooting incident in Hillbrow yesterday, one man was killed and two people injured when a gunman fired at their vehicle with an AK-47.

The victims were sitting in a parked Mercedes-Benz in King George Street when the gunman fired about 18 shots at them from a blue minibus parked in front of the car. The minibus drove away after the shooting. No arrests had been made.

On Wednesday Jubileno de Sousa, who ran a dry cleaning business in...
Residents to lay assault charges

At least seven Tamboville residents in Wattville who were injured during an attack on their camp on Sunday, allegedly by SADF members, are to lay charges of assault.

Their legal representative, Mohamed Ramola, said charges of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm would be laid.

Mr Ramola added that there were fears that one of the injured, Bernard Mkhathwa, might lose sight in both eyes.

About 15 armed members of 21 Battalion allegedly raided the camp on Sunday night, assaulting residents indiscriminately.

The Wattville Civic Association said the attack was an attempt by the Government and its agencies to import violence into a developing, peaceful community.
VEREENIGING. — A former mayor of the now-defunct Lekoa Town Council, Mr. Esau Mahlatsi, 43, was shot in the back and necklaced in Sebokeng early yesterday.

Mr. Mahlatsi’s badly burnt body was found shot on his farm. He had bullet wounds in the back. It was one of three deaths reported by police yesterday.

The identity of Mr. Mahlatsi’s attackers was not known.

Mr. Mahlatsi served as mayor of the Lekoa council in the mid-1980s.

Other deaths reported by police were:

• A man was killed and two people were injured in a hail of gunfire in Johannesburg yesterday morning.

Police spokeswoman Captain Henriette Bestor said about 18 shots were fired at a parked Mercedes from a minibus in King George Street.

A brown minibus pulled up in front of the car and a blue minibus pulled in behind it.

The driver of the Mercedes, Mr. George Tabakala, was killed instantly in the hail of AK-47 bullets from the minibus, which sped off with the other minibus after the shooting.

Two of Mr. Tabakala’s passengers were wounded.

Captain Bestor said police are investigating the possibility that the shooting was linked to the taxi war which had recently reached the streets of Johannesburg.

On Tuesday, two taxi drivers were killed and another was wounded in an AK-47 shootout in Noord Street.

• In Daveneyton, on the East Rand, a police patrol found the body of a woman who had been doused with petrol and set alight, and in Sebokeng, near Vereeniging, another police patrol repelled an attack by unidentified gunmen. No fatalities were reported.

50 die, 32 injured in week of unrest

JOHANNESBURG. — Fifty people were killed and 32 injured across the country in the week from May 20 to 26, compared with the previous week’s total of 61 deaths and 59 people injured, according to the latest repression report compiled by the Human Rights Commission (HRC).

It said in the report released here this week that vigilante actions in the PWV area and Natal accounted for 42 deaths and 24 injured.

The PWV death toll of 38 remained constant (39 died the previous week) and the Vaal region — Sebokeng in particular — continued to be a flashpoint. Five train attacks on the East Rand and in Johannesburg areas accounted for five of the deaths and seven of the injuries.

In Natal, the deaths dropped from the seven recorded last week to four this week. Four people were injured.

According to the report, action by the army was taken after 414 arrests on the Reef and in the Eastern Cape and KwaZulu.

The HRC said the SA Defence Force’s 21 Battalion had yet again been involved in raids on East Rand townships, which had resulted in injuries to residents in squatter camps at Phola Park and in Tambovile, and in Ratanada.

— Sapa
Military explosive killed ANC lawyer

By Susan Smuts

Military rather than commercial explosives were probably used in the portable cassette player which killed ANC lawyer Bheki Mlangeni, an inquest at the Rand Supreme Court heard this week.

Investigating officer Captain Andre Kritzinger told Mr Justice B O'Donovan that further tests would be conducted on the explosives. Samples taken of the packing in which the machine arrived did not match samples from South Africa and there was a "strong foreign connection", he said.

The cassette player was apparently intended for Dirk Coetzee, a former captain in the SAP stationed at Vlakplaas where death-squad activities were allegedly planned. Mr Coetzee did not receive the parcel in London because he did not have money to pay the excess postage and it was sent to Mr Mlangeni, whose name appeared as the addressee.

