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By SOPHIE TEMBA

VIOLET Mpho Mnisi rubbed her eyes in disbelief when confronted with a note pinned on her front gate with the chilling message: "Your house number is on our hit-list!"

Mnisi, who was released from 30 days in police custody to find the chilling note, is now afraid to live in her Sebokeng house.

The note, signed by one Koos van Heerden and purporting to be from the "Department of Public Safety," further warned that the house was being kept under 24-hour surveillance.

The message states: "Our raid on your house is connected with the recent killing of our fellow SAP members."

Mnisi, a mother of two, told City Press that she was arrested and charged for being in possession of unlicensed firearms and handgrenades. She appeared in court last week and was granted R1 000 bail.

She said she was arrested after her lawyer had taken her to the police to clear up a query following a raid on her house during her absence.

"Only when my lawyer and I arrived at the police station was I arrested and charged. This was after police had alleged that they had found handgrenades and several weapons when they raided my house."

Commenting on the letter received by Mnisi, police liaison officer Capt Piet van Deventer said: "We carry no knowledge of such a letter sent to Mnisi and we do not send such letters to people."

Mnisi took the letter to the offices of the Civic Association of Southern Transvaal (Gaut). A Cast spokesman said: "These types of letter do not come as a surprise to us."

"There was a revelation of hit-squad headquarters in Sebokeng recently and police did nothing to arrest or question those who were implicated."

"Should anything happen to Mnisi we will hold the police responsible."

"We are aware that the United Nations has sent a delegation to SA. The delegation can serve the community best if they consult the civic groups on the ground, communities affected by the violence and deal with such threats on people."

"We are also aware of certain threats from some quarters which have indicated that they would start their own defence units and that they would no longer sit on the same peace committees or share a room with people who are working towards peace."
Supersize the Surplus: Winnie snubbed!

ROCKS UP UNANNOUNCED AT AN NC MEETING

"Supersize the Surplus" is a phenomenon that refers to the tendency of large corporations to increase their profits and assets without proportionately increasing the overall economy.

The image contains a photograph of Winnie Mandela, a former South African anti-apartheid activist and later the wife of Nelson Mandela. The text surrounding the photograph appears to be a newspaper clipping or a scan, possibly discussing political events or commentary on current affairs.

The text in the image reads: "Winnie Mandela!?" and "they are ignored, but their speeches, let you listen a speaker for the..." suggesting a critique or commentary on the perceived lack of attention to Winnie Mandela's contributions.

The overall context suggests a discussion on political figures and their impact, with a focus on Winnie Mandela's role and the implications of her exclusion or underrepresentation in certain discussions.

The layout and style of the text, along with the inclusion of a photograph, indicate that it is likely an excerpt from a newspaper or a similar publication, aimed at engaging readers with a critical perspective on political figures and their influence.
Cleaner's toddler the fifth victim of strike violence

By ELIAS MALULEKE and MOSES MAMAILA

The family of a GaRankuwa toddler, who was killed in a petrol bomb attack related to the two-month-old hospital strike, have slammed up for fear of further reprisals.

The death of the child came about after tempers flared in GaRankuwa when strikers erected roadblocks and removed non-striking workers from taxis and buses, forcing them to join the strike or stay at home.

Violence also flared at Medunsa when police fired teargas at students rioting in support of the strikers, which led to some minor injuries.

The escalation of violence against non-strikers and their families has been attributed to the mass dismissal of strikers.

Thug elements

The National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union ( Nehawu) blames the violence on thug elements and "State agents".

Three-year-old Katlego Sebula, of 1259 Zone 16, GaRankuwa, died on Tuesday night at the GaRankuwa Hospital after the bedroom in which he was sleeping with his 12-year-old sister and mother Else, was petrol-bombed.

Bophuthatswana police are still investigating and no arrests have been made.

The grieving Else is a hospital cleaner and non-member of Nehawu, who did not participate in strike action.

She and her daughter also sustained burns and were hospitalised. She declined to discuss the incident.

Family members who have resorted to guarding their house said she did not want further reprisals from the strikers allegedly linked to the attack.

Katlego is the fifth petrol-bomb victim to die in the last few days in connection with the strike. This follows the death of three sisters who died at the Baragwanath Hospital after petrol was thrown in their Soweto home in mid-July.
Bodies of eight found in Vaal Triangle

The bodies of eight men have been found in Orange Farm Extension 3, near Eboton in the Vaal Triangle, police reported yesterday.

Lieutenant-Colonel Dave Bruce said the bodies were found in the camp between 4.30 pm on Saturday and 7 am yesterday. All had been stabbed in the head and face. The private parts had been removed from one victim before he was set alight.

Colonel Bruce said seven of the bodies were found on Saturday afternoon and the eighth early yesterday. Initial evidence did not suggest the killings were politically motivated. It is believed that residents may have decided to take action against criminal elements in the community.

The countrywide unrest death toll has risen to at least 19 since Friday.

In the latest violence, police shot and killed a man thought to be an ANC supporter in Daveyton, on the East Rand, at 1 pm yesterday. Police and the ANC differed strongly on the cause of the shooting.

Police said they stopped a truck carrying 127 men armed with an assortment of weapons. Three men in the cab refused to get out and behaved in an "extremely aggressive" manner. Two were forcibly removed after teargas was used, but the third allegedly attempted to stab a policeman with an assegai. Police fired a shot, fatally wounding the man.

An ANC spokesman said the man had been sitting between two colleagues at the time and could not possibly have attempted to stab a policeman.

On Friday night, gunmen ran amok at the Trump Street taxi-rank in Selby, Johannesburg, killing five commuters and wounding at least 13. The attackers escaped undetected.

A senior Natal ANC member was killed and two of his colleagues were wounded in an ambush outside the Imbali Community Hall near Maritzburg on Saturday.

Midlands regional organiser Mandla (Ni) Hadebe died after being shot several times, Reggie Hadebe was wounded several times and Shakes Cele was slightly hurt.

In their unrest report for the 24-hour period ending at midnight on Saturday, police said the body of a man with stab wounds was found in Alexandra, near Sandton.

At Bruntville, in Mooi River, police found the body of a man who had been stabbed after a clash between two groups.

Detective-Constable P D Ramila (33) and his friend, Sekgala Frans Molokome (33), were shot dead by gunmen in Vosloorus, on the East Rand, late on Friday.

Earlier in the evening, Constable Sam Ndobe was seriously injured in a grenade attack in Soweto.
ANC units out of control - Hani

ANC members of self-defence units are running amok in the townships.

AFRICAN National Congress militants were running riot in black townships and committing atrocities among their own communities, a top ANC official said in a newspaper yesterday.

ANC leader and South African Communist Party general secretary Mr Chris Hani said in the interview that ANC "self-defence units" members were out of control and "had no conception of democratic tolerance".

ANC self-defence units have been cropping up in townships since the onset of severe political violence.

Their ostensible purpose is to protect township residents from attacks by mystery assailants, often linked to the ANC's bitter rival, the Inkatha Freedom Party.

But Hani is reported as saying that the SDUs are involved in bloody battles among themselves for political turf, that they are "unaccountable to the communities they are supposed to represent", and that ANC members in Soweto, Johannesburg, and in the troubled townships of the Vaal Triangle had "necklaced" political opponents.

Police liaison officer for the Vaal, Captain Piet van Deventer, reported that 18 alleged members of a self-defence unit in the Sharpeville township in the stricken Vaal Triangle were arrested on Friday morning.

The 18, who were being held in terms of unrest regulations, were arrested after two houses were searched and police discovered two army uniforms.
Vigilantes blamed for stabbings

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG: — Eight men have been stabbed to death in Orange Farm extension 3, near E匈ton on the Vaal Triangle, in what police believe to be vigilante attacks against criminal elements.

All the victims had been stabbed in the back and face. The private parts had been removed from one before he was set alight, said police spokesman Lieutenant Colonel Dave Bruce.

Police found seven of the bodies in the camp on Saturday afternoon and the eighth early yesterday.

Colonel Bruce said investigations were still in progress but the initial evidence did not suggest that the killings were politically motivated.

"It is believed that residents may have decided to take action against criminal elements in the community," he said.

At least 18 people have died in unrest since Friday. In the latest violence, police shot and killed a man thought to be an ANC supporter in Daveyton on the East Rand at 1pm yesterday.

A spokesman said police stopped a truck carrying 127 men armed with spears, assegais, pangas and axes.

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At Dobsonville, in Soweto, police used teargas and rubber bullets to disperse a stone-throwing crowd after they were prevented from pursuing suspects driving a stolen vehicle.

At Bruma in Mooi River, police found the body of a man who had been stabbed in a clash between two groups. They had earlier used teargas to disperse the fighting groups.

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Police said violence had dropped in PWV townships since 5 000 extra troops and police were deployed in a "peace and stabilisation" operation on Wednesday.

Pepsi plant sabotaged

MOSCOW. — Gangsters in the Russian city of Kursk, apparently intent on maintaining high black market prices for Pepsi Cola, damaged a new production line that would have flooded the market with the soft drink and brought down prices. — Sapa-Reuters.
Seven squatters die in violence

PRETORIA. — At least 10 people, including seven squatters and a detective-constable, were killed and six were wounded in violent incidents, mainly on the Witwatersrand, according to the latest police unrest report yesterday.

The bodies of the seven squatters were found by police at the Orange Farm camp near Evaton after unidentified people had raided the camp. Shots were fired at police.

Police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Dave Bruce said the bodies were found over an area.

A detective-constable and a member of the public were shot dead outside a house in Vosloorus on the East Rand. The constable's gun was apparently stolen.

Three people, including an assistant constable, were stabbed in a clash with a large stone-throwing group at Windsorton, near Kimberley. Teargas was used to disperse them.

Three people had serious burns when their vehicle was petrol-bombed by an unidentified man in Nyanga, Cape Town.

A man who refused to get out of a truck, which was being searched by police, was shot and killed after he tried to stab an officer who squirted teargas at him, Colonel Bruce said yesterday.

He said police at Daveyton, near Benoni, began searching a large lorry which was transporting 127 alleged ANC supporters to a meeting.

"The people were armed with dangerous weapons, including home-made spears, assegais, axes, etc."

Three armed men in the cab refused to get out. Colonel Bruce said one of the trio tried to stab a policeman with an assegai when the policeman tried to remove him from the cab.

The man was forcibly removed from the cab and subdued.

"The remaining two still refused to get out and held their weapons in a threatening manner."

"Teargas was used and one man climbed out of the cab."

The remaining occupant refused to leave, closing the doors.

"Teargas was again squirted into the cab through the window and the man tried with an assegai to stab the policeman squirting the teargas."

Colonel Bruce said a shot was fired, fatally wounding the man in the cab.

"An inquest docket has been opened for investigation," he said. — Sapa

Vaal violence decreases

JOHANNESBURG. — The incidence of violence in the Vaal Triangle had decreased apparently as a result of increased police presence in the area since last Wednesday, said Witwatersrand police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Dave Bruce.

He said yesterday there had been a total of 19 incidents during the four days since July 27, compared with 11 incidents a day before police presence in the townships was increased. A further decrease was expected in the coming days. — Sapa
Weekend violence claims 17 lives

SEVENTEEN people were killed and 16 were injured in weekend violence centred mainly on the Reef, police said yesterday.

The bodies of seven squatters who had been stabbed, hacked and burnt to death were found at Orange Farm, near Eerstefontein on Saturday after an unidentified group raided the camp.

Lt-Col Dave Bruce said shots were fired at police when they arrived at the scene, but members did not retaliate and no injuries were reported.

In another incident, a detective constable and one other person were gunned down outside a house in Vosloorus on the East Rand, and the constable’s firearm was stolen.

The body of a man with stab wounds was found at Alexandra and another at Randfontein near Heldenberg.

In Dobsonville, Soweto, police were prevented from chasing a stolen vehicle by a stone-throwing mob. Police vehicles were badly damaged but no injuries were reported. Teargas and rubber bullets were used to disperse the mob.

Three people, including an assistant constable, were stabbed in a clash between two groups at Windsorton, Kimberley.

At Bruntville, Mook River, police found the body of a stabbed man after two groups clashed and damaged shops and vehicles. Police used jet guns to disperse them.

On Friday night attackers shot five people dead at the Selby, Johannesburg, taxi rank. Thirteen people were injured.
8 bodies found in Vaal

The bodies of eight men - one with his private parts cut off - were found at Orange Farm Extension 3 squatter camp near Vaalton on Friday morning, police said yesterday. The hacked, stabbed and burned bodies of the seven squatters were found by police after unidentified people had raided the camp.

In another incident, Detective Constable PD Kambila (33) and his friend, Frans Molokomme, were shot dead outside a house in Vosloorus on the East Rand at the weekend, and the policeman's firearm apparently stolen. Meanwhile police are still baffled by Friday night's taxi rank attack which left five commuters dead and at least 13 wounded in Selby, Johannesburg. - Sapa.
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160 000 unionists join stayaway - but it’s legal

Numsa leader Moses Mayekiso confirms that members of his union won’t be fired for striking:

By Ike Motsapi

WORKERS belonging to the National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa (Numsa) will join the mass action campaign today, but their strike will be legal.

Union members totalling 160 000 in three of the four sectors of the union’s activities last week cast ballots to go on a legal strike.

Numsa secretary general Mr Moses Mayekiso confirmed at a Press conference on Friday that only workers in the motor vehicle numbering 70 000 - would be on an illegal strike.

"Legalisation of today’s actions by some of the affiliates of Cosatu have led to the decision by Nactu to pull out of the mass action campaign," Mayekiso said.

Nactu charged that Cosatu unions were taking steps to protect their jobs by declaring disputes and timing strikes to coincide with the start of the mass action.

Other unions which also declared disputes and therefore will be on legal strikes include Saccawu and Chemical Workers Industrial Union (CWIU).

Nearly 200 000 Numsa members are to walk out on the engineering, automotive and metal sectors today.

And more than 2 000 workers at Mercedes-Benz in East London will strike from today, Numsa said.

A further 1 300 Numsa members in the region involved in the engineering sector would also go on strike over an industrial dispute.

Police probe nurse’s death

Nehawu rejects allegations that hospital worker died after assaults by its members:

By Isaac Moleleki

An assistant nurse at the Johannesburg Hospital was killed while on her way to work on Friday night, police confirmed yesterday.

A colleague who identified Ms Rosina Mphambukeli claimed she had been assaulted by striking members of the National Education, Health and Allied Workers’ Union (Nehawu) while she was going to work, according to Sapa.

Police could not verify the witness’s allegation. Police spokesman Colonel Dave Bruce said police would conduct a post-mortem today which would establish the cause of death.

"It appears that Mphambukeli’s injuries are consistent with that of a car accident. Therefore, the possibility is that she might have been run over by a car," Colonel Bruce said yesterday.

The colleague, who asked not to be named, said Mphambukeli was found at Nasrec and was declared dead on arrival at Baragwanath Hospital at 7pm.

Johannesburg Hospital authorities declined to comment.

However, Nehawu distanced itself from Mphambukeli’s death.

The union’s assistant general secretary, Mr Neal Thobejane, said it was not possible that its members had been involved in the killing.

"He said a lot of their members and shop stewards were demonstrating at John Vorster Square on Friday and 250 of them were released on Saturday."
Boipatong’s undignified orgy of political oppo...
Traditional weapons are banned on Reef

TOUGH STANCE

Twenty townships affected by the new Government action:

Swaniesville, Plakkersdorp, Bekkersdal and Daveyton.

Police added that exceptions which previously applied to "traditional cultural gatherings" were no longer applicable in the declared unrest areas.

They stressed that objects which in certain circumstances could be viewed as weapons were banned from traditional gatherings.

Anyone carrying them in these circumstances in the declared unrest areas was breaking the ban, they said. - Sapa.
ANC marching to Pretoria

PRETORIA — Pretoria's city council yesterday granted the ANC alliance permission to march from the city centre down Church Street to the Union Buildings; ANC PWV spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said.

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The march, intended to compel government to comply with 14 ANC demands on government, was to begin at 10am and end at about 3pm. ANC president Nelson Mandela, who would lead the march, would address demonstrators at the Union Buildings.

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'Strikes more effective than marches'

CAPE TOWN — Urban black people felt strikes and consumer boycotts were more effective than marches and rallies, an opinion poll has found.

However, it showed that men were significantly more in favour of these actions than black women.

It also established that a month ago more than a third of those surveyed were unable to say what "mass action" meant.

The poll, conducted by Research Survey's Omnichart among 800 black women and 300 black men at the end of June and beginning of July in the major metropolitan areas, found that 72% of men thought consumer boycotts and strikes were effective or very effective, but only 35.6% of women thought consumer boycotts and 55% felt strikes were effective or very effective.

While 64% of men thought marches were also effective, and 53% believed rallies were effective or very effective, only 35% of women felt marches, and 49% thought rallies, were effective or very effective.

It found 11% of the men felt consumer boycotts, and 10% felt strikes, were ineffective or very ineffective, 19% of women thought consumer boycotts, and 21% felt strikes, were ineffective or very ineffective.

On the other hand, 25% of men and women thought rallies and 15% of men and 20% of women believed marches to be ineffective or very ineffective.

Among those who refused to answer a question about what mass action entailed, 32% thought it entailed protest marches, 25% strikes, 22% peaceful demonstrations, 20% consumer boycotts and 18% rallies, Research Surveys said.
Weapon ban in unrest areas

PRETORIA. — Assegais, knobkerries, pangas and even tyres and garden forks have been declared prohibited items in 20 selected unrest areas in a government notice which came into effect yesterday.

The prohibitions also apply to the display of items that could be viewed as weapons at "traditional cultural gatherings.

A secondary list itemised objects such as garden forks, tyres, tyre tubes and picks. These may not be carried in a manner implying they are weapons. — Sapa.
Blast at news office

JOHANNESBURG. — An explosion, believed to have been caused by a missile such as a rocket-propelled grenade, today damaged the sixth floor of a building housing City Press newspaper and Beeld newspaper's administration offices.

An explosion damaged the outside of the building on the corner of Herbb and Upper Railway streets in Doornfontein about 5:10am. First reports said there were no injuries, but debris from the blast fell on to surrounding rooftops. Police have cordoned off the building and are investigating the cause of the explosion.

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Unrest deaths mount as strike begins

At least 21 people died yesterday and late on Sunday and two journalists were shot and wounded while covering a mass action in Soweto, police reported.

UN observer Ilsham Oyeyad said in Johannesburg yesterday that what he saw personally was "mostly uneventful and seemed to be controlled".

Sign reports that UN observer mission member Jose Campino of Portugal was refused entry at the border post at Mdantsane, Ciskei, by soldiers manning a road-block at the entrance to the township.

Peace secretariat chairman, Antoine Gildenhuys said he was "almost certain" Campino would be allowed in today provided he went alone or as a UN observer.

Journalists Phillip van Niekerk of the Weekly Mail and Paul Taylor of the Washington Post were shot in Soweto and their vehicle was then attacked. The men are in a stable condition in the Milpark Hospital.

SAPA reports 11 people died at Elizabeth near Empaneng late on Sunday in unrest-related violence.

Police said two died and 18 were injured at East Driefontein mine on Sunday when a group of workers attempted to stop another group leaving the mine.

Early yesterday three people were killed when police fired on a crowd in Dobsonville after their Cappy was shot at.

Police spokesman Col. Reg. Crewe said many worrying incidents of intimidation had been reported, including the harassment of roads to prevent people leaving townships for work.

He said an incident in Natal in which a truck driver was killed and passengers forced to work before the truck went on fire was probably related to mass action.

Deaths

Law and Order Minister Herman Kriel said yesterday it was clear that mass action had created tension and "pulled up the political temperature" to an unacceptably high level.

The ANC said yesterday that incidents of violence were remarkably low, "despite the De Klerk regime's provocative actions to intimidate people by the deployment of security forces". The ANC "unreservedly condemned any intimidation as well as any incidents of violence emanating from mass action."

The ANC said it had alerted the Gold- brite commission and the UN monitors about the killing of marshals at a demonstration in the Dobsonville incident. It claimed in its violence monitoring report that the marshals fired on police only after being shot at first.
Govt bans weapons in 20 trouble spots

PRETORIA Government yesterday tightened the unrest regulations in 20 areas around the country, banning the carrying of all dangerous weapons in these areas.

The ban, which partially satisfies one of the 14 ANC demands put to government, outlaws the carrying of everything from assegais and knobkerries to petrol bombs.

The special Government Gazette issued late yesterday also bans the carrying of certain items in unrest areas if the circumstances suggest they are being carried as weapons. This list includes bricks, axes, hammers, screwdrivers, spades, spanners, chains and tyres.

The areas are Soweto, Meadowlands, Diepkloof, Dobsonville, Katlehong, Thokoza, Vosloorus, Tembisa, Alexandra, Wattleville, Sharpville, Bophelong, Bophelong, Evaton, Sebenza, Engiso, Musielville, Swartkopsdal and Daveyton.

The ANC's list of demands includes a ban on the carrying of dangerous weapons, including "cultural weapons", on all occasions in all areas. The effect of the regulations is that the former exception pertaining to cultural weapons no longer applies.

The ban does not apply to security force members on duty. Others needing to carry a licensed firearm for self-defence must apply first at a police station.
Two journalists killed in incident related to mass action on News heliport.

News 13 people killed in incident related to mass action on News heliport.

By Reniel Mdladla and

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Strike claims 13 lives.

Tuesday, August 14, 1992, SOWETAN.
Soweto strike fatality

A man lies dead in a Soweto street yesterday after a confrontation between strikers and police. Hundreds of thousands of black workers began a national-wide strike to demand an end to white rule.

CISKEI BARS UN ENVOY

Officials at the Mdantsane border post refuse entry to United Nations group.

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13 die in stayaway

The ANC-led general strike yesterday virtually brought the country to a standstill. The strike ends today.

Tomorrow ANC president Nelson Mandela leads a march to the Union Buildings.

Meanwhile, at the time of going to press 13 people had already died in strike-related violence. Six of the deaths were in Carletonville and three in Dobsonville, Soweto.

Two journalists covering the stayaway were shot by gunmen in the Vaal Triangle.

More than 80 percent of workers stayed away in the PWV complex. In other parts of the country between 50 and 80 percent heeded the call.

The South African Chamber of Business confirmed a 90 percent stayaway.

The strike is part of the ANC-Cosatu-SACP mass action campaign to force the Government to meet demands for an interim government and constituent assembly.

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2 journalists wounded
By Brian Sokupa and Peter Fabreze
Four unknown attackers yesterday shot and wounded two journalists covering the stayaway in the Vaal Triangle's Sebokeng township before stealing their car.
Weekly Mail political editor Philip van Niekerk was shot in the face. Newly appointed Washington Post correspondent Paul Taylor was shot in the left arm.
The three were held up at about 12.30 pm when driving up Evaton Road, said fellow Weekly Mail reporter Hubert Matlou, who escaped.
The shooting, which the journalists believe was not politically motivated, has been condemned by the ANC, which has ordered an investigation, said ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa.
The Foreign Correspondents' Association (FCA) said the attack on the journalists 'undermines the break in law and order' in the country.
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Journalists wounded
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Still recovering from shock, Matlou told the Star how he 'dashed for cover' after watching Van Niekerk being shot after the attackers ordered them out of their car.
"We moved out, leaving keys inside thinking all they wanted was the car. When we started hitting at Philip from about 3 metres away, I ran towards nearby houses to get help."
When he returned, he found Van Niekerk and Taylor inside a car about to be driven to Sebokeng Hospital.
Van Niekerk was later admitted to the Johannesburg Hospital and then driven to the Milpark Hospital. Taylor was taken to Brompton Clinic. Both journalists were said to be stable.
Carrying weapons banned in 20 areas

By Helen Grange
Pretoria Bureau

A Government notice which came into effect yesterday banned the carrying of a variety of objects and weapons in 20 declared unrest areas on the Witwatersrand.

Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel announced that in unrest areas, the following objects may no longer be displayed in any way which indicated that they may be used as weapons in public places: any axe, brick, chain, gaff, garden fork, hammer, hoe, knife (except a pocket knife), metal pipe or rod, pick, pick handle, pitchfork, screwdriver, scythe, sharp-pointed stick or staff, sickle, spade, spanner, stick, shot with metal, stone, tyre or tube.

The following may not be carried in unrest areas: any assegai, bow and arrow, club, crossbow, dagger, firearm, knobkerrie, panga, petrol bomb, spear and sword.

Unrest areas include Soweto, Meadowlands, Diepkloof, Dobsonville, Katlehong, Tokoza, Vosloorus, Tembisa, Alexandra, Wattville, Starpark, Bophelong, Boipatong, Evaton, Johannesburg, Kagiso, Munsieville, Swanieville squatter camp, Bekkersdal and Daveyton.

Last night ANC spokesman Ronnie Maroopa said the ban should be received with scepticism.

“Our past experiences with such proclamations has been that of seizure and covert return of such weapons to the owners,” he said.
33 released after march

By Montshiwa Moroke

Hundreds of militant ANC-Contra-SACP supporters, mostly youths, marched on Moroka police station to secure the release of 33 people arrested in protest action in Soweto yesterday.

The men and women were eventually released from custody before dusk to cheers and whistles from the crowd.

Earlier, a crowd marched on the Soweto Council where Soweto Civic Association chairman Isaac Mogase told the council that the SCA demanded the disbanding of the council and that the TPA should hand over rented houses to tenants.
HRC: decree violates rights

UNREST AREAS Commission says declared areas are inappropriately chosen:

By Sowetan Correspondent

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According to the HRC, about 80 unrest areas have been declared in the PWV, Natal and the Western Cape in the last two years.
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"There appears to have been major balloting irregularities, we were not informed of the ballot outcome and we have good reason to believe that the ballot was unsuccessful," he said.

Mr van der Heever said there would not be a mass lockout. - Sapa
Pretoria goes on the defensive

PRETORIA — Shopkeepers in the city centre yesterday were bristling at the thought of an ANC-alliance march past their premises today.

The march has been routed around Church Square in the heart of the city, but this has not allayed the fears of some shopkeepers nervous about being swamped by thousands of toy-toying protesters. They spent yesterday preparing to huddle down the hatches ahead of the march to the Union Buildings.

The city council has not allowed a march to proceed along Church Street before, but it agreed with the organisers' argument that the width and straightness of the street would facilitate proper crowd control.

A council spokesman denied the march had been routed around Church Square because "Oom Paul se plek" was holy ground, saying too much disruption would be caused if the square was included. Organisers claim the march will draw between 50,000 and 70,000 people.

Some shopkeepers were encouraged by the fact that the march would be led by ANC president Nelson Mandela. "If the big chief is there, they won't want to embarrass him," one said.

Others have expressed a desire to tell ANC supporters what to do with themselves. "If they come in here, I'll shoot them," said one.

But most are bracing themselves with a mixture of trepidation and resignation and do not intend closing, although many will remove items from their windows and keep their security bars up.

Pamphlets warning motorists along the route to remove their cars by this morning were distributed by police yesterday.

Cars will be towed away if they are still on the route but owners will not have to pay a fine to get them back.

Jo'burg hotels enjoy mini boom

HOTELS in downtown Johannesburg enjoyed a mini-boom this week as companies booked their employees into rooms to avoid transport difficulties and possible intimidation during the general strike.

Almost every non-luxury hostel in the inner city had house full signs up yesterday. Springbok Hotel Md Roy Amold said "happy days are here again" after three days of full rooms — together with brisk business at the hotel's bar and restaurant facilities.

Employees from the JSE and the Bank of Lisbon took all five floors at the New Library Hotel in Commissioner Street, hotel manager Louis Valenti said.

The Elizabeth Hotel, Dawson's Hotel, the Johannesburger and the Downtown Inn all confirmed they were either full or busier than usual.
JOHANNESBURG.—A confrontation between ANC marchers and the AWB was avoided yesterday when the AWB backed down.

A group of about 40 AWB men had barred the marchers’ route to Krugersdorp town council buildings, but when confronted by 8,000 ANC members the AWB retired to the pavement.

The 8,000 demonstrators proceeded to the Krugersdorp town council complex, where a memorandum was presented to cabinet Minister and National Party MP for the town, Mr Leon Wessels.

Mr Wessels and two NP councillors in the Conservative Party-dominated council accepted the memorandum from the marchers.

During an otherwise peaceful day of mass action in the conservative West Rand town racial insults were exchanged between AWB members and marchers. No violent incidents were reported.

AWB member “Colonel” Henry de Beer complained to the police

that the rally and the march were illegal as permission had not been sought from or granted by the town council.

The ANC in turn complained to senior police officers that the AWB was heavily armed and that this should not be allowed at political gatherings.

In a brief meeting with the head of the UN observer mission, Mr Hashim Omayad, and the chairman of the PWV Peace Committee, Mr Rupert Lorimer MP, Mr De Beer warned that if the police did not stop the march the AWB would.

Mr Lorimer urged him to reconsider his decision as any attempt to stop the march would inevitably result in violence. He emphasised that he and Mr Omayad were there only to observe.

Shortly before the crowd dispersed, Mr Omayad congratulated the ANC for the peaceful demonstration.

“I have no hesitation in saying the UN is very proud of you.

“It is important that your point of view can be expressed in a democratic framework and in a peaceful manner.”
Police accused as gunman kills 6 in Alex shutter camp

By Charles Klugmant
Stayaway rebel’s home burnt

Lowveld Bureau
and Staff Reporter

The house of a Wesselton man who defied the stayaway and went to work was burnt down early yesterday, police said.

And in Pretoria a man who stood in for a striking messenger was shot and injured after being asked by two men “why he stole black people’s jobs”.

Police said three alleged ANC members with AK-47 rifles arrived at Solomon Nkosi’s home in Wesselton on Monday and sent his wife away after she told them her husband was at work.

Mr Nkosi spent the night with relatives, and was told yesterday his house had been razed.

ANC alliance national campaigns co-ordinator Mandla Dlamini has challenged police to prove the men were ANC members.

Police said Walter Stander (25) who stood in as a messenger for a book supply firm was shot in the chest after getting lost in Watlow, near Mamelodi.
NEWS At least 36 have died since mass action campaign started

Mandela leads march

MILLIONS LOST Industry may have incurred heavy production losses:

By Themba Molefe and Ike Motsapi

African National Congress president Mr Nelson Mandela leads a march on the Union Buildings today, an event which could be the biggest protest action since the Defiance Campaign in the 50s.

Meanwhile, the two-day mass action campaign which ended yesterday has cost the country at least R500-million in lost production in the engineering and business sectors.

At least 36 people are known to have died since the campaign started on Monday. Five people were killed in Alexandria, Johannesburg, yesterday.

About 13 were killed in Natal since Monday. The other 13 were killed on the Reef on the first day of the stayaway.

Today's "March to Pretoria", according to ANC/Cosatu/SACP alliance spokesman, is the most significant and a highlight of this week's mass action programme.

The objective of the march is to "collect" a response to the 14 demands the ANC alliance sent to President PW de Klerk on June 23.

The march will be the second Mandela has led since his release from prison in February 1990.

It starts at 10am at Brown Street, Pretoria. Organisers are expecting up to 70,000 people. However, the Government yesterday appeared casual about the demonstration.

De Klerk's office said the State President would be back in Pretoria late yesterday afternoon and had not indicated whether he would issue a statement.

The Department of Justice last night said the occupation of buildings amounted to trespassing and was a criminal offence.

In Ciskei a tense situation developed on the homeland's border with South Africa as armed security force personnel faced impatient protesters. Organisers of an ANC-led march later worked out a compromise with Ciskei military leader Brigadier Oupa Gqozo to allow a delegation to hand over a memorandum at police headquarters.

In Krugersdorp in the West Rand a threat by rightwingers to stop a march to the town fizzled out as 8,000 people marched unhindered when they delivered a memorandum at the National Party's offices.

Soweto's Baragwanath Hospital was under siege by about 2,500 ANC supporters yesterday.

Baragwanath chief superintendent Dr Chris van den Heever said the crowd blocked the main gate and both lanes of Old Pocheros Road.

Organisers yesterday said they planned to occupy city centres and business districts across the country today in a bid to take their campaign to what they called "centres of white power".

Bisho clash averted - Page 4.
State of emergency by stealth

By Jo-Anne Collinge

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Seifisa court bid delayed

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"We are in the process of seeking to have the strike declared illegal. There appears to have been major irregularities (in balloting), we were not informed of the ballot outcome and we have good reason to believe that the ballot was unsuccessful."

Cape motorists warned

MOTORISTS have been warned by Cape Town deputy administrator Mr Alan Dolby to stay out of town today if possible.

Supporters of the ANC alliance are expected to take to the freeways to march from Langa to the Grand Parade in Cape Town.

Dolby said the city council had reluctantly agreed to the march because the alternative would have been a confrontation between police and marchers.

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Forty nine people died in the Boipatong massacre when a large group of armed men attacked the township.

Squatters stage sit-in

ABOUT 500 ANC members from the Mandela Park squatter settlement at Hout Bay yesterday staged a sit-in in front of the Hout Bay Forest Station, demanding a meeting with a senior Regional Services Council official.

This follows the refusal by the chief forester at Hout Bay to accept a memorandum from the squatters demanding more land for Mandela Park.
Police ignored warnings – witness

By Philip Zola

A petrol pump attendant yesterday told the Goldstone Commission in Vereeniging how police apparently ignored warnings of an impending attack in Boipatong, where more than 40 people were massacred on June 17.

He was giving evidence on the first day of the Goldstone Commission inquiry into the massacre, chaired by Mr Justice Goldstone.

Earlier yesterday, the commission was told by ANC counsel Mr Arthur Chaskelison, SC that evidence would be heard to support claims that security forces were involved in the massacre.

Petrol pump attendant Meshak Theoane told the commission he had been working at a petrol station on Boulevard Frikkie Meyer, the main road between Kwa-Madala Hostel and Boipatong, when he saw two Casspirs chase after youths.

The Casspirs returned and parked on a soccer field.

Between 9.30 pm and 10 pm a security guard drew Mr Theoane’s attention to a crowd of about 300 to 400 on the Kwa-Madala Hostel side of Boulevard Frikkie Meyer.

As they headed for Boipatong, they passed not far from the Casspirs.

He then pressed an alarm button at the garage. A police van arrived 10 to 15 minutes later. Mr Theoane said he pointed out the crowd, which was by then on the edge of Boipatong, to one of the policemen.

Counsel for the SAP Mr F Hattingh, SC, disputed the evidence by putting the police versions to Mr Theoane.

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Vaal Inquiry opens

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South Africa Access to Freedom

The inquiry into the Boipatong massacre will begin today with the
press having a chance to see the evidence. The inquiry will hear
testimony from survivors and witnesses. The inquiry will last for
several weeks and is expected to conclude in late October.

Commissioner Chief Justice Hendricks

"The inquiry is an opportunity for the people of South Africa to
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The inquiry will be run in a fair and impartial manner,
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The inquiry will be conducted in private, but
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Showdown for CP faction today

BILLY PADDOCK

THE showdown in the CP between the five prominent “new right” members and the old guard takes place today when the five meet to decide whether they will resign.

Bethal MP Chris de Jager yesterday said the five would have discussions with the Transvaal executive.

“If the party does not shift its policy closer to where we stand then we must decide whether to abide by the party line or do the honourable thing and resign,” he said.  

The other four are Moolman Mentz (Ermelo), Free State leader Cetshedi Plenaar, Roodepoort’s Ville (Sandton) and Potchefstroom MP Andries Bayers, who brought the imminent split in the party to a head at the weekend by calling for talks to negotiate a smaller Afrikaner homeland.

The old guard, led by CP deputy leader Ferdi Hartzenburg, is calling for the five to be expelled, and attempts this week by leader Andries Treurnicht to reconcile the two factions are understood to have failed.

According to one of the five, it has become impossible to remain in the CP “which had no policy and is not prepared to shift its position to accommodate changes”.

The members had the support of about another 10 MPs but they were unlikely to leave the party as they hoped to reform it from within. However, numerous councillors and officials were behind the five, as was the Transvaal Youth Congress.

Police alerted before massacre

KATHRYN STRACHAN

THE Goldstone Commission of Inquiry into the Boipatong massacre of June 16 yesterday heard that evidence would be presented during the next eight days claiming security forces in the area had facilitated the attack and that police had been negligent in their investigations.

Senior counsel for the ANC and the Vaal Council of Churches, Arthur Chaskelton, told the commission in his opening statement a number of witnesses made reference to the participation of “white men” in the actual attacks on residents.

None of these men were identified as policemen, but there were numerous statements which confirmed the presence of security forces vehicles in the area during the massacre, and in some cases, these vehicles were perceived as accompanying and possibly assisting the attackers, he said.

“Despite numerous and persistent complaints and the presence of armoured vehicles in the township and nearby, none of the attackers was apprehended. The obvious suspects were allowed more than 18 hours to cover their tracks before police entered the hostel,” he said.

The ANC’s first witness, Meshack Theane, a petrol attendant at a filling station on Frikkie Meyer Boulevard, testified he alerted police when he saw armed men crossing the road toward Boipatong.

Shortly afterwards two policemen arrived, but appeared disinterested in his report and left the area, he said.

With him at the filling station that night was a security guard who radioed his employers. Two white security guards arrived. They said the police had instructed them to take the two men away because it was not safe.

Counsel for the SAP Flip Hattingh denied police had participated in or facilitated the attack, and added any allegation they were informed before the attack of the possibility of it taking place would be denied. He admitted that on the evening of June 16 there had been several police in the area, but at no stage during the attack were they in Boipatong.

Arjen Mostert, representing the SADF, said the only SADF members in the township at the time of the attack were members of the Vaal Commando.

He said members had seen large numbers of people moving towards the KwaMadala hostel and had concluded that it was the hostel which was under attack. They later tried to locate the group but failed.
Hostel inmates in court

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Another 16 inmates of the Kwandala Hostel have appeared briefly in the Vanderbijlpark Magistrate’s Court in connection with the June 17, Boipatong massacre.

Police said the group was arrested at the Kwandala Hostel on Sunday night.

This brings to 94 the number of suspects who have so far been taken into custody in connection with the massacre. More than 40 people were killed during the late-night attack on residents of the Slovo Park Squatter camp.

No charges were put to the group during their appearance in court yesterday and no evidence was led.

The first group of 78 — including three minors — is scheduled to appear in the Vanderbijlpark Magistrate’s Court on Monday, when a bail application will be filed on behalf of all the accused.
Boipatong: 16 more held

VEREENIGING. — Another 16 inmates of the Kwaladala Hostel appeared briefly in Vanderbijl Park Magistrate’s Court yesterday in connection with the Boipatong massacre.

The group was arrested at the hostel on Sunday night. This brings to 34 the number of suspects taken into custody in connection with the massacre. No charges were put to the group.

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Boipatong massacre starts

Goldstone hearing into killing

Nothing done to stop killing

Johannesburg — Evidence that the Boipatong massacre was heard by the security forces did nothing to prevent the conflict forces did nothing to prevent the conflict.

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'Nothing done for 16 hours after massacre'

Evidence that security forces present in Boipatong on June 17 did nothing to prevent the massacre of more than 40 people will be heard during the next two weeks by a committee of the Goldstone Commission hearing evidence on the issue.

"Senior counsel for the ANC, Arthur Chaskelison, also told the commission in his opening statement yesterday that he would produce witnesses who would indicate that attackers had been "dropped off" in Boipatong by armoured vehicles.

Witnesses have also seen white men in the ranks of the attackers, he said.

Commission chairman Mr Justice Richard Goldstone said the commission had decided to concentrate initially on allegations of security force involvement in the massacre before turning to other aspects of the attack.

The commission has also been charged with identifying those responsible for the massacre; the role played by the SA Defence Force and the police before, during and after the attack; and steps which could be taken to prevent the recurrence of such an incident.

Mr Chaskelison said the KwaMadala Hostel from where the attackers had come had been a focus of conflict for a long time before the attack and was known to be a stronghold of the Inkatha Freedom Party.

He alleged that reports of the attack began to flow into the Vanderbijlpark police station about 10 pm.

"Between 10 and 10.10 pm, 10 complaints were recorded by police of shootings, damage to property and assaults in the Boipatong area."

Witnesses would testify that SADF vehicles present in the township had not intervened.

Mr Chaskelison said the attackers had clearly been confident they would not be apprehended. At least 18 hours elapsed after the attack before police decided to enter KwaMadala Hostel for the first time.

He said urgent questions had to be answered in the findings of the commission. These included:

- Was the policing in Boipatong inefficient?
- Were there reasons, other than complicity or reluctance to bring attackers to account, for the slowness of security force response?
- Why were the obvious suspects given 16 hours before attempts were made to search their premises and gather evidence?

Counsel for the SAP, P D Hattingh, denied that the SAP had taken part in or facilitated the attack. He admitted that on the evening of June 17 there had been several members of the SAP in and around the area, but at no stage during the attack were they present in Boipatong.

"Any allegations that the SAP were informed before the attack of the possibility of it taking place will be denied."

There was no evidence to substantiate allegations of whites being among the attackers. Police had also not transported attackers from KwaMadala to Boipatong.

A W Mostert, for the SADF, said the only Defence Force members in the township at the time of the attack were members of the Vaal Commando, an active Citizen Force unit.