Captain Kritzinger said he was waiting for a report comparing fingerprints of Mr Coetzee's former colleagues at Vlakplaas with fingerprints found on the cassette player.

Captain Kritzinger said he had arrived unexpectedly at Vlakplaas three months after Mr Mlangeni's death although he had suspected much earlier the cassette player could have been sent from there.

Under cross-examination from G Rautenbach, appearing for Mr Mlangeni's family, he admitted he had met Lieutenant Kobus Klopper, who was stationed at Vlakplaas, the day before the visit. Lieutenant Klopper knew of the investigation.

Mr Rautenbach put it to him the visit was pointless because evidence which may have been there could have been removed.

Captain Kritzinger replied that clues could be found up to two years after an incident.

In a statement taken while he was in Waspoppies, self-proclaimed death squad member Ronald Bezuidenhout had named several policemen as possible suspects. Captain Kritzinger said he confronted the policemen concerned, but they denied any involvement in Mr Mlangeni's death.

He said a technical report comparing the bomb which killed Durban computer analyst Nic Cruize showed no similarities in the explosives.

He said he did not think it would be useful to obtain similar reports about the bomb which killed Ruth First, or the one which seriously injured Albio Sacks in Mozambique.

The hearing continues.

Man injured in hostel blast

A man was injured when Meadowlands hostel in Soweto was attacked twice by unknown gunmen yesterday.

The first attack, according to Soweto police spokesman Captain Govindaamy Mariemuthoo, took place at noon when an unknown gunman opened fire at the hostel. One inmate was injured.

He said the injured man was taken to Baragwanath Hospital for treatment.

In another attack later in the afternoon, a man threw a hand grenade into the hostel at about 2 pm. No one was injured.

Captain Mariemuthoo said policemen removed the grenade, which failed to explode, from the hostel.
Ex-mayor of Lekoa found necklaced

THE controversial former mayor of the Lekoa Town Council, Mr. Essau Mahlati (45), was shot and “necklaced” in Sefokeng yesterday.

Police spokesman Captain Hendrietta Bester said Mahlati’s charred body was found in Moshoeoshoe Street, Zone 13, shortly before 5am. He also had several bullet wounds in his body.

Bester said police did not know the motive for his killing. His assailants were also not known to

By MOKGADI PELA

His shocked family were unable to speak to the police. They referred all inquiries to the police.

Mahlati died in prominence during the 1984 anti-apartheid protests, when his now-defunct council was under constant pressure from residents in Sefokeng to resign or face the consequences.

At the time of his death, Mahlati belonged to the Zion Christian Church, a fact confirmed by a source close to the family.

Bester said a post-mortem examination would be held to determine the cause of his death. Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

Essau Mahlati was brutally killed.
It's worse than that.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN SPIRALS INTO BLOODY ANARCHY...
The odd tale of the Koelbrothers

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They were the family.
By DAV NYUMALO
HOSTELS have long been regarded as a source of violence but they are now becoming a threat to education, judging by the number of schools near hostels that are forced to close down.

Attendance at three high schools in Soweto has ceased. When confrontation between Meadowlands residents and hostel dwellers at the nearby Mzimhlopie hostel began about three months ago, education at Anchor High School was disturbed. Fearing for their safety, pupils stopped going to school.

Fort High School followed suit, after running battles between Dobsonville hostel dwellers and township residents threatened to spill into the school last month.

"The schools are officially not closed," a Department of Education and Training (DET) spokesman told The Weekly Mail.

"Several primary schools are present on the 'platoon system'. Pupils at various primary schools get taught half-day to make way for their older brothers and sisters to come in later in the afternoon," the spokesman said.

Not only have pupils lost their schools but they have been scattered throughout the township.

After recent clashes between Dube hostel dwellers and residents, Veritas High School is also looking for alternative accommodation.

The DET has established a working committee which will look into ways of helping children learn.

"Anchor has been closed for more than two months now," says ANC violence monitor Floyd Mashele.

He singled out abductions of pupils into hostels as the main cause of deserted schools.

"We are aware of several students who have been abducted into the hostels, who were assaulted and left for dead," Mashele said. He has sworn affidavits from victims.