The unit had a limited jurisdiction and its primary function was to guard Iscor, which had been designated a national key point.

On the night of the attack there had been two "soft skin" (not armoured) vehicles and two Buffels (armoured vehicles) in and around Boipatong.

Members of the Vaal Commando had spotted large numbers of people moving towards KwaMadala Hostel and had drawn the conclusion that the hostel was being attacked.

They later tried to locate the group but failed.

A dispute arose in the commission's proceedings yesterday over the issue of secret documents which Mr Mostert said would not be made available to the commission in spite of a request to this effect from Mr Chaskelison.

He said the documents, including briefing documents reflecting SADF instructions on or before June 17, and general documents dealing with secret standing orders and operational plans, were secret and irrelevant to the commission.

He was prepared to make them available only to Mr Justice Goldstone.

The judge said he was not prepared to accept documents he could not make available to the committee.

"Well, that is the only basis on which I am prepared to give them to you," replied Mr Mostert.

Mr Justice Goldstone said the commission's powers of search and seizure might have to be tested against the power of the secret document.

The four-person committee of the commission - which includes an international assessor, Mr Justice P N Bhagwati, a former Chief Justice in India - is to decide when to visit KwaMadala Hostel, which has been partly demolished by Iscor since the massacre. - Sapa.
the huge crowd, numbering in the tens of thousands, that gathered at the Union Buildings yesterday.

the demand for interim government and for an end to violence. A variety of T-shirts of different vintages proclaimed a fair number of the demonstrators as stalwarts of the liberation cause. They recalled, for instance, the Duncan Village massacre of mid-1986, the struggle against the Labour Relations Act and the early days of the Congress of SA Students.

Pretoria's white residents may not have joined the action, but many were irresistibly drawn to watch from office windows. As the procession passed the New Union Hotel (incorporating the Mad Hatter's Castle) marchers looked — and looked again — at the balcony. No, their eyes were not playing tricks. A few beers were raised and even a "Vote for democracy" poster flashed.

At the Union Buildings, too, white spectators peered from the upper terraces, while the official orange, white and blue flag continued to wave above and beyond the ANC colours. Towards the end of a long day, a toddler plodded through the crowd behind a youth wearing a T-shirt with the slogan: "Bophatong calls us to action". The little girl carried her own placard: "Comrade Mandela — my future president". □
2 killed in Alex shooting

By Cariné le Grange and Stan Hlophe

Young choir members were gunned down in an Alexandra street last night by five men who opened fire without provocation.

A teenage choirgirl, who was killed and at least 11 other victims were wounded. Earlier last night, in the same area of Alexandra, one man was killed and another was wounded in two separate shootings.

Residents of the violence-ridden township, adjoining Sandton, said the choir members were shot as they got out of a vehicle at about 8 pm.

The members of the Emmanuel and Alexduma choirs were gathering at a house in Second Avenue for a night vigil for a youngster who died of natural causes this week.

Interviewed late last night in Hillbrow Hospital, wounded choir members said a group of men had come from nowhere and started firing shots at close range.

Mlotiilepule Setimela (22) said: "We started running in different directions and I felt a burning sensation in my thigh. Then I saw blood dripping."

A resident who asked not to be named said the singers were getting out of a vehicle when men walking in the street fired at them without reason.

The gunman then fled.

Noticed

The eyewitness said other residents had seen the men before the attack, but had not noticed "anything funny" about them.

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Captain Eugene Opperman said police arrived on the scene soon after the attack, fine-combed the area and questioned bystanders.

Police later arrested two men, one of whom was found in possession of a pistol.

The men were still being held for interrogation this morning.

Linda Twala, the father of one of the children, told Sapa that a girl known as Nlanha, of the Emmanuel Choir, was killed by the gunman.

Mr Twala stressed that the choir, under choirmaster Piike Mokaka, had no political affiliation.

He could not say what kind of weapons were used.

Alexandra Clinic spokes-

man Yvonne Lefakane told The Star that a 16-year-old girl who died on arrival at the clinic.

Police later said the girl was 13 years old.

Eleven other victims, aged between 12 and 20, and one man of 28, had been ferried to Tembisa and Hillbrow hospitals for treatment. Ms Lefakane could not release their names. They were transferred to hospital because of the seriousness of their injuries.

Hillbrow Hospital superintendent Dr Trevor Frankish confirmed that five wounded young adults, aged between 18 and 22, were treated last night for gunshot wounds in their legs.

He described their condition as satisfactory.

Those treated at Hillbrow Hospital were: Orielle Mbele (19), Phindile Mabena (21), Maria Bilalulke (28), Miss Setimela, and a man who wished to identify himself only as Menzi.

A doctor at the hospital said the victims had all been treated and sent home last night. They were not admitted.

A spokesman for the Tembisa Hospital said it was not in position early today to describe the conditions of the victims admitted there.

Linked

Two men were also gunned down in the same area of Alexandra earlier in the night, police said.

Police spokesman Colonel Dave Bruce said although there was no immediate indication that the attacks were linked, police were investigating the possibility.

"The possibility of a connection is being investigated, but at this stage we are a little bit in the dark."

He said a man was killed in First Avenue after being shot at by unidentified gunmen — and minutes later another man was shot and wounded, in Second Avenue.
Boipatong: 16 more appear in court

Another 16 inmates of the KwaMandla hostel appeared briefly in the Vanderbijlpark Magistrate's Court yesterday, in connection with the June 17 Boipatong massacre.

According to a police spokesman the group was arrested at the KwaMandla hostel on Sunday night.

This brings to 94 the number of suspects who have so far been taken into custody in connection with the massacre.

No charges were put to the group. — Vereeniging Bureau
This is a section of the crowd, estimated at about 70 000, which followed ANC president Nelson Mandela during the march on the Union Buildings in Pretoria. See more pictures on pages 3, 4 and 7.

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Pretoria is swamped

Soweto 6/8/72

THOUSANDS MARCH ANC president Mandela demands an interim government:

NELSON MANDELA yesterday mounted the steps of the Union Buildings in Pretoria and declared that an interim government should be installed immediately.

Earlier he led 70 000 supporters of the African National Congress in a march through the capital city’s centre, an event said only to match the 1950s Defiance Campaign in stature and which preceded his life imprisonment in 1964.

The “March to Pretoria” was a highlight of the ANC/Contra/ SACP alliance week of action which began with a general strike on Monday and Tuesday.

In Cape Town more than 10 000 people marched from Langa township on the city’s outskirts to the Grand Parade. There were a few incidents of looting reported in the city and police vehicles were damaged.

A total of 300 people were held in other parts of the country yesterday and the death toll has risen to more than 40.

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MASS ACTION Marchers anticipate the day Mandela will occupy the Union Buildings

Thousands march with Mandela

UN monitor says the march is peaceful:

By Mark Nkonzo, Kenneth Modisane and Sowetan Correspondent

W E BAND.COM HERE TO INSTALL Nelson Mandela and the African National Congress as the new government of South Africa!

These were sentiments expressed by young and old who thronged the streets of Pretoria yesterday afternoon, hours before ANC general-secretary Cyril Ramaphosa introduced Mandela as the next president of South Africa at a rally outside the Union Buildings.

"You can be happy that my dream of being addressed by my own leader right here at the Union Buildings are today fulfilled," president-elect Jacob Zuma told the crowd.

The marchers had traveled in a wave of "tumundos" from the Pretoria township to the march.

Mrs Madikane Mokhono (54) who also arrived with a bus load of comrades from Katlehong, Hammanskraal, said: "This should be a clear message to the Government that we no longer regard them as our rulers.

"This is the moment we have been waiting for. We are going to party now. You like toy-toying," remarked a policeman as crowds passed a human chain formed by police.

"I am happy," said 26-year-old Kayiste Malebogo, who managed to sneak through the tight security joints manned by SAP and ANC members to stand next to the stage. "I am coming back home for a bigger celebration when Mandela gets to the Union Buildings.

ANC O
Mandela sets ‘core demands

By ANTHONY JOHNSON
Political Correspondent

Mr. Nelson Mandela said yesterday that the ANC was committed to the search for a negotiated resolution of the crisis facing the country—but would return to negotiations only if the government heeded its demands.

He told a crowd of 70,000 supporters at the Union Buildings that the resumption of negotiations hinged on action by the government in three core areas:

- "Practical steps" to curb the violence.
- A commitment to an interim government of national unity.
- A commitment to a sovereign, democratically-elected constituent assembly.

"Those three categories of demands constitute the 14 we have made to the government. Unless they are met satisfactorily by the government, negotiations cannot be resumed," Mr. Mandela said.

"We have engaged in mass action with the clear objective of ensuring that the outcome of the negotiations is a democratic future for our country."

What happened next, and what form the "campaign for peace and democracy" took, depended on how the government responded to the ANC’s demands.

The general strike on Monday and Tuesday had unquestionably been one of the greatest events in South African history.

"More than four million workers stayed away," and nothing could detract from the fact that the strike had been peaceful.

"Those who still cling to the idea that the success of this mass action was based on intimidation do themselves an injustice.

"Because this could only be true if they believed that the ANC and its allies have the power to intimidate so many millions of people."

Mass action was not a victory for the ANC, Cosatu, or the SAPF, but of all South Africans who wanted peace and democracy," he said.
ANC sets raped

NO CONTROL. Excess will be remembered.

By Monik Nkomo

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Witnes ses link SAP, whites to Boipatong

By JACQUIE GOLDING

WITNESSES who claimed that the Boipatong attackers had been "dropped off" by armoured vehicles and that whites were among the attackers were brought before the Goldstone Commission by African National Congress senior counsel Arthur Chaskalson SC this week.

Meshack Tshane, a petrol attendant at the Trek petrol station on the corner of Noble and Frikkie Meyer boulevards, in Boipatong, gave evidence to the commission this week after having been in hiding since June 25, in fear of his life.

He claims to have seen security forces on the outskirts of the township on the night of the massacre. "The police were constantly looking for me and I had to leave my relatives behind because of the truth. All I want is protection," he said.

Tshane alerted police when he saw groups of armed men crossing the road towards Boipatong. Counsel for the South African Police, Phillip Hattingh SC, denied that the police had participated in or facilitated the attack.

He added that they were not forewarned about the attack.

The only South African Defence Force members present at the time of the attack were those of the Vaal Commando," said Colonel Anton Mostert, who is representing the SAPF.

At the second sitting yesterday, a second witness corroborated Tshane's testimony that whites were among the attackers.

Edison Tshimba Koli, who lives in Stovol Park, said he heard shattering noises and gunshots on the evening of June 17. He witnessed a group of black men in civilian clothes and wearing white headbands, carrying traditional weapons such as spears, shields and steel pipes, interspersed with two white men dressed in "police uniforms" armed with "long guns".

He added that he saw two Hippo disgorge a group of about 50 men. The black men were chanting "nqinqwane" (a Zulu war cry) while running in and out of houses smashing windows and attacking people.

Koli was at home at the time of the attack and he decided to investigate where the attackers came from. He went to the veld outside kwamadala hostel, where he saw the groups of men returning from the township with various items such as television sets, clothes and others. "Two Hippo were slowly moving behind the group but no action was taken," he said. He then went to a friend's house, where he found that Samuel Molo's pregnant wife had been killed.

A woman who refused to be named testified that she had seen the killing of her mother and brother. She said that among the group of men were three whites. While her mother and brother were being hacked to pieces, she heard one of their attackers say "kill those dogs," she said.

Controversy arose this week when Mostert gave Judge Richard Goldstone a blue file containing "military secrets" but refused the other committee members and counsel for the other parties access to the documents. Despite a request by Chaskalson that they should be made available, Mostert was adamant that this will not be allowed.

He said the documents - including briefing documents reflecting SADF instructions on or before June 17 and general documents hosting secret standing orders and operational planning - were "secret and irrelevant" to the commission. Judge Goldstone said he was not "prepared to accept documents he could not make available to the rest of the commission.

"Well, that is the only basis I am prepared to give them to you," Mostert said. He said that other documents requested by Chaskalson had "gone missing."

Judge Goldstone said the police would respond to the Waddington report on the Boipatong massacre within the next few days. He added that a decision on whether a public response should flow from the report would be made after the police had released their response.

The four-person committee of the commission - which includes international assessor PN Bhagwati, a former chief justice of India - is due to decide when to visit kwamadala hostel. The hostel has been partially demolished by Issor since the massacre.
White men murdered my brother — witness

RESIDENTS of the Slovo Park squatter camp yesterday told the Goldstone commission of inquiry into the Boipatong massacre they had seen white men taking part in the killing and security force vehicles “dropping off” the attackers.

An unnamed woman told the commission she watched her brother being stabbed to death by three white men wearing balaclavas. Four black men took part in the killing, she said.

She was hiding in a storage box with her nine-year-old brother and her mother less than a metre from the scene.

“My brother died in a pool of blood and they left him,” she said. Her mother was spotted and stabbed to death.

Later that night men dressed in camouflage looked at the bodies, but left without asking questions. Policemen arrived in the morning to take statements. The woman said she did not want to co-operate because she did not trust the police.

The massacre of Boipatong township and squatter camp residents on the night of June 17 left 41 people dead.

Another Slovo Park resident, Edison Themba Koti, testified that he was outside his home on the night of the attack when he heard gunshots and windows shattering.

He saw two white men wearing camouflage clothes, armed with “long guns,” standing with three black men about 50m from his house.

“My understanding was that they were policemen. My understanding is based on the uniforms they were wearing and the long guns they were carrying,” said Koti.

The six were joined by a large group of men, who attacked a neighbouring home.

When Koti was spotted, a black man rushed at him with an axe and chased him into the house. Koti escaped, locking the door. When he re-emerged to check on his parents, who lived nearby, he saw a security force Hippo vehicle dropping off about 15 men. They were wearing balaclavas.

They began to attack residents.

Koti, who hid in the veddy late, saw men moving in the direction of KwaMadala Hostel, carrying television sets. They were closely followed by two Hippo.

Counsel for the Hostel Dwellers’ Association, Vic Botha, said he had been instructed not to cross-examine witnesses or to present evidence but to take part in the commission as an observer.

Counsel for the ANC, Arthur Chaskelison, told the judge police had yesterday called at the homes of both of yesterday’s witnesses, but had not found them there.

Counsel for the SAP undertook to investigate the matter.

CHARLIE PRETZELJUK reports that 94 KwaMadala Hostel residents will appear in the Vanderbijlpark Magistrate’s Court on Monday in connection with the Boipatong killings. Police spokesman W/O Andy Piek said yesterday that another 18 hostel residents were arrested on Monday. One had been released. They were charged with murder and public violence.
Witness tells of whites at massacre

VEREENIGING - A witness told the Goldstone Commission here yesterday that she had seen white men taking part in the Boipatong massacre.

A woman, whom commission chairman Mr Justice Richard Goldstone ruled must not be identified, said she witnessed the murder of her mother and older brother by seven men, three of them white.

The 22-year-old woman told the commission she had been woken in her Slovo Park home by shooting and shouting.

She had heard men shouting in Zulu: "We are killing the dogs."

Her mother and nine-year-old brother had hidden in a storage hut in the yard, where she had joined them.

Her older brother had run from the house towards the hut.

"The man saw him and rushed at him as he reached the hut. They stabbed him there. He died in a pool of blood," she said.

At this point she had noticed that three of the seven attackers were white men wearing camouflage uniforms and balaclavas.

They had participated in the stabbing, holding assegais in one hand and "longish" guns in the other.

As the men left the scene, one of them had noticed

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her mother. Three of the men - not the white men - had returned and stabbed her mother to death.

She and her brother had returned to the house and hidden under a bed until the attack was over.

Three white policemen had arrived, on the scene but after looking at the bodies had left without talking to anyone. The police had returned the next morning to take statements, and the bodies had been removed about 11am.

Another witness, Mr Edison Themba Koti, said he had seen an armoured vehicle dropping off armed men in Slovo Park.

He had been sitting at home with a friend when he had heard shots and the sound of windows shattering. He had gone outside, where he had seen two white and three black men about 30 metres from his house.

"My understanding is that they were policemen. My understanding is based on the uniforms they were wearing and the long guns they were carrying," Mr Koti said.

When the men saw him, one of them, brandishing an assegai, had chased him into his house.

Mr Koti said he had then left his house to go to his parents' home in Bapedi Street, Boipatong.

On the way he had seen a hippo armoured vehicle dropping off about 15 armed men.

Later he had seen the men returning with television sets and other loot, closely followed by two other armoured vehicles, heading towards KwaMadalas hostel.

Mr Vic Botha, counsel for KwaMadalas hostel residents, told the commission he had been instructed not to present evidence or cross-examine witnesses at this stage.

The hearing continues - Sapa
Protesters sjambokked

Johannesburg Bureau

ANC members in a protest march in Wolmaransstad on Wednesday were chased and sjambokked by about seven white men, police said yesterday.

Assault charges were being investigated, police confirmed.

The regional commissioner of police in the area, Brigadier Tokkie Nienaber, said "strong action" would be taken against people who fomented racial violence.
‘White men’ in Boipatong attack

The Argus Correspondent

VEREENIGING. — A 22-year-old woman from Slovo Park told the Goldstone Commission into the Boipatong massacre how several men repeatedly stabbed her mother and older brother as she sat in a hiding place and watched them die.

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Mr Koti also testified that he saw a police Casspir drop off attackers next to a Boipatong church. Later, Mr Koti watched two Casspirs drive slowly behind the attackers as they were leaving Boipatong in the direction of Kwamahla hostel.

The hearing continues.
Terror erupts on East Rand

Blasts, shooting and arson in 'no-go area'

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The East Rand became a virtual no-go area as a young couple were petrol-bombed in their car near Alberton, a man was gurned down at a Vosloorus shopping centre and a limpet mine destroyed a home.

A senior police spokesman said the petrol bombing occurred about 11.45 pm yesterday as Mr Shaun Mathews, 23, of Chrisville in Johannesburg, and his girlfriend, Miss C van der Berg, 21, were driving on the N12 freeway near Alberton. As the car burst into flames, the couple jumped out and ran into the veld.

Mr Mathews fired a shot into the ground to ward off the attackers, police said. Miss Van der Berg tripped and fell, breaking her jaw.

The couple said they saw their attackers fleeing across the veld. They reported the attack to police after a motorist stopped to help them.

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Police went to the scene where they found the couple's car gutted. Remnants of the petrol bomb and two bricks were discovered on a seat.

About 8 pm, an ANC marshal was shot dead outside a Vosloorus shopping centre, police said. The man was known only as David and no details of his death were immediately available.

Also on the East Rand, a limpet mine exploded in a house in Katlehong about 8 pm. Nobody was injured when the SP2 mine exploded, said Witwatersrand police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Dave Bruce.

Police warned the public yesterday not to enter Daveyton after several attacks on delivery vehicles.

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In Alexandra, where gunmen fired on choir members on Wednesday night, killing a girl and injuring 11 pupils — one of whom was reported to have died later — two off-duty municipal policemen were stoned and injured yesterday.

Police have reported that on Wednesday, when an estimated 110 000 people took part in the ANC-communist-Cosatu mass action campaign, eight people died, 26 were injured and 593 arrested.

The Human Rights Commission contradicted police claims, saying that according to its figures the death toll in the past week was 86 compared with a weekly average of more than 80 in the past five months.

Most victims, the HRC noted, had been ANC supporters. "Security force actions this week alone have accounted for 11 deaths (the highest weekly figure in a long while), 48 injuries and 639 arrests."

Police said that in the worst of 115 unrest-related incidents reported on Wednesday, a woman and a seven-year-old girl were killed and three women, two men and two children seriously injured when their homes were attacked in the Halinyaka reserve in Natal.

Also in Natal, a man was shot dead in the Makwankwaneni reserve and a man was killed and another injured when passengers in a car were attacked at Gangsoli, near Richmond.

Two people were shot dead and two houses attacked on Wednesday night in Umlazi, south of Durban.

A Fort Hare University student was also reported to have been shot dead when protesters clashed with Ciskei police at Alice on Wednesday. About 40 people were detained in the town.
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Fall in, ANC tells self-defence units

The African National Congress (ANC) is the largest political party in South Africa and has played a pivotal role in the country's struggle against apartheid. In this context, the ANC's stance on self-defence units is crucial. The ANC's leadership, in particular, has emphasized the importance of unity and discipline among the organization's members. This stance is reflected in the party's policies and strategies, which aim to maintain a strong and cohesive movement that can effectively advocate for the rights and interests of the people it represents.

The ANC's approach to self-defence units is based on the need to ensure the security and protection of the organization and its members. These units are considered as a means to safeguard the ANC's activities and interests, especially in areas where the political landscape is complex and challenging.

The ANC's stance on self-defence units is also characterized by a commitment to non-violence and peaceful means of conflict resolution. The party is known for its commitment to democracy, human rights, and the rule of law, and these principles are reflected in the party's policies on self-defence units.

Overall, the ANC's approach to self-defence units is rooted in a strategic vision of maintaining a strong and united movement that can effectively advocate for the rights and interests of the people it represents. The party's policies on self-defence units are designed to ensure the security and protection of the organization, while also upholding the principles of non-violence and peaceful conflict resolution.
Soccer 4, Stayaway 2 is the shebeen score

By MONDLI MAKHANYA

THE talk in Soweto shebeens at the height of the stayaway early this week centered on soccer, crime and the weekend's drinking binges. Only occasionally did peace, democracy and the mass action campaign manage to squeeze into conversation.

While thousands of activists braved the winter cold to march to police stations on Monday, many Soweto residents simply stayed at home or marched in a different direction — to their favourite watering hole. Patrons started trickling into shebeens around mid-morning and by 2pm they were packed.

The flair of visiting Brazilian soccer team Flamengo dominated conversation, with everyone agreeing that even Kaizer Chiefs would have had great difficulty containing the skilful side which totally outclassed Jomo Cosmos and Armazulu.

The shebeen patrons also lamented the township's crime rate, relating tales of hijackings, shootings and stabbings.

Some customers had been "on the job" since Friday evening, continuing their drinking binge through Sunday in the knowledge that the "long weekend" would shield them from having to go to work with a hangover on Monday.

But the extended weekend was posing worries for some. As a patron at a Moloto shebeen put it: "Some of us are on a weekly basis. We've been at this since Friday, we've almost broke already and this week we're only going to get paid for three days."

The prospect of losing two days' pay did not bother strikers like Tshepo, who claimed to be a "member of the struggle" who supported "anybody who strikes hard blows at the government."

"We've been doing this for many years now — it's the only way of getting rid of the oppressors," he said.

"But we must just have a long one now that will get rid of them totally. Then we will never have to stay away again."

While shebeen patrons were prepared to stay away from work, many were definitely not going to support the protest marches. "I'll stay at home and lose my pay, but there's no way I'm going to toyi-toyi in the street with children. Besides, if the demands have been given to the bosses they simply throw them in the rubbish bin. How many demands have been handed to them this year alone and what have they done?" inquired one bespectacled drinker.

An ardent unionist visiting a Jabulani shebeen chattered excitedly about the mass action campaign and vowed he would be participating in every one of the week's activities. Besides taking part in the stayaway, he planned to join Wednesday's march to the Union Buildings in Pretoria and take part in a sit-in at his workplace on Thursday and Friday.

Another enthusiastic striker w. "Oupa", block chairman of the Soweto Civic Association in his area. He said he had been up since 5am monitoring railway stations — "shouting there was no intimidation" — and lobbying would-be strike-breakers to stay at home. He conceded there had been minor incidents of intimidation, but attributed this to the "people's hunger for freedom". "You cannot teach a hungry man to eat manners," he said repeatedly.

Business was better than usual for three unsavoury looking youth patrons at a Phiri shebeen who said they made a living by hijacking delivery vehicles in the township. The wandered into the shebeen selling biscuits and an assortment of cane foods, taking advantage of the fact that most township shops were shut and few hawkers could be found on the streets. Judging by the speed with which their goods were being bought the trio had done their homework.
ANC ducks the AWB’s right hook

By ROSALIE TELEA

It was a very tense day in Pretoria as 50 members of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging vowed to stop at least 8,000 African National Congress marchers at the Jan Louw Stadium in Pretoria, west of Johannesburg, this week. (Photo: KEVIN CARTER)

In the centre of the ring was the United Nations Security Council, while the police and members of the media took their positions.

The 50 ANC supporters gathered at the stadium outside Vereeniging in preparation for a march to the Union Buildings as part of the nationwide mass action campaign. They intended presenting a memorandum to Minister of Local Government and local MP Leon Wessels. Watching their arrival was a small group of AWB supporters armed with pistols and batons.

The last to arrive was the head of the UN monitoring team, Osmay, who was loudly greeted by ANC supporters cheering, shouting, and clapping guns. He was accompanied by the FWV regional peace committee chairman, Bopetsetse.

Round one was about to begin. Looming in the background was the 30 AWB supporters who were preparing to throw the first punch.

Inside the stadium the ANC marchers were dancing and singing. ANC chairman of the National General Worker’s Union of South Africa, Solly, said the police should not let the AWB carry their “traditional weapons”

AWB leader Colenard Henk de Beer gave an impromptu media conference – but he was silent. He threatened to be taken pictures by AWB members.

De Beer tried to go for a knockout, claiming that “the police has a provocation stick ... it is a totally stupid (the ANC) don’t ask, they just take over”. He threatened that “if the police don’t stop this, we will”.

An AWB supporter said “reinforcements” were on the way. At this point, Osmay stepped in, asking De Beer to “give the police a chance to resolve the situation”. He warned that the AWB that the UN observers “understand their position”, but added that the people of South Africa should resolve their own problems. “The United Nations is here strictly to observe,” he said.

When marchers began to leave the stadium on their way to the centre of Vereeniging, AWB members blocking the road were ordered by the police to move out of the way. Reluctantly they walked away, their faces directed. The host ended with a punch being thrown and the march continued peacefully.

Breakdown... This man disappeared from a hospital bed in the street outside a few days later (Photo: KEVIN CARTER)
has become a national monument.

In a mere 60 years, Chateau Libertas

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‘White men aided Boipatong killers’

Dramatic evidence of the involvement of white men in the June 17 massacre in Boipatong, in which more than 40 people died, was heard yesterday by the Goldstone Commission in Vereeniging.

A 22-year-old woman from Slovo Park gave a detailed account of an attack in which several men repeatedly stabbed her mother and older brother while she sat in a hiding place and watched them die.

Miss A, whose name has been withheld for her protection, said three of the attackers who killed her brother were white men.

She said she was wakened between 10 and 11 pm on June 17 by a lot of noise and the screams of her neighbours. Miss A, her mother and her nine-year-old brother left the house to hide in a storage hut outside.

From inside the hut she saw four black men and three white men about seven metres away. The black men were wearing white headbands, while the white men were wearing balACLAVAS that left part of their faces exposed, Miss A said.

She said her elder brother then left the house for the storage hut, where the attackers spotted him. They pounced on him and stabbed him, with the black men shouting in Zulu: "We are killing these dogs!"

Miss A said that from less than one metre she watched her brother on the ground trying to ward off the attack.

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Counsel for KwaMashu Hostel. V Botha, said that the 90 hostel inmates arrested in connection with the 41 murders would exercise their right to remain silent and would not be giving evidence.

The hearing continues.
Eight wounded in
Alexandra shooting
Sowetan Correspondent

EIGHT people were wounded, four seriously, in a hail of bullets directed at a police vehicle in Alexandra, north of Johannesburg, on Saturday night.

Since Friday at least 21 people, including seven policemen, have died in political violence countrywide. Dozens of others have been injured.

Police spokesman Lieutenant Wikus Weber said the Alexandra shooting took place about 9pm.

A police vehicle stopped on the corner of Vasco da Gama Street and Pretoria Main Road and was fired at by unknown gunmen armed with AK-47 assault rifles, R-1 rifles and shotguns.

Weber said the police did not return fire and withdrew because their vehicle was not bullet-proof. None of the policemen were injured.

Police reinforcements later found seven men and a woman had been wounded in the shooting. They were taken to the Alexandra Clinic.

A clinic spokesman said four of the injured people were later admitted to the Tembisa Hospital, while the other four were treated and discharged from the clinic.

Earlier on Saturday, police found the bodies of two men in Alexandra. One had been hacked and stabbed and the other shot. In another attack, an unidentified man was stoned and injured.

In Soweto, an unidentified man was shot dead and another seriously injured on Saturday night when gunmen opened fire on a train between Phomolong and Dube stations.

Late on Friday, assistant Constable JZ Mtinkulu, was shot and wounded by three men at Mene Station.
**White in massacre**

Police probe March in Boipatong massacre, commission told.
The monitoring team has yet to see an incident of violence or intimidation and is very pleased with the conduct of protesters during the mass action campaign, including Wednesday’s march in Pretoria, according to the team leader.

Hisham Omayad believes the monitoring can be successful and achieve a great deal, even with just 10 people from the United Nations involved in the actual monitoring.

Earlier this week he said: “This is more than a public relations exercise on the part of the UN. Our 10 people have been provided with the infrastructure and support they need in all the various regions.

“If the UN had 1,000 observers without the co-operation of people on the ground, we would achieve less than we have been able to with only 10, but with the full backing of the regional peace committees,” he said.

Some of the monitors have been involved in confrontational situations, but negotiations involving the peace committees, police, right-wing groups, ANC alliance members and the monitors appear to have averted a number of clashes.

One such incident happened in Krugersdorp on Tuesday when the AWB laid a charge against an illegal gathering and march to the town hall by the ANC alliance.

After much negotiating, the march went ahead, with verbal abuse and vulgar gestures by the rightwingers.

Shola Omorogbe was also involved in a difficult situation outside the Meadowlands police station, which was surrounded by a crowd of 1,500 alliance supporters. After tense negotiations, a delegation was allowed to enter the police station to present demands.

Wits/Vaal Regional Dispute Resolution Committee co-chairman Rupert Lorimer said it was incidents like these which enabled monitors to “see the Peace Accord in action”.

After his first morning of monitoring, Mr Omayad said he wanted to focus on the National Peace Accord and its implementation. “What is in the Peace Accord is very valuable,” far more so because it was put together by South Africans, he said.

“The peace committee structures are permanent and have been effective. We are only here temporarily,” he added.

Another Wits/Vaal committee co-chairman, Andre Lamprécht, gave credit to the UN group when he said: “We must recognise the significance and the international legitimacy that the UN Security Council has given to the Peace Accord and the role of the Peace Accord by sending a delegation to this country.”

The monitoring group, sent by UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali, is the first ever sent by the world body to monitor protest action in a country.\end{document}
NUMSA members in Witwaterstrand hostels were being threatened with death unless they resigned from the union and joined the Inkatha-aligned United Workers’ Union of SA (Uwwsa), a NUMSA spokesman said yesterday.

Bernie Fanaroff said Zulu-speaking NUMSA members at the Jeppe, Waterville and Kwisale hostels had received such threats in the past two days. He claimed men from Jeppe, Denver and George Goch hostels had been threatening striking workers.

People who witnessed a march by striking workers near Jeppe yesterday said that an armed group of alleged Inkatha supporters had confronted the marchers.

Police spokesman Col David Bruce confirmed there had been a stand-off between marchers and Zulu-speaking hostel dwellers. He said police defused the situation and there were no incidents of violence.

Fanaroff said about 300 000 NUMSA members were on strike in the metal, motor manufacturing and tyre and rubber industries. Sefisa confirmed that the strike was large and growing, but was unable to provide figures on the number of strikers.

Meanwhile, Cape reports that Sefisa brought an urgent interdict against NUMSA yesterday for irregularities in its strike ballot. The case continues today.

Fanaroff said Toyota was the only motor manufacturer to sustain production yesterday, the fourth day of NUMSA’s strike.

He said Toyota’s exemption followed an agreement between it and NUMSA after two recent related wildcat stoppages. Company spokesman Filip Wilken said full production had resumed on Wednesday.

Fanaroff said NUMSA was due to meet auto employers on Monday. A meeting had also been planned with Sefisa.

Dave Kirby, chairman of the auto industry’s employer grouping, said BAW, the Delta Motor Corporation, Samcor and Volkskswagen had all halted production because of the legal strike.

New Tyre Manufacturing Industry industrial council secretary Brian Wilson said Gentyre, Tycon and Firestone had been affected by the strike.
Child-Slasher

Masked white hacked open girl's head, Goldstone told
Massacre: SAP set to take steps

The police have admitted “mistakes” at Boipatong — and have announced steps to eliminate faults identified by a British criminologist.

PRETORIA. — The Commissioner of Police has announced 16 steps to be taken to eliminate shortcomings in the South African Police noted by British criminologist Peter Waddington in his evaluation of the police handling of the Boipatong massacre.

The steps were listed in a statement signed by Major-General W Grové on behalf of the commissioner and include the formation of an inspectorate within the internal stability division.

General Grové admitted “mistakes were made in the unexpected chaos in Boipatong” but most of the 16-page statement was spent justifying police action and repudiating the July 23 report by Dr Waddington, director of Reading University’s criminal justice studies department.

Dr Waddington and two British Metropolitan Police officers were appointed by Mr Justice Richard Goldstone to evaluate the SAP response to and investigation of the slaughter of more than 40 people in Boipatong on July 17.

Dr Waddington was sharply critical of the SAP, saying it had “serious organisational problems”.

In yesterday’s reaction General Grové said: “Although the SAP does not agree with all the criticism in Dr Waddington’s report, it has been studied with an open mind.”

“The questions at issue in the report are not denied primarily because of errors of fact, but mainly because of unjustified conclusions and an over-simplification of complex situations which do not necessarily point to dysfunctioning of the entire SAP.”

The SAP’s major point of criticism was that Dr Waddington had failed to take into account the “unique policing problems the SAP have to deal with”.

General Grové also accused Dr Waddington and his team of rushing the report, which meant that unsubstantiated generalisations were based on limited information and of not always ensuring they heard both sides of all allegations.

“The application of the rule is perhaps more relevant in South Africa, where First and Third World standards are intertwined, and especially when those compiling the report are not well-acquainted with local circumstances.”

Dr Waddington was also accused of not doing proper research and of failing to consider the possibility of intimidation.

Concerning criticism on securing the scene of a crime, General Grové said intimidation, the large area which had to be secured, and a denial of access to the police had been responsible.

“Dr Waddington and his team appeared rather astonished at the hampering role of the African National Congress and the Press and voiced their dissatisfaction with legal representatives who advised the residents of Boipatong not to co-operate with the SAP.”

On criticism that the police had failed to take proper charge of the exhibits, General Grové said: “Circumstances prevalent at Boipatong prevented that guidelines in this regard could fully be applied and executed”.

On allegations that police appeared to have a “more accommodating approach” towards hostel-dwellers, General Grové said these remarks could create the misconception that the SAP “deliberately discriminates against the ANC and affords preferential treatment to the Inkatha Freedom Party and hostel-dwellers”.

“The alleged difference in approach by the SAP cannot summarily be ascribed to discrimination,” General Grové said. He did not expand on this statement.
VEREENIGING. - A white man wearing a balaclava hacked open the head of a three-year-old girl with a panga - critically injuring her - during the June 17 Boipatong massacre, a witness appearing before the Goldstone Commission alleged yesterday.

Mrs Florence Molefe, 39, of Sthoo Park, told the four-man committee hearing evidence on the massacre that she, her sister Miriam, Miriam's husband Mr Pule Lekabe and their daughter Mita were attacked in their shack.

Mrs Molefe said she tried to take Mita from her sister when a white man wearing a balaclava had lunged at the baby, hacking open her head and cutting into her mother's arm.

According to a document submitted yesterday by ANC counsel Mr Arthur Chaskalson, the child is in hospital awaiting brain surgery.

Mrs Molefe said the white man had spoken Zulu with a "white accent" and when she called for her brother he had told her "the dog is dead". Her brother had died of stab and lucky wounds.

Asked by Mr J J du Toit, SC, for the commission, how she knew they were white, she said the balaclavas exposed their white faces. She said she could also identify white men by their larger build.

Mrs Molefe and her sister took Mita and fled to a rubbish dump behind the squatter camp. From there they had seen two armoured vehicles which had identified as Casspirs moving in a northerly direction. The occupants of the vehicles had done nothing to stop the attack.

Another witness, Mr Jonas Nhombeni, 25, yesterday testified he had seen a camouflage-coloured Casspir with the identification marks "T2" on the back door escorting attackers.

Mr P Hattingh, SC, appearing for the SAP, denied that, saying the "T2" vehicle in the area had entered the township after the attack.

A number of other witnesses have also alleged the participation of white men and the security forces in the massacre which claimed more than 40 lives.

Mr Meshack Theane, a petrol attendant at a garage between Boipatong and the KwaMashu Hostel, alleged that two armoured vehicles, which he identified as Hippo, did nothing to prevent large groups of armed men coming from the direction of the hostel from crossing the road and heading into the township.

Two policemen whom he informed of the pending attack took no action to prevent it.

Mr Hattingh has "categorically denied" the police participated in or facilitated the attack.

Commission chairman Mr Justice Richard Goldstone yesterday ruled that secret documents submitted to him by the SADF were irrelevant to the inquiry.

He said the documents, which were requested by Mr Chaskalson, had been carefully read by the committee. They were satisfied the documents had no direct or indirect relevance to the proceedings.

On Wednesday Mr A W Mostert, SC, for the SADF, said the documents included briefing documents reflecting SADF instructions on or before June 17.

The commission will continue hearing evidence on Monday. - Sapa
30 killed in weekend violence

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At least 30 people have been killed in unrest-related violence across the country since Saturday, say police.

In KwaZulu alone, 20 people were killed. Umzazi, where 11 people died, was worst hit.

In Boboyi, outside Port Shepstone, a baby and an unidentified man were killed on Sunday when two gunmen threw a hand grenade into a house and opened fire.

Violence again flared in Ivory Park squatter camp near Tembisa on Sunday when gunmen fired on mourners, killing at least two people and injuring 15.

Early on Friday, four people were killed and at least six injured by gunmen. Three people were arrested in connection with Friday's attack.

Police said they arrested six people — five illegal immigrants and a man with an unlicensed firearm and ammunition — in a raid on Tembisa's Mandela Park squatter camp on Sunday.

Residents claim those arrested were identified by members of the "Toaster Gang" who accompanied police — a claim police deny.

Police said two people were killed and two injured when men with AK-47 rifles fired on residents in Hostel 5, Sebenkeng, on Saturday night.

Petunia Motsoneng (23) died in Sebenkeng Hospital with bullet wounds.

Yesterday the regional commissioner of police in Soweto, Major-General Kobus Malan, appealed to residents carrying firearms to apply to his office for a permit.

Since promulgation on August 3 of laws prohibiting the carrying of firearms without a permit, nobody had applied for one.

The PAC's West Rand branch yesterday offered to mediate at "branch level" between fighting ANC and IFP groups in the region.
White man hacked child, probe told

VEREENIGING - A 39-year-old woman from Slovo Park yesterday told the Goldstone Commission inquiry on the Boipatong massacre that during the attack a white man wearing a balaclava hacked her three-year-old niece's head open with a pangolin.

According to an ANC document submitted to the commission on Wednesday, the child is now in hospital waiting to undergo brain surgery.

Florence Molete told the commission that she was about to go to bed at about 10 pm on June 17 when she heard loud noises outside her shack. She looked outside and saw a large group of men attacking a neighbouring property.

Shortly afterwards, her kitchen door and bedroom windows were smashed. A black man, wearing a white headband and carrying a spear, came inside and said in Zulu: "Get out, you dogs.

"He was joined by men who began to hit and kick Molete. Another group broke the shack from behind," Molete said. "Her brother-in-law, Pule Lekabe, was stabbed as he fled through that opening. He died outside the shack.

Molete said attackers continued to assault her, her sister Miriam, and Miriam's daughter Mita. The white man then "hacked Mita's head open," she said.

"After shouting for Pule, Molete heard someone say in Zulu with a "white" accent: 'The dog is dead."

"She then looked through the kitchen door and saw another white man wearing a balaclava standing at the doorway. He was carrying a "long gun."

"Shortly after the attackers left, Molete's sister and her niece hid in a rubbish dump behind the township from where she saw two Casspirs... close to where other attackers were breaking windows and destroying houses.

Earlier, Boipatong resident Joseph Nhombres testified that he saw a camouflage-coloured Casspir slowly following men who were breaking down doors and smashing windows of houses in his street.

Shields

The attackers, wearing headbands and carrying shields and other weapons, had just passed his house and tried to break down his door, he said.
The good, the bad and the ugly.
Hostel dwellers in the Hosanna Township on Monday.

Too late... Residents and police stand over the body of a man shot by hostel dwellers.

nthalwca. The hostel dwellers opened fire on the hostel's management while the residents tried to stop the riot.

The hostel dwellers have ignored the hostel's management's warnings.

Killing: 27

Booze raises tension

Atmosphere at hostel is tense after hostel dwellers pelted the hostel's management with stones.

Residents reported that hostel dwellers have been drinking heavily.

The hostel dwellers have ignored the hostel's management's warnings.

Killing: 27

Booze raises tension
connection with Wabezdemay's shooting. The protest demands increased police accountability, a meeting with representatives of the police force, and an independent investigation into the shooting.

However, soon after the society members left for the meeting, the protest was broken up by police. The protesters were given a deadline by the police to leave and a warning that further actions would be met with legal proceedings.