People are afraid of using Vincent Road, which runs past the Mzimhlopie hostel. There have been incidents of snipers taking shots at passersby from inside the hostel. The street became a "no-go area" for a while recently.

"What these closures actually indicate is that not only are communitie around hostels at risk, but also students are exposed to the most trying hardships," said Mashele.

He said the police should be able to protect pupils when they go to school but conceded that "we don't have an efficient police force".

This latest trend has resulted in a shift in the ANC's demand to convert hostels into family units.

"That seems to have failed and we now demand the closure of these hostels," he said, citing hostels as the main source of conflict.

Despite the difficulties, Thutulore High School in Meadowlands' Zone One — the heart of the battlefield — soldiers on.

"We try to stay open most of the time, but when there are gunshots around the houses nearby, we dismiss school," principal Johannes Ledwaba said.

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BENONI’S peaceful Wattville township in the east Rand was rudely awakened this week to the brutality plaguing other Reef townships when members of the South African Defence Forces’ 21 Battalion raided the area.

The SADF claimed the soldiers were Awol — absent without leave — at the time, despite the fact that they were uniformed, armed, and in possession of an army truck.

Further, Wattville had been a peaceful township until the SADF deployed 21 Battalion in the area two weeks ago.

"Out of the blue," according to a civic leader, the soldiers began patrolling the township. From that moment, tensions between residents and soldiers began rising in Wattville.

In an incident similar to that which occurred last month in Phola Park when more than 100 residents were either assaulted, raped or shot at by 32 Battalion soldiers, on Sunday night at around midnight about 15 uniformed and armed SADF members assaulted and injured Wattville residents.

According to residents, a strange person was seen acting suspiciously in the township earlier on Sunday night.

The man was questioned by members of the township’s security unit, but was unable to give them a satisfactory explanation for his presence there. However, they let him go.

About 15 minutes later, gunshots were heard in Bosheelo Street and 15 21 Battalion men advanced on the township.

In the ensuing attack, residents were assaulted and injured, two seriously. One of the injured, Bernard Mkhathswa, is likely to lose an eye after being severely beaten, resulting in both of his eyes swelling and closing up.

Describing what happened, Mkhathswa said the soldiers arrived in an army truck at his home and knocked roughly on the door.

When he opened the door, "they started hitting me with their rifle butts and fists and accused me of being part of the security of Tamboville (a squatter camp in the area)."

Mkhathswa lost consciousness after losing a lot of blood.

Another seriously injured man, David Nkosi, received blows to his head — resulting in gaping wounds — and also sustained a suspected fracture of his left arm when soldiers assaulted him in the street.

He explained: "There is not a permanent deployment of troops in Wattville. The 21 South African Infantry Battalion troops in the area are allocated to the Group 16 headquarters for utilisation in the area. SADF deployment involves patrols in co-operation and support of the SAP in the Brakpan, Benoni and Delmas areas and are not directed specifically at Wattville or surrounding areas."

"At this stage the SADF, due to the present quiet situation in the area, is not planning any permanent deployment."

Two soldiers — Jabu Philemon and Mokeletsi Mogwerane — were "arrested" by a team of the area’s security unit after the soldiers had beaten Mkhathswa.

When the SAP arrived at the scene after residents had reported the incident to them, claimed Tamboville Civic Association chairman Abhe Nyalunga, the policemen "witnessed some of the soldiers assaulting residents so severely that they had to intervene and stop them."

"However, a Sergeant Skosana told the residents that he could not charge the soldiers for assault until Pretoria had been consulted as they were government officials," Nyalunga added.

According to the SAP, one of the SADF members who was arrested was taken to the police station while another was taken to hospital.

A warrant for the arrest of Philemon — who allegedly discharged himself from the Benoni-Boksburg hospital — has been issued. However, the warrant relates to his allegedly being Awol rather than to the assaults.

The police said in a statement they had told Nyalunga to report the incident formally to the charge office so that the matter could be investigated.

"At the police station none of the persons present wanted to lay a formal complaint. There was thus no formal grounds to detain the member of the SADF."

However, Nyalunga said: "The residents haven’t done anything to provoke these soldiers and we want to put it on record that we intend to lay charges."