The two months the society organized had been successful in raising awareness about police brutality, but the lack of action from the government was disappointing. The society has decided to continue its protests and will hold another rally in two days in order to keep the pressure on the government.
JUNE 17 this year was a cloudless night with a clear sky over Boipatong. There was a light wind and the moon—full two days earlier—rose at 7.30pm. It was at its brightest at 11pm, shining on a community experiencing unimaginable horror.

The Goldstone commission of inquiry into public violence and intimidation has heard evidence since Wednesday this week from five witnesses about the events that led to the brutal deaths of 45 people.

The commission's findings will be, as the police statement to the commission stated, "a matter of national and international importance."

Twenty-four of the 35 people who died on the night of the massacre were women and children.

The committee is initially focusing on the role of the security forces in the massacre. The hearings are in the Vereeniging magistrates' chambers.

The massacre that led to the breakdown of the negotiations process has attracted no senior ANC observers.

Evidence so far makes it possible to construct the following sequence of events:

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"Where things quieten down, he ventures outside and sees a Casspir with its lights off, and the white letters T2 on its back doors. In front of it is a large group of men."

Filip Hattighu, for the police, claimed a dark green Casspir..." with the radio call sign T2...stalled on it in orange on the front right-hand side of the vehicle... was in the area that night. But he denied he accompanied attackers.

Just before 10pm: Edson Themba Koloi hears windows breaking. He goes outside and sees two whites wearing camouflage uniforms "with long guns", and three black men with spears, pangas and white headbands standing near his home in Slovo Park. He hears gunshots. His neighbour's house is attacked.

He says a white man notices him. He runs into his house which is then attacked. Afterwards he goes into the street and sees a Casspir drop off 15 men with white headbands in Slovo Park.

During this period, three white men and four black men attack the home of Miss A. She and her nine-year-old brother and mother hide in a storage box outside and see the men shoot at her brother three times, then back and stab him to death. Her mother is then noticed and is murdered.

BODIES

Some hours later, she said, three policemen dressed in camouflage came to the shack, looked at the bodies which were by then covered with blankets and left without saying a word to anyone. The police denied any visit at this time.

10pm to 10.10pm: Ten telephonic complaints are recorded by police of shooting, damage to property and assaults in Boipatong.

10.05pm: The alarm at Unispace Motors is activated by Meshack Theone.

10.14pm: Two policemen in a yellow van arrive at the garage. Theone tells them what he has seen, they say nothing and drive away. Police counsel Filip Hattighu denies this ever happened.

10.24pm: Police say they respond to a call from 761 Lekoa Street, Boipatong.

11pm: A group of black and white men break into the shack of Florence Maile. As she tries to grab three-year-old Mifa, her niece, a white man wearing a balaclava hacks the child's head open. Her brother-in-law Fule Lekabe is killed outside.

She takes the child (now suffering from brain damage) to a neighbour and runs to find a phone to call an ambulance, but sees another group of men coming up Makoena Street. She runs back and finds her sister has fled with the child to the rubbish dumps above the community. She joins her there, and, looking down, sees two Casspirs with their lights on traveling down Sekhukhene Street while a large group of men move, unembittered, down Bakwana Street.

11.30pm: Police say the Unispace Motors alarm is activated again. Mr. Theone denies this.
Tearing at Heart of Killer Farm

By Stan Mhlongo

Enraged once, Farmer, it seems, were farmers after their alleged gardeners were found alive by Craig du Preez, farm resident. In Enzina site, just after 7:30 pm last night, police were quick to direct scenes.

The alleged gardeners were caught by the farm's security personnel, who had been monitoring the farm for the past few days. The gardeners had been spotted in and around the farm, leading to their eventual capture.

The alleged gardeners were taken into police custody and are currently being questioned about their activities on the farm. It is unclear whether they are the ones responsible for the recent decline in the farm's crop yields.

The farm owner, Farmer, told reporters that the situation on the farm has been tense for the past few weeks, with reports of theft and vandalism.

The police are currently investigating the matter and are working closely with the farm owner to ensure the safety and security of the farm.

The incident has caused concern among the farm's workers, who have expressed their support for the farm owner and the police in their efforts to bring the alleged gardeners to justice.

Meanwhile, the alleged gardeners are expected to appear in court soon, with charges of theft and vandalism likely to be laid against them.

Source: Stan Mhlongo

Date: 18/9/92
Witnesses throw new light on massacre

By SOPHIE TEMKE

CLEAR visibility and moonlight enabled a Slovo Park woman to identify a white man who participated in the Boipatong massacre.

Florence Moletsie, 39, who gave evidence before the Goldstone Commission in Vereeniging, said she realised that a man who had covered his face with a balaclava and had stabbed her brother-in-law Pule Lekaba, was white.

She said she became aware of his race after he spoke to her in Zulu with a “white” accent and then she also noticed that his face was exposed.

Moletsie was the third witness to allege in her testimony that whites had participated in the killing of residents in Slovo Park and Boipatong on June 17.

Earlier in the week a young woman, whom commission chairman Judge Richard Goldstone ruled could not be identified, gave a heart-rending account of how she and her younger brother witnessed the murder of her mother and older brother by a group of seven men – four blacks and three whites.

The woman, who was identified as Miss A, told the commission on the night of June 17 that she heard people shouting in Zulu “Dululani lezi Zimba” (Kill these dogs).

Her mother then told them that the Zulus were attacking.

Her mother and nine-year-old brother ran into a storage box which was opened on the one side and covered with wire-mesh on the other.

She followed her mother to the box and later her older brother followed with his wife.

The men saw him and followed them to the box where they stabbed him several times with a spear, leaving him dead in a pool of blood.

At this point Miss A noticed that three of the seven men were whites dressed in camouflage and wore balaclavas which exposed their faces.

As the man left, one of them noticed her mother in the box.

Three of them returned and stabbed her mother to death. She and her younger brother managed to escape and hid under a bed in their house until the attack was over.

In her evidence Moletsie said although Slovo Park is not electrified, clear visibility, moonlight and a candle burning in her shack enabled her to see the two men clearly.

Moletsie said she was home with her sister, her brother-in-law and her sister’s three-year-old daughter, Midias. They were all preparing to go to bed when they heard a noise in the street.

“I peeped through a hole in my shack when I saw a large crowd of people – all of them men – armed with weapons and breaking a neighbour’s shack. Suddenly I heard heavy bangs on my door and the breaking of glass in my bedroom.

“The door of my shack broke down and a man carrying a spear walked in and said in Zulu “Phumani zinza” (Come out you dogs).

He was followed by other men and one of them stabbed her brother-in-law who managed to escape through an opening in the shack caused by the attackers.

“During the assault a man hacked Midias’s head open with a panga and injured my mother’s arm. I then called my brother-in-law Pule, and someone from outside replied in Zulu with a white accent “Ilibe inja” (The dog is dead).

“I paid particular attention to his accent and noticed that he was standing in the kitchen door with a gun in his hand and wearing a balaclava but his eyes and mouth were exposed and I also took note of his white complexion.”

After the men left, Moletsie said she hid at a dump site and from there she could see two caspans moving into Sekhukhuni Street.

The commission proceeds tomorrow.
ANC vowed to stamp out the violence.

One victim touched in dispute.

ANC vows to stamp out violence.
Seven killed in unrest

At least seven people were killed in political violence in Transvaal townships at the weekend, police said yesterday.

Spokesmen for the police said two of the people were murdered in Alexandra Township where one of the victims was forced into a plastic dustbin and set alight.

Police also reported that two men were killed on the East Rand, one near Heidelberg and two others near Secunda.

Police also confiscated a 60mm mortar launcher, an AK-47 magazine and several petrol bombs during house-to-house searches in several townships on the Reef.

In Soweto on Saturday, inmates at the Apartheid Hostel found a limpet mine in one of the hostel's rooms. Police were called in and defused the device.
Boipatong: 'Security forces were there'

VEREENIGING.—Two witnesses appearing before the Goldstone Commission yesterday testified that a Defence Force and SA Police members had been in Boipatong during the June 17 massacre which claimed more than 40 lives.

A witness, who Mr Justice Richard Goldstone ruled could only be identified as Ms B, told the four-man committee that her house in the township had been attacked by about 200 armed men. The attackers were unable to enter the house because of burglar-proofing. There had been gunshots nearby, she said.

When Ms B had looked out of a back window, she had seen about 200 men wearing white headbands.

She said a security force Casspir had been parked nearby with its lights shining in the direction of her house.

Another witness, Mr Ishmael Mahasella, told the commission he and fellow workers from the Cape Gate Factory had been fired on in the township by a group of about 200 men.

A SADF vehicle had passed them and they had stopped it. “We asked them to accompany us into the township,” he said. “They said their vehicle was not bullet-proof, but they promised to try to stop the shooting.”

However, the vehicle then headed towards KwaMadala Hostel, not the township. It returned accompanied by an SADF armoured vehicle.

The driver of the armoured vehicle told the workers nothing was going on in the township, but they could hear gunshots.

Yesterday 82 residents of KwaMadala Hostel appeared in the Vanderbijlpark Magistrate’s Court on charges of public violence and murder in connection with the massacre. They were not asked to plead and were remanded until August 28. — Sapa
R39m plan to protect rail users

JOHANNESBURG. — A sophisticated communications system on trains, linking drivers, conductors and security centres, is part of a R38.75 million scheme to protect rail commuters.

This was disclosed yesterday by the managing director of the South African Rail Commuters Corporation, Mr Wynand Burger.

He also said that R2m would be spent to upgrade exit and access points at Cape Town station.

On train security, Mr Burger announced several plans:

• R7m would be spent on on-board public address systems as well as communication systems at stations.

• A security force to protect commuters on suburban trains would be established at stations and on trains in the Southern Transvaal early next year.

• The number of Spoornet security officials would be increased from 277 to 741 countrywide at a cost of R19m.

• SAP officers deployed on stations and trains would soon be appointed "authorised officers" by the SARCC to control access to stations.

• SAP facilities at stations would be improved at a cost of R25m countrywide.

• Facilities for "searching purposes" at 168 stations in the Southern Transvaal region would be provided at an estimated cost of R4m.

Mr Burger said the SARCC was also researching the viability of on-board closed circuit television cameras and the installation of walk-through search apparatus.

The "rail guard" follows the Goldstone Commission's recommendations on curtailing train violence.

Mr Burger told a news conference the guards would collaborate with the SAP and the communities they served.

"It is evident that the most effective policing system alone will not totally eradicate crime and violence. Negotiations are presently being conducted with a community-based organisation to assist the SARCC in establishing a rail guard."
Security forces ‘were alerted to Boipatong’

The security forces had been alerted to the attack on Boipatong on the night of June 17 but had failed to respond, a resident told the Goldstone commission in Vereeniging yesterday.

Ishmael Mahasella said he and his co-workers had alerted the police to what was happening in the township.

Mahasella told the commission they were on their way home from the factory at about 10pm when they were shot at by a group of men wearing white headbands. The workers ran back to the factory.

He said the workers had stopped an SAPF vehicle to ask for help, but the six occupants said their vehicle was not bullet-proof. One of the workers who had been injured during the attack told the SAPF members what was happening in the township, and asked them to help him find his wife. His wife was later found dead.

When an armed SAPF vehicle arrived minutes later the driver, a Mr Pieters, told the workers there was nothing going on in the township, despite the fact that shots could be heard while they talked.

The Buffel then escorted the factory’s white employees out of the area.

Later, when the workers entered the township together with two ambulances, policemen armed with rifles tried to prevent them from entering a house in which two children had been killed, Mahasella alleged.

Another witness, who did not want her name disclosed, said she was woken by the sounds of breaking glass and heard a group of men trying to kick in her front door.

The woman alleged she heard automatic gunfire and then locked her window to see a Consipr moving down the street.

The commission heard the testimony of 82 Kwa-Madala hostel residents allegedly responsible for the Boipatong massacre were refused bail by a Vanderbijlpark magistrate yesterday.

They face charges of murder and public violence.

Magistrate GJ Reyners did not ask them to plead, but refused an application for bail. The matter was postponed to August 23 for trial.
Work begins soon to make trains safer

WORK to make urban trains and stations safer — following Goldstone commission recommendations — would begin soon, the SA Rail and Commuter Corporation said.

Corporation MD Wynand Burger told a news briefing yesterday that they had consulted community groups, including the Soweto CWV’s Association, about introducing a rail guard corps acceptable to the community. It would be operational by the end of the year.

There had been delays in upgrading stations due to unexpected problems concerning water and sewerage systems and the procurement of additional land, but he gave an assurance this would now proceed speedily.

He said the rail guard, which would receive proper police training and wear a distinctive uniform, would initially be limited to the southern Transvaal region, but would be extended to the rest of the country later.

As much as R200m would be spent on the guard in the next financial year.

Metro Services senior GM Koos Meyer said about R274m would be spent on train security nationwide by the year 2000, if next year’s R250m budget was escalated by 15% annually to compensate for inflation.

Burger said the SARCC was asking government for an extra R83m this financial year to speed up the process, and commuter fare increases to cope with increased expenditure on security and inflation were being considered.

Electronic surveillance equipment was being investigated for train compartments and the entrances and exits of stations.

Train coaches would be made safer by altering windows and doors to make it impossible to throw a person off a moving train and fireproof seating was being investigated.

The provision of interleading doors between carriages — as recommended by the Goldstone commission — was being investigated, he added.

Saps reports Burger said a lot of progress had been made on the remaining Goldstone commission recommendations.

These were:
- The number of Spoornet security officials would be increased from 377 to 741 countrywide;
- SAP officers deployed on trains and trains would soon be appointed "authorised officers" by the corporation to control access to stations. Policemen and Spoornet security personnel are already empowered to conduct searches; and
- SAP facilities at stations would be improved countrywide.
- R11m had been allocated for on-board communication systems between train drivers and controllers as well as security centres;
- A further R17m had been set aside for on-board public address systems as well as communication systems at stations; and
- Burger said the corporation was also researching the viability of walk-through search apparatus.

Natal violence pushes death toll to 10

TEN people died in unrest-related incidents around the country yesterday and violence flared up in the Murchison area of Natal.

The bodies of seven people who died in renewed violence in the township near Port Shepstone were found yesterday. Police did not reveal the causes of death.

The latest incidents following the discovery of two bodies at the weekend.

In another incident, two men were shot dead by police who intervened to stop a gunfight between two taxi drivers at Iony Park near Johannesburg yesterday. Police said they shot the driver of one of the taxis after he opened fire on them, and later shot the man who replaced him at the wheel.

The body of a woman who had been shot in the head was found in Alexandra yesterday.

Ray Hartley

New push for peace summit

WILSON ZWANE

THE national peace committee meets in Johannesburg today in an attempt to remove obstacles to a summit between President F W de Klerk, ANC president Nelson Mandela and Inkatha president Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

UN observers Hisham Omayad and Sheila Omorogie — in SA to monitor the ANC-SACP-Cosatu alliance’s mass action campaign — will attend the meeting.

The summit, regarded as an opportunity for the three leaders to give fresh impetus to peace efforts, was scheduled for July 30 but was postponed after Buthelezi refused to attend.

Buthelezi cited Mande- la’s alleged violations of the peace accord at a recent UN Security Council meeting and the existence of Umkhonto we Sizwe as reasons for staying away.

Ray Hartley
Nothing going on in Boipatong'

By Philip Zolo

VEREENIGING — A factory clerk yesterday told the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry into the Boipatong massacre that an SADF member had told him during the attack there was "nothing going on" in the township, despite the fact that both could hear gunshots and glass breaking in the distance.

Ismael Mahasella told the commission that a Mr Plenaar — a Citizen Force member and colleague at Cape Gate factory — also told him the SADF could not arrest any attacker, only take them out of the township.

SADF counsel Anton Mostert, SC, said Mr Plenaar would deny speaking to Mr Mahasella.

During the attack, Mr Mahasella said, he had gone into the township with co-workers. They were shot at twice by a group of about 200 men. Later he and colleagues accompanied ambulance personnel. Police tried to stop them entering a house in which two children had died and whose mother lay injured.

"Miss B", whose name was withheld to protect her, told the commission she had seen a large group of armed men shouting "Usutha". Shortly after she saw an SAP Casspir.

Mr Justice Goldstone yesterday requested the Sunday Times to publish a correction to false reports on Sunday which alleged the SADF had attempted to conceal information from the commission. He said the newspaper's inference that SADF officers saw themselves "above the State and outside the law" was not justified.

The front-page headline, "Judge urges SADF inquiry", had also been misleading. The judge said he had simply supported recommendations that various agencies, including the SADF, be fully investigated.
Alex massacre: judge attacks SAP probe

By Susan Smuts

Policemen investigating the Alexandra vigil massacre had surreptitiously leaked information to witnesses before an identity parade and had lied in statements to a court during a bail application, a Rand Supreme Court judge said yesterday as he acquitted four men of 18 counts of murder.

Mr Justice H Daniels found Gibson Mbata (28), Derick Majosi (21), Christopher Mbata (30) and Petrus Buthelezi (31) had no case to answer at the end of the State's case. The judge had earlier found the State had no case against a fifth accused, John Zwane.

The men had pleaded not guilty to 13 counts of murder, 17 of attempted murder, one of housebreaking with intent to murder and illegal possession of a machine gun, firearms and ammunition. The charges arose from an attack on a vigil in Alexan-

dra on March 27 last year.

In a judgment highly critical of the investigation, the judge said the State's case had been riddled with "inconsistencies, contradictions and fabrications".

Witnesses had been encouraged to give evidence to suit the State's case and it was clear that witnesses who identified the accused at the three identity parades had discussed the suspects. Two of the identity parades had been held after the men had appeared in court. Their names had been widely published, the judge said.

"The procedure seems to be irregular."

Another witness, who had changed her mind after identifying one of the men, must have been told she had made a mistake, the judge said.

He added the investigation had been "all but wrapped up" by the time the men appeared in court, and the

Police probe under fire

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Identification parades could have been organised earlier.

A statement by Constable Louis Bothma to a magistrate during a bail application had been tailored to suit evidence by the leaders of the investigating team, Major John Barnard and Sergeant Stephanus Cross.

Mr Majosi had been implicated by a witness whose evidence was in many instances undoubtedly false and incorrect, he said. Mr Buthelezi had not been identified by a single witness.

Christopher Mbata and Gibson Mbata (no relation) had been connected to the massacre only through the identification parades. Gibson Mbata had been arrested about 12 hours after the attack, following information from a police informer who had not been called to give evidence.
IFP calls for probe into Khanyile death

The Inkatha Freedom Party's PWV region yesterday called for a full investigation into the death of Ratanda branch secretary Welcome Khanyile, who was found blown to pieces outside the township near Heidelberg on Friday.

IFP regional organiser Thembu Khoza said in Johannesnburg that peculiar events leading up to Mr Khanyile's death made the IFP believe he was murdered.

Police said it appeared the man was blown up while carrying a limpet mine.

According to Mr Khoza, Mr Khanyile was picked up by police on July 30 and was not seen since.

"Police said Mr Khanyile had been released. He also allegedly said Mr Khanyile might be in Natal. All further investigations proved fruitless."

The next news of him was when the police informed Mr Khanyile's workplace they had found his identity card next to the body.

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Captain Eugene Opperman said yesterday that although police had questioned Mr Khanyile on July 30 after receiving information he was allegedly involved in the smuggling of firearms, he was released at 12:20 pm the same day.

A woman who had been shot in the head was found dead in her yard in Alexandra township yesterday. Mr Khoza claimed the dead woman, Soalega Mga, was an IFP youth leader.
Police lied in murder trial, judge finds

THE police team investigating the murder of 12 people during a vigil at Alexandra in March last year lied and fabricated evidence in the trial of five suspects, a Rand Supreme Court judge found yesterday.

Judge H Daniels made this finding when he acquitted Gibson Mbaia, 22, Derrick Majoe, 21, Christopher Mbaia, 39, and Petrus Buthelezi, 31, on 23 counts of murder, 16 counts of attempted murder, housebreaking and unlawful possession of a firearm and ammunition.

A fifth man, John Zakwe, was found not guilty and discharged earlier in the trial.

The five men were alleged to have burst into an Alexandra home early on March 27 last year and sprayed mourners with gunfire from an AK-47 and a revolver.

Counsel for the defence applied for the acquittal of the four remaining accused at the end of the State case.

The judge held that the State had failed to make a case against the four on the evidence given by the police or the contradictory testimony of other State witnesses who were at the vigil.

The judge found the police evidence given during earlier bail proceedings, the trial itself and statements made by members of the investigating team contained fabrications and contradictions.

He said evidence by the four junior members of the investigation team relating to the arrest of the suspects and recovery of an AK-47 in an Alexandra hostel room was "almost too bizarre to be true".

Police joked

One was struck, Daniels said, by the inherent improbabilities and the number of inconsistencies and discrepancies in the evidence of the police witnesses involved.

He said the senior investigating officers, Maj Johannes Ndokho, Bernard Leete and Det-Sgt Stephanus Crous, had taken statements, which put themselves at the scene of the fabricated recovery of the AK-47.

Neither were called to testify in court.

"To my way of thinking these two witnesses could perhaps be seen as most important witnesses," Daniels said.

"Having decided not to call them, the State left itself open to the drawing of inferences adverse to its case."

Daniels also found the State had failed to make a case against the accused based on the testimony of the witnesses who survived the attack. According to the evidence, the only firearms used in the attack were an AR-47 and a revolver. Therefore those witnesses who said there were three guns were incorrect, he said.
Constable shot in legs outside police station

JOHANNESBURG. — A policeman was shot in both legs by an AK-47 rifle as he got out of a Carpar at Sharpville police station in the Vaal Triangle.

Constable Jan Appelgren, 20, from the northern Cape, was wounded in both legs above the knees and was admitted to Medi-City Clinic in Vereeniging, where his condition was described as “stable”.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Major Henriette Bester said said Constable Appelgren was attacked “out of the dark”. The gunman fled.

“Certain organisations have propagated, admitted and approved attacks on the police in the media and in public,” she said.

“In view of the increasing number of attacks on the police, the possible involvement of these organisations will be investigated,” Major Bester said that despite numerous attacks, the morale of the police was excellent and they were getting wide support for their presence in the townships.

- Shots were fired and petrol bombs thrown at two farms near Elloit in the north-eastern Cape yesterday, police said.

Liasison officer Captain Henry Chalmers blamed the attacks on the Azanian People’s Liberation Army (Apla) which is the armed wing of the Pan Africanist Congress.

Mr Ernie Cooper, 66, of the farm Cluny, said he was woken shortly after midnight by three shots.

He told his wife to telephone the police, but things were quiet after the initial shots.

He said the gunman set alight his barn and the fire destroyed 1 300 bales of lucerne.

“It was a horrible experience. We didn’t know which direction the shots came from,” said Mr Cooper.

Captain Chalmers said two petrol bombs had also been thrown at the house, one of which ignited.

The other farm, Cluny, which is 8km from Mr Cooper’s farm, was attacked soon afterwards.

Mr N.J de Klerk, 55, and his wife were also woken by gunshots. Mrs de Klerk returned fire from a window and the assailants fled.

Captain Chalmers said four petrol bombs had been thrown, two of which had ignited. An unexploded grenade was also found.

A PAC spokesman said all inquiries in connection with Apla should be directed to its headquarters in Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania, but Apla spokesmen there could not be reached for comment. — Sapa.

Armed group trap nurses for hours

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Tembisa Hospital nurses were trapped inside the building for several hours when a group of men and women with sticks and sjamboks dared them to “come out”.

The group were believed to be dismissed hospital employees who assaulted nurses on Friday.

We are not going to leave until they come out. We will have to sleep here if necessary,” some members of the group were heard to say.

According to reports the group assembled outside the hospital as early as 8am.

Most nurses have not worn uniforms to and from the hospital since last week.
Sweeping changes by Media Council

CLIVE SAWYER
Staff Reporter

A STREAMLINED Media Council is to cut its membership from 30 to 11, move its headquarters from Cape Town to Johannesburg and bar the use of lawyers at hearings.

The council's executive committee is to investigate changing the name of the council as its role changes to being mainly a commission to adjudicate complaints.

Registrar Mr Bob Steyn and deputy registrar Mr Jack Friedman are to be offered retrenchment packages.

Mr Steyn is to be asked to stay on temporarily to brief his successor.

Founded as the Press Board of Reference and later the Press Council, since 1983 the Media Council has investigated broader issues of the media in society, and commented publicly on events such as the State of Emergency.

Yesterday's meeting was a continuation of an April meeting, adjourned when members deadlocked over proposed changes to the constitution.

During the debate on amending the constitution, Mr Ken Owen, a representative of the Conference of Editors, said the Media Council and its predecessors had been devices accepted by the Press to escape repressive legislation.

His newspapers would withdraw from the council if it continued in a form which would "continue (former president) P W Botha's work."

Mr John Featherstone of the Newspaper Press Union said the changes were aimed at cutting costs to all parties.

Mr Gert Hugo said public representatives had been "taken on board by the council and should not just be dumped."

The council had achieved a "status greater than just being a mere disciplinary body."

Mr Hugo said.

Mrs K Athony asked that future representation for the provincial Press be guaranteed.

The move to Johannesburg at first drew fewer than the 20 votes needed to amend the constitution, but an undertaking by Mr Featherstone that its offices would be separate from those of the NPU swayed a subsequent vote.

Council chairman Professor Kobus van Rooyen said a process of attrition, as members' terms of office expired, would bring membership down from its present 30 to 11 by 1994.

SADF man 'lied' over massacre

VEREENIGING. — A South African Defence Force member said there was "nothing going on" in Delft, even though gunshots and glass breaking could be heard in the distance, the Goldstone Commission of inquiry into the township massacre was told.

Israel Mahasella, a factory clerk, told the commission that a Mr Pienaar, a citizen force member and work colleague, also told him that the SADF could not arrest any attacker.

During the attack on June 17, Mr Mahasella had gone into the township with a group of co-workers, he said yesterday. They were shot at twice by a group of about 200 men and ran back to the factory.

Later he and some colleagues accompanied ambulance crews to the township. Several policemen tried to stop them entering a house where two children had died and their mother lay injured, he said.
Boipatong: Police tapes ‘erased’

The Argus Correspondent

VEREENIGING. — Tape recordings of about 13 hours of radio calls to the police Internal Stability Unit (ISU) at the time of the Boipatong massacre in June have been erased, the Goldstone Commission has been told.

The calls, from 2pm on June 17 to 3am the following day, included ISU conversations with their patrols, other police units and the SA Defence Force, the commission heard yesterday. The massacre happened between 10pm and 11pm.

During cross-examination by Mr Arthur Chaskalson SC, counsel for the African National Congress and the Vaal Council of Churches, Major Christo Davidson said the calls might have been accidentally wiped out by the person on duty.

Major Davidson said he had been told on the telephone by a police technician in Pretoria that the recordings could have been lost because both sides of the tape had been used by mistake.

The tapes were blank in parts while other segments of conversations had been preserved, he said.

Mr Chaskalson asked whether this could happen if someone had erased the tapes. Major Davidson said this was possible.

Mr Justice Richard Goldstone asked that the tapes be submitted to the commission immediately. Major Davidson said this would be done.

Major Davidson also told the commission that only three police vehicles went into the township on the night of the attack and that their occupants saw none of the attackers.

Police had received the first reports of a possible attack at 9.55pm after two factory employees had seen 200 to 300 people crossing a major road between Kwantanalala hostel and Boipatong, he said.

From 10pm police had received many reports of people attacking houses and killing residents in the township.

A single ISU Casspir left Vereeniging at 10.10pm, but stopped to investigate a reported shooting in Sharpeville, and arrived in Boipatong only at 10.35pm, said Major Davidson.

He said another Casspir then arrived from the Sebokeng municipal police station. An ISU Nyalana vehicle followed soon afterwards.

The police discovered that people had been killed and houses had been damaged, said Major Davidson.
Massacre night tapes erased

TECHNICAL POINT Judge demands that damaged tapes be handed to the commission.

An inquiry of radio calls made to the SAI Internal Stability Unit in Vereeniging on the night of the Boipatong massacre were accidentally erased the next day, the Goldstone Commission was told yesterday.

The SA Police officer investigating allegations of security forces' complicity in the matter, Major Christo Davidson, told the commission which is hearing evidence on the massacre, that the erasure of about 13 hours of radio calls on the day and night of June 17 had occurred accidentally.

During cross-examination, Davidson also revealed yesterday that only three SAP armoured vehicles had been in Boipatong area on June 17. These were a camouflage Casspir from the Sebokeng "municipal" police, a yellow SAP Casspir and a yellow SAP Nyala.

He said they had only entered the township after reports had been received of violence in the area.

Witnesses from the township who had appeared before the commission have alleged that camouflage Casspirs were present in Boipatong during the massacre, dropping off attackers from the KwaMashu Hotel and escorting them back to the hostel - Sapa.
Boipatong death: officer suspended

A MURDER charge is being investigated against a policeman who allegedly shot dead a pangal-wielding man in Boipatong on June 20 — the day of President PW de Klerk’s aborted visit to the township — police spokesman Col David Bruce said yesterday.

Bruce said the incident happened at 12.30pm, a few hours after De Klerk’s visit.

The policeman has been suspended from duty and a murder docket has been forwarded to the attorney-general to decide whether to press charges.

The incident happened three days after the June 17 massacre of more than 40 people in the township.

In unrest incidents yesterday, two more people died in political fighting in Port Shepstone’s Murchison township. Police said this brought the death toll in the area to at least 13 since the weekend began.

Delegations from the ANC, Inkatha, churches and police were scheduled to visit the area today to try to end the killings. More than 50 people have been killed in fighting between the ANC and Inkatha in Murchison since mid-June.

Sapa reports the director of church-based human rights organisation, Practical Ministries, the Rev Danny Chetty, said the situation was "very tense and very violent".

This had prompted him to arrange today’s meeting.

Inkatha had yet to confirm its attendance at the meeting, although national chairman Frank Mdlalose had indicated a delegation would be sent, said Chetty.

He said everything depended on Inkatha now, explaining that the ANC and SA Police had said they would attend the meeting only if an Inkatha delegation arrived.

Chetty said the latest spate of killings had again created a refugee crisis, with more than 1 000 people having fled their homes in Murchison. People were still fleeing the township yesterday.

Most refugees were taking shelter at Murchison’s hospital and at Port Shepstone churches and were being assisted by the Red Cross, he said.

"Everything has come to a standstill in these areas," he said, referring to daily schooling and usual community activity.

Meanwhile, a caller to the police, identifying himself as the "Lion of the Apla forces", yesterday claimed responsibility for killing a municipal policeman at Katlehong on the East Rand on Monday.

The caller also claimed responsibility for the killing of policemen in other areas, such as Kagiso. He did not elaborate. Apla is the PAC’s military wing.

Sapa reports a municipal policeman was killed by an unknown gunman in Katlehong on Monday, Witwatersrand police said yesterday.

W/O Andy Pieke said Const J de Wet Moloi, 55, was walking in Khumalo Street at 12.20pm when two men shot him and took his 9mm pistol.

The Goldstone commission of inquiry into violence between ANC and Inkatha members at Wesselton, near Ermelo in August 1990, will resume its sitting in Pretoria today.

The hearing stems from reports in the Weekly Mail that members of a local gang known as the Black Cats, with the help of Inkatha members, attacked ANC supporters in a funeral procession.

Former Black Cats members gave evidence that Inkatha members armed with firearms, including automatic rifles, were involved in the attack on ANC supporters. On the other hand, IPF witnesses said the violence started when ANC supporters fired at Inkatha’s funeral procession.

The Black Cats are alleged to be members of the Inkatha Youth Brigade branch at Wesselton.
Blast death: IFP to march

IFP supporters plan to stage a march through the black residential area of Ratanda near Heidelberg, Transvaal, today to highlight the death of a local IFP leader.

On Monday, IFP officials charged that police were involved in the death of IFP Ratanda branch secretary Welcome Khanyile, who was apparently killed in a limpet mine explosion on Friday, found at Ratanda police station. He was wearing the same clothes he was wearing when he was arrested on July 30.

Today's march will start at 9 am and proceed to the Ratanda police station. — Sapa.
Police tell inquiry Boipatong tapes erased

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Davidson admitted that the recordings contained critical evidence needed by the commission to establish the movements of the security forces that night.

Commission chairman Judge Richard Goldstone ordered that the tapes be fetched immediately and submitted to the commission.

Davidson said his investigation had shown that the only police vehicles which had gone to Boipatong that night were two Casspirs and a Nyala, which had all entered after 10.35pm. He said this was after the attackers had left the area.

The SAP had later called the SADF for reinforcements and two Buffels were dispatched, he said.
Police teargases 200 protesters at Baragwanath

By Charmeela Bhagoya

About 200 dismissed Baragwanath Hospital workers, protesting outside the hospital's main entrance, were teargassed by police yesterday after allegedly preventing delivery trucks from entering the premises.

The protesting National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union (Nehawu) members were dismissed last month and are demanding their own reinstatement as well as that of 7000 members countrywide.

Baragwanath Hospital spokesman Annette Cleary said doctors complained yesterday morning that protesters had stoned their cars and refused them entry to the hospital.

The workers prevented delivery trucks with important medical supplies from entering the premises. "They protest at the gate every day. But the moment they prevent deliveries and disrupt services, we have to take action," she said.

Baragwanath superintendent Dr Chris van der Heyden said: "The police monitored the situation and after some stone-throwing took place, the area in front of the main entrance was cleared."

However, the protesters claimed they did not stone doctors, cars or prevent delivery trucks from entering.

Alina Molefe (57) said: "We did not do anything. I was just sitting down with all the other elderly women when the police announced that we had 10 minutes to disperse. When we refused, they teargassed us."

"One policeman stood right in front of me and sprayed the teargas into my eyes and mouth."

"When one of the women asked a policeman why they were teargassing us, he said Dr van den Heever had ordered them to."

The protesters dispersed peacefully an hour later.

The reinstatement of the dismissed workers will be discussed at a meeting between the Transvaal Provincial Administration and Nehawu tomorrow, reports Sapa.

Nehawu assistant general-secretary Neal Thobejane said yesterday that the union was still pressing for their members' jobs, but TPA spokesman Sonia de Wet said the TPA viewed the meeting as an attempt to normalise the situation, specifically at Baragwanath. The TPA did expect the issue of reinstatement to be raised.
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Goldstone Commission of
Inquiry by the SAP’s Major
Christo Davidson. Counsel for
the African National Congress
suggested to Davidson that the
tape recordings were deliberately
erased.

The wiping out of the recordings
is bound to add to criticism
of the police.

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SAP Casspirs trailed Boipatong killers,

A POLICEMAN living in Boipatong told the Goldstone commission yesterday he had seen police Casspirs following attackers on the night of the massacre.

Special constable Ntisea Xaba, who is stationed at Evaton, told the commission he had seen the Casspir following closely behind two men wearing red headbands and brandishing automatic weapons. They were shouting "This is our day" in Zulu and a shot was fired. The Casspir did nothing to intervene, said Xaba.

Later he had also seen a group of about 50 attackers standing near his house, while three Casspirs passed down the next street.

Xaba said he saw a Hippo dispersing residents who had gathered outside a victim's house the next day. A resident was shot by police during the incident, he said.

Xaba and a colleague who also lived in the township fled Boipatong the day after the attack when they were threatened by "comrades" looking for revenge. He said he initially did not want to report what he had seen to the police because he feared them after the night of the massacre.

Xaba and his colleague were later encouraged by other black policemen to give statements at the riot police station in Powerville, Vereeniging. While they were waiting outside the station, two white policemen told them they were lying.

Counsel for the SAP, Flip Hattingh, told the hearing Law and Order Minister Herma Kriel had expressed concern yesterday at the impression created by the damaged police tapes. Hattingh said the SAP had explained why the calls on the night in question had been erased.

Ise O'Reilly, a sergeant stationed at the...
Four held over shooting of journalists in township

POLICE have arrested four men in connection with the shooting of Washington Post correspondent Paul Taylor and Weekly Mail political editor Phillip van Niekerk in Sebokeng on August 3.

Their car was hijacked by their attackers. A police spokesman said yesterday the four were arrested after the journalists' car had been seen at a filling station in Evaton.

The men were expected to appear in the Sebokeng Magistrate's Court yesterday.

CHARLIE PRETZLIK reports that ANC PWV area spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said Inkatha supporters went on the rampage in Ratanda township near Heidelberg after a march led by regional Inkatha official Thembu Khoza to the local police station yesterday to protest against the death of a hostel inmate last week.

He said about 200 armed men were bussed into the township and then "assaulted people at random." No details about injuries were available.

The police, he said, later escorted the attackers back into the hostel without making any arrests.

Col FJ le Grange of the Heidelberg police said police had monitored the marches and there were no reports of any injuries.

POLICE also denied ANC claims that police had been in cahoots with Inkatha supporters.

Also yesterday, outside the Escort bacon factory near Ratanda, Inkatha supporters met Food and Allied Workers' Union members returning from a protest in town.

Clashes followed in which one person was seriously injured, Ratanda Civic Association assistant general secretary Dan Nkosini said last night.

A police squad saw the clashes but could not get to the scene immediately as they were on the other side of a "locked railway line," police said.

Three people were shot dead at Ekelwini near Empangeni on the Natal north coast on Tuesday night and three were injured, police said.

Our Durban correspondent reports that a church-based peace initiative in Murchison near Port Shepstone yesterday began trying to get warring Inkatha and ANC factions to meet following violence which had left at least 12 dead since the weekend.

A Port Shepstone police spokesman confirmed that 23 people had died in violence in the area since August 1.

Move to protect bus drivers

DIRK HARTFORD

THE ANC alliance intends laying a formal complaint with the national peace secretariat about continuing intimidation and attacks on Cosatu-affiliated bus drivers at the KwaZulu Transport depot in Maritzburg.

Transport and General Workers' Union assistant general secretary Randall Howard said two KwaZulu Transport buses had been burned this week, five stoned and two drivers injured.

Last week Inkatha supporters, led by the Inkatha representative in the Natal dispute resolution committee David Ntombela, sealed off the depot to prevent buses leaving, allegedly because the 500 union members at the depot supported Cosatu's call for a general strike.
Necklaced baby one of 5 killed in unrest

PRETORIA – Five people died in unrest incidents yesterday, including a baby who was necklaced in Elandon, near Vereeniging in the Vaal Triangle.

The baby's body was found with a man who had also been necklaced, the official police unrest report said today.

The other three deaths were in Katlehong, near Alberton, on the East Rand. Two of the men had been stoned to death and the third had bullet wounds.

Five people were also injured yesterday, four of them in the Springs industrial area, on the Witwatersrand, when bricks were thrown at them.

One man was seriously hurt in Ratanda township in Heidelberg when a group attacked him with knobkerries.

Groups of African National Congress and Inkatha Freedom Party supporters clashed in Ratanda.

About 200 ANC supporters had marched from Heidelberg Magistrates' Court towards the industrial area when they were confronted by police.

They were told the march was illegal and dispersed. A "lawful" march by a group of Zulus in Ratanda ended at the same time and clashes ensued.

Police officers could not intervene immediately as they were on the other side of a "fenced railway line".
Scab attack on strikers

Inkatha denies involvement in assaults outside Hillbrow Hospital:

MEMBERS of the National Education, Health and Workers Union (Nehawu) picketing outside the Hillbrow Hospital in Johannesburg were attacked yesterday by alleged members of Inkatha working as scabs at the hospital.

But Inkatha has denied the allegations.

Inkatha official Mr Peter Magwaza said he had no knowledge of the incident.

Scores of the strikers were injured - four seriously - during attacks which occurred at lunchtime outside the hospital, according to Mr Gladys Mahlangu of Nehawu.

Most of the injured sustained stab wounds.

Mahlangu said Nehawu received information that the attackers were members of Inkatha. The attackers - apparently backed by a group of men travelling in minibuses - were armed with batons, pangas, knives and knobkerries.
Police reject claim of IFP attack

Police in Heidelberg yesterday denounced as a "deliberate lie" a claim by the ANC PPFV region that several people had been attacked by Inkatha Freedom Party marchers in Ratanda township.

The ANC said several people were reportedly attacked in the township after yesterday's IFP march to the local police station.

Fifteen minibuses carrying about 200 armed IFP supporters were seen arriving at the local hostel after the march, soon after which the occupants randomly attacked residents, said the ANC.

Colonel FJ le Grange of the Heidelberg police said police had monitored the march for the entire morning and there were no reports of any incidents.

ANC spokesman Ronnie Maqoqa said his organisation stood by the statement.

— Staff Reporter.
Halt sale of State land, urges ANC
By Jo-Anne Callings

The ANC is gearing up for battle over the proposed sale of 43 parcels of Government land in prime residential areas in the Eastern Cape.

Yesterday the ANC released a statement calling on the Government to suspend the auction on August 28 at the Clarion Hotel in Johannesburg.

Sources close to the ANC said the organisation viewed the auction as a test case, and that it would fight the Government with all its resources.

"The offer of this land to speculators and developers completely ignores the genuine need for housing, and indeed the very word 'land' lost its meaning in the PFV's statement," the statement read.

The ANC demanded that the sale be halted in order to provide the opportunity for a more socially responsible proposal to be formulated - an approach more in keeping with the future of our claim than with their past."

Protested

The ANC said its demand for a halt to State land sales extended to provincial and local authorities.

Recently the Department of Public Works suspended the auction of several agricultural properties in the Eastern Cape and Tarkastad areas of the eastern Cape. The auction was due to have taken place yesterday, but land rights groups and communities upped their protest against the sale.

In a written statement the department refused to comment on the suspension of the auction until a decision was taken in consultation with communities.

Halt to sale A halt to sale was demanded by the local government in the Eastern Cape, but the NCPR and local communities lodged claims for the rezoning of this land.

Helping hand for hungry Norwood schoolchildren

By Anna Cox

In the heart of the upmarket suburb of Norwood, Johannesburg, there are children who go to school hungry every day.

And if I were not for the efforts of Christo Lodder, headmaster of Dr. K. C. M. M. Lodge, who runs a feeding scheme at the school, many of those children would go hungry.

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New HIV and hepatitis test to be launched soon

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A number of patients with HIV have been diagnosed within hours of the test, and the results are accurate.

However, Dr. Midda said the test is not yet ready for widespread use, and that it will take at least a year to be ready for the general public.

Arsonists set school bus alight

A bus belonging to a school for the blind was set on fire yesterday morning, according to witnesses.

Several people were injured in the clash between schoolchildren and a gang of armed men.

The school, which is located in the heart of the city, has been the target of several attacks in recent months.

Several hurt as hospital workers, protesters clash

Several people were injured in a clash between hospital workers and protesters outside Hillow Hospital in Johannesburg.

The confrontation took place outside the hospital, where hundreds of protesters gathered to demand better conditions for patients and workers.

Several people were injured in the clash, including a police officer who was injured when a stone was thrown at his car.

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I saw Casspir during attack

By Philip Zoi

VEREENIGING — An SAP constable yesterday told the Goldstone Commission inquiry into the Boipatong massacre that during the attack he saw a police Casspir apparently accompany two men wearing black headbands and carrying machine-guns.

Constable Ntshetsi Xaba, who lives in Boipatong and is stationed at the Evalon Internal Stability Unit (ISU), said he saw the Casspir after waking up at about 11 pm on June 17 to the sound of gunfire.

Two armed men were walking in front of the vehicle, shouting “This is our day”, in Zulu and firing shots in the air, he said. He said another two men who wore camouflage clothes were walking behind the Casspir.

After the Casspir disappeared from view, he saw a group of about 50 people. Gunshots and shouts of “This is our day” came from the group, he said.

Asked if the Casspir was chasing the men, Constable Xaba said: “According to its movements it was not.”

Constable Xaba said he then saw three more Casspirs moving in another street. He then went to his shack and slept.

After waking at about 7 am on June 18, he saw that a crowd of youths had gathered outside his house. A woman inside had been shot dead during the attack, Constable Xaba said.

Earlier, the commission was told that up to half of the Vereeniging ISU’s recordings of radio calls between March and June — including all those taped during the Boipatong massacre — were erased or damaged.

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Casspir seen at Boipatong

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because of a technical misunderstanding.

Sergeant Eike O’Reilly, the ISU’s control room commander, said she had been given false operating instructions for a recording device that was installed on March 24.

Police technician Warrant-Officer Johan van Vuuren told her that both sides of tapes were to be used on the machine, she said. After the massacre, she was told by an officer investigating the killings that only one of the sides should have been used.

Sergeant O’Reilly said she then found out that the device recorded on four channels simultaneously. The entire strip of the tape was used, in contrast with regular recorders which record only one half the strip.

This meant that when the tape was turned over and its second side used, the material recorded on the first side was erased or damaged, she said.

She said that according to procedure she would have put in a new tape at about 4 pm on June 17. Major Christo Davidson said earlier that the recordings of that evening were probably erased the next day. Recordings between 2 pm on June 17 and 3 am on June 18 were damaged or wiped out, he said.

Sergeant O’Reilly said she had not listened to the tapes to ensure that their recordings were undamaged because the ISU did not have any other equipment (apart from the new recorder) to play the tapes on.

She had not received any complaints before the massacre that recordings of any other important conversations had been erased, she added.

The hearing continues.
ANC halts talks

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18 butchered
in squatter camp — ANC

The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA — The ANC claims 18 people were massacred today at the Ivory Park squatter settlement in Midrand.

Midrand police confirmed at least four deaths last night and said they were investigating the ANC claim.

Detectives were still on the scene, trying to establish whether the deaths were related as all the victims died in different locations.

In a statement today, the ANC quoted a regional organiser in Ivory Park, Mr Mpho Ndamane, as saying the 18 were killed by weapon-wielding IFP members and police.

He said three police officers appeared in the area about 3am and fired teargas to clear the roads as ANC marshalls be patrol.
Witness tells of threats

Soweto 14/8/92

**Special constable says he saw two whites carrying guns:**

A SPECIAL police constable yesterday told the Goldstone Commission that police threatened him with violence after he refused to change a statement alleging police complicity in the Boipatong massacre.

Constable Ntetsa Xaba said a police captain threatened to hit him after he insisted that during the attack on June 17 he saw two men in camouflage carrying machine guns and walking behind a Casspir.

Under cross-examination, Xaba said the two men were white.

The constable said a Vanderbijlpark police captain told him to "correct" a statement - which he had made to police after the massacre - by saying that he had seen the Casspir from a greater distance than he had initially indicated.

Xaba said he was also told by the captain, whose name he did not know, to say that he had seen the Casspir at 9pm, and not at 11pm.

Police counsel Mr Pip Hattingh put to the constable that he had deliberately distorted his account of the discussion with the captain.

Xaba, who was questioned by Hattingh for most of yesterday's session, said he gave a second statement to lawyers.

Hattingh also put to Xaba that he was wrong when he said he heard shooting at or after 11pm, since the massacre was over by then.

"Most of the witnesses said the attack started at 10pm," Hattingh said.

Xaba said the wall clock on which he read the time could have been faulty.
Captain threatened me – Bogpatong Witness  

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The shooting commenced at 9.00 a.m., the witnesses were the first to arrive, at the Gravelly site. In the meantime, a car had arrived, and a man had entered it. He had seen the witnesses at 9 a.m.

The witnesses were called to the scene by the Captain, who asked them to describe the shooting. They agreed, and proceeded to the site.

The witnesses then described the shooting, and stated that a man had fired shots at them. They were then asked to identify the shooter, but they were unable to do so due to the smoke and dust.

The witnesses were then asked if they had any other information, and they replied that they had not.

The witnesses were then advised to leave the scene, and they did so.

By Philip Zou (218)

The witnesses were then advised to go to the police station, and they did so.
VEREENIGING. — An SA Police special constable yesterday told the Goldstone Commission police colleagues had threatened him with violence if he did not change a statement alleging the presence of police Casspirs in Boipatong on the night of the June 17 massacre.

Constable Ntetsa Xaba testified before the commission, which is hearing evidence on allegations of security force involvement in the Boipatong massacre of more than 40 people, that he had made a statement to the Vereeniging police to the effect that he had seen four Casspir armoured vehicles in the township on the night of June 17.

At least one of these vehicles appeared to be escorting attackers.

A week later he had been recalled by a white police officer to “correct a mistake” in his statement.

Mr Xaba alleged the policeman, whose name was not revealed to the commission, had threatened to “donder” him if he did not change his statement.

Mr Xaba, a Boipatong resident, said in his statement that he had seen a Casspir in the street he lives in about 11pm escorting four armed men, two in front of the vehicle and two behind.

Boipatong: Police probe was ‘cavalier’

From CHRIS BATEMAN

LONDON. — The police probe into the Boipatong killings adopted a “somewhat cavalier” approach to their accountability and provided British monitors with “garbled” and “unintelligible tapes of the night’s events.”

This is according to the man who headed the independent evaluation of the Boipatong probe, Dr Peter Waddington, director of criminal justice at Reading University.

Speaking from his Reading home yesterday he said: “We were pretty appalled — the mechanisms for making the police accountable did not seem to be in place.”

His understanding was that it had only been in response to his team’s request for the tapes that the “garbling” problem was identified.

His team had not been suspicious because: “I don’t think they (the SAP) were competent enough to cover their tracks.”

Dr Waddington emphasised that it had not been his team’s task to establish whether or not there was police complicity in the killings.

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LEADERSHIP IN PRACTICE
Apla refuse probe: ‘We are victims of violence’

JOHANNESBURG: --- The Azanian People’s Liberation Army (Apla) will not subject itself to a probe, chief political commissar Mr Romero Daniels said in a telephone interview from Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, yesterday.

Mr Daniels said: "There is no way in which we can agree to be investigated. We are the victims of that violence. How do you investigate a victim? You ought to investigate the perpetrators of that violence."

The United Nations has proposed a general amnesty to lead to investigations of activities of police and security forces, as well as members of the liberation movements. --- Saps
JOHANNESBURG

Allegations that 18 people had died in another township massacre involving the police and Inkatha were wrong, the African National Congress has admitted.

In a statement issued last night, the organisation said it recognised the confusion that was caused by the "inflation of the number of casualties."

It said five people died in the incident at Ivory Park, Midrand, in what appeared to be a renewed outbreak of a taxi war.

The ANC said residents ascribed the miscalculation to the fact that the injured were counted as dead and those who ran away and were thus "missing" were also counted among the dead.

However, residents allege police became involved in the dispute in favour of one of the rival taxi groups.

"Police said four people were shot dead and seven others, two of them children, were wounded when about 10 men with AK-47 rifles attacked the Ivory Park squatter camp near Tembisa."

Police spokesman Colonel David Bruce said it would be appreciated if the ANC came forward with evidence to substantiate their"wild claims" that the police had fired tear gas to "clear the roads of so-called marshals before the attack."

"Police are in possession of several sworn statements by residents in which they clearly state police were not involved in the attack," he said.
Boipatong floodlights ‘were out’

VEREENIGING — A policeman yesterday told the Goldstone Commission committee investigating the June 17 Boipatong massacre that the powerful township floodlights, by which witnesses claimed to have seen police vehicles assisting attackers, were off on the night of the massacre.

Lieutenant Mathinues Kruger said that on the night of June 17 he was called out to a petrol station on the outskirts of Boipatong.

He saw groups of men about 100 metres away dancing in the veld and blowing whistles. He also heard a number of gunshots from the direction of Boipatong. He later watched the men crossing the road and heading in the direction of the ‘Iscor hostels’.

It was then that he realised the tall floodlights were off and that Boipatong was in darkness.

The commission also heard yesterday that an initial investigation into the ‘erasure of information pertinent to the massacre inquiry from police tapes appeared to confirm police claims that it was done in error.

Counsel for the commission Mr J J du Toit read the initial findings of Grinaker Electronics Agencies, which confirmed that on completion of recording, the tape was turned around for further recording.

The hearing will resume on November 2. — Sapa
By STAN MHLONGO

VAAL township residents this week received peace letters from smiling security force members deployed in the area.

Amid the violence and ongoing tension between police and residents, the notices pleaded for help in restoring peace and love to the troubled township.

The Vaal unrest, which began in 1984, has involved police and residents in chilling hate for hate games.

Many policemen and residents have been killed in violent clashes.

The animosity peaked at the Sebokeng massacre of 1990, when scores of residents were shot near the Sebokeng police station while on an illegal march to Vereeniging.

However, the night vigil massacre of 1991, where residents were gunned down, was the only exception when police were not implicated in the massacre of residents.

The Goldstone Commission into the Boipatong massacre of June 17, 1992, presently taking place in Vereeniging, has heard allegations by residents who claim the police were involved in the massacre.

So how would the police and troops eventually win the confidence of residents under the present blanket of animosity and hatred built by past clashes?

Seemingly taking a leaf from Norman Vincent Peale’s novel How To Make Friends And Influence People, the troops and security forces have marched boldly into the townships.

Mind you, this time there was little sign of aggression.

In fact, Maki Motloung of Evaton remarked that it was the first time she had seen a smiling soldier — because the boys from the army and police descended on the Vaal townships wearing smiles on their faces.

“We are battling to bring peace and stability to the townships, please help us” the notices read.

The troops went a step ahead in their attempt to improve their communication exercise with the residents and got into action themselves.

They played football with the township kids and enjoyed a few laughs as they mingled with their bitter “former rivals” — the Vaal community.

However, Nhlanhla Mbtaha of Evaton is sceptical about the return of peace and the removal of barricades in the Vaal by the troops.

“There is no denying that the deployment of troops has provided a calming effect on the trouble-torn Vaal townships,” he said.

“What magical powers are they using? Or are they — as activists — have always suspected — the notorious third force behind the violence waged on blacks by the faceless vigilantes?”
Boipatong - evidence of police collusion

BY SOPHIA TEMA

CITY PRESS, August 16, 1992
Shooting, necklacing, train attack on Rand
Taxi wars could end in commuter chaos

By CHARLENE SMITH

TAXI war killings in Johannesburg are increasing and threatening to seriously disrupt commuter travel. This week four people died and 10 were injured.

The growing conflict, which has claimed about 18 lives this year, with about 30 people injured, is one of at least six taxi wars nationwide.

A taxi war in Cape Town last year claimed 66 lives, caused nearly R4-million in damage and seriously disrupted commuter traffic. Witwatersrand taxi owners have warned that commuter transport could grind to a halt as "drivers blast each other away.

Drivers have armed themselves and few sleep at home as battles for routes and ranks escalate. The war is worst in the Tembisa, Alexandra, Ivory Park triangle that serves the industrial heartland of the country.

On Friday four people died and eight were injured after commuters apparently became angry that the conflict between the Ivory Park Taxi Association and the Tembisa Taxi Association was increasing commuter costs.

Earlier this week two drivers from the Alexandra Randburg Midrand Sandton Taxi Association (Armsia) were shot. Seven Armsia members have been assassinated this year, including three executive members.

It was two previous chairmen who were murdered and Victor Mogoba, the present chairman, has not lived at home for more than three months. He never stays anywhere for longer than three days — and neither do any of his executive.

The taxi industry nationwide is poised on a razor-edge as costs rise and commuter resistance to fee hikes eat into profit margins.

Although the Goldstone Commission has said that big business has a critical role to play in defusing this time bomb, most businessmen are averting their eyes.

Most taxis cost about R7,000 with banks demanding a 40-50 percent deposit, the remainder at maximum interest rates over 30 months.

Future Bank managing director Neville WATCHurst said finance houses had "no alternative but to levy a finance charge to cover the cost of collection and the bad debt risk.

Stamie says it has a bad debt load of 30 percent in this sector. A Toyota's, Henk Marée says: "Commuter fare prices have not kept pace with the rising costs of operating taxis — the major reason for the speeding and overloading that occurs in the struggle for survival."
WHILE the world watches and waits, Judge Richard Goldstone and his committee investigating the Boipatong massacre have begun unearthing serious problems in testimony about the events on the night of June 17.

Two key questions emerged:

● Did police deliberately erase the Boipatong tapes to avoid chronically inefficient investigation?
● Are witnesses lying about seeing attackers in camouflage uniforms (shades of those worn by the police instability unit) and others with red headbands accompanying camouflage Hippos into Boipatong?

WHITES

The final answers may not come for many months as the Goldstone Commission into Public Violence and Intimidation plods through hours of incredibly tedious cross-examination.

The hearing, which first sat briefly in July, then for eight days in August, will resume on November 2.

The picture that emerged last week of the attack — directed by armed black men wearing white or red headbands, accompanied by camouflage Hippos — was thrown into doubt by the close of hearings this week.

Senior Lieutenant Matthias Kruger, a patrol officer for Vereeniging Crime Prevention, a private security company, which received a call from a guard at Unpark Motors near Boipatong, said that, on the night in question, the township lights were off.

Ability

If Lieutenant Kruger's evidence is correct, it throws into doubt the testimony of most township witnesses heard so far, who claimed events were visible under the huge Apollo lights.

An on-site examination by legal representatives and members of the Goldstone committee at 'full moon' on Thursday night (the attack took place two days after full moon on June 17), with the township lights on, threw doubt on the ability of witnesses to have seen camouflage on either uniforms or Hippos, or colours.

ANC counsel, Arthur Chaskalson, SC, reported that a witness, Edison Koti, who said he saw a Hippo drop off about 15 men wearing white headbands on the morning of the massacre, was unlikely to make out the headbands. It was also not possible to distinguish camouflage in the dark.

Another witness, special constable Nitesha Xaba, who was cross-examined for 10 hours, said he could not be sure whether or not he had actually seen a Hippo with a red headband in the street with two white men in camouflage carrying rifles, but that he could not be certain.

Mr. Chaskalson noted that with the Hippo lights on, as Constable Xaba described, the figures in front would have been silhouetted and it would not have been possible to make out their clothes or race.

Agreed

It would have been impossible to see anyone behind the Hippo until it had passed.

Nonetheless, advocate Denis Kuny, SC, who visited the scene described by Miss A — who witnessed the killing of her mother and brother by three whites and three blacks — found it was likely she saw all she claimed. The scene was clearly illuminated by bright moonlight and a nearby Apollo light.

Counsel for the police, who did not submit a report of their observations, agreed in essence with the ANC counsel report.

In a dramatic development during the hearing, which heard no testimony from military or Inkatha witnesses and only three police witnesses, police admitted erasing tape recordings of all radio and telephone traffic on the night of the massacre in which 45 people died.

A preliminary report by Grinker Electronic Agencies for the commission noted the seven tapes were not bulk erased, on completion of a recording. 

Testimony about the tapes primarily by Sergeant Els O'Reilly, in charge of the operational room in Vereeniging, and Colonel Leon Marxay, of police telecommunications in Pretoria, detailed a saga of remarkable ineptitude.

In a nutshell: late last year the chief of the Internal Stability Unit put forward an urgent request for units to be supplied with four-track communications recorders. Ten were bought and assigned to top priority areas. Vereeniging received its recorder on March 24.

However, neither telecommunications head office, nor the installers, nor the users received proper training to operate the equipment, according to testimony.

What no one apparently knew was that the tapes — identical to those used in ordinary cassette recorders — could not be turned over, because the four channels use up all the tape space.

When new data was recorded on side B, it wiped out information on side A — therefore half of all recordings made since March have been lost.

Even more remarkable, according to Sergeant O'Reilly's evidence, no one listened to the tapes. She said that if there was a serious incident, the tape was marked and placed in a safe for six months for possible use in court proceedings. Where nothing of significance happened, tapes were sent to CIS (the former security police) for erasure. They, too, apparently never listened to the tapes.

Sergeant O'Reilly said no copies of tapes made before June 14 were available, as they had been erased by the CIS.
Ivory Park awash with blood after mystery attack

By THIEMBA KHUMALO

A young white policeman found himself the target of squatters’ fury as they bayed for his blood after his alleged involvement in an armed attack on residents that resulted in the death of five people at Ivory Park near Thembisa on the East Rand on Friday.

A pregnant woman was among those killed. All the victims died of gunshot wounds.

Eight other people were treated for gunshot wounds at Thembisa Hospital.

Hours after the incident angry squatters tried to stop an armoured police vehicle from leaving the camp, claiming the policemen in question were hiding in it.

They pointed him out to the senior ANC officials, including Saki Macozoma and Ronnie Mamoepa, and said he had led the their pre-dawn assailants.

Many residents claimed the attackers were dropped outside the squatter camp by a bus and taken into the camp in police Casspirs. They recognised the Casspirs by their colours and blue lights, they said.

Mamoepa initially said 18 people had died during the attack.

Later he said the squatters had included the wounded in their initial death toll.

Macozoma told journalists it was not important whether five or 18 people had died — the death of a single person was a great tragedy.

Vice-chairman of the local dispute resolution committee, Rupert Lorimer, said he was worried that unsubstantiated rumours regarding the attack were spreading. He assured the squatters he would take up the matter with the police and secure the protection of residents.

‘Opportunism’

Witwatersrand police spokesman Lt-Col Dave Bruce rejected as “political opportunism” allegations of police complicity in the attack.

He said evidence gathered by the police was that a group of approximately 10 men allegedly armed with AK-47s were responsible for the shooting.

The attack seemed to be part of an ongoing taxi war, he said.

Residents also said tension in the squatter camp started on Monday when they boycotted taxis operated by the local, IFP-aligned, taxi men. Instead, residents invited taxis from Thembisa to come and operate in the camp, a move that angered local taxi owners.

Sapa reports that a dispute between two local taxi organisations led to the pre-dawn raid in which five died and shacks were torched. This followed a shooting incident at the squatter camp on Monday morning in which three taxi drivers were gunned down.

The report said the violence was apparently sparked when residents became angry at having to pay a double fare. Ivory Park Taxi Association operators allegedly took residents only as far as nearby townships and commuters were then forced to catch a second taxi.
Tribute to
E Rand dead
Soweto 17/11/92

MORE than 300 residents gathered at the Vosloorus Stadium on the East Rand yesterday to pay tribute to those who have died during the past three years, and to highlight the violence that has become endemic in this community.

"Death has become so common that the residents of this township have become numb," said spokesman for the local Civic Association, Mr Eric Xayiya.

This service was an attempt to highlight the violence and to make people aware that there is a crisis in the community.

"Every weekend we bury two or three people who were victims of political violence. We want the people to come together to try and find a solution to this crisis," said Xayiya. "He also said the event would become an annual one."
Seventeen policemen killed in 3 days

Crime Staff

Eight people were wounded, four seriously, in a hail of bullet directed at a police vehicle in Alexandra, north of Johannesburg, on Saturday night.

Since Friday at least 21 people, including seven policemen, have died in political violence countrywide. Dozens of others have been injured.

Police spokesman Lieutenant Wikus Weber said the shooting took place at about 9 pm. A police vehicle stopped on the corner of Vasco de Gama Street and the Pretoria main road and was fired at by unknown gunmen with AK-47 assault rifles, R-1 rifles and shotguns.

Lieutenant Weber said the police did not return fire and withdrew because their vehicle was not bulletproof. None of the policemen were injured.

Police reinforcements later found seven men and a woman had been wounded in the shooting. They were taken to the Alexandra Clinic.

Earlier on Saturday, police found the bodies of two men in Alexandra. One had been hacked and stabbed, and the other shot. In another attack, an unidentified man was shot and injured.

And on the East Rand, police yesterday found the bodies of two men who had been hacked and stoned in Tembisa.

In Soweto, an unidentified man was shot dead and another seriously injured on Saturday night when gunmen opened fire on a train between Phomolong and Dube stations.

Late on Friday afternoon, an assistant constable, J Z Mtimkulu (26), was shot and wounded by three men at Merafe Station. A police spokesman said Constable Mtimkulu was in a satisfactory condition in Baragwanath Hospital.

The gunman escaped with his service pistol and 15 rounds of ammunition.

In their latest report for the 24-hour period ending at midnight on Saturday, police said a policeman was stabbed in the neck with a bottle in Kagiso, near Krugersdorp.

At Riverlea station, west of Johannesburg, a man was slightly injured when he jumped from a moving train after being attacked and robbed.

At Sharpeville, in the Vaal Triangle, unknown gunmen fired at the police station and a bottle store. No injuries were reported.

In Langa, near Cape Town, police found the body of an unidentified woman. They arrested a suspect, and then used teargas to disperse people throwing stones at their vehicle, the unrest report added.

Four policemen were killed and five wounded in two separate attacks at Mdantsane, in Ciskei, on Friday night. The attackers — said to be four heavily armed men and a woman — fled into Transtle after a high-speed chase and gunfight with SAP members.

Also on Friday, three policemen and two members of a gang were killed at Sokhulu Reserve, Kwa-Mbonambi, near Empangeni, in a shootout.
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Boipatong probe to resume in November

The Goldstone Commission committee investigating the June 17 Boipatong massacre concluded its sitting on Friday and will resume hearing evidence in November.

During the week-and-a-half sitting, the committee heard allegations of involvement in the massacre by whites and/or security force members from eight witnesses, including an SAP special constable living in Boipatong.

The SA Police and SA Defence Force legal teams stood firm in maintaining that the security forces had not in any way been involved in the massacre and produced their own witnesses to corroborate.

The policeman charged with investigating allegations of security force involvement, Major Christo Davidson, exonerated the police and defence force, and told the committee he was satisfied the police had acted promptly and satisfactorily in response to reports of the massacre.

The major caused a stir by revealing that the Vereeniging Community Stability Unit taped incoming and outgoing telephone and radio calls.

Initial excitement by the committee and legal teams was quickly quashed when Major Davidson went on to tell them that by some "operational error" the tapes of June 17 had been accidentally taped over.

The police claimed they had been using the equipment incorrectly since its installation in March and had consistently destroyed information for three months without being aware of it. They said they could not produce any tapes from before June 14 to corroborate this because they had all been cleaned by the Vereeniging Crime Intelligence Service, which had special equipment for this purpose.

ANC counsel Arthur Chaskalson earlier put it to Major Davidson that the information pertaining to June 17 was possibly being erased as a security measure and had been deliberately erased.

On Friday an independent agency said the tapes had not been "bulk erased". Griner Electronics confirmed that the tapes had been turned over for further recording, thus erasing previous information.

Police spokesman Colonel Johan Montert issued a statement saying the lack of training and knowledge regarding recording equipment had been identified, and that steps to rectify this were being taken.

Witnesses have alleged:

- White men in camouflage uniforms and armoured vehicles were in the township during the attack.
- Armoured vehicles escorted and transported attackers.
- Whites took part in the murder and assault of township residents and damage to their property.

In an attempt to find out how much information could have been on the night of June 17, the committee and legal counsel embarked on a moonlight inspection of the township on Thursday. However, because some of the powerful township lights were not fully functional, and the moon was in a different phase to that of June 17, the inspection was inconclusive.

The commission will resume its public inquiry in Vereeniging on November 2, when it will continue to give its attention to allegations of security force involvement in the massacre.

Other terms of reference include identifying those responsible for the attack; the role played by the SADF and SAP before, during and after the attack; and what steps should be taken to prevent the recurrence of such an incident.

The committee consists of commission chairman Mr Justice Richard Goldstone, deputy chairman Neil Rossouw, M S Sithole, and former Chief Justice of India P N Bhagwati.

The Inkatha Freedom Party, KwaZulu government, SAP, SADF, ANC and KwaMadala hostel residents are all represented by legal teams. — Sapa.

Tapes finding 'doesn't exonerate police'

The initial reports by experts brought in to assess the tapes pertinent to the Goldstone Commission's inquiry into the June 17 Boipatong massacre in no way exonerated the South African Police, the ANC said on Saturday.

Reacting to reports that an initial evaluation of the tapes appeared to confirm the police's claims that the tapes were accidentally erased, the ANC said in a statement that the evaluation had merely determined that the tapes were erased by recording over the initial information.

"Whether this was done deliberately, or as claimed, the police have since March been systematically recording over previous messages, is a matter for the Goldstone Commission to determine."

The tapes, which before were sure had recordings of security force radio calls made on the night of June 17, were erased by the police.

The SAP claimed in evidence before the commission that this had been done by operational error.

"If it is the latter, then the criminal negligence and sheer scale of incompetence defies credibility," said the ANC.

"Accepting this explanation must also entail acknowledgement on the part of the police that no one ever listens to or stores the tape recordings made," — Sapa.
Police ‘failed to intervene when ANC man was killed’

RAY HARTLEY

POLICE had not intervened when former ANC guerrilla
Lot Phalwane was shot dead in Alexandra on Monday,
ANC FWV spokesman Mamoepa said yesterday.

“During the shooting a police Caspir was seen driving
past the house but, despite the shots, it did not stop,”
Mamoepa said in a statement.

Police spokesman Lt Wikus Weber yesterday denied the
police were involved in any way in the killing.

“A murder dcket will be open and the case will be
fully investigated,” he said.

The ANC FWV region and the Alexandra branch of the
organisation plan to hit the killing which Ma-
moepa said was “not politically motivated”.

In a separate statement Mamoepa said the ANC wel-
comed a ceasefire between rival taxi organisations in the
Ivy Park area. The ceasefire was brokered by the
North East Rand dispute resolution committee on Mon-
day after a weekend taxi war claimed at least eight lives.

The committee’s vice-chairman Pieter Geldenhuys
said yesterday a formal agreement was to be signed
between the Ivy Park, Alexandra and Tembisa taxi
organisations by Sunday, Sapa reported.

Police said yesterday the house of a community coun-
cillor was petrol-bombed in KwaThema, and a woman
was stabbed to death in Alexandra.

Cosatu plans ‘tax rebellion’

Cosatu is making plans for a “tax rebellion” campaign in which pressure will be
put on employers to withhold from government PAYE payments by employees who do
not have the vote.

“The trade union federation is to put the idea to its alliance partners, the ANC and
the SACP, at a meeting on Sunday,” Cosatu spokesman Neil Coleman said yesterday.

Services such as education and housing, were likely to be priorities.

“We don’t intend making this a Cosatu campaign … we would like to involve many
forces, including churches, consumer and human rights organisations, business and political parties,” he said.

Coleman said the seeds for the tax rebellion were sown among Cosatu members by
last year’s disclosures of government’s funding of Inkatha.

The constitutional structures of the Cosatu-ANC-SACP alliance would meet in
Johannesburg on Sunday to discuss the proposed campaign and other mass action-related activities.

He said if the alliance endorsed the camp-
aign, the federation would approach employers to “discuss workers’ demands for their taxes to be redirected”.

Saccco chairman Bokie Botha said yesterday the employer body would have
to discuss the issue with Cosatu and look into the legal ramifications.
Houses damaged as pupils run amok

By Abbey Makoe

MEMBERS of the Congress of South African Students at Fidelitas High School in Diepkloof, Soweto, went on the rampage yesterday, damaging homes of fellow pupils who questioned their attack on teachers.

And at Altem High School in Orlando East, a Standard 7 pupil was shot in the leg while a fellow pupil was testing a gun in the toilets, sources said.

Soweto police said they had no record of the incident.

A spokesman for Baragwanath Hospital, however, confirmed that a youth had been admitted with a bullet wound in the leg.

PUPIL FURY

Boy hurt in shooting incident:

At Fidelitas, trouble started on Monday when Cosas members sprayed teachers with fire extinguishers.

Pupils said the Cosas members went from class to class early yesterday informing pupils of a meeting.

Matric pupils allegedly objected and pandemonium then broke out. Three homes were damaged.

Soweto police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni confirmed the attack on the three houses.
PEOPLE'S LIVES Must Ramodi ke now start learning to recite the Freedom Charter backwards?

Three die, 13 hurt in hostel shootout

Three held for illegal possession of arms:

THREE men were killed and 13 injured during a gun battle at S elby Hostel in Johannesburg last night.

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Lieutenant Wikus Weber said police received a radio message about 6.30pm alerting them of the shooting.

When the Robbery Reaction Unit arrived on the scene five minutes later, they saw a large group of men shooting and fighting.

The group scattered but continued firing, this time at the police.

The police returned fire and a shootout followed.

Police also arrested three men for the illegal possession of firearms.
Visit to squatter camp postponed

Koinonia — a group promoting goodwill among different communities by organising visits by whites to black townships — has postponed a planned Ivory Park encounter because of the East Rand taxi war.

The get-together was organised for this weekend, but will now take place on September 18, 19 and 20.

The decision to postpone the encounter was made despite the signing of a ceasefire agreement between the taxi associations of Ivory Park, Tembisa and Alexandra on Monday.

The ANC PWV region yesterday hailed the agreement, spearheaded by the North East Rand Regional Dispute Resolution Committee.

The taxi problem has been at the heart of a recent spate of killings, particularly in the Ivory Park informal settlement area where a number of people have died.

Koinonia's Ivory Park encounter will be the first effort to take whites into a squatter camp.

Koinonia was formed in Mamelodi, near Pretoria, in 1982 by Dr Nico Smith to promote what he called "pockets of hope" within South African communities.
Cops die in attack

Firearms stolen in Katlehong attack:

By Abbey Makoe

TWO policemen were killed with an AK-47 rifle in Katlehong on the East Rand yesterday.

The two, whose names were not released, were accompanying a delivery truck when they were shot in the head and chest. They died on the spot.

The driver of the truck was injured but is reported to be in a stable condition at the PTA Hospital.

The gunman stole the policemen's firearms before fleeing.

Superintendent Salie reports that in another incident, a constable was stabbed in the shoulder when he and two colleagues were attacked by five men at a shopping centre in Daveyton on Tuesday night.

Police said Constable G T Nyose was stabbed in the shoulder. Two of his colleagues, constables D Bala and J Mediso, were unhurt.

No arrests have been made in both incidents, police said.
ANC links SAP to hostile attacks
ANC seeks meeting over alleged police complicity

THE ANC's PWV region is organizing a high-level meeting with the police to discuss a growing number of allegations of police complicity in violence, regional spokesman Ronny Mamoepa said yesterday.

He said the police were often present at the scene of shootings, but failed to take statements from witnesses. He accused the police of shooting at residents of Selby hostel on Tuesday.

"The police failed to apprehend the perpetrators but immediately opened fire on the hostel inmates who were giving chase," he said.

Fourteen hostel dwellers had died in five separate attacks since mid-July, he said.

In all incidences police conduct has revealed an unwillingness to respond. Where they responded, the police surrounded or subjected the hostel to a search after an attack, taking no statements from witnesses," Mamoepa said.

Police said yesterday they had been fired on when they tried to intervene in a gun battle at the hostel.

Automatic weapons and three other firearms were seized in a raid on the hostel, after a gun battle which left three dead and 11 injured, police said.

Sapa reports the SAP again complained yesterday the ANC was not abiding by the national peace accord, and that its allegations were designed to increase antagonism towards policemen.

Witwatersrand Police liaison officer Lt-Col Dave Bruce's comments followed the shooting of Umbundo we Sizwe member Lot Phalwane three days after his return from exile in Nigeria.

The ANC said Phalwane was shot dead in Alexandra township, north of Johannesburg, on Monday evening and that a police Casspir driving past at the time had failed to stop.

The statement that a police Casspir was in the area at the time of the shooting "is a well-known ANC ploy designed to create the perception that the police were, in some way or the other, involved". The Human Rights Commission (HRC) said yesterday violence reverted to "its usual intensity" last week following the departure of UN monitors. Seventy-two people died in the week ending Tuesday, it said.

Sapa reports a man was killed and five others wounded in an attack on commuters at Nancefield station in Soweto yesterday. In another incident, two three-year-old children were burnt to death at a house near Scottburgh in the Natal south coast.

Five men were killed in Umbumbulu near Durban, bringing the total number who died in unrest on Tuesday to eight. A five-year-old child was among the people killed.
2 policemen killed escorting meat truck

Staff Reporters and Sapa

Two municipal policemen were shot with AK-47s while escorting a meat truck to a butchery in Katlehong, on the East Rand, yesterday.

Police spokesman Captain Burger van Rooyen said the murder brought to 145 the number of policemen killed this year. Last year, 145 policemen were killed.

The constables, whose names have not yet been released, were stationed in Katlehong.

The driver of the truck suffered several bullet wounds and was admitted to Natalespruit Hospital where he is in a stable condition.

Police said the policemen were robbed of their firearms.

Detectives of the East Rand Murder and Robbery Squad are investigating, and can be contacted with information at (011) 845-2220, all hours. A substantial reward is being offered.

In other unrest over the past two days:
- One person was killed and five were injured in a shooting at Nancefield station, Soweto, yesterday morning. Police said the shooting occurred when Nancefield hostel dwellers were boarding a train.
- At New Canada station, police removed the man's body from the train.
- A man was killed and three people were arrested during a police raid on a home in Murchison, near Port Shepstone, yesterday. Police said ANC member Sitho Ngcobo (22) was killed when he pointed an AK-47 at policemen. Mr Ngcobo was wanted for murder.

However, the local branch of the ANC said Mr Ngcobo was alive and well. A spokesman said the ANC did not have to explain to the police why police uniforms were found in the house because the people arrested were not ANC members.

Police said an arms cache was also found during the raid, and they were investigating if the men were involved in Tuesday's attack in the Umbumbulu area, south of Durban.

Five people, including a five-year-old, were killed when gunmen in security force clothing raided Mpumalanga township at Umbumbulu. Yesterday, two more bodies were found in the vicinity of the attack. One, in an SAP camouflage jacket, is believed to have been one of the attackers.
- Three men were shot dead and 14, including a policeman, were wounded in a shootout at the Selby hostel in Johannesburg on Tuesday night. Police searched the hostel yesterday and seized various weapons.
- A woman was stabbed to death in Alexandra, near Sandton, on Tuesday. Her body was found at the women's hostel in Fourth Avenue.
There was a rare victory for peace in South Africa yesterday. The scene was Alexandra, north of Johannesburg, where an all-too-familiar scenario developed — members of two rival taxi organisations squared up for what looked like yet another bloody confrontation. Alexandra, Randburg, Mngeni and Sandton Taxi Association (Armsta) members protesting against high levies, had used their minibus to block the Pretoria Main Road entrance to Alexandra near the Pan African taxi rank.

They stopped Alexandra Taxi Association (ATA) taxis, forcing stranded commuters to use buses. Temper flared — until Interim Crisis Committee coordinator Dr Liz Carmichael and Captain Piet Smal of the Kow police stepped in.

"Gentlemen, we don't want here the same thing that happened in Cape Town and in Tembisa last week," said Captain Smal, referring to savage taxi wars.

Three hours of talks followed, and the groups were persuaded to sign an interim peace agreement.

The Armsta members were protesting against high levies of up to R35 — meant to subsidise administration costs for both associations imposed on them by the joint Armsta-ATA patrol squad. Armsta members claimed the levels were benefiting only ATA members.

According to the agreement, the joint taxi patrol squad would cease collecting fees from Armsta taxi drivers in Alexandra until leaders of the two bodies had met at Kow police station tomorrow to negotiate and sign a final peace agreement.
As the Goldstone Commission began its three-month break this week, the full truth of the Boipatong massacre remained a mystery. Yet unknown is the credibility of the security forces, especially in light of the row over police tape recordings of that fateful night.

The Reverend Emeutse Tseala and Mr Sam Hlobi enjoy a chat with an observer at the Goldstone Commission hearing in Vereeniging.

The case is the evidence given by SA Police special constable Mr Ntietse Xaba, who described how a Casspir escorted four armed men, two of them white, down the street outside his house.

However, the legal team for the police have, in a bulldog fashion, set about destroying the credibility of witnesses, trying to prove them unreliable, liars or cheats.

Xaba was subjected to almost seven hours of cross-examination by the SAP's legal team after which senior counsel for the police, Mr Flip Hattingh, concluded he had prepared his testimony for the ANC and those who wished to prove security force complicity in the attack.

Hattingh has implied to several witnesses that they could not have seen what they claimed to have in the light on the night of June 17.

However, a report obtained by the Commission showed that it was a clear night with no pollution or cloud cover and an almost full moon high above the horizon. The township also has six large Apollo lights that illuminate most of Boipatong.

In an attempt to establish how much could be seen at night, Commission members and some of the legal counsel representatives went on a moonlight inspection of the township last week.

All that could be established was that in some cases it was difficult to see detail such as race and clothing as some of the witnesses claimed to have seen. On the night of the inspection, however, visibility conditions were not identical to those of June 17.

Spotlights were on

One witness, senior Lt Martinus Kruger, a Vereeniging Crime Prevention patrol officer who was called out on the night of June 17 to investigate an alarm call from the garage situated on the road between Boipatong and the KwaMfela Hostel, claimed the tall township spotlights were off.

If true, this could cast doubt on some eyewitness accounts.

Commission Chairman Mr Justice Richard Goldstone said two weeks ago that the Commission wanted to complete its inquiry into allegations of security force involvement before its adjournment on Friday because the local and international reputation of the security forces was at stake.

The Commission was unable to do this in the time available, and as it enters its almost three-month adjournment, police credibility remains in doubt.

The Commission will resume hearing evidence on the massacre in Vereeniging on November 2.
By Tsale Makam

Police confiscated hundreds of "traditional weapons" and firearms during dawn raid at Selby Hostel in Johannesburg early yesterday.

The pre-dawn raid followed a shootout which left three people dead and 13 injured on Tuesday night.

An assortment of weapons, including assagais, handguns and AK-47 rifles, was seized during the raid at 5.30am.

The shooting incident was allegedly sparked when a gang travelling in a minibus shot and killed three people about 6pm on Tuesday.

Police spokesman Lieutenant Wicus Weber said: "There is a misconception that the police shot at the hostel dwellers but that cannot be determined at this stage. The report I have is that hostel inmates opened fire." The hostel dwellers, however, denied having opened fire on the police.

Two private vehicles were set alight during the incident.

Weber said three men were arrested in connection with the shooting.

SABC reported last night that inmates at the hostel said they would not go to work until their colleagues had been released.

The ANC yesterday slammed "police harassment of hostel inmates".
Living in Terror for an Honest Job

Jacqueline Goldberg

A Block Police Officer who has testified before the Goldstone Commission says police officers sometimes have to work in conditions that are dangerous and that the police force is underpaid and overworked.

"Police work is dangerous," the officer said. "We have to deal with people who are violent and dangerous every day."
Gang throws 8 from train

JOHANNESBURG — A group of about 20 men armed with sticks and assegais threw eight commuters out of the windows of a moving train in Sorento yesterday morning.

Police said two bodies and six injured men were later found alongside the railway line.