Residents claimed the incident was the result of a build-up of events which started two weeks ago when members of the commando started patrolling the township for no apparent reason.
The killings continue as

Veal Spirals into Chaos

Bloody Anarchy as Vaal Youths Revolt

By Paul Stoger
Behind the rage, a cry for help

By PHILIPPA GARSON

SPORTING leather pants, slick pointed shoes and rings on his fingers, Abraham Sithetho is a cool dude — the kind you'd expect to find sauntering around the Carlton Centre.

But Sithetho's mission is a lot more urgent than window-shopping. Immersing himself in "life and death" battles in his home town of Schokeng is a full-time job. Erecting barricades, organising street committees, keeping watch after dark and forcing the children off the streets are his immediate tasks.

In between, he dreams of going to India for "military training and education". After failing his matric some years ago, he's been unemployed. But one day he wants to be a lawyer.

Unlike most youth, Sithetho dreads the weekends — it's then that the fighting really starts.

Ever since gunmen in a car opened fire on his friends playing soccer a fortnight ago, killing three and injuring six others, youngsters have poured en masse on to the streets, setting up barricades at every turn.

Sporadic fighting between Inkatha supporters in the Kwamadala hostel on the outskirts of Vanderbijlpark and African National Congress-supporting residents continues.

Young criminals from Schokeng have been recruited by Inkatha and are also holed up in the compound, claims Sithetho. Schooling has been disrupted, particularly in Zone 7, the scene of most of the fighting.

When night falls, the youths stand on street corners tapping their watches. "Time up, time up," they yell.

Time for taxi drivers to stop their rounds.

Time for all cars to leave the streets.

Time for the mysterious Nissan Sentras to cruise the township, firing at random targets.

It's dark and the youth, clumped in groups on street corners, some with guns, stop every car. Those that go to the limit are stoned.

How can they be sure of their targets?

"We know their number plates," says Sithetho, admitting that sometimes the wrong people are the victims.

According to Peter "Gift" Moerane, of the Vaal Council of Churches, the youths are as volatile as they were in the mid and late 1980s. "They've taken the law into their own hands. They spend their hours patrolling the streets, "defending the community. But they don't know what they're looking for.

"It's anger that brings us on to the streets," says Sithetho. "The young ones are angry too. They feel unsafe — at home, on the playing fields, attacks can occur. They only feel safe in a mob. The youths believe in mobs. Being in a mob is safer."

"The youngest (involved in the fighting) are about nine years. We tell them to go home but when the violence happens we'll find them around us again."

The little ones have no fear, he says.

"Sometimes you'll see a seven-year-old looking at a corpse and fear becomes dead to him. We don't fear death because death fears no one."

Before dusk, a group of teenagers playing dice stop to talk after some persuasion by Sithetho. Others sullenly refuse, saying they're busy.

"My life is worse than before because this situation is not normal. It makes me do terrible things," says 18-year-old Jabulani Khumalo.

"Our schools are overcrowded, there are no jobs. Even at school we are afraid. This thing will doom the future of many young people because they aren't going to school."

And Khumalo's ambitions? "I wish I could go to Lusaka for training so I can protect my family."

"We are not like ordinary young people because we have no happiness," says Raymond Villikazi. "We can't even entertain ourselves. We have to have parties in the day because after six they come to shoot."

They brighten up briefly when the Kine Centre in town is mentioned. "Yes, we go there. We fully enjoy it. We feel a little bit safe there."
3 killed in shootings

THREE people were killed and four seriously wounded in shooting incidents in the Transvaal and Natal, police said yesterday.

A suspect believed to be a KwaZulu policeman was arrested after two men – one armed with a 9mm pistol – fired at a bus in the Table Mountain township near Maritzburg, killing two men and seriously wounding two men and a woman.

Unidentified gunmen fired shots at guests attending a party at Umkomaas on the Natal South Coast, seriously wounding a man.

A police patrol in Daveyton on the East Rand came across the body of a woman who had been doused with petrol and set afire, and in Sebokeng near Vereeniging, another police patrol forestalled an attack by unidentified gunmen. No fatalities or injuries were reported.

Pilula Park on the East Rand had a relatively quieter 24 hours with only one incident in which a delivery vehicle was set afire, causing damage estimated at R1 500.

Press Association.
Final warning for Minister

By PHANGISILE MTSHALI

PARENTS in Dobsonville yesterday warned the Minister of Education and Training that they would lead a march of pupils on the Forte school unless the Minister intervened.

The Minister, Mr Sant de Beer, allegedly promised to move the inmates on Tuesday during his secret fact-finding visit to high schools affected by violence.

Parents were attending a meeting to discuss the plight of more than 4 000 Soweto pupils roasting the streets after violence disrupted their education.

The meeting was called by the Dobsonville-Meadowlands Crisis Committee, which was formed to look into the problem of schools disturbed by the violence.

They are Forte in Dobsonville, Veritas in Meadowlands and Anchor in Mzimbirolupe.

Veritas and its neighbouring primary school, Dzata- and Tahunzietso, closed on May 15.

This was after attackers, allegedly from Dube Hostel, injured one pupil when they invaded the school.

Veritas pupils are expected to platoon at KwaMahtobo High in Zone 10, Meadowlands, from Monday.

Forte closed on April 22 after seven months of irregular schooling due to violence around the hostel.

One pupil was hospitalised while three staff members dodged bullets as they tried to protect pupils.

Parents were told.

A crisis committee spokesman said De Beer agreed that Forte could only be re-opened after the removal of the squatters.

Currently, Forte’s 1 240 pupils are platooning for two hours every afternoon at three primary schools.

“High school pupils need at least six hours of tuition to be able to make it,” the committee spokesman said.

Forte’s closure has also led to the disruption of the three schools they use in the afternoon.

Anchor was the first school to close.

Its pupils now attend at Aiken in Orlando East.
Azapo plea to end taxi war

THE Azanian Peoples Organisation yesterday appealed to warring taxi associations in the Nebo district in Lekhowa to end the killings which have claimed more than 100 lives.

More than 300 taxis in the area have been inoperative since the outbreak of violence in April, with taxi drivers fearing for their lives and commuters being left stranded.

This week, two taxi drivers were abducted from separate locations and hacked to death by unknown men.

Their bodies were found near Madibong village with stab and gunshot wounds. Azapo Northern Transvaal media liaison officer, Mr Mmutle Phasha, said the organisation was dismayed at the continuing bloody feud and the ever-growing black taxi industry would gain nothing at the end.

Phasha said enough blood had already flowed through the senseless violence in this country and it was time the black down trodden people stop taking arms against each other to settle their differences.

"The worst thing about this taxi war is that innocent people are caught in the crossfire and this is unacceptable. We are tired of this fighting and if this is not resolved immediately, we will do everything in our power to end it," Phasha said.
Police and troops in huge Phola Park raid

THE police yesterday launched an intensive crime sweep in violence-racked Phola Park, south of Alberton on the East Rand.

'Acting Commissioner of Police Lieutenant-General Hendrik de Villiers said all divisions of the police and members of the defence force, assisted from the air, were involved.

The thrust of the operation was to trace unlawful firearms, but action would be taken if security force members uncovered any other unlawful activities.

Crime

"During the past three months Phola Park has been ravaged by serious crime. Numerous members of the community have been brutally murdered, and hundreds more have been injured," he said.

"There is also a marked increase in the number of attacks on members of the security forces.

"Five policemen have been murdered in the execution of their duties and a number have been seriously injured," de Villiers said. He added that a number of crime networks were operating in Phola Park and the police had arrested a number of people in past weeks.

But the situation had deteriorated to such an extent that it had been decided to stabilise the area immediately. - Sapa.
Mamelodi loves to mingle

By GODFREY MDLULI

HOSTELS on the Reef are perceived to be the "headquarters" of the bloodshed that is gripping the East Rand and Soweto.

However, hostel-dwellers mix freely with Mamelodi residents at taverns and shebeens.

Publicity secretary for the Mamelodi Civic Association P Malefo attributes this peaceful co-existence between local inmates and residents to the fact most are "card-carrying members of the civic association and other local structures like the ANC and the PAC."

"Residents do not look down upon hostel-dwellers as people coming from the rural areas," he said.