The attackers, mainly Zulu-speaking, boarded the train at New-Canada station and, as it pulled away, tried unsuccessfully to force open the doors. They then smashed the windows and threw out eight people.

A shootout on Wednesday between police and a group of people in the centre of Richmond claimed one life and left five people wounded.

Cop held

KwaZulu police said five people have died in recent unrest. Two shot at Orwatihini, brothers Msolwa and Bongani Ngaba killed in Sheleza reserve at Nengoma, and an elderly man shot dead at Ziphambani when his home was attacked.

• A police warrant officer stationed at Empangeni has been arrested in connection with the deaths of ANC members Mr. Michael Mthethwa and Mr. Simon Msawela. The two died on their way to hospital after being injured in a shootout with police on August 34.

Brigadier J. Lourens, head of the Crime Combating and Investigating Unit, was appointed to find out if the men sustained further injuries on their way to hospital.

— Sapa
Bloody train attack
may be vengeance

Police are investigating the possibility that yesterday's train attack on the Soweto line in which two people were killed and six others injured was a revenge attack for a shooting on a train near Nancefield station on Wednesday.

One person was killed and five were injured in Wednesday's attack, which police said began when a group of men from the Nancefield hostel boarded a train and were fired at from the platform.

Shots were also fired inside the train. The victims were found as the train pulled into Orlando station.

Yesterday, at about 6.20 am, about 20 men, whom police said were Zulu-speaking, boarded a train at New Canada station.

Police spokesman Warrant-Officer Andy Pieke said the men were armed with assorted weapons, mostly sticks and assegais.

Warrant-Officer Pieke said the group of men tried to force open the doors of a train, as it pulled out of the station.

When they could not open the doors, police said, the men smashed the train windows from the inside and threw eight commuters out of the carriage.

Police later found the bodies of Ihongo Gabane (23), whose address is unknown, and Jeffrey Tshuma (42), believed to be from Zimbabwe.

Simon Masango (32) of Pimville, Richard Managa (53) of Diepkloof, Simayale Mzolisi (49) of Orlando East, Mandla Lungile (29) of Klipfontein, Fernando Sithole (38) of Orlando East and an unidentified man were treated at Baragwanath Hospital.

In other violence over the past two days, six people were killed in Natal, and policemen and scholars clashed at Mapetla in Soweto.

Police said a man was killed and five people were wounded in a shootout between the police and a group of people in Richmond, Natal, yesterday.

One of the wounded people was arrested for being in possession of an AK-47 rifle with 26 live rounds of ammunition.

Sapa reports that KwaZulu Police said two people were shot dead at Ozwathini near Mdwezedwa.

An elderly man was shot dead at Ziphambani near Umbumbulu when his home was attacked. Also at Umbumbulu, police found an AK-47 rifle and a 9 mm pistol at the scene of Tuesday's killings in which five people died.

In Soweto yesterday, police fired teargas at stone-throwing rupils in Mapetla after four police and three private vehicles were damaged.

Police spokesman Lieutenant Eugene Henning said the clash followed a march by protesting students on the Protea police station.

Police have denied responsibility for the deaths of three men in a shooting at Sibele hostel on Tuesday night, saying the men were already dead when the police arrived on the scene.
Two die as commuters thrown off Soweto train

FIVE more people were reported dead in violence in Natal on Wednesday and two more Soweto commuters were killed, bringing the death toll in unrest yesterday to seven, police said.

Two men were killed when they were thrown off a moving train between New Canada and Longdale stations in Soweto yesterday morning.

The attack was apparently in retaliation for the shooting of a hostel dweller at Nancefield station on Wednesday.

A police spokesman said the attackers, who were mostly Zulu-speaking, smashed coach windows and threw eight commuters from a moving train.

KwaZulu Police said two people were shot dead at Ozathini near Ndwedwe when they were attacked by unknown gunmen.

Two more were shot at Nongoma and an elderly man was killed at Ziphambani near Umbumbulu.

Two policemen escorting a delivery vehicle were killed in an AK-47 attack at Kachelhong near Germiston on Wednesday.

Police said the yard of Soweto Civic Association official Patrick Lephunya was petrol-bombed on Wednesday night.

Meanwhile, police claimed ANC members could be dressing up as policemen and opening fire on civilians as part of a campaign to discredit the police.

Police spokesman Col Ray Harriard was commenting on a police report that SAP uniforms had been seized from an ANC house in Marchison in Natal on Wednesday.

"We question the motive for the men having the uniforms," he said. Police believed the uniforms were being used "to sow suspicion among the community about the SAP in order to implicate the police and drive a wedge between the residents and the police".

He said the police were investigating a link between three men arrested in the raid and an incident on Tuesday when 10 men dressed in SAP uniforms had shot seven people dead at Umbumbulu in Natal.

An ANC spokesman subsequently denied the people arrested were ANC members.

ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus yesterday accused the police of conducting trials by the media. He said similar allegations had been made in the past but evidence was yet to be produced in court to back them up.

"We really find this very irritating. We don't accuse the police of discrediting the ANC when their members are arrested for necklacing," he said.

He said a member of the SADF's recce unit was found with a crate of 14 AK-47s earlier this week, but the ANC had not used this as an opportunity to accuse the security forces of infiltrating AK-47s into SA.

Schoolchildren's march halts classes

SCHOOLING in Soweto came to a halt yesterday as pupils marched on the Pretoria Police Station in protest against the hostel system and violence. Congress of South African Students (Cosas) southern Transvaal chairman Gift Moguni said most high schools in the area were deserted as schools were still functioning normally.

With examinations less than two months away, pupils were arrested, he said.

He said pupils were also expressing their anger at the state of black education, but denied that the Cosas-led demonstrations would have a disruptive effect on learning. Pupils would continue to return to school today.

A Department of Education and Training (DET) spokesman said primary schools were still functioning normally.

Examinations  on track

Examinations in Soweto's high schools were on track yesterday, though a number of pupils had not returned to school despite promises to return.

DET regional chief director Richard Motau warned that a further year of disastrous matric results was expected. Pupils had lost about 40% of learning time through demonstrations and teachers' strikes.

Some Soweto schoolchildren told Sapa yesterday that they believed teachers were responsible for the high failure rate.

Teachers who had engaged in too many "chalk-downs" and their involvement in political issues had been at pupils' expense, they said.

"Though we understand, there are irregularities in our system of education... actions by teachers are making matters worse," one pupil said.
Bush Orders Airlift Of Food To Somali

WASHINGTON—President Bush had ordered an emergency U.S. airlift to Somalia to deliver desperately needed food and other humanitarian aid to a nation-made famine that threatens the lives of 1.5 million people. The threat to Somalia is the world's biggest, and several other U.S. actions to aid the Somali people, including dropping food and medicine, are in the works.

The 194x194 km (76x76 mi) region of southern Somalia where food aid is desperately needed has been designated by the United Nations World Food Programme as a "large-scale famine." It is the largest famine in years, and the world is watching closely.

Several international organizations, including the United Nations and the International Committee of the Red Cross, are planning to increase their aid efforts in the area. The U.S. government has already sent food and medical supplies to Somalia, and plans to send more.

The Somali government has asked for international assistance, and the U.S. government has been actively working to coordinate aid efforts. The U.S. military has been called in to provide support, and aircraft from the U.S. Air Force and Navy are flying food and medical supplies to Somalia.

The situation in Somalia is dire, and the U.S. government is working hard to provide the assistance needed to save lives. The international community is also stepping up its efforts, and the world is watching to see how this crisis will be resolved.

For more information, please visit the U.S. Department of State's website on Somalia: http://www.state.gov/r/pa/d慷慨地帮助那些需要帮助的人。
The IFP will not sit back and allow its members to become "cannon fodder for the ANC's shooting range," the deputy chairman of the IFP's West Rand Youth Brigade, Thembisile Nkosi, said yesterday.

He said the IFP would encourage its members in the Transvaal region to form protective units to counter the escalating number of attacks on their lives and property.

While the violence was rapidly increasing, there was no visibly effective action from the security forces, and the perception was that they were in cahoots with the ANC.

Mr Nkosi said two men and a woman were killed and seven others seriously injured during an attack at Orlando Station on an "IFP coach" on the 9019 train from Vereeniging to Johannesburg on Wednesday.

"Why were the Napier hostel dwellers, the only commuters subject to an intensive body search by the SAP at Orlando Station?"

He said that on Monday an IFP member, Welcome Khanyile, had been killed by an ANC mob at Rafina, Heidelberg. On Tuesday, another IFP member, known only as "Comrade X", had been shot dead as he walked past the Selby municipal hostel. A third member, Mlungisi Nhlangana, had been shot dead by striking workers in Benrose, near Johannesburg.

"It has now become the common course of events that directly after an SAP or SADF raid on IFP hostel dwellers, removing their only means of defence, an ANC raid is sure to follow," Mr Nkosi said.

Soweto police liaison officer, Lieutenant Eugen Henning, said one person was killed and six were injured in Wednesday's train attack.

Lieutenant Henning denied that the SAP was taking sides with any political organisation and said police were there "to help people of all colours."
Living in terror for doing an honest job

A black policeman who has testified before the Goldstone Commission is now living in fear of assassination.

Jacquie Golding spoke to Ntietie Xaba

get the chance,” he said after relating an incident where two policemen came to his parents’ home and kicked the front door in search of him. This, he claims, occurred after he had been told to change his statement.

His problems with colleagues are only part of his ordeal. “The people in the adjacent townships are always targeting policemen,” he says.

After the Boipatong massacre, he says, a group of men tried to burn down his parent’s home; they had discovered that he was a policeman. The house of his brother, also a policeman, was destroyed by arsonists.

Dressed in casual gear and laughing at his own jokes, Xaba becomes quiet and evasive when prodded about where he is living now.

He leans back and frowns: “I did not testify so that the people will think I am looking for publicity but because the scene that I witnessed shocked me and the truth must be told.”

The youngest son in a family of eight children, Xaba could not find work after completing Standard Eight. He joined the Riot Unit in 1990. He trained at Malekosp south east of Groblersdal during September 1990 for four months before being transferred to Elton police station, where he worked for a few months.

Presently, he is stationed at Boipatong police station attached to the Riot Unit. “I enjoy the work,” he adds, “but it is dangerous and the people often want to kill you.”

He says he doesn’t blame people for their reaction towards him: “They think all policemen are bad, but only some are corrupt. Others, like myself, are merely trying to do an honest job.”

Xaba charges that racism exists in his unit. “I wanted a firearm but they refuse to give us one to take home, even though I spent R100 on a safe to store it,” he says. “My white colleagues take three pistols and other weapons home but not me. They stay in posh suburbs but I have to go into the township unarmed.”

Major Johan Vorster, of the Vereeniging Internal Stability Unit, stated that Xaba’s allegations were “nonsense” and that black constables were allowed to take firearms home once their application had been approved. “The purchase of a safe is a prerequisite set out by the law,” Vorster said.

Xaba, who has no political affiliation, says he decided to speak out after realising that the police might be involved in the Boipatong massacre.

Now he is living at an undisclosed address and is not sure whether he will continue in the police force. He is afraid and feels he needs protection.

“Sometimes I don’t know what to do. I live each day in fear of my life. I don’t take taxis to work because you never know who is watching you.”
Cop deaths: Five Soweto men held

Johannesburg. — Soweto police have arrested five men they believe are responsible for murdering policemen in the township, police confirmed yesterday.

Police spokesman Lieutenant Eugene Henning said detectives had recovered eight weapons including four police service pistols, but that their serial numbers had been filed off and it was difficult to trace them to their owners.

Lieutenant Henning said ballistic tests would be conducted to match the weapons with their owners.

At least 145 policemen have been killed in South Africa since the beginning of the year, but Lieutenant Henning could not say how many of the deaths occurred in Soweto.

The suspects are expected to appear in court on Monday.

• Three people were killed and eight others, including a policeman and a youth, were injured in violence mainly on the Witwatersrand, according to the yesterday’s police unrest report.

In the only incident reported in the Western Cape, a man was injured when a group of people stoned buses at Nyanga.

Police arrested 150 people when a large group of demonstrators refused to leave the premises of a firm on the Sehokeng road near Vereeniging after their employers had obtained a court order.

The police confiscated several firearms and ammunition after a raid in Thokoza, near Alberton, which ended in the early hours yesterday.

• The SAP will maintain a “visible police presence” in the East Rand’s Chris Hani squatter camp this weekend following information about a planned attack there.

A spokesman said yesterday that information had been received that “a confrontation would take place” on the nights of August 22 and 23 between “Amabatho” and Inkatha in the Chris Hani squatter camp, in the Daveyton area.

“Amabatho” was understood to be Xhosa faction, he said. — Own Correspondent and Sapa

IFP calls for ‘ANC’ probe

Durban. — The IFP is to call on the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry to investigate alleged ANC involvement in the massacre at Nipshini, outside Fuleni, south of Durban.

Speaking at a press conference in Durban yesterday, IFP Umnlazi branch head Mr. Reuben Msheka said the IFP would ask the Goldstone Commission “to probe into the alleged abuses of members of the ANC’s self defence unit”.

An ANC spokesman said: “The impression I get is that these statements were not drafted by the leadership of the IFP but by police headquarters in Pretoria.” — Sapa
Gunmen kill policeman in kraal attack

By Brooswyn Wilkinson and Sapa

At least nine people, including a policeman, were killed as violence racked townships around the country at the weekend.

The policeman and six other people were the victims of continuing bloodshed in Natal.

In Silverton, near Pretoria, a young woman was burnt to death yesterday.

It is believed the woman was still alive when she was set alight, police said.

The body of a young man was found in a field behind a hostel at Durban's Roopepoort. Deep mine on the West Rand on Saturday, Witwatersrand police liaison officer Lieutenant-Colonel Dave Bruce said.

Although an identity book was found on the body, the man still had to be positively identified, Colonel Bruce said.

In Alexandra, Sandton, a man was injured when gunmen fired several shots from a passing vehicle on Saturday.

A policewoman, a Constable Nkapho, was injured when a crowd attacked her in Daveyton on the East Rand on Saturday, police said. A man was later arrested.

An explosion caused extensive damage to the house of the deputy mayor of Soweto in Power Park on Saturday. Police said the deputy mayor's daughter was injured in the blast.

In Natal, three people were killed and three seriously injured when unknown gunmen opened fire on a kraal in the Makwakahai Reserve on Friday. One of the dead was Detective-Constable L Mzimpololo.

On Saturday, unknown attackers opened fire on a taxi in Magabeni, near Umkomaas, killing two passengers.

Police also found the bodies of a man and a woman at Table Mountain, near Maritzburg.
AMOS Magecanya can't quite believe he's still alive.

He has been fired on at the gates of his workplace and shot at twice in nearby streets.

His house has been peppered with a machine-gun fire on three nights.

But four attempts on his life have left him virtually unscathed. "Maybe the guys were amateurs, maybe they were nervous," he says. "Maybe I was just lucky." Some of his colleagues have not been so fortunate.

Magecanya is a union man, a member of the "Food and Allied Workers' Union (Fawu) and chairman of the shop stewards' council at the Langeberg factory in Boksburg. The factory is one of the biggest in the area and for more than a year now has been the site of a battle for control by opposing unions.

Fawu, which is affiliated to the Congress of South African Trade Unions, says 14 of its members have been murdered. The United Workers' Union of SA (Uwusa) which is linked to Inkatha, says two of its supporters were killed last month.

Last weekend, the Inkatha Freedom Party called on all its supporters to withdraw membership fees from Cosatu which "appeared to no longer be serving the interests of the workers but had become a political tool to achieve the ANC-SACP's political agenda.

**Violent**

There is currently a truce at Langeberg which company management believes can hold. In a written statement, Langeberg said: "Despite a long and violent history of faction fighting between the Inkatha-linked Uwusa union and the ANC-linked Fawu union, the situation resulting in deaths, injuries, considerable financial loss and strikes has calmed down. The workers are now working normally and peace has returned."

Problems in the factory were seen as "merely a reflection of the problems existing in the community at large and in the present moment." On that point, both unions agree with management. "It breaks down by political rivalry," Magecanya says. "Uwusa is being used by the town council and Inkatha to destabilise the trade union movement. This is the big fish and if we gain control, they will gain a lot of members. The other, smaller factories would be easier to deal with."

Says Uwusa national public relations officer Duke Senakgomo: "The conflict is caused by ideological differences. Our people are associated with Inkatha while Fawu people are ANC. They say they are not prepared to work with Inkatha. Fawu members are from different organisations and when the union talks badly about certain parties, then it creates the impression that certain people are less welcome in the union."

Both Magecanya and Senakgomo describe the mood at Langeberg as tense. "Anything can happen at any time," says Senakgomo. The most recent incident of violence was at the end of last month when, outside the gate, a bus was sprayed with AK-47 fire from a moving car, killing two people. Two weeks before that, a Fawu shop steward was shot outside the factory and union members clashed with Uwusa supporters inside. Senakgomo says two of his members were killed; Magecanya says one Uwusa man died, which police confirm.

Last week, Magecanya says, two men carrying guns threatened workers walking near the factory - a incident on the nearness of any trade union in company premises.

Fawu, which represents 900 workers, has a recognition agreement with Langeberg.

Magecanya says 37 Inkatha supporters have resigned from the union. Senakgomo says Uwusa has "plus minus 140 members" at the plant.

"Fawu remains the union representing the majority of workers, and management respects this," a Langeberg spokesman said. Fears remain that the battle for control of the factory will depend less on votes than on whether the violence can be stemmed.

To date, nobody has been prosecuted for any of the killings.

**Hampered**

Last year Fawu's lawyers complained in writing to the Secretary-General of the Westhouse that alleged investigation was being hampered because incidents were being investigated by "different investigating officers based at different police stations on the East Rand. The consolidation of the investigations under one investigating officer is required in order to ensure a thorough and successful investigation.

Lieutenant Mike van Zwiell, branch commander at Tembisa, is now overseeing an investigation into 13 cases of murder, but complaints that Fawu is failing to assist. "We are actually waiting for the report to come forward with witnesses and names of suspects," he says. He says there is no blanket police and post-mortem reports outstanding.

Magecanya says Van Zwiell is wrong: "I gave a statement on the killing of the workers, but no one was found. We brought in the police and pointed out a man who was_info. He was a temporary worker at the factory. He was assassinated but later released. Even now, there are people still working at Langeberg who we believe were involved in these incidents."
A Soweto widow, a victim of the on-going violence, lives a lonely and anxious existence after her husband was hacked and thrown off a train. Now she is wrestling with psychological trauma that goes with losing a loved one.

A victim of the senseless train violence lies dead alongside a railway line.

"There are issues that friends and family may not be able to talk about, such as guilt feelings that you could have done something to prevent this death."

"At our unit people are able to say 'I'm very angry at God. Where was he when this happened?' Such emotions would not be allowed by relatives. People would mourn in silence."

Mogale's unit, one of the few clinics counselling unrest victims, started in the mid-1980s treating political detainees emerging from police torture and detention.

Such suffering was mitigated by the victim's knowledge that is secured in the service of a clear political goal, she said. But the current violence wasn't meaningfully and often random.

"Some people become very angry when they see no reinstatement against perpetrators. Some will kill with a knife, others will take revenge. The line between victim and perpetrator is very hazy."

The fact that the 1990 promise remained unfulfilled. Five men charged with the killings were acquitted for lack of evidence.

An independent inquiry into political unrest said no lives could be determined who was involved in the killing on trains. There were 200 train deaths since September 1990.

"At the time we thought this violence was a passing thing, but now we are totally paralysed by it," Titshabula said.

"I'm not sure what to do with this violence," Mogale's relative said. "I'm not sure what to do with this violence."

Titshabula said his grief was made worse by the fact that the 1990 promise remained unfulfilled. Five men charged with the killings were acquitted for lack of evidence.
Matron, nurses are assaulted

Clerk also attacked outside Baragwanath Hospital in the violence linked to strikes by hospital workers:

By Ike Motsapi

A matron, three nursing sisters and a clerk were stabbed and assaulted outside Baragwanath Hospital last week in the latest violence linked to the hospital strike.

 Hundreds of members of the National Education, Health and Allied Workers’ Union on strike at hospitals were dismissed by the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) last month.

The names of the victims of violence are being withheld at their request.

The four were attacked last Wednesday. The deadline for the reinstatement of the dismissed workers is September 3.

The Soweto Local Dispute Resolution Committee, in an attempt to resolve the dispute, has chaired meetings between Nehawu and the TPA.

Mrs Seunet van Niekerk, public relations officer for Baragwanath Hospital, said the clerk, three nursing sisters and a matron were severely assaulted when they reported for duty.

Mr Neal Thobekani, assistant general secretary of Nehawu, said he had no knowledge of the incident, adding “we have told our members not to attack others. Nehawu will act against those responsible if it gets a report”.

Cosatu has said it will press the TPA and the government to resolve the matter. The federation also claims Minister of Health Dr Rina Venter has blocked attempts aimed at resolving the strike.

The federation has also called for lunch-hour demonstrations and pickets at the workplaces on August 31 to show solidarity with dismissed workers.

A meeting of all Cosatu affiliates will be held on September 4 to decide on action if the matter has not been resolved by September 3.
Massacre suspects: Six under 18 years

POLICE yesterday confirmed that six of the 82 people being held in custody in connection with the Boipatong massacre were under the age of 18. (272)

Lieutenant-Colonel Ray Harrald said police did not like detaining the youths but the investigating officers feared they would disappear if released. (2618)

He said no final charges had been formulated against the youths and said he was unable to confirm reports that one had turned state witness. He said the youths had refuse to sign anywhere their parents or relatives lived.

Lawyers for the accused have said the youths are refugees from township violence and do not even know if their parents are alive.

Col Harrald said that if the relatives were found, the youngsters might be released into the custody of their families.
PAC gives R1 000 to Boipatong families

Johannesburg. — The PAC yesterday handed
to R1 000 to each of the 20 families who had
lost relatives in the Boipatong massacre.
The cheques were handed over by PAC secretary
for relief and aid Ms Patricia de Lille at a ceremony
at the Roman Catholic Church in Boipatong.
Ms De Lille said the PAC would also start self-
help projects for Vaal Triangle residents.
Addressing the gathering, she urged political or-
organisations, churches and international aid a-
gencies to give direct assistance to the victims' families.
She said disputes had previously developed when
aid money was not given directly to families. — Sapa
Vaal violence delaying changes to hostel - claim

Wessels says struggle hampers hostel conversions:
Sowetan 26/10/92

The power struggle between the ANC and Inakathla in the Witwatersrand and Vaal Triangle is preventing negotiations on upgrading hostels, Housing Minister Leon Wessels told the Goldstone Commission yesterday.

"It is self-evident that consensus between all the parties involved is a prerequisite to achieving a lasting and peaceful solution to the hostel issue," he added.

Wessels is reportedly the first Government minister to testify before the Goldstone Commission.

He said there were no "unwarranted delays" with the hostel programme, a thorny issue which constitutes one of the African National Congress' 14 demands that have to be met before negotiations are resumed.

Wessels said the Government's strategy for the upgrading or conversion of hostels into family units must result from negotiations between hostel dwellers, surrounding residents, interested parties and the owners of these hostels.

The essence of the Government's dilemma was that, while it had the capacity, funds and manpower to address community needs, including the issues of hostels, "unilateral action, regardless of its good intent, will not create stability".

"Upgrading, conversion and demolition of hostels can only be undertaken once discussions have led to agreement.

"Everything possible is being done to finalise the negotiation process as soon as possible so that building construction may commence in the upgrading or conversion of hostels into family units."

In urgent cases the Government had approved measures to expedite administrative and tender procedures so that construction could start within "three to five weeks" once consensus had been reached.

Consensus had already been reached on the need of 38 of the 177 hostels in question, he said.

Negotiations among representative groups are in progress in respect of 65 other hostels, while negotiations are underway concerning a further 65 hostels. The first upgraded hostel, in Tokoza, will open on Friday. - Sapa.
Gunmen shoot train passengers on Rand

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG.— Three gunmen armed with 9mm pistols shot and wounded five train passengers at Johannesburg's Park Station, police said.

Police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Dave Bruce said: "As train No 9168 left Park Station, gunshots were fired out of the last two coaches at commuters on platforms one and two. Five persons were wounded, while three others were injured. Of the three injured, two were hurt when they jumped out of the train, while the third person was injured on the platform during the chaos.

"Police were at the station at the time, but they were present on platforms three and four. The gunmen must have known the police were situated there.

"Police rushed after the train, stopped it and conducted an extensive search at the New Canada railway station, but no suspects or weapons were found.

"We suspect the gunmen alighted from the train as it travelled between Park and New Canada railway stations," he said.

Witnesses interviewed by the police said they saw the gunmen alight from the train before it arrived at New Canada station, he said.

Earlier yesterday, a gunman shot dead a taxi driver before being shot dead by police in Alexandra, north of Johannesburg.

The killings occurred barely a week after a peace accord was signed between the feuding Alexandra Taxi Association and the Alexandra, Randburg, Midrand, Sandton Taxi Association.

Taxi driver Mr Mphithimphiti Sokhele, 40, of 9th Avenue, was shot dead inside his minibus taxi at the busy Pan African taxi rank, on the corner of 3rd Avenue and Watt Street. An assistant constable on the scene chased the gunman and shot him dead after he had ignored several warnings to halt, according to Witwatersrand police spokesman Warrant Officer Andy Piek. Police confiscated a stolen pistol.

Warrant Officer Piek said police were investigating the shooting, including a possibility that the attack was part of an ongoing feud between two taxi organisations in the township.

In other violence around the country:

• Vereeniging police reported finding the partially burnt body of a man aged about 20 in Evaton.

He has not been identified.

• In Boipatong in the Vaal Triangle, a church gardener was wounded when he was shot in a shootout between police and an alleged sniper.

Police said a man allegedly opened fire on police who were searching a car near the church. Police fired back and Mr Joel Molwe, 26, who was working in the church garden, was shot in the side.

He is in a satisfactory condition in Sebokeng Hospital.

• A man was shot dead and at least five were injured in unrest-related incidents on Monday, according to the 24-hour police unrest report issued yesterday.
Plan for violence-torn areas put forward

A FIVE-point programme to stabilise violence-ridden areas would be finalised next week, national peace committee chairman John Hall said yesterday.

He told a Human Sciences Research Council conference on political violence that the programme would involve:

- Identifying "leadership concern areas" where peace accord structures and security forces could no longer cope;
- Committing appropriate political leadership, human and other resources to the areas to revive local and regional dispute resolution committees;
- Identifying hostels involved in violence;
- Undertaking "monitoring liaison", including negotiations between peace accord structures and affected communities over the deployment of security forces and international monitors.

ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus could not be contacted yesterday.

Violence

confirm that the ANC supported the programme last night, but Hall said he was confident that Monday's meeting of the national peace secretariat would endorse the programme.

Hall said he knew of about 20 business organisations, including Saccoz, Natcor and the AHI, which were keen to plough resources into strife-torn areas, but were holding back because of the violence.

"I'm sick and tired of it. We've got to break through that barrier and take resources to the community," Hall said.

He said he was frustrated at the lack of success of peace accord structures at a local level, but, added he believed their effectiveness was growing.

"My view of the violence in the PWV is that it is largely socio-economic and exploited to a certain extent by politicians. It has been aggravated by migration to the cities, overcrowding and the drought," Hall said.
Two men shot dead in Alexandra taxi feud

Ecop at the scene witnesses killings then shoots attacker:

THREE people were shot dead yesterday at Alexandra in what police believe to be an ongoing feud between two taxi organisations in the township.

Wittwatersrand police spokesman Warrant Officer Andy Pickle said two men sitting in a taxi at Pan African taxi rank were shot and killed by unknown attackers at 1pm. A policeman on the scene and who witnessed the shooting then fired at one of the gunmen, killing him.

Pickle said police were investigating the attack, including the possibility that the attack was part of the ongoing feud between taxi organisations in the township.

A spokesman for Alexandra, Randburg, Midrand and Sandton Taxi Association (Armita), Mr Russell Sekgotho, said from reports he had received one of the victims was a patrol car driver and it was unknown whether the other victim was a taxi driver.

Sekgotho said the identity of the dead gunman killed by a policeman was unknown. The identity of the victims was still unknown yesterday.

He denied that members of his organisation were involved and stated that the attack could not be attributed to the present taxi feud in the township.

Alexandra Taxi Association officials could not be reached for comment yesterday. Sekgotho, however, admitted that there has been a taxi feud in the township and that there were continuing negotiations to resolve the feud between the taxi organisations.

He disclosed that a further meeting, scheduled for tomorrow, would iron out proposals to be submitted by both parties.

In another separate incident, police confirmed that a man sitting in a taxi in Wolmaraans Street, Hillbrow, was killed at 7.30pm on Monday when he was shot by an unidentified gunman.

No arrests have yet been made and police are investigating. The motive is unclear.
Violence on the wane — cops

Soweto 26/8/92

The police reported back to the Goldstone Commission putting forward statistics suggesting a decrease in train violence on Reef and Vaal railway network.

Giving evidence on behalf of the Central Co-ordinating Centre set up following the recommendations of the commission, Lieutenant Colonel Marthinus Marx yesterday said there were 53 passenger train attacks in July as compared to 71 such attacks in June.

He said 16 people were killed and 29 injured during the July incidents, while a total of 55 people died and were 46 injured in June.

Comparative statistics as at August 20 were 18 incidents, with 10 dead and 22 injured.

This shows a decrease of 50 percent over the past two months at railway stations on the Reef.

The decrease, according to Lt-Col Marx, can be ascribed to the establishment of the Central Co-ordinating Centre and the deployment of extra police officers at stations.
Gunmen hurt 8 at Jo'burg station

FOUR people died in unrest yesterday, two of them in an incident that could be related to the taxi war in Alexandra, police said, while eight people were wounded last night when three gunmen armed with AK-47 rifles fired at a train at Park Station, Johannesburg.

Police spokesman Lt-Col Dave Bruce said the gunmen then boarded the train and left the station.

"Police rushed after the train, stopped it and conducted an extensive search at the New Canada railway station, but no suspects or weapons were found," he said.

A man who shot dead a taxi driver at Alexandra yesterday was killed by a policeman moments after the attack, police said.

W/O Andy Piekse said Mphimilshiphe Sokhela, 40, was sitting in a taxi at the Pan African taxi rank, on the corner of 3rd Avenue and Watt Street, when a man walked up to him and fired four shots, killing him.

"An assistant constable who was investigating a case in the area saw the attack and followed the gunman who had fled on foot," W/O Piekse said.

The suspect ignored warnings to stop and he was fatally wounded.

Police were investigating the possibility the attack was linked to a feud between taxi groups in Alexandra.

Food and Allied Workers’ Union shop steward Julia Sphila was shot dead on her way to work at Olivanfontein near Pretoria yesterday, Sapa reports.

The body of an elderly man who had been hacked to death was discovered by police next to a railway line between Wedeville and Katlehong.

Wessels testifies about hostel plans

PRETORIA — The first Cabinet Minister to appear before the Goldstone commission did so yesterday after an agreement was reached that he would not be cross-examined or be liable for recall.

Agreement was reached just before Local Government and National Housing Minister Leon Wessels gave evidence, mainly about a lengthy report on hostel policy.

Wessels told commission chairman Bob Nugent that R24.6m had been allocated for the upgrading or conversion of 177 hostels owned by black local authorities and provincial authorities.

Government’s policy was that hostel conversion had to be by consensus.

Negotiations had been completed at 38 hostels and were proceeding at 65 others. Plans had been finalised at 24 hostels and were being finalised at 14 others. Projects had been approved at five hostels and requested at 13 others.

Construction was in progress at one hostel, he said. The first upgraded hostel — in Thokoza — will be officially opened on Friday.

Contrary to Goldstone’s recommendations, government did not believe that all hostels should be fenced as this sometimes prevented integration with township residents.

Wessels rejected demands that hostels be demolished, phased out or converted to family accommodation.

Sapa reports that Wessels told the commission the power struggle between the ANC and Inkatha in the Witwatersrand and Vaal Triangle was preventing hostel negotiations.

Government’s dilemma was that, while it had the capacity, funds and manpower to address community needs, including the hostels issue, “unilateral action, regardless of its good intent, (would) not create stability”.

But interim national housing forum committee vice-chairman Khohla Shubane told the commission that the committee was experiencing problems because of government’s withdrawal from the forum this year.

Shubane said government was party to consensus on guidelines concerning upgrading hostels. Despite this, views on implementation differed.

Since government’s withdrawal, state funds had been made available to black local authorities without the forum being informed. This was causing concern because the local authorities were highly politicised. In other instances hostels had been destroyed by communities staying near them.

Shubane said the forum had commitment from Inkatha, the ANC, Aapao, the PAC, Nactu and Cosatu.

The sitting was adjourned until tomorrow, when ANC, Inkatha and KwaZulu government representatives are expected to give evidence.
NEWS Top IFP bosses instigated violence, commission.

‘Mr 01’ tells of train attacks

TWO senior IFP leaders instigated Nancefield Hostel dwellers to attack ANC followers, a committee of the Goldstone Commission into train violence was told yesterday.

Under cross-examination by counsel for the IFP Mr Louis Visser, a witness identified only as “Mr 01” who was a police informer, said the two leaders had addressed several meetings at the hostel.

He told the committee that hostel dwellers were told that ANC leader Mr Nelson Mandela had said Zulus should be attacked and forced back to Natal.

He said there was tension between the hostel dwellers and township residents, with the former believing that all township residents were ANC supporters or members who had to be attacked.

He said the killing of an IFP member had led the attack on a train at Nancefield Station on June 25 last year.

“Mr 01” was a hostel resident he was afraid to move about in the townships for fear of being recognised and attacked. He therefore asked for a firearm from a policeman called Danie, but had not received it.

He was among hostel dwellers who went out on an attack on a train but had to turn back because he was armed only with a panga while the rest of the group had firearms. Five had pistols while two had AK-47 rifles, the witness said.

“Mr 01” said he had expected to be paid about R40 000 by the police for information he gave concerning train attacks. However, he did not receive the promised amount.

Instead, after his lawyers had raised the issue on his behalf, he was paid R3 000 by the police. However, he claimed not to know what the R3 000 payment was for.

“Mr 01” said the causes of the violence in the townships and hostels included ethnic conflict between Xhosas and Zulus, slogans sung by ANC supporters and insults against IFP leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

He was not sure whether political rivalry between the IFP and the ANC was a cause of the violence.
Fresh train attack terror grips Reef

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. -- The terror of train attacks has again gripped the Reef, with three commuters being shot dead and 14 injured in separate attacks over the past two days.

Yesterday, three commuters were shot dead and five wounded by unknown attackers at the Boksburg station on the East Rand.

A commuter was also thrown off a train between Witbank and Kriel yesterday morning, allegedly after he became involved in an argument over money, Witwatersrand police said.

On Tuesday evening five people were injured when gunmen fired on commuters at Johannesburg's Park Station. Three people were injured fleeing the scene.

The resurgence of train attacks yesterday prompted Cosatu, the ANC, the Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal (Cast) and the SA Communist Party to threaten yet another boycott of Reef trains. Commuters boycotted trains for six days in May.

After inspecting the scene of the attack at Park Station's platforms 1 and 2 yesterday, delegations of these organisations expressed shock and disgust at the security arrangements at the station.

Yesterday there were no police on the trains and on the platforms, our sister newspaper The Star observed.

Cast spokesman Mr Dan Mfolozi said after visiting the station: "While Spoornet refuses to compensate victims of these attacks they fail to provide security for our people. We hold them and the police responsible."

The ANC also blamed Transnet and the police for not implementing agreements on security of commuters reached by signatories of the Train Accord signed in May this year.

The ANC, Cosatu, Cast and SAPC delegation was supposed to meet Transnet officials late yesterday to discuss the latest attacks.

Police also released names of those injured in the Boksburg attack. They are: Samuel Mnesi, 44, of Orlando East, Makhosi Zimba, 26, of Katlehong, Elphish Molefe, 40, of Tokozha, Izak Dlangamandla, 27, of Jeppe, Samuel Phako, 33, of Katlehong and Mpho Phako of Katlehong and William Mahashe of Alexandra.

In other unrelated incidents yesterday:

- A Tsakane resident found a mini-limpet mine and two detonators in a plastic bag beside the CID offices at Brakpan police station yesterday morning.
- Two policemen were injured, one seriously, when they were attacked by five armed men while they were standing guard at a Mamreli hotel.
- The Ivory Park, Alexandra and Tembisa taxi associations were due to meet yesterday to discuss details of a peace agreement reached two days ago.
5 killed by rampaging train gang

Johannesburg: Five people died and two were injured as a gang rampaged through an East Rand train, police said. Beginning at 6pm yesterday, the attackers stabbed and shot passengers and hurled them out of the train windows, Warrant Officer Andy Pieke said today. Also soon after 6pm, a sixth man was killed, and two more were injured by commuters, although it is not clear whether this was sparked by the initial attack.

At Kadelelo's Pilot Station, four men were stabbed and thrown out of the windows. Three died and one is in hospital.
Killings: Rail boycott threatened

JOHANNESBURG — A boycott of commuter trains might be implemented if killings continued unchecked, the ANC warned yesterday, as three more people died on the trains.

ANC representative Mr Ronnie Mamoepa said this as he and delegates from the SA National Civic Organisation, SA Communist Party, Cosas and SA Railways and Harbour Workers' Union led journalists to the scene of Tuesday’s shooting at Park Station in central Johannesburg where nine people were injured when gunmen fired out of train windows.

Three passengers were killed and seven injured in a train attack on the Johannesburg-Springs line yesterday. “A group of men, who witnesses said had been singing ANC freedom songs, attacked commuters causing panic-stricken passengers to jump from the train,” police said.

At Springs police found the bodies of three people who had been shot at close range. Two had bullet wounds while five others had been attacked with pangas and knives.

Also yesterday a man was thrown from a train near Wadeville.

The ANC, SACP and union representatives yesterday laid the blame for continued train violence at the doors of the South African Rail and Commuter Services Corporation and the Ministry of Law and Order for not implementing an agreement entered into on May 14, 1992, which stated: “There shall be policemen on every train, every station and every platform. Every entrance and exit gate of every platform shall be manned by policemen and passengers shall always be searched.” — SAPS
Afraid

Mr 01 said that as a hostel dweller, he was afraid to move about in the townships for fear of being recognised and attacked. He had requested a firearm from a policeman called Danie but had not received it.

He said he had accompanied a group of hostel dwellers who had gone to launch an attack on a train, but turned back because he was armed with only a 'panga' while the rest of the party had firearms. Five had pistols and two had AK-47 rifles.

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Mr 01 said the causes of the violence in the townships and hostels included ethnic conflict between Xhosas and Zulus; slogans sung by ANC supporters; and insults hurled by ANC supporters at IFP leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi. He was not sure whether political rivalry between the IFP and ANC was a cause of the violence.

Inkatha leaders ‘initiated attacks’

Inkatha Freedom Party leaders Themba Khoza and Humphrey Ndlouvu instigated Nancefield hostel dwellers to attack ANC followers, a committee of the Goldstone Commission into train violence heard.

Under cross-examination yesterday by IFP counsel Louis Visser, a witness - identified only as Mr 01, who is a police informer - said the two leaders had addressed several meetings in the hostel which were attended by up to 8,000 inmates.

He also told the committee that inmates were told that ANC leader Nelson Mandela had said the Zulus must be attacked so that they would go back to Natal. This assertion was made by indunas in the hostel.

Mr 01 said there was tension between the hostel dwellers and township residents, with the former believing that all township residents were ANC supporters, who had to be attacked.

He said the killing of an IFP member had led to the attack on the train in Nancefield station on June 25, 1991. He knew of another attack on commuters at New Canada station.
Policeman injured as 3 pupils arrested

By Montalwa Mokoena

A policeman was injured by stone-throwing pupils and three schoolboys were arrested in Soweto yesterday after they were caught in possession of firearms and other dangerous weapons, a police spokesman confirmed yesterday.

The boys, aged 13, 15 and 16, were taken to Orlando police station and were expected to be released into the custody of their parents yesterday.

Liaison officer for Soweto police Captain Joseph Ngobeni said the SAP had received a report that about 150 pupils were taking part in an illegal march in Umlazi Street, Orlando East at about 3.30 am.

When the police arrived there, stones were thrown at them. One policeman was slightly injured. The police cordoned off the students and searched them,” Captain Ngobeni said.

He said two homemade firearms, a 9mm pistol with an empty magazine, three pangas, four knives and a screwdriver were found on the ground.

Clashes

A 12-year-old youth was arrested for allegedly being in possession of a panga and a 15-year-old detained for allegedly obstructing the police and resisting arrest.

A 16-year-old was arrested after having been found in possession of a homemade firearm and a 9mm pistol bullet.

It could not be established whether the arrests were related to reported clashes between Bona and Anchor high schools in the area.

Witnesses said clashes broke out between the groups where several shots were fired. Nobody was injured and the situation was calmed by the arrival of police.

A witness said this was the second clash between pupils from the two schools in a month.