Malefo said he saw one of the problems of ongoing violence between hostel-dwellers and residents on the Reef as the fact that most hostel-dwellers came from one specific area, whereas in Mamelodi hostels there were people from various regions.

However, Malefo said they were aware of "forces of darkness" who were trying to cause divisions.
'Khetis' linked to Zone 7 terrorism

By SEKOLA SELLO

WHAT started as low-intensity fighting in Sebokeng is now threatening to blow into a full-scale war.

The start of the war, civic leaders claim, coincided with the release of notorious gangster Victor Khosa, also known as "The Yaal monster" or "Khetis", seven weeks ago. Khosa, who admitted during a recent court appearance that he is an Inkatha Youth Brigade member, is scheduled to appear in the Rand Supreme Court on three charges of murder, two of attempted murder, as well as charges of robbery and arson.

More than a dozen political activists or their relatives have been killed. Zone Seven, the epicentre of the fighting, is now called Beirut and several houses in this area have been destroyed.

Pupils and residents are pitted against what they say are criminal elements who are now Inkatha members allegedly working in collusion with the police.

On April 16 two youths, Nkosinathi Mokwati and Saulo Zilela, were abducted by heavily armed men driving a minibus. A day later their bodies were found between Doornfontein and Meyerton. They were the last to die.

Zone Seven, a MK cadre Mpiyakhe Mthombeni, who returned from exile in January, was shot in the thigh while walking in the street.

He said: "Since my return, I have heard that there is an order to kill all returnees. It is said our return is complicating life for some people - Khetis and gang - as they can no longer do as they wish.

His father Samuel was one of five killed that night, along with a heavy police, an Indian resident known as "Solly" and two youths were murdered that night.

On May 11 Mzwandile Mkwazi, Lawrence Mopokati and Edwin Molepo were killed.

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Police abetting violence — claim

By SEKOLA SELLO

"POLICE attempted to drown me." This is the claim of a Sebokeng man who claims he was shot by police in a Casspir, dragged into the vehicle, assaulted and later thrown into a dam — where he was left for dead.

Abram "Lutie" Raphethe is in hospital with one eye swollen closed, his face and left arm pockmarked with birdshot: the result, he alleges, of an unprovoked attack by four white policemen.

Raphethe's allegations are the latest in a series of claims made in recent weeks that police in collusion with criminal elements are conducting a reign of terror in the Vaal.

However, police have denied involvement.

Sebokeng, Sharpeville and Thabazimbi are becoming war zones as residents battle armed gangs.

Low intensity war is now becoming open warfare with AK-47s paraded brazenly.

Civic leaders in the area claim the resurgence of violence coincides with the release on bail of notorious gangster Victor Kheswa, known as "Kethis" or the "Vaal Monster" — a self-confessed member of Inkatha.

Raphethe tells his story: "I was shot without provocation as I was walking home. Then the cops pulled me into the Hippo (Casspir) where they assaulted me. By the time I was taken to the dam, I was too weak to do anything and I don't think I would have been able to drag myself out."

He was pulled from the dam by a group of youths.

Police media spokesman Captain Piet van Deventer said he was unaware of the incident and said a police officer who was later instructed to trace Raphethe at Sebokeng Hospital to take his statement, could not find him.

But Raphethe is not the only one to allege police brutality. Officials of the Evaton Civic Association say reports brought to them implicate a policeman in the killing of at least three young activists two weeks ago.

The policeman, whose name is known to City Press, lives in Zone Seven, Sebokeng.

Susan Molepo, the mother of one of the victims, Edwin Molepo, says though she knew who killed her child, she had not reported it to the police because: "It will not serve any purpose. "My child was killed by the police. What is the point in reporting the matter to the same people?" she asked.

Molepo, 21, Lawrence Mapokati, 21, and Mzwandile Mkwanyi, 17, were shot at Zone 7 where they suspected planned attacks against residents.

ECA members say the three entered the house. After some time, gunshots were heard and they came running out of the house.

At this stage, three policemen — allegedly — appeared on the scene with guns drawn and shot Molepo, Mapokati and Mkwanyi. Molepo and Mapokati died on the spot while Mkwanyi died later.

"The police got into a white car which also appeared from nowhere," the ECA members said.

Township youths speculate that the occupants of the house had communicated with the police by two-way radio.