Anchor High School pupils were accommodated at Sifuneni, Higher Primary, next to Bona in Orlando East. After their school in Mazinhlele was forced to close because of bitter and bloody clashes between Mazinhlele, Killarney and Meadowlands transit hostel residents early this year.
Train boycott threat as 3 die

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Today

By Moses Mpesa

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upset over allegations of assassinations:

Insurance not at hit squad

Hammer not a hit squad

News

Soldiers come to squad's defense - Guammen attack(commuters on Keel train)

Three killed, 7 hurt

First photo: A Guammen member stands with a Guammen member as a Guammen member holds a Guammen flag.

The Guammen's new leader, Mr. Guammen, has declared war on the Hit Squad. The Hit Squad is a group of people who have been attacked by Guammen. Mr. Guammen said he would take revenge on the Hit Squad.

Mr. Guammen is a powerful man. He is the leader of the Guammen. Mr. Guammen is also a great fighter. He is very strong and he can take on any man.

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Three police officers died in a collision.

In an interview with the news agency, a police officer confirmed that the accident occurred while they were in pursuit of a suspect. The officer added that the suspect was driving a high-speed chase when the accident took place.

The investigation is ongoing, and the department is working with the coroner's office to determine the cause of the accident.

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A driver was injured in a crash involving a train.

The accident occurred at a level crossing, and the driver was transported to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

The police are investigating the incident to determine the cause of the crash.

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A woman was killed in a hit-and-run accident.

The accident occurred on a busy street, and the driver of the vehicle that hit the woman fled the scene.

The police are searching for the driver and are asking anyone who witnessed the accident to come forward.

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A report has been released on a recent outbreak of disease.

The report indicates that the outbreak is spreading rapidly, and the health department is working to contain it.

The report also advises the public to take precautions to prevent the disease from spreading.
Still on the same old track

By Meggad Peta

Mellon & Onion

Security fences around the platform and tracks at Mlalim Inzamud Station. The system has been the source of objections. Where to be seen at the railway stations:

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Another union death

INTER-UNION violence in the food industry claimed yet another victim this week. A Food and Allied Workers' Union (Fawu) shop steward at Festive Farms on the east Rand, was gunned down on her way to work on Tuesday. Fawu immediately blamed the United People's Union of South Africa, 

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which also has a strong presence in the plant.
Train carnage on Reef intensifies

By Bronwyn Wilkinson
Crime Reporter

Since the Goldstone Commission committee on train violence began its second sitting last Friday, 13 people have died and at least 27 have been injured in train attacks across the Reef.

In the two days before the sittings began, six people were killed and several injured in attacks on the East Rand and in Soweto.

In the latest attacks, nine people were killed and four injured on the East Rand.

Police said the attacks began at about 6 pm on Wednesday when attackers stabbed and shot passengers on a train near Katlehong's Pilot station. Four men died after they were stabbed and thrown out of windows.

Later, between Elsburg and Wadeville stations, police found the body of a man who had been thrown off a train.

Shortly after 7 pm, police found the body of another man who had also been thrown off.

Earlier in the day, three people were shot dead and five wounded at Boksburg station.

SA Rail Commuter Corporation spokesman Coen van Niekerk said the corporation was "in full swing", implementing the security measures announced on August 10 by SARCC managing director Wynand Berger.

These had resulted from recommendations after the Goldstone Commission's first sitting.

Colonel Frank Steygans, newly appointed head of the SAP's train security unit based at New Canada in Soweto, said yesterday that patrols on trains from Soweto to Johannesburg had been stepped up.

Colonel Steygans said train attacks in Soweto tended to follow a revenge pattern between Zulus and Xhosas.

He asked the Soweto community to contact him with any information that could help ensure the safety of commuters.

He can be telephoned on (011) 474-9441 or 474-8966.
Violence is now woven into fabric of society

Alexandra taxi feud; Chalkdov threat remains; Commuters hurt; Gang members held; Wife in court body last to line; and across the bottom of the page, Violence on the streets.

Violence, violence. It has woven itself into the fabric of our society.

Crippling our children

Last week I wrote about a more subtle kind, the violence of crippling our children by letting them drop out of school before they even pass Std Standard A.

Some might argue that the newspapers like to sensationalise, that we ignore the millions of people in our land and around the world who peacefully go about their normal daily business.

They might argue that we go for the gory because it sells newspapers. I’d urge those people to think again. I’d urge them to keep their antennae working as they travel to work or school, as they eat their lunch in offices, restaurants or on the pavement as they have their drinks after work. They will feel violence in the texture of their daily lives.

They will know that when newspapers start filling their first two pages with this menu, it is time something drastic was done.

The optimism that was in the air a few months ago is gone. The economy seems to be getting worse instead of better.

It is at times like these that great leaders show themselves.

There is tangible desperation all round.

It is at times like these that great leaders show themselves. These are people with vision, able to put the nation behind them.

They don’t offer cosmetic changes in the hierarchy of the police force. They are unwilling or incompetent Ministers of Law and Order and their police commissioners.

Better policing

They don’t offer protection for witnesses that lasts a ridiculous three months. They demand better policing and detention from their security forces.

They don’t scratch at the surface of problems. They find root causes and they go for the radical solutions.

One time is it really less than 36 months ago? State President F.W. de Klerk appeared to be that kind of leader. Now we are left wondering
SPoke to a young activist this week who says he necklaced former Lekoa mayor Essau Mahleti in May this year — and has no regrets.

The 19-year-old Standard Nine student doesn’t look like a child from Hell. He cuts an image of a neat youngster in his All Star sneakers, corduroy pants and white shirt. But when he talks about this deed, he won’t look at you. He looks down at his hands or his feet, and his speech is halting.

When I met the boy this week, his face was hidden in a balaclava and he would only give his nicknames, which translate to “Happy”. I was asking around, trying to talk to someone who had participated in a necklacing. A third person, whom I had given my telephone number, arranged the meeting in a neutral venue but did not appear for the interview. However, Happy was there, as well as an older friend, Mr X, whose face was also hidden.

Happy is a supporter of the Pan Africanist Congress and Mr X is an African National Congress supporter. They boast that the Patriotic Front exists at grassroot level in the Vaal. Happy sounds impassioned as he tells me that with 12 others, he poured petrol over the writhing body of Mahleti, that he helped set him alight and stabled as his flesh roasting and turned into ashes.

“Every time the flames died down I would pour petrol to revive the fire,” he says, not smiling. His voice is unemotional.

He says he is not scared by the necklacing incident. His immediate worry is passing his Standard Nine. He says his parents are separated. His father, with whom he lives, is aware that he is an activist. Although Happy does not have time to go on patrols any more because he’s busy studying for exams, he says his father knows he used to go on patrols, dig trenches and man barricades at night.

“But I did not tell him the whole story about pouring petrol,” he says.

“The situation in our neighbourhood is such that you kill or be killed.”

The necklacing incident happened when Vaal townships were on the boil, with residents at loggerheads with kwaMashu hosted dwellers, and youths from different communities tortured and assaulted. The area was in a state of low-intensity warfare and barricades were erected to bring it under control.

The morning of the disgraceful incident is vivid in his mind. “We were on guard at a barricade and had to burn tyres to keep ourselves warm when this car came upon us. Like all cars, it was stopped and searched.”

In the driver’s possession they found a gun which the complainant temporally confiscated while he went home to fetch the licence. It was on his return that he {committed what Happy calls “a blunder that cost him his life. He came back with another gun and fired a warning shot to disperse the group. “This group at the barricade had been looking for mysterious gunmen who had been shooting randomly at residents at night. They overpowered the driver. While he lay on the ground one of the men at the barricade pointed the AK-47 and shot him. Then he was recognised as the former mayor, and the decision to torch him was “spontaneous”. Happy says it was like fire which fuelled his action. “It’s not possible to necklace a victim if you are not angry enough.”

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What is alarming is that Happy says he has no regrets. He was aware of what he was doing and didn’t want to stop, but he is adamant that he does not need counselling.

Seeing the man had already been badly hurt and shot, why the need to burn him?

We were two emotional at the time. What we wanted to do was to kill him. The hatred in his voice is almost tangible. “The only thing that disturbed me was the screams he made as the flames ate at his flesh.”

Speaking to the youth, it becomes apparent that he is little more than a child. His voice changes; the bravado is gone. I have to wait while he swallows a lump in his throat.

His friend, 24-year-old Mr X, says he came into the necklacing scene. He says the thing he remembers most clearly about the incident is the stench.

It was a mixture of rubber, petrol and something burning human flesh.

He tells me he would not mind watching his enemy burn to death, and after pondering, adds “maybe even participate in the burning itself.”

He talks about the kind of people he calls “ideal candidates for necklacing” — informers. Despite the fact that the political organisations Happy and Mr X belong to uphold political tolerance, they say they have no tolerance for state agents and informers. They are incensed by their unforgiving that “comrades” have been poisoned while in exile and camps bombarded because of collaborators. “Those are some of the obstacles we have to move out of the way to freedom.”

Both youngsters are aware that the necklacing is barbaric and “embarrassment to the leadership” of both their organisations, but they are convinced that the grievances method sends a clear message to would-be collaborators that “our struggle is serious.”

“The movements have to distance themselves from necklacing because it damages their image,” Mr X says, cynically, and Happy nods his head.

“Obviously we would like to see collaborators getting rehabilitated and absorbed into the community but our organisations just don’t have the room for this. If they did, such things would not happen.”
2 shot in Phola Park

POLICE shot and injured a man and a woman at the East Rand squatter camp of Phola Park yesterday afternoon after being attacked by angry residents during a "crime prevention operation." A policeman fired into a crowd which had pelted them with stones.

Police spokesman Lieutenant Wicus Weber said the exercise was a continuation of "Operation Apo," which started in July and covered several black townships on the Reef. "We detained persons for a number of offences varying from possession of dagga to suspicion of murder."
Toll of train violence in two years near 300

AT LEAST 20 rail commuters have died violently in the past two weeks, bringing the death toll since July 1990 to nearly 300.

A Human Rights Commission (HRC) report released today said 296 rail commuters had been killed, nine on the East Rand on Wednesday.

Police said yesterday they were searching commuters on an ad hoc basis at Johannesburg Station in an effort to enforce a ban on weapons. Additional manpower could be deployed to assist with train security, they said.

Referring to the proposed "rail guard", police said: "A project has already been launched and the first formal report will be presented to the SA Rail Commuter Corporation on September 15."

Witwatersrand police spokesman W/O Andy Priebe said yesterday it was too early to say with certainty what had caused the latest spate of attacks, but they could have been revenge attacks sparked off by earlier killings.

Sapa reports police shot and injured a man and a woman in Phola Park yesterday, after they were attacked by angry residents at the conclusion of a crime prevention operation.

A policeman fired into a crowd after stones were thrown at police, a police spokesman said.

Police said they detained nine people in the operation for offences ranging from murder to possession of daggers.

The ANC-linked Peace Action Group slated the exercise as harassment of local residents. "Shack doors were broken down and teargas was used. All men were herded into two yards created with razor wire and were forced to stand in the rain for approximately five hours," it claimed.

Renewed calls for the Goldstone commission to investigate violence in the Esikhawini area were issued yesterday following the killing of eight people there on Wednesday.

ANC northern Natal chairman Aaron Motsoaledi also reiterated a call following the killings for the permanent presence of UN violence monitors in the region.

SA women should condemn acts of aggression and urge government to bring perpetrators of violence to book, African Women's Organisation of Azania (AWO) president Ellen Morehleleng said yesterday.

"The PAC women's wing wanted to point out most victims of violence "happen to be women and children". SA women should therefore bring pressure to bear on government to stop its "delaying tactics" and to arrest and prosecute the perpetrators of violence."

Justice unable to cope, says Von Lieres

THE criminal justice system was unable to deal adequately with rising crime levels, Wilkhuwatt General Frederick von Lieres told the conference of the SA Security Association at Nasrec yesterday.

Intimidation of witnesses and delays in summoning the police resulted in insufficient evidence to charge criminals.

One result of this was the fact that during the past year more than 1,000 politically related killings in the East Rand region had gone unsolved, he said.

"If this problem is not dealt with then we will be on the slippery slope to anarchy," he warned.

Government had already taken steps in the right direction by repealing discriminatory legislation, but more needed to be done to encourage the black community to assist in sentencing cases in court, he said.

"Moves are also afoot to take some of the weight off the criminal justice system by transferring more responsibilities for matters like traffic offences and violent disputes onto justices of the peace."
The Star, General de Villiers, who has spent 37 years in the SA Police, said that he was not resentful of the need for his early retirement, as he was due to retire next May.

He could not, however, speak on behalf of the other generals.

The restructuring, he said, was made necessary by changing times and was vital to the improvement of police relations with the public.

There had been a great deal of criticism of the SAP, despite the fact that the changes had been introduced to protect the public.

"What upset me is that I have been in the force for 37 years and the SA Police has always been fully committed to protecting the public," General de Villiers said.

Although the changes had been controversial, he said it was important to remember that the force was struggling to maintain the public's trust.

He felt it was necessary to continue restructuring and improving the force to ensure public safety.
Rubber Bullets and Teargas Fired at Teachers

Tara Stitt holds open day rally for Teachers

Picture: Jacob Rhyder

The Press offers comment on the current political climate, focusing on the use of rubber bullets and tear gas by police at teachers, and the response of the education community. The article highlights the need for dialogue and understanding between police and educators to prevent such incidents from occurring in the future.

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The article continues to discuss the broader implications of such actions, emphasizing the importance of peaceful protest and the role of the media in reporting these events accurately. It calls for a collaborative approach to address the challenges faced by teachers and the broader education system.
Police attacks: Five killed in total attacks.

Police disrupt SAP to promote peace.

Teachers' demo blocks to general assembly.

Minister announces resumption to restore credibility.

Sowetan Reports

By Ismail Legadwana

22 arrested, many injured during 'special march'.

SPORTS: Violent vigilantes attack US ambassador.

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ANC ‘welcome to summit’

THE ANC was welcome to attend the Government’s summit on regionalism and federalism in Pretoria on September 17, Constitutional Development Minister Mr Roelf Meyer said yesterday.

Meyer said the summit would be “the start of a consultative seeking process” of the questions of decentralization and strong regional and local government.

The conference was initially expected to be attended by the Government and its allies. However, Meyer said the ANC “was welcome to attend if it so wished.”

“This is not a conference or discussion to pressurize the negotiation process or even to create the impression of a new initiative,” he said.

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Workers sit-in at Seilsa

ABOUT 40 National Union of Metalworkers SA members yesterday occupied the offices of the Steel and Engineering Industries Federation of SA in Johannesburg.

“Another 500 members had also gathered outside the building. The sit-in was in support of the union’s demands for a 16% percent across-the-board increase and better job security.”
Checkmate predicted as power play takes its toll

The Human Rights Commission releases a review of two years of Reef violence, saying destabilisation has outrun its political utility. JO-AANNE COLLINGE reports.

Likening the political struggle to a hard-fought chess game between those desperate for the survival of apartheid power and the majority hungering for a place in the sun, the Human Rights Commission asserts that "checkmate is nigh," for pro-apartheid forces, including the Government.

After two years of intense political violence, in which at least 6,228 people have died, South Africa is very near the point where the minority will concede that it is too costly to cling to power, the HRC argues in a newly released report entitled "Checkmate for apartheid power?"

When "the pain of holding on to power begins to exceed the pain of letting go," the apartheid power bloc will agree to free and fair elections — and effectively to its own political eclipse, the report states.

The HRC calculates that in elections based on proportional representation, the NP and its allies could muster at the utmost 30 percent of all votes. A maximum 52 percent of white voters, 60 percent of coloured and Indian voters and 15 percent of black voters would opt for the NP and its associates.

Despite this, the Government will soon bow to the demand for elections, the HRC reckons, largely because the strategy of destabilisation has begun to undermine — rather than reinforce — the strategy of reform.

The HRC is among those groups which claim the roots of political violence are not mere political rivalry between Inkatha and the ANC. It argues that violence stems from a deliberate policy of destabilisation by the Government, its armed forces and their surrogates and that it is a logical successor to the "total strategy" employed by the Government against the liberation movement in the 1980s.


Certainly no proponent of the "rogue element" theory of violence, the HRC nonetheless observes that recently "destabilisation seems to have run out of control".

"The forces initially unleashed by the apartheid Government in this strategy of destabilisation now seem to have taken on a momentum and agenda of their own. Strong and resolute action by their erstwhile master will be necessary to bring them to heel," the report states.

It views the stakeholders in apartheid as reasonably differentiated, ranging from the Government and its constituency, to the security establishment and the civil service, the homeland governments and the business community, which constitute "prime beneficiaries" of apartheid.

The agencies of violence — or "centres of destabilisation", in the report's terminology — are equally varied, spanning regular police and military units, covert agencies, homeland armies and police forces, vigilante forces and hit squads.

The report suggests that both the "out of control" nature of the violence and early pressures to give up all plays for minority control stem from this differentiation among apartheid stakeholders.

Economic pressures for democratic change are becoming irresistible, the report argues. Because of the violence, the economy is no healthier in the age of reform than it was during the emergency years.

"We are currently in our third successive year of negative growth, with no prospects of stemming the capital bleeding, let alone reversing it, unless the world's financial system can be convinced that South Africa is politically stable and a secure area in which to place loans and investments," the report argues.

In the negotiating process a number of "power sharing" proposals had been put forth by the Government camp, but they have been unequivocally rejected as popular pressure for a democratic settlement has been mobilised. The issues at stake in negotiation can no longer be obscured, says the HRC. "With all the irrelevancies swept aside, the issue of transfer of power to the majority stands alone."
Nobody deserves to die like this...
Keep on white side of the law

By SOPHIE TEMB
PROTESTERS were arrested when more than 1,000 residents took to the streets in Mahkeng to challenge the impartiality of the courts this week.

Residents called on Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee to set up a special commission to deal with the Kroonstad Magistrate's Court.

The demonstrators were challenging the impartiality of the courts in dealing with criminal cases involving the notorious Three Million Gang and the police.

They also complained that there was discrimination against blacks in the "white courts".

Protesters were held for almost seven hours before being released.

In a memorandum handed to the chief magistrate, residents complained that members of the Three Million gang were allowed out without bail for serious cases while ANC members were forced to pay exorbitant bail bonds.

"We doubt the impartiality of the courts in Kroonstad when dealing with cases in which members of the Three Million gang are involved."

"We therefore demand the immediate withdrawal of all charges brought against people who were victims of the gang and were charged for defending themselves," said the memorandum.

The march follows a Three Million Gang attack on 19-year-old schoolboy Nkosana Isaac Mavaleliso, who was stabbed more than 50 times and left for dead.

Mavaleliso said he was attacked by about 16 members of the gang in a Mahkeng street while three policemen looked on.

Criticising the police, the protesters' memorandum said: "Several people have been targeted by the SAP in the violence that has wrecked the black township."

"Charges against the police have not been brought to the courts although numerous members of the community have laid charges of assault and malicious damage to property."

Or suffer court bias, say residents
Saved from a bloody end

By MOSES MAMAILA

TWO victims of street justice were this week saved from "the gallows" by police who arrived at the scene just before the final blows were delivered.

The two Sebokeng youths were severely assaulted by a mob of pupils who wanted to kill them in revenge for the death of a schoolmate.

The two teenagers are fighting for their lives at Sebokeng Hospital where they were admitted on Monday.

They were bleeding profusely from their heads and covered in blood - which led many people to conclude that their eyes had been gouged out.

The youths were targeted by pupils of Boebo-Tsebo High after they were implicated in the murder of matric pupil Shimi Makhoba.

Armed with pangas, knives and other weapons, the pupils attacked the two youths in an open field, said witnesses.

"Police saw a mob of people attacking two youths with knives but when they went to the scene, the attackers fled," said police spokesman Capt Piet van Deventer.

When City Press reporters visited them this week, the two youths lay in their hospital beds, unable to speak.

Their faces had been sliced several times and were swollen. Their eyes remained closed.

Police said a youth has been arrested in connection with the incident.
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7 murdered in horror violence

PRETORIA. — Four people were hacked to death and then burnt at Innanda on Sunday night, police here said.

A policeman died and another was wounded when a gunman opened fire at a police patrol at Zventleni MBA, Worcester.

Constable Helmut Schubert, 22, has lost an eye and is in a critical condition after being shot in the head at Meadowlands in Soweto on Sunday night.

A man was killed at Sharpeville.

Another man was shot dead at Bekkersdal on the West Rand. — Sapa.
Taxi violence-probe

A Goldstone Commission committee chaired by Mr DJ Rossouw, SC, who has been conducting an inquiry into violence in the taxi industry, will investigate the taxi industry in Alexandra township north of Johannesburg, Mr Justice Richard Goldstone announced yesterday.

The investigation resulted from a request of the Peace Committee in Alexandra for an investigation into violence involving the township’s taxi industry.

The inquiry will commence on September 30 at a venue to be announced, the statement said.

Anyone wanting to submit information may do so in writing to the Secretary of the Commission, Private Bag X858, Pretoria, 0001 on or before September 25 or telephone the secretary at (012) 320-4640.
Swanieville massacre: 8 to be tried

Eight men are to be tried in the Rand Supreme Court this week on 28 counts of murder following the Swanieville squatter camp massacre on May 12 1991.

Vumisani Majola (37), Sizwe Majola (21), Joseph Mphiliwa Khanyile (61), Baikers Diamo m (33), Mzanywa Flash Sithole (44), Bhekukwakhe Moffat Mdla Lose (41), Bokabantu Jali (23) and Phethi Mango (64) also face charges of public violence and illegal possession of a machine gun, firearms and ammunition.

According to the indictment, the accused were among a group who armed themselves with a variety of weapons before entering the camp.

In the attack, 28 people were killed, and many others assaulted and robbed. Houses were burnt and damaged, and scores of families fled their homes.

The State could call more than 235 witnesses — an indication that the trial could be lengthy.
Police, ANC meet
ANC representatives from Vaal Triangle branches and senior SA Police members will meet on Thursday to discuss reconciliation, ANC spokesman Scephe Mothibe said yesterday.

According to Mr Mothibe, the meeting will be attended by community representatives from Boipatong, Bophelong, Sharpeville, Evaton, Palm Springs and Orange Farm, as well as ANC delegates from these townships. Police station commanders and senior police officers, and the independent Peace Action organisation, will also attend. -Sapa.
Hostel men face massacre charges

SUSAN RUSSELL

THE trial of eight hostel residents who allegedly murdered 26 people during a dawn raid on the Swanelville squatter camp in Krugersdorp last year is due to begin this week.

Yvonisani Majola, 37, Sizwe Majola, 21, Joseph Mphwiwa Khanyile, 51, Bakers Dlamini, 22, Mxeywa Flash Sithole, 44, Bhekowakhe Moffat Mdialose, 41, Bhebantu Jali, 23 and Phylel Mbangolo, 54, all appeared briefly in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

They were not asked to plead and the trial was postponed until this morning.

Seven of them lived at the Kagiso hostel in Kagiso at the time of the raid, while the eighth man lived at the Wattville hostel, Benoni.

Kriel 'still holding talks on cell deaths'

LAW and Order Minister Hernus Kriel was discussing the issue of continued detention in detention with Attorneys-General and magistrates, a Ministry spokesman said yesterday.

Reports on all cell deaths in the past two years were requested by Kriel earlier this year when independent pathologist Dr Jonathan Gluckman claimed police were involved in the killing of detainees.

Law and Order spokesman Craig Kotze said Kriel had "every intention" to make a statement about the reports, but was still involved in talks on the matter.

The statement was expected within the next two weeks, Kotze said.

Sapa reports that a police public relations spokesman said in Pretoria yesterday that 178 people had died in police detention since January 1 last year.

Meanwhile, DP southern Transvaal chairman Peter Soal said yesterday that while he welcomed the restructuring of the SAP announced last week by Kriel, the question of deaths in detention had not yet been finalised.

He told a meeting of the Union of Jewish
Council to decide whether to resume train boycott

A MEETING of the ANC-aligned PWV Regional Action Council will decide tomorrow whether or not to resume a boycott of commuter trains in the region, says ANC PWV spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa.

Mamoepa said yesterday the committee, to which the ANC, Cosatu, the SACP and the Civic Association of the Southern Transvaal (Casi) serve with several other organisations, would draft an "elaborate plan" to counter train violence.

A meeting with the SA Rail Commuter Corporation and the ANC was being planned to discuss the matter. This follows a low-key meeting last week.

Mamoepa described a heightened police presence at the station on Friday as a "taken show of force."

"If you go to Johannesburg station now you won't see them there," he said.

Meanwhile, two more people were killed in train attacks at the weekend — one at Johannesburg's Jeppe Station — according to police.

Police reported yesterday the deaths of seven more people in other incidents of violence, Sapa reports.

Four people were hacked to death and then burned at Inanda near Durban in a revenge attack after a man was killed on Saturday. No arrests were made.

Sapa reports that a young police constable is in a critical condition in hospital after being shot in the head at Meadowlands, Soweto, on Sunday night.

Police said Const Helmut Schubert, 22, had lost an eye and was in a critical condition in the Garden City Clinic. His attacker had not been arrested.

And police found the body of a man killed by the "necklace" method at Sharpville, near Vereeniging. Another man was shot dead at Bekkersdal on the West Rand, the police report said.

Two men appeared in the Maritzburg Regional Court yesterday on several charges of attempted murder and public violence, including the petrol-bombing of the house of Greytown ANC leader Solomon Nzolo.

Staff theft "main cause of shrinkage"

SHOP assistants with their hands in the till were the main cause of shrinkage in the retail trade, Saco president Henkie Viljoen told a Security Association of SA conference in Johannesburg last week.

He said retailers were having to allow for between 1% and 2.4% of turnover for shrinkage, worst hit were medicine and beauty outlets.

Viljoen warned that the law was ineffective as a tool to combat shrinkage.

The solution, he said, lay in "sound industrial relations, with a contented and motivated workforce."
Councillor's house bombed

A SOWETO councillor whose house was bombed at the weekend has linked the incident to the in-fighting within the Sofasonke Party.

Mrs Lillian Mathetsa said her Zola Two home was rocked by a limpet mine on Friday night.

"I believe I was attacked because I belong to one of the splinter groups. The fact that the deputy mayor was attacked also confirms the rumour that inter-departmental feuds are behind the attacks," she said.
Goldstone to hold inquiry into 'wars'

PRETORIA — The Goldstone Commission is to hold an inquiry into the taxi 'wars' in Alexandra at the end of the month.

The announcement follows a request from the township's Peace Committee.

Taxi feuds have claimed dozens of lives in Alexandra and townships on the East Rand in recent months.

Goldstone Commission vice-chairman Neil Booye, SC, who has been investigating violence in the western Cape taxi industry, is to chair the 'Alexandra inquiry' on September 30.

The inquiry will focus on establishing the nature and causes of the violence and intimidation, whether it aims at the achievement of any political goal, what persons are involved and what steps should be taken to curb or prevent it.

The South African Black Taxi Association (Saba) welcomed the inquiry, as the organisation itself was 'too close to the situation to find solutions to problems'.

Saba spokesman Mike Ntlatleng said the problem spots also included the northern Transvaal, eastern Transvaal and East Rand.

The taxi violence in Alexandra is very complex, not only because of fighting over parking facilities but because of political tensions, said Mr Ntlatleng.
Joburg advocates to defend objectors for free

Introducing

A GROUP of advocates at the University of the Witwatersrand have launched a legal defence fund to provide free legal assistance to anyone charged with contravening the temporary regulations implementing the Johannesburg Charter.

The fund, established by the University of the Witwatersrand, is aimed at providing legal aid to those who may face charges under the regulations.

Advocates say they are concerned about the impact of the regulations on students and are calling for support from the public to help defray the costs of the legal defence fund.

Meanwhile, De Villiers said the new regulations constitute a "reprisal attack" on the education sector.

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Reef train attacks:
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JOHANNESBURG — At least three people were killed and 15 others injured yesterday in continuing Reef train violence.

Yesterday's separate train attacks bring to 12 the total number of commuters killed, and to 37 the number injured in train attacks since the Goldstone Commission committee on train violence started its second sitting on August 21.

A man was arrested at New Canada station when commuters pointed him out. Minutes after, two people were killed and 13 others injured by a gunman who fired shots inside the Johannesburg-bound train from Vereeniging.

In other incidents, a man was found with stab wounds in his head at Cresus station in Industria, police said. The man had been attacked on the train and then thrown off.

And the body of a man was found between Jeppe and George Goch stations. Witnesses said he had been knocked down by a train while attempting to cross the railway lines.

• Four men are recovering from bullet wounds under police guard at Sebokeng Hospital, near Vereeniging, after a confrontation between police and inmates of the notorious KwaMandala Hostel early yesterday.

The injured men were allegedly part of a group of about 80, believed to be occupants of the hostel, who stoned and opened fire on several Parys detectives.

According to police, the shooting broke out shortly after the detectives had arrested six suspects at the hostel in connection with an armed robbery and rape case in the Parys area.

• In Richmond, the ANC and the IFP confirmed that a peace meeting is planned for today. — Sapa
Killed on trains on eve of safety talks

Metro

Today
Inkatha returns to inquiry on Bruntville violence

By Peter Wellman

MOOI RIVER — The Inkatha Freedom Party returned to the Goldstone Commission’s committee of inquiry into violence here yesterday after pulling out because of two hand grenade attacks against hostel inmates on Tuesday.

After the IFP’s heated-confrontation with ANC supporters in Bruntville that followed the attacks, police said the grenades had injured one person. The ANC denied responsibility for the attack.

One of the targets was “displaced” who had moved into the hostel because of attacks against them by ANC township residents.

But finally the committee got down to what it had come for, before the grenades and the spear-waving stand-off: what caused the violence, and how it can be stopped.

The morning session was a drawn-out and inconclusive skirmish between IFP official Philip Powell and ANC branch executive member Mcedisi Mthethwa.

Mr Powell seemed to want to show that the ANC had deliberately driven IFP members out of Bruntville.

Mr Mthethwa denied this, saying the ANC wanted to implement the National Peace Accord.

When questioned about an earlier newspaper interview in which he had said the ANC could drive Inkatha out of Bruntville in 20 minutes, he acknowledged that his remarks were a violation of the accord.

This was a point scored for Mr Powell, but beyond that, neither man really made much headway in a rambling set of questions and answers about the dates and times of an IFP meeting with a representative of the Midlands Regional Dispute Resolution Committee.

Whether IFP members were justified in carrying weapons to it, or whether ANC members were there first with their own weapons, was not resolved.

In the afternoon there was a bit of a wrangle between Mr Mthethwa and advocate Jenny Wild, for Mooiriver Textiles.

They went round and round over how long ANC supporters had observed a work stayaway last year, and the circumstances of ANC workers being dismissed by the factory.

The company is by far the town’s biggest employer. What emerged under cross-examination of Mr Mthethwa was how ANC structures in Bruntville work. For instance, street committees are controlled by the ANC Youth League.
Police could have stopped violence

suggestions for peace were ignored.

"precedent National Congress branch wanted peace in the township but was disappointed with attempts to stop violence," said a Deep Distrust ANC branch official yesterday. 

This year's commission to investigate the Goldstone Commission's findings was called by the ANC linked to the ANC political office. 

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Massacre accused's case dropped

By Susan Spoo

Charges against one of the accused in the Swanieville massacre case have been withdrawn because a witness in the case against him has disappeared.

Seven hostel dwellers pleaded not guilty to murdering 28 people during the massacre in May last year, when the men appeared in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

Vumisani Majola (37), Sizwe Majola (21), Joseph Mphwa Khanyile (31), Bakers Dlamini (33), Ehekawakwe Moffat Mdlandwe (41), Pheli Mungo (54), all of Kagiso hostel, and Mzanya Flash Sihole (44), of Wattville hostel in Benoni, also pleaded not guilty to charges of public violence and illegal possession of a machine-gun and other firearms.

Charges against Bhekebantu Jali (23) were withdrawn as a witness in the case against him had disappeared.

Constable Remy Liut told Mr Justice C Botha that two policemen called to Swanieville at about 6.30am on May 12 had encountered a group of about 200 armed men leaving the squatter camp. The men told the police they were going to the Kagiso hostel in Krugersdorp. The men were red beards and armbands, and were armed with spears, axes, metal pipes, and knobkerries, Constable Liut recalled.

Some carried televisions and wall clocks.

The group was joined by another crowd of about 800, similarly attired, and armed, and also carrying booty. Among this group was Mr Khanyile, who was armed with an AK-47 rifle, said Constable Liut.

Four unarmed men climbed into Mr Sithole's taxi, which was later found at the hostel. Mr Sithole had complained to the police about two weeks earlier that he had been intimidated and driven out of Swanievile, the policeman testified.

The crowd headed for the hostel. Vumisani Majola, who was among the first to enter the hostel, was carrying a pump-action shotgun, said Constable Liut.

The police used barbed wire to fence off the hostel before searching it. Three carloads of assaigas, spears, axes and other weapons were confiscated. Pistols and an AK-47 were also found.

The men are on bail of R500 each.

The hearing continues.
More deaths meet new rail violence talks

THE ANC’s PWV region will meet SA Rail Commuter Corporation (SARCC) and Law and Order Department representatives tomorrow to find ways of ending train violence which claimed two more lives yesterday.

ANC PWV spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said if demands for the installation of TV surveillance equipment in coaches, improved access control systems and the fencing off of stations were not met, the train boycott was likely to resume.

He said a similar multilateral meeting in mid-May had agreed these things would be implemented speedily but nothing had been done.

A meeting of the PWV Action Council — which includes representatives of union and community groups — would evaluate the discussions and decide on further action on Saturday, he said.

Police said the bodies of two people killed in train violence were found at Kwesini and Mayfair stations near Johannesburg yesterday.

The latest deaths bring to 92 the number of people killed in train violence since the mid-May agreement, according to Human Rights Commission (HRC) figures.

In another incident, ticket controller Elijah Tokwe was in a serious condition in the Garden City Clinic after being shot in the head and thrown off a train near Germiston. Wjtwatersrand police spokesman W/O Andy Piek said Tokwe had been found at Katalo station near Germiston at 5.30am. And a man was badly injured when he was stabbed and thrown from a train to Boksburg.

Police are investigating.

Sapa reports that police Const ZP Phunewane was killed and his eight-year-old daughter Portia wounded when unknown gunmen opened fire on their vehicle in Sebokeng on the East Rand yesterday afternoon.

SAP spokesman Capt Piet van Deventer said Phunewane was hit in the neck, chest and arm. He died in the Sebokeng Hospital. His daughter was being treated for a bullet wound in the shoulder.

Sapa also reports that an ANC Natal leader, Siphabud Chiya, was shot and killed at Wema in Natal yesterday. This assassination follows the earlier killing of the chairman of the Zuma branch, Morris Gumede, his son and an unidentified neighbour.

Recently, another ANC member, Sylvester Nkosinathi Mahoso, was killed at Isingelweni. The ANC southern Natal media officer, Dumisani Makhaye, said Chiya was shot in the back of his head at Wema on Monday evening. He had survived several previous assassination attempts.

The police have not yet commented on the killings.
illegal arms at KwaMadala

RESIDENTS of KwaMadala hostel, who were implicated in the Boipatong massacre earlier this year, were still moving illegal firearms freely in and out of the hostel's premises.

In the latest incident, hostel residents fired about 30 rounds at police, who arrested six of them on Tuesday in connection with armed robbery and rape charges.

Iscor was not planning to improve security at the hostel, which is located on its property, company spokesman Ernest Webstock said yesterday. He said additional security would be decided on by police.

He said existing security did not include metal-detecting equipment and no body searches were conducted, making it possible for residents to enter and leave the premises with firearms.

Hostel seven appear on massacre charges

SEVEN hostel residents, who are alleged to have been part of an armed group which massacred residents of the Swaneville squatter camp near Krugersdorp in May last year, pleaded not guilty to 28 counts of murder in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

They also pleaded not guilty to one count of public violence and additional charges of unlawfully possessing two firearms and ammunition.

Counsel for the seven said their clients did not intend submitting statements in amplification of their pleas at this stage of the trial.

Six of the men, Vumisani Majola, Sizwe Majola, Joseph Khanyile, Bakery Dlamin, Bhekukwakhe Mdlose and Phyei Mungo lived at the Kagiso Hostel at the time of the attack.

The seventh man, Mzanywa Sithole, lived at the Wattville Hostel, Benoni.

Charges against an eighth man, Bhebantu Jali, were withdrawn by the State at the start of the trial yesterday.

The State alleges the seven remaining accused were part of an armed group that raided the squatter camp during the early hours of May 12 last year.

Armed with firearms, spears, pangas, axes and other weapons, the group swooped on the camp, killing 28 people and leaving 37 others injured.

The group also looted and set fire to shacks.

The trial continues today.

SA acts for Angola on air crash
Massacre in court

SEVEN hostel dwellers pleaded not guilty in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday to 28 counts of murder following the massacre at Swanieville squatter camp in May last year.

Mr Vumisani Majola (37), Mr Sizwe Majola (21), Mr Mphiwe Khanyile (51), Mr Bakers Dlamini (32), Mr Mzanywa Sithole (44), Mr Mufat Mdhalose (41) and Mr Pheyi Mtango (54) also pleaded not guilty to charges of public violence and illegal possession of a machinegun, firearms and ammunition.

Charges against the remaining eighth accused, Mr Begabantu Jali (23), were withdrawn. The State alleges the men were part of a group of attackers who murdered and robbed people, plundered and razed homes on May 12 last year. Some 28 people were killed.
Crucial ANC meeting on rail deaths

A crucial ANC meeting on rail violence is to be held tomorrow between 12 noon and 2pm. Mr Molao, a security guard at the railroad station, was shot dead. His body was found on a train at Rietvlei station. The meeting comes as four more people were killed yesterday and 13 wounded. Two men were killed near Germiston. The ANC and its trade union, the South African Railway and Tramway Employees Union, have formed a united front to fight against the violence. Since the agreement was signed, 65 people have died and 900 were injured.
It's a lie, policeman tells massacre trial

By Susan Smuts

A policeman giving evidence in the Swanieville massacre trial in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday dismissed as "a blatant lie" allegations that white men in balaclavas and camouflage were among the 1,000-strong crowd who attacked the West Rand squatter camp.

Cross-examining Constable Luit, defence counsel A. Burger said the media had published allegations by residents that white men were among the marauders on May 12 last year. Constable Luit replied that the police viewed the allegations "in a serious light".

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Constable Luit, who identified Vumisani Majola and Mr Khanyile as carrying a shotgun and an AK-47 respectively, denied he had fabricated evidence that they were carrying the weapons.

Swanieville residents had also claimed a Casspir patrolled the squatter camp during the night and shortly before 5:30 am when the attack began. Mr Burger said. Constable Luit replied it would not have made sense to dispatch policemen to the area if other policemen were already there. He added the police were alerted of a shooting only at 5:30 am.

Mr Majola would deny ever possessing a shotgun or knowing how to use one, and would say he was not present during the attack, Mr Burger said.

The court heard that Constable Luit had fired at Mr Khanyile because he thought Mr Khanyile was going to fire at the police. However, he had not retrieved the cartridges, which is standard police procedure every time a policeman uses his service weapon.

The trial continues.
Police ‘saw no white attackers’

ONE OF the first policemen on the scene of the Swanieville massacre in May last year denied in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday that there had been white men among the armed group leaving the camp as the police arrived.

Allegations that white men were seen among the attackers who swooped on the camp during the early hours of Sunday, May 12 last year, were reported in the media shortly afterwards.

Const Remo Luit, who was in the Casspir sent to investigate a report of a shooting incident at the camp early that morning, said he did not see any white men in the group of about 1 000 hostel dwellers they encountered leaving Swanieville.

Luit was giving evidence at the trial of seven hostel dwellers who are alleged to have been part of the armed group which murdered 53 Swanieville residents and injured 57 others.

Vunissani Majola, 37, Sexwe Majola, 21, Joseph Mpiwa Khanyile, 51, Bakere Dlamini, 32, Bhekowakwe Mdlalose, 41, Pheyi Mlango, 54 and Zenzny Sithole, 44, have pleaded not guilty to 28 counts of murder.

Earlier Remo testified that two armed groups of 200 and 300 each had converged into one as the police Casspir approached.

The men in the group were wearing red armbands and headbands, Luit said, and were armed with spears, axes, knobkerries and assorted other weapons.

Luit told the court that the group had seemed to be about to go through Kagiso to get back to the hostel, and the police had wanted to divert them around the township instead, to prevent any further violence.

He said the group was escorted back to the hostel. No attempt was made to arrest any of them, to avert further bloodshed.

The trial continues before Judge C Botha today.

ANC to march on absent Gqozo’s capital

THE ANC — preparing for a show of strength when it marches on the Ciskei capital of Bisho on Monday — has demand-ed the removal of Ciskei leader Brig Oupa Gqozo as head of state and the downgrading of the territory’s independent status.

The ANC and its alliance partners, the SACP, Cosatu and the SA National Civic Organisation, aim to march on Bisho while Gqozo is in Pretoria as government’s federalism conference.

In a memorandum yesterday, the alliance said the wave of violence and intimidation in the Ciskei had reached alarming proportions and it was vital to create a climate of free political activity.

The ANC said it had no interest in seizing power in the Ciskei.
Train peace talks collapse

JOHANNESBURG. - A regional peace conference on train violence collapsed here yesterday.

Participants said the failure was because police delegates failed to provide crucial information required to make progress in combating the carnage.

The talks were postponed to Friday next week.

General Gerrit Erasmus, who led the police delegation, said he had no comment. SA Railway Commuter Corporation director Mr Wynand Burger said the gathering failed to achieve its objective.

SACP regional secretary Mr Jabulani Moleketi said: “The police were ill-prepared for the meeting.” - Sapa
Train violence conference derailed

JOHANNESBURG. — A regional peace conference in Johannesburg on train violence collapsed yesterday because police delegates failed to provide crucial information needed to make progress in combating the carnage, said conference participants.

The conference was postponed to next Friday to enable the police to collate and provide the information.

The conference was attended by representatives of the South African Railway Commuter Corporation, the African National Congress, the South African Communist Party, the Congress of South African Trade Unions and Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal.

Cosatu regional secretary Mr Amos Masondo said the conference was postponed because police were "unable to give satisfactory information to a number of questions."

— Sapa.
Police and hostel men in gunfight

By SOPHIE TEMA

POLICE and residents of KwaMadala hostel in the Vaal Triangle exchanged gunfire at the hostel this week when the police staged an early-morning raid.

Investigations by police against a group of thugs who went on a rampage in Tumahole township in Parys last weekend led them to the notorious Iscor hostel.

Allegations of rape, robbery and assault were being investigated against 10 people arrested in Parys after stolen goods, including two vehicles, were recovered at the hostel, about 100 km from Tumahole.

Nine men and a woman appeared briefly in the Parys Magistrate’s Court on Thursday, and were remanded in custody until September 17.

Vaal Triangle police liaison officer, Capt Piet van Doventer, confirmed the arrest of the 10 people and said that after the arrest of the Tumahole thugs investigations led police to the KwaMadala hostel.

“On arrival at the hostel the police wanted to search certain rooms, but were hampered by residents who attacked them.

“They shot and threw stones at the police, damaging some of their vehicles.

“During the skirmish four of the suspects managed to escape when police retaliated in self-defence.

“Four people from the hostel were injured.”

Reacting to the incident, the IFP, Youth Brigade, said: “We totally condemn the barbaric attack on our fellow members who are residing at the KwaMadala hostel.

“Local police will agree that there is a procedure to be followed when a raid is to be carried out on the hostel: to contact hostel leaders, to identify themselves as police, to wear their uniforms, make sure their vehicles are visible and provide the name of the suspect they are looking for.

“IFP members fear for their lives and safety, hence it is imperative for the police to adhere to these conditions, especially bearing in mind that some ANC members are using police attire to carry out their secret missions.”
Residents in terror as hostelites move closer

By STAN MHLONGO

MANY Vaal residents are not looking forward to September 21, the day KwaMadala inmates are expected to be moved to KwaMashu.

Their new home, they say, will bring inmates, including the "Vaal monster" Victor Kh经济t Khoena, closer to the Vaal area.

"I don't know what Discor management is up to," complained Nelson Pite of Sebokeng Zone 14.

"Is this another indication that whites do not give a hoot what happens to their black fellowmen?"

Maxwell Nhlangeni of Orange Farm said the move was an act of aggression.

But Discor PRO Ernest Webstock said criticism of the move was unjustified. " Those allegedly responsible for the Bekuisong massacre are in jail," he said.
Exiles return home to terror

By MOSES MAMAILA

ANC member Lord Phalwane, who spent more than 10 years in exile, returned to his Alexandra home and was gunned down three days later — bringing to 28 the number of exiles allegedly assassinated since their return.

As in most of the murder cases involving ANC returnees, Phalwane's assassins vanished into thin air.

On August 14 this year, Phalwane returned to his Alex home in 10th avenue to join his family he had not seen for more than a decade.

Three days later, he died in a hail of bullets outside his house.

Another MK combatant, George "Sgomora" Mashele, died mysteriously during a raid by the police at his Vosloorus home. His mother was also killed in the attack.

While police claimed that Mashele blew himself up with a grenade, the ANC maintained that he was killed by the SA Police.

In a report issued by the National Co-ordinating Committee for the repatriation of South African exiles (NCCR), the body said the initial euphoria of exiles returning home had turned into a nightmare following countless attacks by "faceless" killers.

A number of exiles were killed in the Natal area allegedly by police and combat forces.

In the Vaal, the plight of the returnees was marked by the killing of their family members.

Ephraim Lefledi was shot dead on January 4 this year by gunmen and three months later the killer wiped out his entire family.

An undisclosed number of returned exiles have been subjected to various acts of intimidation and harassment.
Grenade attacks wound 11 police

JOHANNESBURG. — Eleven policemen were injured, three seriously, in a two-hand grenade attack in the Eastern Transvaal township of Wesselton early on Saturday. The South African Police relations division said the first attack occurred when the police were investigating a case in which a young man had been killed by an armed group and his house set alight. A hostile mob confronted the police, the statement said.

A member of the Violent Crime Investigation Unit, Sergeant D.D. Hall, fired two warning shots into the ground.

"A hand grenade was thrown at the police and Sergeant Hall was wounded in the leg."

Police fired a number of rounds and withdrew.

Another hand grenade was thrown but no one was injured.

Later, about 10am, a hand grenade was thrown at a team of policemen at the scene of another murder. Ten policemen were injured in this attack, three seriously.

Police said a strong police presence was being maintained, and reinforced patrols were patrolling the area.

A Witwatersrand police spokesman said yesterday that the police would furnish the information requested on the number of police deployed at railway stations, the record of arrests, prosecutions and convictions at a meeting on Friday, September 19.

This assurance followed talks between the ANC, Cosatu, the police and the SA Rail and Commuter Corporation representatives. After the meeting Cosatu representative Mr. Amos Masonde said the required information had not been available.

In other unrest and violence:

A fire at a hotel in Zolani, Ashton, was attacked by petrol bombs at the weekend. Police spokesman Major-Denis Brand said the homes of Mr. Mzwu Konxolo Mkhohlhli, Mr. James Zwedala and Mr. George Dyondi had been damaged. No one was injured.

Found shot dead

In Natal two suspects have been arrested in connection with the death of Assistant Constable B.B. Sibiya, who was stabbed to death at KwaDabeka near pinetown.

In the Transvaal a commuter was killed and thrown off a train at Fellside railway station, at Elsburg, East Rand, on Saturday. Police are investigating a case of murder.

A policeman was found shot dead on Friday night in the police barracks at Protea, Soweto.

A police spokesman said the motive for the murder had not been established. The man’s name could not be given as his family had not yet been informed.

SAPA, Off-Correspondent and Staff Reporter.
Boipatong cops 'not dismissed'

Johannesburg — The SA Police on Saturday denied claims in a newspaper that two special police constables who are witnesses before the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry into the June '76 Boipatong massacre, had been 'dismissed' from the police force. Instead, the two had 'failed to report for duty', said a spokesman.

Sapa
Weekend violence claims lives of 22 nationwide

Staff Reporters

Continuing violence has claimed the lives of at least 22 people around the country since Friday. Yesterday, a man was stabbed to death with a spear before his body was set alight in Vosloorus, police said.

Also on the East Rand, a commuter was killed when he was attacked and thrown from a speeding train near the Felside station, Germiston, early on Saturday.

In Alexandra, north of Johannesburg, five people were shot and wounded and 23 stabbed, according to residents.

Police spokesman Captain Piet van Denderen said only three people were injured and a house set alight when two groups attacked each other. He said police separated the groups who were armed with firearms and knives.

Residents alleged that Inkatha Freedom Party supporters from Madala hostel opened fire at a burial society procession at the intersection of Selbourne and Third Avenue. Nobody was injured.

On Friday night, a policeman was shot dead and robbed of his firearm in Katlehong.

Two people were killed in the Vaal Triangle and another narrowly escaped a 'necklacing'.

Yesterday, police found the body of a woman who had been murdered and raped in Boipatong.

On Saturday, Isaac Nyamatha (46) found the body of his son Leva Philip (27) in Union Road, Evaton Small Farms, police said.

Also on Saturday, Sam Mofokeng, of Soshanguve's Zamunda township, was travelling in his minibus in Zone 7, Sebokeng, when he was stopped by about 40 youths.

Mr Mofokeng was dragged out of the minibus and the youths tried to 'necklace' him, police said.

Mr Mofokeng managed to escape and ran off, chased by some of the youths who had jumped into his minibus.

Another man was murdered and his house set alight in Wesseleny in the eastern Transvaal on Saturday morning.

At least 14 people were killed in Natal's troubled south coast on Friday and Saturday, police said.

Spokesman for the SAP's Internal Stability Division, Lieutenant-Colonel Ray Harraird said extra police had been deployed in the area.

On Saturday, members of the Internal Stability Unit (ISU) shot dead a man believed to be a 'people's court official' whom they had connected to three murders in Port Shekstone, he said.

3 policemen killed

By Bronwyn Wilkinson and Melody McDougall

Three policemen were killed and 11 were injured in separate attacks around the country at the weekend.

In Katlehong on the East Rand yesterday morning, gunmen attacked Sergeant M R Malama who was on duty in Khumalo Street, police said.

The gunman shot Sergeant Malama in the head before taking his firearm. He died in the Katlehong Hospital.

Early on Saturday morning, Assistant Constable B B Sibiya was stabbed to death in Kwa-Bhekela, near Pinetown. A Natal police spokesman said two men had been arrested.

Also on Saturday, Constable TP Mpeke was shot in the chest at the police barracks at Protea police station in Soweto.

Police spokesman Lieutenant Eugene Henning said police could not rule out the possibility that Constable Mpeke was shot by another policeman.

Eleven policemen were injured, three seriously, in two hand grenade attacks in Wesson in the eastern Transvaal early on Saturday.

The SAP said the first attack occurred when the Ermelo police went to investigate the murder of a young man whose house had also been set alight.

The road was barricaded and a mob confronted policemen near the body.

A member of the Violent Crime Investigation Unit, Sergeant D D Hall, fired two warning shots into the ground, a police spokesman said.

A hand grenade was thrown at the policemen from the crowd and Sergeant Hall was wounded.

Later, a hand grenade was thrown at policemen at the scene of another murder. The SAP said 10 policemen were injured, three seriously.

Four police officers were killed and three injured in accidental hand grenade explosions at the weekend.

Soewto police liaison officer Lieutenant Eugene Henning said the four died when a grenade exploded in a house in Tladi at 11,30 on Saturday night.

The police believe one of the deceased was handling the grenade when the pin fell out.

Two people were injured, one of them seriously.

The name of one of the deceased has been released. He was Alfred Tabagale (18).

In another explosion in Fairmount, Johannesburg, a man was injured when a grenade exploded in his hand on Saturday.

Police said the man, whose name has not been released, was in a serious condition in hospital.
The police have been investigating the death of a woman found at a house in Eldoret, West Pokot.

The 35-year-old woman was reportedly shot dead in the incident that occurred on Saturday morning. The police say they are still investigating the cause of death.

The victim was found with a shot wound in the head and a stab wound in the chest.

Emergency services were called to the scene, but the woman was declared dead on arrival at the hospital.

The police are appealing to the public to come forward with any information that may help them solve the case.

In related news, the police have also arrested a man suspected of raping a woman in the same area.

The suspect was arrested after a resident of the area reported him to the police.

The man is currently being held pending further investigations.

The police are warning the public to be vigilant and report any suspicious activities to the authorities.

The police have also advised the public to avoid posting any information on social media that may compromise the investigation.
In a bid to avert further bloodshed after the Soweto massacre, the police escorted the attackers to a nearby hostel, the Rand Supreme Court heard on Friday.

Sergeant Tinus Botha told Mr Justice C Botha and two assessors that the police had encountered the crowd coming out of the West Rand squatter camp early on the morning of May 12 last year.

Sergeant Botha said the men, armed with a variety of weapons and wearing red headbands and armbands, had told the police they were on their way to Kagiso hostel.

Kagiso township lay between the hostel and the squatter camp, and the police had received a report that Kagiso residents were arming themselves and assembling in the township, Sergeant Botha said.

Fearing a confrontation, the police escorted the crowd to the hostel, which they then sealed off and searched, Sergeant Botha said.

He was giving evidence in a trial in which Yumisani Majola (37), Sizwe Majola (21), Joseph Mphiwa Khanyile (61), Bakers Dlamini (32), Bhekukukwe Mofat Mdlalose (41) and Pheyi Miango (54), all of Kagiso hostel, and Nzanya Flash Sithole (44) of Wattville hostel in Benoni have pleaded not guilty to 29 counts of murder as well as charges of public violence and illegal possession of an AK-47 rifle, firearms and ammunition.

The hearing continues.
Four killed in blast from hand-grenade

Difference between youth and policeman ends in tragedy:

By Lulama Luti

FOUR people, including a woman and a former exile, were killed when a hand-grenade exploded in the hands of a youth in Thadi, Soweto, on Saturday night. A fifth man, Mr Elias Motaung, is in serious condition at the Baragwanath Hospital as a result of the incident which occurred at house number 530 in Thadi.

The four who died were: a mother of three, Mrs Agnes Molla (31); former exile Mr Alfred Thubagale (18); Mr Reginald Modise (26) and a matric pupil at Thadi Technical High, Mr Patrick Malele (22).

The grenade is alleged to have exploded in Thubagale's hands after he pulled the pin.

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Lieutenant Eugene Henning confirmed the incident and said four murder dockets and one of attempted murder had been opened.

According to Mr Simon Selepe, who was slightly wounded during the explosion, the incident occurred between 10.30 and 11pm on Saturday. Thubagale and his friends allegedly walked into the house and found Molla in the kitchen.

Sudden explosion

"I was in the dining room when suddenly without notice the lights went off. "This was followed immediately by a deafening sound and there was smoke all over the place. In the confusion that ensued, I ran out of the house and managed to escape unhurt. "Later on we found three bodies lying on the kitchen floor and there was blood spurted all over the kitchen," Selepe said.

The fourth body was found in the neighbouring yard, he explained.

It is believed the incident was caused by a difference between Thubagale, whom he knew well, and a policeman who used to stay in the house.

(See picture on Page 4)
Police given ultimatum
to produce station records

POLICE had until Friday to provide information on the numbers of officers deployed at PWV stations and their records of arrests, prosecutions and convictions, Cosatu spokesman Amos Masondo said at the weekend.

He said talks between the ANC, Cosatu, police and the SA Rail and Commuter Corporation (SARCC) had been postponed after it became clear key information was not available.

"They basically had no information. The very little they had was unsatisfactory," he said.

"We were also not satisfied by the inability of the police to provide a coherent strategy (to combat train violence)," said Masondo.

The meeting was attended by SAP Witwatersrand commander Gen Erasmus and SARCC MD Wynand Burger as well as representatives from Cosatu, the SAPC and the Civic Associations of Transvaal (CAt).

Burger said a great deal of progress had been made in implementing recommendations for improved train security made by the Goldstone commission.

"From the SARCC side, we are very concerned about the situation, the violence, the deaths and the injuries," he said.

A Witwatersrand police spokesman said yesterday police would furnish the information needed on the number of police deployed at stations and their record of arrests, prosecutions and convictions at Friday's meeting.

Meanwhile, Sapa reports that a commuter was killed and thrown off a train at Fellside Railway Station, Elsburg, near Germiston on the East Rand on Saturday. Police are investigating a case of murder.

Two policemen have been killed since Friday and 11 injured in attacks around the country.

ANC gets some

HRCC's Coleman says business
Five shot, 23 stabbed in Alex

Residents claim IFP members opened fire on procession:

Sowetan Reporter

FIVE people were shot and 23 stabbed in an outbreak of violence in Alexandra Town yesterday.

A spokesman for Alexandra Clinic said three of the injured were transferred to a Johannesburg hospital. Most were treated at the clinic and discharged.

However, police spokesman Captain Piet van Deventer said three people were injured and a house set alight when two groups attacked each other in the township.

He said police were monitoring the situation.

Eyewitnesses claimed Inkatha Freedom Party supporters from Madala Hostel randomly opened fire at a burial society procession in Selbourne and Third avenues.

Mrs Martha Duma, a member of the Alexandra Women's Helping Hand Society, said they were on their way to a funeral when shots were fired at them by men coming from the direction of the hostel.
Bid to end strife in Vaal

A team of independent experts has been consulting organisations in the Vaal Triangle over the past three weeks in an effort to find ways to normalise conditions in the strife-torn area.

The Vaal Investigating Team was appointed at the request of the Vaal Civic Association, the TPA, and the administrators of Sebokeng, Sharpeville, Bolpatong and Bophelong. It is expected to generate proposals on the formation of mechanisms to address, among other issues, the ongoing services crisis and development challenges facing the Vaal Triangle.

Also expected are practical recommendations on the improvement of communication between all parties in the area.

The team said a broad multiparty gathering was being planned to share ideas on mechanisms to foster the discussions.
Massacre: conspiracy denied

By Susan Smuts

A policeman giving evidence in the Swanleville squatter camp massacre trial yesterday denied being part of a conspiracy to fabricate evidence against some of the hostel dwellers accused of taking part in the incident.

Shotgun

Both men have identified Vumisani Majola as a man who ran into the Kagiso hostel carrying a shotgun after the attack on the West Rand squatter camp on May 12 last year.

Defence counsel A Burger said that the detail of the evidence given by the two policemen was "almost identical".

Sergeant Botha told Mr Justice C Botha and two assessors that he had discussed the events with Constable Luit, but said they had not discussed the court case, the statements they had made nor the evidence that they would give.

Mr Majola (37), Sizwe Majola (21), Joseph Nhliwa Khanyile (51), Bakers Dlamini (32) and Bhekowakhe Moffet Mdaliase (41), Pheya Mango (54), all of Kagiso hostel near Krugersdorp, and Mzanywa Flash Sithole (44) of Wattville hostel in Benoni have pleaded not guilty to 26 counts of murder as well as to charges of public violence and illegal possession of an AK-47 rifle, arms and ammunition.

Ballistic

Mr Burger said that ballistic evidence showed that empty cartridges found at Swanleville did not match the AK-47 found in a room where Vumisani Majola, Sizwe Majola and Mr Khanyile were present.

He said this was evidence of fabrication in the case against the accused.

Another aspect of the investigation which emerged under cross-examination was that the police had conducted an internal inquiry into the incident.

Sergeant Botha said he had not been asked to make a statement in this regard.

Mr Burger also said residents had estimated that between 80 and 200 people had attacked the squatter camp, whereas the two policemen had told the court that there were about 1 000 men.

The hearing continues.
Workers hurt in clash at bacon factory

By Charmeela Bhagwatt
Crime Staff

Three Escort Bacon factory workers in Heidelberg, Transvaal, were injured and one youth was killed in the nearby Ratanda township yesterday.

The youth was killed by unidentified men after permanent and casual labourers clashed at the Escort factory.

Peace Action co-ordinator Venetia Govender said casual labourers taken on during the strike, and then dismissed when it ended, refused to allow returning Food and Allied Workers’ Union (Fawu) members into the factory.

Peace Action was monitoring the return of about 260 striking Fawu members to Escort.

The casual labourers were dismissed on Friday after the month-long wage dispute between Fawu and Escort was settled. Miss Govender said the returning workers had to be moved to the Thussong Civic Centre to avert a clash between them and armed casual workers who had gathered at the factory gates.

Attacked

However, Fawu members who managed to enter the factory were attacked by non-Fawu workers who had not taken part in the strike.

Escort assistant general manager Paul Watmaugh said one Fawu member was injured when he was "hit over the head with something", but workers were immediately disarmed.

Fawu organiser Sakkie Kekana said three Fawu members were injured. One was seriously injured and taken to the Heidelberg Hospital with stab wounds.

Fawu and the company then decided to send the Fawu members home until it was safe for them to return, he said.

According to Peace Action, the casual workers who returned to Ratanda hostel at about 7.30 am attacked Ratanda residents, and local schoolchildren said they saw the group kill a youth near the hostel.

Warrant Officer Andy Pieke said police found the body of an unidentified man near the hostel at about 8 am with a bullet wound in the head.
ANC to march on consulate

THE ANC's PWV region is to march on the Ciskei consulate in Bramfontein, Johannesburg, today to demand the replacement of Ciskei military ruler Brigadier Oupa Gqozo following the Bishop massacre.

A spokesman for the region, Mr Ronnie Mamoepa, said the march would begin at the organisation's headquarters in Plein Street.

The consulate will also be picketed tomorrow. There will also be a lunchtime meeting at the City Methodist Church in Pritchard Street on Thursday. - Sapa

Minister Kriel blames ANC

HAD the ANC acted within the guidelines laid down for the march, the Bishop massacre that claimed at least 24 lives would not have happened, Law and Order Minister Mr Hurnus Kriel said last night.

Speaking on SABC's TV news, Kriel said the blame for the massacre had to be laid squarely on the shoulders of the ANC. - Sapa

Labour Party slams FW

THE Labour Party has blamed President FW de Klerk for the bloodshed at Bishop.

The party called for an immediate transfer of power to a government of national unity.

The LP expressed its condolences to the families of those killed and injured.

"Their deaths, like those of thousands of South Africans, must not be allowed to have been in vain," he said. - Sapa

Bisho shootings 'deplorable'

The National Party deplored yesterday's Bishop massacre.

Saying it sympathised with those affected, the NP said the incident was a result of the ANC's "provocative actions". - Sapa

Killings were at 'random'

THE firing on "unarmed protesters in Bishop" was "unprovoked, random and sustained" Cosatu said last night.

"Nothing could conceivably justify this senseless and brutal massacre. According to all reports received so far, the marchers were peaceful," Sapa.

NUM outraged by shootings

THE National Union of Mineworkers has condemned "the wanton killing of peaceful marchers by security forces of apartheid" in Bishop.

The union said it was "outraged by this massacre and our souls go out to the families of those gallant fighters for peace, democracy and justice". - Sapa
Call for T’kei gun probe

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Three Soweto clinics torched

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

Diepsloot clinic was petrol bombed at the weekend, causing damage estimated at about R60 000, while R30 000 damage was caused by a fire started in the Molopo clinic on Saturday. On Monday night the Zola clinic was damaged and burned in an attack.

Four shot dead while waiting at bus stop

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

At a roadblock near Stutterheim police confiscated a RGD-5 hand grenade and arrested 16 people who were allegedly on the way to Bisho. — Sapa

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Gunmen kill four at bus-stop

Crime Staff

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

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

Police said the assailants sped past the bus-stop, opening fire with shotguns and AK-47 assault rifles.

On Monday, six people died on the Reef.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Clash

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

The Zola Clinic in Soweto was damaged in an arson attack on Monday afternoon. Lieutenant Henning said a group of men claiming to be members of the National Union of Metalworkers of SA had forced their way into the clinic and damaged four vehicles outside.

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

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

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

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

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

On Sunday night, five people were killed in the Ugandan settlement in Umhlazi.
A Swansea resident yesterday told the Rand Supreme Court how attackers hacked his friend to death with pangas during the massacre at the West Rand squatter camp in May last year.

The man, who may not be identified, also told the court how he feigned death to escape the same fate.

He said he was awakened by the sound of gunfire on May 12. He, his wife and his friend hid under a bed, but ran outside after realising that the house had been set on fire. He saw many people around the gate.

Some of them approached his friend, demanding money. One of the accused, Bakers Diamini, told the friend in Zulu: “We are not here to play around.”

With help from the light shining from the burning house, the witness saw the men start hacking his friend, he said. After one accused Mnanywa Sithole had struck the first blow, Mr Diamini and the others joined in, he said.

Mr Diamini then approached him and said to his companions: “Why should we let this dog go?”

Another man then aimed a gun at his head. “The gun didn’t fire, it just made noise,” the witness said. He then knocked the man to the ground with a wheelbarrow.

As another man was about to shoot at him, he lifted the wheelbarrow. The bullet pierced the wheelbarrow and went through his right forearm. A second shot struck him on the left arm, and he fell to the ground.

With the wheelbarrow covering his head, he pretended to be dead, and through the bullet holes he watched the men move away. The witness said.

The witness’s mother told the court how men entered her house and demanded money, her husband and her husband’s firearm. Among the group was Mr Diamini, who she said had been living in Swansea for a long time.

One man slapped her, another kicked her and a third man lifted a spear before being told by a companion not to stab her, she said.

She then crawled to a toilet, where she hid until the attack was over.

Mr Diamini, of Kagiso hostel near Krugersdorp, Mr Sithole, of Watlle hostel near Benoni, and five others have pleaded not guilty to 26 counts of murder, public violence and illegal possession of an AK-47, arms and ammunition.

The other accused are Vumisani Majola (37), Sizwe Majola (21), Joseph Khanyile (51), Bhekowaka Mdakane (41) and Phaye Mlambo (34), all of Kagiso hostel.

The trial continues.
Woman aids black youth

HUMAN TRAGEDY At least one victim

of the Boipatong tragedy is not all alone.

Three nervous black youths sat at a table in a small restaurant in the conservative town of Vanderbijlpark, south of Johannesburg. They were in the company of a young white woman and her two children.

The youths were from nearby Boipatong, a township indelibly etched on world consciousness after the June 17 massacre that has devoured talks toward a new political order in South Africa.

The woman, Samantha, from Durban, had travelled 100 km to meet a black teenager whose mother and brother were spared to death by attackers who rampaged through Boipatong and butchered at least 43 men, women and children.

The teenager, Paul, brought two of his township friends "just in case".

"Samantha requested her personal details not be revealed, saying she was not "after publicity".

Story of the deaths

She is a former social worker and runs her own business in Durban. She said she had been reduced to tears by the 15-year-old boy's story of the deaths and how he had wriggled under the bed and survived the attack. Samantha was in Johannesburg on business when she visited Vanderbijlpark for a face-to-face meeting with the young man she had pledged to help "face the future. I have a child of that age. He could have been my son."

As the group sat in the restaurant, the black youth repeatedly darted glances at white people peering at them.

Terror had moved back in time, 10 or 15 years. People stared, one didn't feel especially comfortable," Samantha said.

Despite President FW de Klerk starting to write another chapter of South African history by beginning to dismantle apartheid in 1991, extreme right-wingers are vocal for its revival. In Vanderbijlpark one cannot help but feel vulnerable to the right-wing threat.

"There's a human tragedy unfolding around us. People are going through incredible agony with no resources to turn to. I find it quite heartbreaking," Samantha said.

"I asked why she had decided to help the young man, her answer was simple: "It was a desire not to say 'shame, oh how terrible'. To light a small candle of hope in the hearts of some of the disadvantaged people.'"

Paul's parents were divorced 11 years ago and his father lives somewhere in the Vaal Triangle. His father attended the mass funeral when his former wife was buried.

The teenager's 26-year-old married sister has moved into the house with her husband after the tragedy.

His other relatives live in nearby Sharpeville township.

"Following the massacre in Boipatong a fund for the victims was established and the Red Cross has been involved in efforts to help the victims." - Sapa

On the map

- Status: One of six Vaal townships.
- Population: About 50,000.
- Facilities: One high school, one primary school, a sports stadium and communal hall. No health facilities - nearest hospital is 10km away in Sebokeng.
- Location: Situated in industrial heart of Vaal Triangle, in Vanderbijlpark. Most residents employed by large corporations, Iscor, Metal Box etc.
Extra police sent to ANC-IFP clash scene

JOHANNESBURG. — Police reinforcements have been sent to the East Rand township of Ratanda, scene of clashes between ANC and IFP supporters in which at least two men were killed and three people were injured over the past 24 hours, the SAP said.

A man was murdered in a squatter but early yesterday and his wife and five-year-old daughter injured. On Wednesday night another man was shot dead in a private house, police said.

A hostel dweller has been arrested in connection with the murder of the squatter.

Five youths aged between 13 and 18 had also been arrested yesterday, Captain Van Zweel said, and a man was arrested for carrying an axe.

She also said a gang of about 20 men tried to hold up two policemen in Ratanda yesterday and take their firearms. The policemen had fired in retaliation but nobody was injured.

Later in the day patrolling police had noticed a man carrying an AK-47 rifle in the squatter camp behind the Ratanda Hostel, but the man got away.

At least 10 homes were petrol-bombed or shot at by marauding gangs on Wednesday night.

Three men were reported killed in unrest-related violence around the country on Wednesday.

A man was killed when a grenade was thrown through the window of a bedroom at Joxopo.

In Wynberg in Sandton, police found the body of a man stoned to death.

In Daveyton on the East Rand the body of a man with cuts and superficial wounds was found.

Eight people were arrested for participating in illegal gatherings — six at Soweto's Baragwanath Hospital and two at Vryburg in the Northern Cape.

— Sapa
Crisis at Reef hospitals grows

VICTIMS OF A HORROR attack, this week, who was doused with petrol, set alight and stabbed, yesterday described her ordeal at the hands of 33 men and women.

Ms Gladys Mgini (32) of Soweto, from her bed at Baragwanath Hospital described how she narrowly escaped death.

Mgini is one of a number of victims of attacks on nurses, clerks and ward helpers, which have increased after hopes of a solution to the hospitals strike crisis were dashed this week.

Hospital staff yesterday also spoke out against deteriorating conditions at black hospitals on the Reef with many seriously patients being discharged untreated.

Mgini, a nursing assistant at Hillbrow Hospital, was attacked at her home on Monday night.

She said: "I was relaxing at home when 30 men accompanied by three women entered my house. They dragged me outside and ordered my family not to follow.

"They took me to a dark alley where someone in the group stabbed me twice in the back. They then doused me with petrol and set me alight."

Three nurses, among them Thembi Sibeko, were also the victims of latest attacks on non-striking hospital workers.

Meanwhile, conditions at some Transvaal hospitals are becoming so bad that some patients are using washing rags as toilet paper and critical operations are being delayed.

A Baragwanath doctor said the situation had not normalised at the hospital as the TPA had claimed.

"Many 'non-urgent' surgery cases have been waitlisted since April... the waiting list extends to certain cancers."

TPA director-general said it was premature to comment: "Negotiations between the TPA, Cosatu and Nehawu are at a delicate stage. We hope to find a solution as soon as possible."
Fire and fury . . . policemen hurriedly dismantle a burning barricade to clear a street in Ratanda, which was plunged into chaos yesterday in the aftermath of Wednesday night's attack in which two people died. Picture: Joao Silva

Two killed, houses set alight on East Rand

By Montshiwa Moroke
Anna Louw
and Abel Mushi

At least two people were killed and about seven houses set alight on Wednesday night and yesterday in clashes between hostel dwellers and residents at Ratanda, Heidelberg.

Residents braced themselves for more attacks last night and police stood between Ratanda hostel and groups of residents to prevent further confrontation.

Police said a man was hacked to death and his wife, daughter and five-year-old granddaughter were injured when a mob attacked them with pangas in their squatter camp hut yesterday.

On Wednesday night another man was shot dead and a person injured in a house, said SAP liaison officer Captain Ida van Zweel.

She said a hosteller had been arrested on a charge of murder and three counts of attempted murder.

Five youths aged between 13 and 19 had also been arrested and a man held for carrying an axe.

The township was tense throughout yesterday.

A Food and Allied Workers' Union statement alleged that IFP-supporting scabs living at Ratanda hostel had spearheaded the attack, aimed at intimidating union members from taking back their jobs after their wage dispute was settled last Friday.

Escort Bacon Co-operative's assistant general manager Paul Watlough confirmed that an agreement had been reached.

Mr Watlough said the firm's temporary contract with the scabs ended last Friday.

He added that the firm's 260 workers had resumed work.
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WASHINGTON Post journalist Paul Taylor, this week told the Vanderbijlpark Regional Court how he narrowly escaped death when he was shot at point-blank range while covering a stayaway.

The accused are Simon Stihetho, 23, Alfred Matipane, 19, Enock Malloane, 23, and Simon Domo, 18.

They all pleaded not guilty to a charge of robbery and two of attempted murder before Magistrate FW Strydom.

At the time they were stopped, Taylor said, he was travelling in a car with Weekly Mail reporter Philip van Niekerk when their car was cut off by a vehicle occupied by their four assailants.

Both journalists were shot and their car was hijacked by the four youths.

The trial was postponed until September 25.
**Necklace nightmare**

By MONWABISI NOMADLO

THE dreaded necklace almost claimed the lives of a Vaal couple accused of abducting two boys for ritual purposes.

Palm Springs businessman David Nhlapo, 36, and his wife, Vatsiswa, 28, got a last-minute reprieve from sure death at the hands of "comrades".

The two missing boys, Kgobotso Mokoena and Fanyana Mazibuko, had spent a week at a twilight centre for runaway kids in Lenasia, fearing home because they had stolen R20.

"I had just opened my shop last Saturday when crowds of youths burst into the yard," Vatsiswa said.

Without explanation, they bundled David into his car and drove off with him. They demanded that he "produce the children".

At home, Vatsiswa was being interrogated and assaulted by the remaining youths who ransacked the house searching for "kid's heads".

At around 11am, "the accused" - David and Vatsiswa - were driven to Evaton followed by a truckload of chanting youths.

The entourage made a beeline for the nearest service station where they bought petrol to set the truck alight.

"We just wept and prayed," said David.

Their prayers were answered when a Palm Springs ANC youth leader, known as Blue, stopped the rowdy procession.

Blue demanded that more proof be sought that the couple were guilty.

He threatened to report the youths to the branch leadership.

The couple were then handed over to Blue and his men.

That same afternoon David and Vatsiswa were taken to a house belonging to an ANC chairman in Orange Farm. There they stayed for two days.

The week before the couple's ordeal, Kgobotso's mother, Jane Mokoena, dreamed of her son's disappearance.

"She wrote down the details and handed them over to Evaton youths," said Blue.

The dream script, alleged to have been written by Mokoena, read: "We have murdered your son and thrown his body in a butchery fridge."

It was later revealed that the two runaways had gone to the Twilight Centre after running out of money.

Their mothers never reported the return of their sons to the comrades.

"I went to their homes in my follow-up investigations and asked for the boys," Blue said. "They emerged from beneath a bed."

The dust might have settled, but the memory will haunt David and Vatsiswa for some time to come.
Ratanda reels after violence

By MOSES MAMAILA

A 40-YEAR-OLD woman this week gave a horrifying account of how she miraculously cheated death when heavily armed men stormed her shack and stabbed her husband to death.

The merciless attackers also stabbed her 22-year-old daughter and three-year-old granddaughter with spears and left them for dead during fierce fighting between supporters of the ANC and those of Inkatha in Ratanda, Heidelberg.

The grief-stricken Masixole Ramothibe told City Press that her husband, Jacob, was fatally stabbed while her daughter, Patricia, and her granddaughter were hospitalized.

AG Visser, Hospital spokesman Dr D Brunner confirmed that Patricia, who was in a critical condition, had been transferred to Natalpruit. The toddler, with two stab wounds in the back, was recovering.

Detailing their ordeal of the early hours of Thursday, Ramothibe said they were woken by gunfire and her husband hid under the bed when somebody started smashing their windows.

"I hid under the dressing table. Within minutes the attackers broke open the door and shouted: 'Stifikile!' (We are here)." They asked where my son Themba was. But Patricia, who was trying to cover for us, replied that she was alone with her child. "They used their torch to search under the bed and pulled my husband from his hiding spot. Without saying anything they stabbed him several times with spears.

"The attackers, who were balaclavas, then attacked Patricia. One of them suggested that the toddler should not be killed, but others refused and stabbed her."

The attackers also stabbed the dog, Rocky, but it survived.

LOCAL residents said that the armed group of hostel dwellers, believed to be Inkatha supporters, went on the rampage on Wednesday night, targeting ANC-aligned Food and Allied Workers' Union (Fawa) members.

Police spokeswoman Capt Ida van Zwei confirmed that two people were killed, but the ANC has put the death toll at four. At least five houses were gutted and about four stoned.

A pensioner, Rosina Seboko, 80, whose house was burnt by residents because she housed two Inkatha members, described the attack as senseless and cruel.

An ANC member, Julia Mzini, 30, said the garage which she rented was damaged by ANC supporters who wanted all Inkatha members out of town.

The unrest in Ratanda, which has claimed at least 13 lives in two months, was triggered by a dispute between Fawa strikers at a local firm, Escort, and non-strikers belonging to the Inkatha-aligned United Workers' Union of SA (Uwusa).
Taxi driver tells of how he escaped necklace

BY STAN MILONGO

A. ZAMDELA taxi driver in Soweto this week told how he opted to give away his employer's R48,000 minibus rather than risk being necklaced by 'Comrades'.

Sam Mofokeng, who works for William Shibaya Taxis, said he was confronted by 'Comrades' on Sebokeng as he was delivering workers to their homes this week.

The comrades called me an Inkatha spy, and I heard others threatening to necklace me, I want cold with fear," said Mofokeng.

He told City Press that he made a dash for safety knowing well that his life depended on outrunning his would-be assailants.

"I went to the Sebokeng Police Station to report the hijacking of the minibus and police helped me to locate the vehicle," said Mofokeng.

He said the police found the minibus the following day in Sebokeng Zone C.

Mofokeng said the comrades seemed to have been angered by the alleged abduction of another "comrade" by one of Shibaya's drivers.

"Shibaya said he wished to make peace with the "comrades", and would drop car-theft charges," said the incident was confirmed by Vaal police liaison officer Capt Piet van der Walt.
Suffering Mamelodi's BIG STINK

By ELIAS MALULEKE

FRESH allegations of harassment and intimidation have been made against the Mamelodi Civic Association (MCA) following the dumping of garbage in front of the house of the mayor and other councillors.

Some councillors also claim they have been threatened with violence in a bid to force them to resign from the council, and that their families have also been singled out for intimidation.

People who break the boycott of businesses owned by councillors or their relatives also claim to have been stabbled by youths who are "monitoring" the boycott.

City Press found piles of garbage dumped in front of the homes of Mayor Sydney Mokone and councillors DP Mphuthi and James Maluleke this week.

It is alleged that youths resorted to "hijacking" garbage removal trucks which were then forced to the homes of the councillors where the garbage was dumped.

"Immediately after clearing the mess, the youths bring in another truckload. We are now starting to live with it although it is not pleasant," Mokone's family said.

Oupa Shirinda and his brother Plaatjie said the boycott of their business was unwarranted because their uncle Ben Shirinda has resigned from the council.

"He had nothing to do with our business. He has his own house and runs his own affairs. It is ironic that the person who called the boycott against our dry-cleaning business is our competitor," Plaatjie said, referring to civic deputy president William Dube.

Dube confirmed he was also running a dry-cleaning shop, but said residents had called on councillors to resign at a mass meeting late last month, and that councillors who failed to heed the call would be isolated together with their relatives and their businesses boycotted.

However, he denied claims that threats had been made, and called on councillors to resign and rejoin the community.

"Since we started with the campaign last Tuesday, two councillors have resigned and others have indicated their plans to do so," Dube said.

A senior Mamelodi officer said police were investigating charges of intimidation.
Prison monitors to increase urgent attention to the aspect of suicide and to make recommendations to the Minister. Regarding claims by independent pathologist Dr Jonathan Gluckman that alarming numbers of detainees were dying of unnatural causes in police custody, Kriel stated: "I still remain fully committed to my pledge to予以 in full to his allegations, but due to a number of factors, I am at this stage not able to do so."

He said the attorneys-general of the Witwatersrand, Transvaal and Free State had had discussions with Gluckman, who had consented to make available to police a list of 120 names of people who had allegedly died in police custody under suspicious circumstances since 1986.

To date Gluckman had provided details and documentation regarding 53 cases, Kriel said.

Attorneys welcome new-style courts

PRETORIA — The attorneys' journal De Rebus has welcomed the introduction of short process courts, suggesting they might become as popular as small claims courts.

Short process courts, essentially magistrates' courts with simplified procedures, are likely to reduce legal costs significantly.

The September edition of De Rebus, in an editorial, said the involvement of practitioners in the operation of short process courts would help improve the image of the profession.

According to statistics supplied by members of the Association of Law Society's branches, more than 1,400 cases are heard every month in the small claims courts. The same opportunities to help people and thereby improve the image of the profession and gain experience in adjudication appeared to be inherent in short process courts, the editorial said.

Taking part in the process of adjudication would be important in preparing attorneys for appearances in the Supreme Court and for when judiciary members would be drawn from their ranks, the editorial said.

Groups meet to end train killings

EDIC, the ANC, Cosatu, Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal (Cast), SAPF and SA Rail and Commuter Corporation representatives agreed at the weekend to meet within three weeks and plan a strategy to end train violence.

The six groups decided to consult their constituencies for fresh ideas before the meeting, scheduled for early October.

Cosatu spokesman Amos Mnsana said ANC-aligned organisations believed police were not dealing with the problem adequately. "There is no overall strategy that is acceptable to all parties. We hope that at this meeting some clear guidelines will be given," he said.

The number of police deployed on trains and at stations had tripled to 1,301 since May, but only five people had been arrested for violence against commuters.

Of the five arrested, four were "linked to hostels", pointing to a pattern which the police had not investigated adequately, he said.

SA Rail and Commuter Corporation MD Wynand Burger said he was happy with the meeting, "We've made good progress."

The SARCC presented four alternatives to improving station security, including a system using magnetic detection and closed-circuit TV. The systems would be tested soon, it said.
JOHANNESBURG.—A narcotics detective and a police informer were in a critical condition yesterday after they were shot by unidentified men near the Wolhuter Hostel in Jeppe.

This is the second incident within days in which drug squad police have been attacked.