"There is a definite pattern developing. Every time killers are under attack, cops emerge from nowhere and pretend to be quelling trouble while in fact they are saving the killers."
Town clerk sits tight

By DAN DHILAMINI

The town clerk of war-torn Tigané, where violence is the order of the day, will not resign despite demands by residents and the Council of Churches.

The Klerksdorp-based Northern Cape and Western Transvaal Council of Churches this week prayed for peace and led a march to the Hartebeestfontein police station.

They handed over a memorandum demanding, among other things, the resignation of town clerk Piet Koster, who was until three months ago Inkhata Freedom Party’s secretary in the remote Tigané township.

Koster told City Press this week that he would not be intimidated into resigning.

In the memorandum, handed to Hartebeestfontein ‘station commander LT A Jans van Rensburg, residents demanded the immediate removal of Koewoet members deployed in Tigané and the confiscation of all illegal weapons in the township.

In answer to a City Press inquiry, western Transvaal police spokesman LT P Ramusotsole said Koewoet did not exist in the SA. He said a Koewoet supporting unit was assisting the police in tracking suspects in cases of stock theft and other serious crimes and was not deployed for suppression of violence or unrest anywhere in the country.
RESIDENTS of Mzimhlophe in Soweto have dubbed the area "Beirut" as they teeter on the brink of full-scale war following intense fighting among residents, hostel dwellers and the police.

A 23-year-old youth, Phillip Matsogo, was allegedly shot by the police on Thursday night following an limpet mine explosion. He later died in hospital.

Residents said shortly after the explosion at 8.30 pm, which occurred in an open space near Anchor Secondary School, they heard a bugle call signal to mobilise hostel inmates.

Activists formed themselves into units to repel a possible attack. Matsogo was deployed at a street corner near the hostel, his cousin Annah Moroke said.

Just then, a vehicle with its lights off, approached Matsogo and its occupants fired a few shots. Matsogo drew his firearm and shot back, but realised they were police and surrendered. Moroke said the police ignored his surrender and shot him at least five times.

"They even shot at him after he had fallen to the ground," she said.

This week several bombs have rocked the hostel. Residents said the "people's militia" who guard the township at night have asked for donations.

"They say the war against the O'Jays (hostel dwellers) is costly and we should help them finance the project for our own survival," one woman said.

Soweto police spokesman Fanyana Zwane yesterday said he could neither confirm nor deny the allegations. He referred further enquiries to Col G Mariemuthu, who was the officer on duty at the time of the incident. Mariemuthu could not be reached for comment.
Hatred breeds yet more hatred

BY MOSES MAMAILA

The degree of enmity between the township residents and hostel-dwellers could perhaps be summed up as follows -- the hate that hate produced.

As the hostels and the townships continue to drift apart, innocent people are the main victims.

A woman was accosted by Mzihlophe residents at the gate of the nearby hostel where she was assaulted before being burnt alive.

What was her crime? She stayed in the hostel, angry residents replied.

Investigations by City Press revealed that the woman was a township resident who had gone into the hostel to visit her lover.

Early this week two kids were blown up in a grenade explosion in Meadowlands, also in Soweto.

The toddlers were reportedly playing in the street when a "friendly" man gave them a ball in a plastic bag.

Little did the kids know that the ball was in fact a grenade which would claim their lives.

Two secondary schools near the Mzihlophe Hostel have closed and pupils have had to be accommodated at other schools in the neighbourhood.

During the night residents, particularly youths, form themselves into defence units and patrol streets in anticipation of attacks by hostel-dwellers.

Armed with deadly weapons, including AK-47s, the residents have lived up to their slogan -- the best form of defence is to attack.

Hostel inmates too have learnt to hate, and children have also been among the victims.

The freeway between the hostel and the townships now serves as a man's land and taxis have become the latest targets.

Taxi drivers staged what they called a "keys down" protest against the bloody violence that is becoming more and more of a way of life.
Doctors Live With Fear

By Sophie Tiernan
STREET LEGAL... Sebokeng's troubled streets, where children enforce the law. Residents have declared a curfew and any vehicle found travelling through the township at night runs the risk of being torched.

Photo: EVANS NGOWENI