Last week two policemen were shot dead during a dagga raid in Sharpeville.

Two detectives and an informer had gone to the area on a drug investigation about 10am. Afterwards they went into a shop for cool drinks.

When they returned to their car and got in, they were confronted by four men with pistols, who demanded the policemen’s firearms.

A police spokesman said the attackers saw the police blue light in the vehicle and panicked. They shot a detective in the head and the informer in the chest. The driver had his pistol taken from him before the men ran off.

The shopowner, Mr Rakesh Devahrai, said he heard a noise. His nephew, Hitesh, said he knew something was wrong when he saw two men running past the shop towards the hostel.

"When I ran out of the shop one of the policemen was carrying another policeman who had been shot in the head and was running to the doctor’s surgery."

He ran to the car and asked the man inside if he was alright. "He had been shot and asked me to drive him to the surgery," Hitesh said. He did so.

"The attack was not political and is purely a criminal matter," the spokesman said. — Sapa
Inkatha men burnt my shack, court told

By Susan Smuts

A Swanievle woman described yesterday how her shack was gutted by fire after Inkatha supporters attacked the West Rand squatter camp in May last year.

She told the Supreme Court in a trial in which seven men have pleaded not guilty to 28 counts of murder, and charges of public violence and illegal possession of an AK-47, firearms and ammunition.

She told Mr Justice C. Botha and two assessors that she and her husband had been awakened by "hanging noises" at about 5 am on May 12. Her husband looked out, and said: "It's Inkatha."

They heard voices shouting: "Burn."

"I told my husband I was leaving because I did not want to die in the shack. I opened the door and saw two people in red headbands with kerosene and guns."

One was Mzanywa Flash Sithole, who demanded to know where her husband was. She told him he had fled. He hit her with his kerrie and she ran away.

The accused are Vumirane Majola (37), Siwe Majola (21), Joseph Mphiwa Khanyile (51), Bakers Dlamini (32), Bebekwakhe Moffet, Mdialose (41), Phethi Mlango (54), all of Kagiso hostel, Krugersdorp, and Mr Sithole (44), of Wattville hostel, Benoni.

The trial continues.
Man killed in Vosloo march

A PEACEFUL protest march by more than 500 Vosloo residents was yesterday marred by a shooting incident in which one person was killed and two others injured.

The residents of the East Rand township marched on the Vosloo Council offices to demand the reversal of an attachment order on houses of rent defaulters.
Family links deaths to on-going hospital strike

Nursing sister and her 2 daughters shot dead

By Abbey Makoe

A NURSING sister at the Natalspruit Hospital and her two daughters were shot dead in their home at Katlehong’s Maphanga section on Saturday night.

A family spokeswoman, Mrs Evon Matlhare, said Mrs Margaret Mabaso and 14-year-old daughter Matsheleiso died instantly.

The other girl, Nomthandazo (11), died later at the Natalspruit Hospital.

The only surviving member of the family was the youngest daughter Mhali (6), who was shot in the throat.

A Baragwanath hospital spokesman said yesterday the child was “conscious but in a very serious condition”.

Matlhare said the family was convinced Mrs Mabaso’s death was linked to the hospital strike.

“One only three weeks ago we were urging Margaret to resign because we had seen reports about people being killed for not taking part in the strike - but what would her children eat?”

She said police found spent AK-47 rifle cartridges in the house.

There were also 9mm pistol cartridges.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman yesterday said the motive for the attack was not yet known. No arrests had been made.
UN monitors expected in violence-racked Natal

DURBAN — Six UN unrest monitors are expected in Natal tomorrow as political violence spirals out of control in a number of towns and cities. The monitors, the latest addition to the UN peacekeeping effort in the region, will help to monitor the violence and assist in resolving conflicts.

SAPA reports that another eight people were killed in an ambush on a road in Umgababa on Natal's South Coast yesterday, exactly a year after the national peace accord was signed. Weekend violence claimed ten lives in the province.

Regional ANC and Inkatha leaders were monitoring the situation, and the ANC southern Natal spokesman, Mr. Makhule, said international monitors were needed to control "state-sponsored violence".

Inkatha spokesman Mr. Hlongwane said the accord had not worked in Natal and welcomed "any international involvement that can create a climate of peace".

The monitors will be stationed in Durban, Maritzburg, Pietermaritzburg and Port Shepstone.

TIM COHEN reports

Accord a failure — HRC

Deaths in political violence increased by 23.5% to 400 since the signing of the national peace accord a year ago by the Human Rights Commission (HRC) yesterday.

"In statistical terms the accord is a failure if one measures the levels of violence before and after the signing," said HRC commissioner Mr. Manley.

Peace accord media reports have even been tempered by the HRC's recognition that the accord is a "hypothesis".

He said violence would continue to be a major weapon in the political struggle.

The general consensus seems to be that the accord is working.

He said the accord had not been translated into African languages and was therefore not understood by the average person.

HRC national director Mr. Sadek said the recent announcement of a special investigative team, backed by the Goldstone commission, was the establishment of a witness protection programme could improve the efficiency of the accord.

Sadek said weaknesses in the accord include:

- The major weakness of the accord, however, is its inability to deal with the covert activities of its opponents and all undercover special forces," the HRC statement said.

National peace committee chairman Mr. Hall said the accord had played a major role in containing violence.

"We are working on a continuum that ranges between absolute peace and total anarchy. The accord is not only preventing the slide towards anarchy but moving the country towards peace."

One killed, two hurt before march

WILSON ZWANE

ONE person died and two were injured in the East Rand township of Vosloorus early yesterday — hours before residents converged on the local town council offices to demand an end to the proliferation of rent refusers' properties.

Vosloorus Civic Association (VCA) spokesman Mr. Dlamini said unknown gunmen in a minibus opened fire on residents preparing to march.

Police spokesman Capt. Ida van Zwan confirmed the incident.

The council agreed to cease attachment proceedings until the two parties met again next week.

Municipal officials, accompanied by policemen, broke into the homes of rent refusers "and seize whatever takes their fancy," a resident said.

Vosloorus town clerk Mr. Prinolow said he was not aware people's homes were being broken into. "I would assume that if the lawyers attach people's properties, they do that with a court order," he said.
Court told of dawn assault in Swanieville

A WOMAN whose home was burnt down during the Swanieville massacre last year told the Rand Supreme Court yesterday that she had fled into the veld in her nightdress after finding two Zulu-speaking armed men at her door.

She was testifying at the trial of seven hostel dwellers alleged to have been part of the armed group which attacked the Swanieville squatter camp near Krugersdorp at dawn on May 12 last year and in which 23 people were killed and 37 injured.

The seven, Vumisani Majola, 27, Sizwe Majola, 21, Joseph Khanyile, 51, Bakers Dlamini, 32, Mzinywa Sithole, 44, Bhekowakhe Mtlobo, 47, and Thalani Mlanga, 54, have pleaded not guilty on 28 counts of murder, and to charges of public violence and unlawful possession of firearms.

The woman, who may not be identified by order of the court, identified Sithole as one of the two men and said he had carried a firearm and knobkerrie.

She testified that she and her husband were awakened shortly after 5am by a noise, which came nearer, and then their front window was broken.

Her husband looked through the curtain and said: "It is Inkatha".

They hid under their bed, but heard a voice say in Zulu "chiza" (burst). She tried to leave, but found two men wearing red scarves outside her door.

She recognised Sithole and the other man who she knew as "Bheki" because both had been taxi drivers.

When she told them her husband was not at home, Bheki accused of her lying and hit her with his knobkerrie. She then fled.

At one stage she looked back and saw flames coming from her shack.
Residents reject govt conditions

PRESIDENT F W de Klerk has agreed to declare the violence-ravaged section of Alexandra township known as "Beirut" a disaster area, but residents have rejected conditions for the declaration.

A source close to the Alexandra branch of the ANC said yesterday a letter was received from De Klerk last week in which he agreed to declare "Beirut" a disaster area.

"But the President has set conditions, which we reject," the source said.

The source said one of the conditions was that residents in the area should apply individually to his office for relief aid.

"We reject this condition as it makes the receipt of aid very difficult." What De Klerk must do is to make funds available to the council - under whose jurisdiction "Beirut" falls - which

WILSON ZWANE

will, in turn, be in charge of how they will be channelled," he said.

Alexandra community leaders met Law and Order Minister Herman Kriel in April to discuss violence in the township.

Kriel was then asked to refer the community leaders' request that "Beirut" be declared a disaster area to De Klerk.

Kriel agreed and indicated he would visit Alexandra "soon" to examine the situation. But sources said yesterday he had not yet visited the township.

ANC officials Paul Mashatile recently said thousands of residents had been displaced by violence, and their homes had been looted.

De Klerk's office could not confirm or deny that he had declared "Beirut" a disaster area.

CP slams Verwoerd monument decision

PRETORIA - The CP said yesterday it noted with regret the decision by the Hendrik Verwoerd monument committee not to go ahead with the erection of a monument to the former prime minister on the planned Verwoerd Square in Pretoria.

Brit MP Andrew Gerber, CP representative on the committee, said the decision had been taken because, among other reasons, the executive committee believed the current political climate was not favourable for the erection of such a monument.

Gerber said the committee had discredited the principles for which it stood.

"The ANC/SACP alliance is now dictating to Afrikaners which of their heroes they may honour and which not." Gerber said the honouring of national heroes, such as Verwoerd, who had worked diligently for the freedom of the Afrikaner, should in future be left in the hands of those who would not allow themselves to be intimidated or dictated to about their symbols, their festive days, monuments and national heroes.

"Obviously supporters of the government no longer qualify." Verwoerd's perspicacity regarding the freedom of various nations in their own areas would eventually triumph, he said on behalf of the CP.

"He deserves recognition for the monumental work which he performed in this regard." - Sapa.
JOHANNESBURG. — At least four people died and nine were injured or wounded in the wake of renewed attacks on Johannesburg train commuters today, police and independent radio reports said.

Reports from the Radio 702 traffic helicopter said at least two people were found dead and five injured, two of them seriously; beside the railway line near New Canada Station, outside Soweto.

Neither Soweto nor Witwatersrand police could immediately confirm the reports.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said two men died and four were injured in five other train incidents, all between 6am and 6.30am.

Some of the attacks happened on the same line and it was possible the same attackers were involved, he said.

At Longdale station — the next Johannesburg-bound stop after New Canada — two men were wounded by knifemen, Captain Opperman said.

Between Longdale and Croydon stations police found the body of a man lying on the tracks. He had been stabbed.

At the next stop on the same line, Langlaagte station, a man was stabbed to death by a group of men.

Beside the track between Highgate and Longdale stations police found a man with a stab wound. It was not immediately clear whether he had jumped or had been thrown off a moving train.

Between George Goed and Denver station, police found a seriously injured man beside the line. It was also not clear whether he had jumped or had been thrown from a train, Captain Opperman said. — Sapa.
JOHANNESBURG.—Three people died and 11 were hurt in attacks on two city-bound commuter trains here yesterday.

Police said the attacks on both trains were carried out by small groups of men between 6am and 6.40am.

Captain Eugene Opperman said two men and one woman died and nine people were wounded when they were stabbed by five young men who boarded at Soweto's New Canada station.

The dead woman was stripped of her clothing before she was flung from the train. The other victims were all stabbed before being thrown off.

Two other people were stabbed and thrown from a train travelling between Germiston and Katlehong.

A 27-year-old man was killed and another was seriously injured on Monday night when a group armed with R-1 rifles attacked a homestead at Ngatsheni reserve, near KwaMakatha on the Natal South Coast.

A man and a woman were taken to hospital after petrol bombs were thrown at two houses belonging to hospital workers not taking part in a strike, police said yesterday.
Couple critical after bomb attack

Kalafong Hospital clerk and her husband trapped in burning bedroom as attackers strike at 1am:

By Monk Nkomo and Josias Charie

An Atteridgeville man and his wife are in a critical condition at Kalafong Hospital after petrol bombs were hurled into their home while they were asleep in the early hours of yesterday morning.

Mr Sydney Ntzie (42) and his wife Charlotte (39) of Mathjoane Street were trapped in their burning bedroom after the attack at about 1am, a spokesman for the family said yesterday.

Mrs Ntzie is a clerk at Kalafong Hospital and Mr Ntzie works in a factory at Hammanskraal.

A few minutes before the attack, the house of a neighbour, Mr Johannes Maake, who works at HF Verwoerd Hospital, was also petrol-bombed but nobody was injured.

Both families believe the attacks are linked to the strike at HF Verwoerd Hospital.

There was only a one-day stoppage at Kalafong Hospital during the recent nationwide strike by hospital workers.

In another attack, which has also been linked to the hospitals strike, a nursing sister at Vatalspruit Hospital, Mrs Margaret Mabaso, and her two daughters, aged 14 and 11, were gunned down at their home in Katlehong on Saturday night. Another daughter, aged six, was shot in the throat and is in a serious condition at Baragwanath Hospital in Soweto.

The Ntzie and Maake families said yesterday they had identified one of the attackers as a recently dismissed worker at the HF Verwoerd Hospital who was also a shop steward of the National Education Health and Allied Workers Union (Nehawu).
Seventeen people were arrested and a policeman was injured when an illegal ANC march in Schweizer-Reneke in the western Transvaal erupted in chaos yesterday.

Police used teargas and dogs to disperse the marchers after a protester threw a brick at a police sergeant, hitting him in the face, police spokesman Lieutenant Koos Degenaar said.

The march was to have gone from Ipelegeng to Schweizer-Reneke, but both town councils had refused permission for the march. Among the 17 people arrested was ANC western Transvaal leader George Mathuse, police confirmed.

Later, after discussions between the Schweizer-Reneke Town Council and UN observers, the demonstrators received permission to march from Ipelegeng towards Schweizer-Reneke at 5 pm but they were not allowed to enter the town, Lieutenant Degenaar said.

The second march went ahead peacefully and no incidents were reported, police said.

Marchers handed a list of demands to Schweizer-Reneke police, calling for the phasing out of hostels and for an end to alleged bias by the local magistrate's court.
DP marches into confrontation with ANC

With political protests becoming almost a daily occurrence in Johannesburg, the inevitable happened yesterday — two marches collided.

A DP march for peace led by party leader Zach de Beer, which was proceeding through Braamfontein to the strains of John Lennon’s Give Peace a Chance, was surprised to encounter an ANC demonstration against the Department of Education and Training.

The DP’s 300 well-behaved marchers seeking peace and negotiation were confronted by about 40 rowdy ANC supporters decrying an increase in examination fees from R10 to R30 for adult literacy classes.

The latter’s anger was suddenly redirected at the rival demonstration and the DP marchers were forced to endure yells of “Down DP! Down Zach de Beer!”

More than 50 armed police quickly moved between the two demonstrations, but did not have to take any action.

The DP gathering came to a halt and speeches were delivered while the ANC crowd heckled and toyi-toyiied nearby.

The DP march included party acting regional chairman Tony Leon and MPs Lester Puchs and Douglas Gibson.

The peace marchers were dressed in business suits, formal dresses or trendy designer summer wear.

Soon after the march got under way, there was a misunderstanding concerning the route, and as the leaders marched purposefully up Harrison Street the bulk of the marchers veered off down Pritchard Street. Harassed traffic officers reunited them a block later.

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Shrinkage losses affect turnover

WILSON ZWARE

THE SA retail industry stands to lose more than R18m or 2% of its annual turnover this year through shrinkage, according to an electronic surveillance company, Securicor. Bryan McDermott said yesterday.

"Some large retailers will lose as much as R20m," Securicor GM Mike van der Merwe said the problem was international and was more grave during recessions.

McDermott agreed and said the retail industry worldwide stood to lose R18bn this year. People were not stealing for "fun but to survive". He said sophisticated networks were in operation to acquire stolen goods and find markets for them.

To protect their goods, retailers had to follow the international trend and install electronic surveillance equipment, McDermott said.

Three killed in train violence

RAY HARTLEY

IN A bloody incident of violence against commuters, three people were killed and nine injured on a train as it passed through four stations on the Soweto line yesterday morning.

The killings came as negotiations over commuter safety between the SA Rail Commuter Corporation, police and ANC-aligned groups remained on hold after Friday’s decision to consult constituencies.

Police spokesman Capt Eugene Opperman said the killings were probably committed by one gang of youths.

One of the victims, a woman, was stabbed to death before being stripped naked and flung from the train, he said. Another of the corpses was removed from the train at Langlaagte Station by people wanting to provide medical assistance.

In spite of this the train’s run continued uninterrupted and two more bodies were thrown off between Longdale and Highgate stations.

Asked why the train had not been stopped or searched between the stations, Opperman said police could not be everywhere at once. "... that is impossible because in our region alone there are over 200 railway stations and only nine of them are in Soweto," he said.

Two more people were injured in a separate incident on the East Rand.

Cosatu said in a statement yesterday train killings were linked to covert activity which had also sparked renewed violence in Natal.

"Since the revelations by Felix Ndimene that Reecie units were perpetrating massacres on the trains, not a single attacker has been jailed, despite the scores of attacks and deaths which have taken place."
More carnage on Reef trains

KILLER COACHES Victims in the latest train

attacks number at least 22 -five are dead:

By Lulama Lut' and Sapa

At least five people died and 17 others were injured in renewed attacks on trains in Johannesburg yesterday morning.

In one attack, three people were killed and eight injured when a gang of men went on the rampage on a train near the New Canada station outside Soweto.

Police said the victims were all stabbed and hacked before being thrown from the train at about 6.10am.

A representative of the Baragwanath Hospital said a man was brought to the hospital by helicopter with serious head injuries.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said the attacks took place between 6am and 6.30am at Longdale and New Canada stations.

At Longdale Station two men were wounded when stabbed by a group of unidentified men.

He said police found the body of a stabbed man lying on the tracks between Longdale and Croesus stations.

At Langlaagte a man was stabbed to death.

Between the Highgate shopping centre and Longdale Station police found a man with a stab-wound lying alongside the track.

Attempts by the police, ANC/SACP/Cosatu/ Cast and the SARail and Commuter Corporation to plan a strategy to end the violence have, to date, drawn a blank.
Five people were killed and 12 injured in six attacks on Reef trains early yesterday.

In the worst incident, three people died and eight were injured, some critically, when a gang went on the rampage in a carriage on a train from Vereeniging to Johannesburg.

Police said the victims were stabbed and hacked before being thrown from the train just after 8 am.

The first body was found on the road under the railway bridge near New Canada and the others were a few hundred metres away.

In another attack, a man was stabbed and thrown off a speeding train. His body was found next to the railway line between Longdale and Creusus stations.

Another man died after being stabbed on a train shortly before it drew into Laagte station at about 6.15 am.

Police said two men were stabbed and seriously injured on a train near Longdale station at 8 am. They stayed on the train, and when it drew into the station, they were taken to hospital.

Between George and Debeer stations, a man was hacked and stabbed on a train before being thrown off at 6.40 am.

He survived and was taken to hospital.

Another man was hacked on a train between Highgate and Longdale stations. He was also admitted to hospital in a serious condition.
SAP told residents they would be safe — witness

By Susan Smuts

Policemen had assured Swanieville residents they could "sleep in peace" the night before an attack on the West Rand squatter camp, which left 26 people dead and scores injured, the Rand Supreme Court heard yesterday.

A Swanieville woman, who may not be named, said that the night before the massacre on May 12, 1991, policemen in hippo vehicles had assured residents they would be safe.

The woman was giving evidence in the trial of six Kagiso hostel dwellers and two Benoni hostel inmates, who have pleaded not guilty.
3 held over 2 killings

Three men were arrested yesterday afternoon in connection with the killing of two municipal policemen in Tembisa on the East Rand. In the morning, police spokesman Captain Ida van Zweel said:

One of the men was found in possession of the .38 revolver with which the policemen were shot, as well as two 9mm pistols which were taken from the victims, Captain van Zweel said.

Two men confronted the constables, M.A. Ngwetyana and M.P. Letswalo, who were in their vehicle.

A struggle ensued in which Constable Ngwetyana’s fire arm was taken from him.

One of the suspects opened fire on the two municipal policemen, missing Constable Ngwetyana. He died in the hospital’s intensive care unit.

The four suspects are in custody and will appear in the Kempton Park Regional Court soon, Captain van Zweel said. — Sapa
4 killed with AK-47s on East Rand

Three men armed with AK-47 rifles shot dead four men between the ages of 17 and 34 at the Mandela Park squatter camp near Katlehong on the East Rand yesterday morning, in what appeared to be a planned attack, police said.

The names of the deceased have not been released. Eye-witnesses alleged the attackers came from nearby Phola Park squatter camp. — Sapa.
Soweto faces health crisis

**UGLY TURN** Five Soweto clinics attacked in the past two weeks in wake of hospital strike:

By Lulama Luti and Mokgadi Pela

**ESSENTIAL HEALTH SERVICES** in black townships could soon grind to a halt following the petrol-bombing of five clinics in Soweto since September 5.

One of the clinics, in Orlando East, was set alight by a group of men on Tuesday night.

The other attacks were carried out at Mofolo Central Health Centre, where the X-ray unit was destroyed on September 5; Zola Clinic where the maternity wing was razed on September 7; and Diepkloof Clinic, also on September 7.

The Dobsonville Clinic was destroyed on September 12.

The attacks caused damage estimated at thousands of rands.

The Transvaal Provincial Administration yesterday said a Kamehong Hospital employed was killed on Tuesday.

Police believe the attacks are related to the 16-week-old strike by members of the National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union.

The targetting of the clinics follows closely on the attacks on non-striking hospital workers in the PWV area.

Soweto police spokesman Lieutenant Eugene Henning said no arrests had been made in connection with the attacks.

**Leading to a breakdown**

In a statement last night, TPA Administrator Mr Danie Hough condemned the attacks and said they were steadily leading to a breakdown in hospital services.

Nhawu spokesman Mr Neal Thobejane distanced the union from the attacks on clinics and said:

"Our members know it is against union policy to do such things.

"If they become violent, they would rather target white hospitals than black ones. We suspect there are some agent provocateurs behind these attacks."
Police among Reef victims

JOHANNESBURG. — At Tembisa yesterday three men were arrested for killing two municipal policemen hours earlier. Constables M A Ngweteya and M P Letswalo were in their vehicle after having escorted a Telkom vehicle to the township when shots were fired at them. Constable Ngweteya died at the scene and Constable Letswalo died later in hospital.

- Three men armed with AK-47 rifles shot four at the Mandela Park squatter camp, Katlehong yesterday. The attack appeared planned as they sought out their victims, leaving others unharmed.
- Eyewitnesses alleged the attackers came from nearby Phola Park squatter camp.

- At Atteridgeville two people were injured by petrol bombs.
- At Longdale station two men were attacked and stabbed by an angry mob.
- Three men were thrown from moving Reef trains, one after having been stabbed.
- At Tokozwa a woman was stoned to death.
- At Ipeleng 17 people were arrested for participating in an illegal march. — Sapa
Top ANC man shot down in Sebokeng

SEBOKENG. — Gunmen yesterday shot and severely wounded Mr Buvumile Vilakazi, deputy secretary general of the ANC’s PWV region and a former Delmas trialist.

He was shot in the head outside a hardware store here, and his car was then set alight.

Police spokesman Captain Burger van Rooyen said Mr Vilakazi was in hospital, adding that police were investigating.

One person was killed and two others seriously wounded in two separate shooting incidents at Wembezini, near Estcourt, on Wednesday night.

Mr Albert Khumalo, 60, was shot dead near the Tambo Supermarket, while Mr Sifiso Ngcobo, 18, and his sister Gobo were shot when gunmen attacked house 230.

Meanwhile police yesterday dismissed charges by Ratanda’s ANC chairman Mr Obed Nkosi that police had fired shots into several houses in the township between 9pm on Wednesday and 4am on Thursday.

A police spokesman said the only reported incidents in the area were the arrests of two people, one for illegal possession of a firearm and another for possession of petrol bombs.

Violence in South Africa was yesterday condemned by the Southern African Council of Priests at their annual meeting.

In a statement from Pretoria, the Council said it was saddened by the loss of life.
Masked trio threatens civic official

Three masked men tried to coerce Hartbeesfontein Civic Association secretary Solly Phoeto to resign his position this week.

Three black men arrived at my house in a blue Nissan Skyline. Their faces were hidden by balaclavas. They requested that I should resign," Mr Phoeto said.

They would not identify themselves, and when Mr Phoeto refused to write a letter of resignation, they said they would be back.

Men driving a different car, with Bophuthatswana plates, arrived in the early hours yesterday, but left when their knocks went unanswered, Mr Phoeto said.

He felt he was in danger but did not know what to do.

The civic association in Hartbeesfontein, in the western Transvaal district of Brits, is an active body. The settlement, on former SA Development Trust land, is underdeveloped and residents have campaigned persistently for improvements.
Nurse had premonition about her death - but it did not include her daughters

**Mum, 2 kids buried**

**EARLY FEARS** Nkhumeleng was afraid her two best friends, who recently joined the strike, would betray her.

By Abbey Makoe

These victims of the current wave of violence related to the hospital strike will be buried tomorrow.

The three were a nursing assistant at Natalspoit hospital, Margaret Mahasa Nkhumeleng, and her two daughters, Matshidiso (21) and Nomthandazo (17). They were gunned down in an AK-47 attack while having supper on Saturday. They died on the spot.

The only surviving member of the family, Mbalu (9), is being treated at the Baragwanath Hospital for a bullet wound in her neck.

A close relative of the family, Mrs Bongi Nzwi, said yesterday that Nkhumeleng (39) had expressed fears that an attempt on her life was imminent but never feared that her children would be attacked.

"Only a few weeks ago she removed some of the expensive furniture from her home, saying that in this way she would not lose much in case her home was bombed," Nzwi said.

During the week she died, Nkhumeleng reportedly told her family about her "two best friends" who had joined the hospital strike without telling her.

"They are going to sell me out," Nkhumeleng allegedly told her family.

Matshidiso was a Standard 9 pupil and her sister, Nomthandazo, was in Standard 8.

Both attended Fumana High School in Natalspoit.

Mbalu, who is understood to be recovering well in hospital, is in Standard 1 at the Mondo Lower Primary School.

The funeral service will be held at the D H Williams Hall from 8am until 11am when the cortège leaves for Schoeman Cemetery.
NEWS FEATURE  Cops lack culprits’ description

Attacks occured two coaches from police

FOXY CRIMINALS  They have carefully studied cops' methods and strike unguarded areas during peak hours.

By Mathatha Tsedu
Investigations Editor

The train attackers who killed at least three people outside New Canada station on Tuesday, did so only two coaches from a police contingent.

Police believe the attackers are well-informed criminals who make a careful study of the patrol and search patterns of the security forces.

Meanwhile, as attempts to stem the killings go on, the scaling of coaches is emerging as one of the major contributing factors to the death toll, as tripped commuters have only windows as escape routes.

The police are now calling on commuters to stand up and defend themselves.

The head of the New Canada-based Police Mobile Unit that is responsible for Soweto trains, Colonel Frank Sneygans, said the train that was attacked had three groups of policemen in it.

Two of the groups were conducting searches from the back and front while a plain clothes contingent was in another coach.

The attackers hit the second coach from the plain clothes policemen. Sneygans said the police were unable to move into the affected coach while the train was in motion because the coaches were sealed.

"The closure of the coaches is a big impediment because it means our men could only move from one coach to another when the train is stationary," Sneygans said.

The coaches were sealed after people stole the outside brass railings which protected passengers moving between coaches while the train was in motion.

The coaches have now literally become moving coffins in the event of an attack.

The attacks on Soweto trains have taken place mainly between New Canada and Longdale, which is, ironically, just a few metres from the strongest police mobile unit dealing with train attacks.

Sneygans said this could be because it is the only long stretch between stations outside Soweto.

The attacks are mainly on trains packed with workers and happen within a period of 30 minutes, mostly from 5.45 to 6.15 in the morning and during peak hours in the afternoon.

"Commuters, he said, should fight back and defend themselves. "Instead, they vent their anger on the police. They refuse to talk to us. They do not give us information or descriptions of the attackers," he said.

"As a result, we can't develop a profile of the attackers to see whether the same people are involved. We have no description, no leads, nothing. How can we investigate properly without information from those who witnessed the attacks."

Sneygans said the culprits were not stupid people who merely pounced on any train.

"These people watch us. They see how we work. They saw how we were searching and decided where to attack in the middle. When the train stopped at Langhawe station, everybody, including the attackers, rushed out of the coaches as the police closed in. No one would describe them."
Blaze ravages house after worker fired

By Clyde Johnson
Lowveld Bureau

NELSPRUIT — After three weeks of alleged intimidation, the home of a local newspaper production manager, Gert Gerber, was partially destroyed by fire on Wednesday afternoon.

For Mr Gerber (52), his wife Lydia and their three children, the intimidation allegedly started after Mr Gerber — an employee of The Lowvelder — discharged an assistant bookbinder for insubordination.

She complained to the ANC, he said. Mr Gerber told an ANC spokesman that her discharge had nothing to do with a recent stayaway. He refused to restate her.

Three days later the family woke up to find the letters ANC spray-painted on both sides and the back window of their car.

A week later they discovered a cloth which had been forced into their vehicle's petrol inlet pipe. It had been set alight.

The following evening, the family got home to find a burnt mat on the front stoop.

Since then they have received regular telephone calls — between three and four a night — where the caller says nothing but breathe loudly.

On Monday, the study curtains were set alight from outside. On Wednesday, Jean Gerber (16) got home at 4 pm to find smoke pouring from an upstairs room.

Asked to comment, ANC eastern Transvaal general-secretary Joe Nkuna said he was unaware that Mr Gerber's house had been destroyed by fire.

He said, that in a telephone conversation with Mr Gerber he had merely requested him to reconsider employing the woman.

"The ANC cannot be blamed for the events that followed," Mr Nkuna said.
Suspended Sandton councillor takes legal action

SUSPENDED Sandton town councillor Frederick Ehlers will bring an urgent application in the Rand Supreme Court for his reinstatement.

Ehlers, who was suspended for 60 days following suggestions that the council's tendering procedures were open to bribery and corruption, said he would file the application soon.

A letter had been sent to all councillors and to Sandton mayor Bruce Burns earlier this week requesting the convening of a special meeting to discuss the suspension, Ehlers said.

This had been done following the breakdown of a mediation attempt last week by DP MP for Bryanston Rupert Lorimer.

The meeting had been given until 5pm yesterday to respond, failing which the urgent application would be served, Ehlers said. "As no meeting has been convened, I hope to file papers by Monday next week."

Ehlers stated individual councillors would be cited in the application so as not to burden the ratepayers with the cost of the action.

The application aimed to have Ehlers reinstated to the council and would reclaim any council allowances withheld due to the suspension.

Council chambers would be picketed on Thursday, he said.

'I saw policeman shoot passerby'

MARITZBURG — An SAP sergeant testified in the Supreme Court yesterday that he saw his former Mool River station commander, Lt George Nichas, cock his shotgun and fire twice at a man walking alone in a Brunville street in 1990.

The man fell after the second shot but the police casspir in which they were travelling did not stop. Later at the Brunville clinic he and other policemen, including Nichas, saw the body of a dead man whom he recognized as the alleged murder victim, Jotham Mchunu. He could not say whether Mchunu was the person who was shot at by Nichas.

Nichas has pleaded not guilty to two murder and four attempted murder charges, and 40 counts of contravening the Arms and Ammunitions Act in connection with two shooting incidents in Brunville on April 7 and June 16 1990. Two of the charges relate to his alleged unlawful handling of firearms while under the influence of alcohol.

Sgt Martin Mhlongo denied having seen or heard a large toy-toying group in the vicinity of the casspir at the time of the shooting as claimed by several other police and civilian state witnesses. Asked by Judge Booyens how it was possible he did not see the crowd, Mhlongo said he did not know if it was because he was seated in the casspir while some of his colleagues were standing. He saw the man at whom Nichas fired through the casspir's open rear doors.

Defence advocate Kobus Booyens SC asked Mhlongo (who resides in Brunville with his family) if he had been intimidated in connection with his evidence or statement to the police concerning the shooting.

Mhlongo said no one had approached him in connection with the case.

Mhlongo agreed, in reply to further questions by Booyens, that it was unsafe for a policeman to live in Brunville and that he was scared.

Mhlongo said he was not aware that ANC supporters in Brunville hated the accused.

Mhlongo also testified that before leaving the police station in the casspir he had noticed that Nichas's speech was not normal, as though he had been drinking liquor.
ANC man viciously attacked

'Strange people' had been following the victim:

By Abbey Makoe

The ANC's deputy secretary-general for the PWV region was seriously injured when gunmen pumped him with a hail of bullets in Zone 7, Sebokeng, yesterday.

Vaal Triangle police spokesman Captain Piet van Deventer said Mr Bhekmile Vilakazi was attacked outside Billy's Hardware early yesterday.

"His car was set alight and completely burnt out," Van Deventer said.

Mr Vilakazi was admitted to Sebokeng Hospital and later transferred to a private clinic in Johannesburg.

Shot in the head

Van Deventer said the motive for the attack was not yet known. He related that Vilakazi was shot in the head and hip.

ANC PWV region spokesman Mr Ronnie Mamoepa said the organisation was shocked by the attack on Vilakazi.

"He has been unable to attend some of the executive committee meetings after a discovery that some strange people have been following him lately," Mamoepa commented.

He said an unsuccessful attempt to kill Vilakazi was made two weeks ago when an unknown car followed him from Johannesburg to his home.
Top ANC man shot

Mysterey Gunmen ANC official under sur

veillance by “strange people” before being shot:

THE deputy secretary-general of
the PWV region of the African
National Congress was gunned
down by unknown gunmen in
Sebokeng yesterday.
Mr Bumavile Vilakazi, who was
shot as he left a hardware store, is
in a critical condition at a clinic.
The shooting follows a spate of
attacks on ANC officials on the
Reef in recent months.
ANC regional spokesman
Ronnie Mamoepa said Vilakazi
had been unable to attend
meetings recently because
“strange people” had been
following him.

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ANC official shot, vehicle set alight

A senior ANC member in the Vaal Triangle, Bavumile Vilakazi, is in a serious condition at the Sebokeng Hospital after unknown gunmen shot him in the township yesterday.

Vaal Triangle police spokesman Captain Piet van Deventer said Mr. Vilakazi was wounded in the head and hip. His car was set alight just after the shooting. (278)

Captain van Deventer said Mr. Vilakazi was attacked as he was leaving his brother's hardware store in Zone 7, Sebokeng, yesterday morning.

The police are investigating. — Vereeniging Bureau.
Train Killers Watching Our Movements

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Boipatong massacre suspects vanish

Health workers under attack

Since September 5, four chlorine canisters were discovered with barb wire, mirror and glass shards inside. The canisters were found near the hospital, police station, and other sensitive buildings. The authorities are investigating the matter.

The TDI police have arrested five suspects, including two local residents. The investigation is ongoing.

The situation has sparked outrage among the local community, who are demanding more security measures.

Source: The Times, September 15, 1992
Where is my mom?

By THEMBA KHUMALO

An eight-year-old Katlehong girl, Mbalu Mkhumeleni, recovering in hospital from bullet wounds, is pining for her mother.

She does not know that her beloved parent, Margaret Mkhumeleni, is dead, and her father cannot summon up the courage to tell her.

Her mother and two sisters, Faith and Elsie, were killed when four gunmen burst into their Maphanga Section home while the family was watching television and pumped bullets into them.

Margaret and Faith died instantly. Mbalu and her sister Elsie were rushed to Natalaspruit Hospital, but Elsie could not be saved.

Margaret's sister, Joana Mabaso, said she arrived at the house about 30 minutes after the shooting and found Margaret and Faith lying in a pool of blood. There were bullet holes in the wall behind them.

Faith, 21, and Elsie, 17, were students at Fuman High School in Katlehong. Mbalu is a Std 1 pupil at Mondo Primary School.

Their father, Andries Mkhumeleni, was in Venda at the time of the tragedy.

Numb with shock he told City Press: "I received a call that there was a tragedy back home. I started to drive back immediately, but got stuck along the road."

"When I finally got home I was greeted with the dreadful news. I was paralysed with shock. I still keep asking myself why it happened. I pray night and day that Mbalu will recover."

"I visit her every day in Baragwanath, but how do you tell a wounded eight-year-old that she no longer has a mother and her sisters are dead? She keeps asking about them and I tell her they are fine."

"I will only tell her the terrible truth when she is back at home after the funeral," he said.

An East Rand police spokesman said an investigation into the incident was continuing.

Girl, 8, unaware mother died in attack on family

FAMILY TRAGEDY ... The unknown assassins' bullets killed Mbalu's sister, Faith, instantly.
Boipatong hostel dwellers hunted

JOHANNESBURG. — A nationwide manhunt has been launched for 17 residents of the KwaMudau hostel who went missing two weeks ago after being questioned about the Boipatong massacre, police have confirmed.

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Captain Eugene Opperman said yesterday that the possibility the 17 had been involved in the massacre in June could not be excluded.

“There is certain new evidence and, though it does not specifically implicate the 17, we believe they can help the police in solving this case.”

The 17 “vanished” from the hostel two weeks ago after being questioned by the police.

Capt Opperman said arrests could be made “soon, as we have the suspects’ photographs and fingerprints, and every police station countrywide is on the lookout”.

He said the men’s ages ranged between 18 and 48.

Seventy-two hostel inmates have appeared in court in connection with the massacre. — Sapa
ANC probed: ‘Ploy’ denied

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A ministry of Law and Order spokesman yesterday denied allegations that, by investigating members of the ANC, the SA Police was trying to obtain a blanket amnesty for its security forces.

Police liaison officer Capt B S J van Rooyen confirmed that 17 senior ANC members were being investigated for crimes.

Among those police were investigating were SACP secretary general, Mr Chris Hani, SACP chairman Mr Joe Slovo, ANC national chairman Mr Oliver Tambo, SACP member Mr Ronnie Kasrils and Mr Joe Modise, commander of the ANC’s military wing.

Law and Order Ministry spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said: "This is not a special police investigation and is not directed at ANC only."

He said “normal police duty” required investigations of all crimes — including those within right-wing organisations, Inkatha, and the security forces.

ANC spokesman Mr Carl Niehaus yesterday said the police investigations were “unacceptable”.

"The government is trying to force us to agree to its general amnesty which benefits its security forces."

To say the police will investigate everyone, including the SAP, the IFP, and the right wing, is a lie. This is directed at political organisations and especially at the ANC," Mr Niehaus said. "ANC members would not cooperate. — Sapa"
Police seek 17
massacre suspects

Police stations on the lookout and
cops have fingerprints and pictures
of these KwaMadala inmates.

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Seventy-two hostel dwellers are appearing in the
Vanderbijlpark Magistrate's Court in connection with the
brutal massacre on June 17. - Sapa.
Baby axe victim in unrest toll

PRETORIA. — At least six people, including a baby, have been killed and two have been injured in unrest at the weekend.

According to police unrest reports, three people died on Friday and another three, including a baby, were killed with an axe on Saturday. The baby was killed and his mother seriously injured when they were attacked in their home in Kagiso, Krugersdorp, by an axe-wielding man.

In other deaths at the weekend, police reported that on Friday the body of a man with bullet wounds was found at Katlehong near Alberton.

In the Ivory Park squatter camp near Kempton Park, a man was killed when a group opened fire on him and at Tembisa, in the same area, police found the body of another man with bullet wounds.

In another incident on Friday, a security guard was seriously injured in Daveyton, near Benoni, when a group of people fired on the delivery vehicle he was escorting.

On Saturday in Katlehong police found the bodies of two men who both had stab wounds. — Sapa
Boipatong: hunt for 17

Police are continuing their hunt for 17 residents of KwaMadala hostel who went missing after questioning about the Boipatong massacre. 2/9/87

A police spokesman yesterday said the men could have gone back to Natal, but this was not certain. He said new evidence had emerged about the massacre and, although it did not necessarily implicate the 17, the possibility they had taken part in the massacre could not be ruled out. — Crime Reporter
Death, arson in 'Teese' Ciskei

Jeanne Cissie

The body of a young woman, identified as Jeanne Cissie, was found in a burned-out house in the 'Teese' Ciskei area. The cause of death is still under investigation, but preliminary reports suggest it was a result of arson. Authorities are appealing for information from the community to assist with the case.}

ANC accuses ANC

ANC officials have accused the ANC of being responsible for the death. They claim the ANC has been involved in a series of violent incidents in the area, and this latest one is just one of many. They have called for urgent action from the police and the government to address the situation.

Johannesburg

ANC members rallied outside the ANC headquarters in Johannesburg to express their solidarity with the victims of the arson attack.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please let me know.
Suspects are not missing

‘If these men are released we will have a bloodbath,’ says Du Pont.

The 17 suspects in the Boipatong massacre are not missing. Vanderbijl Park Magistrate’s Court heard yesterday.

During the continuation of the bail application hearing for 71 Inkatha Freedom Party members, IFP advocate Mr As Burger told the court that contrary to reports in a Sunday newspaper, two of the men said to be missing were in court.

He said one man was dead and another could not be accounted for. The rest were available.

The bail application will continue on September 28 when Burger will question Colonel John du Pont. Du Pont has told the court: “If these men are released we will have a bloodbath.”
Boipatong: bail opposed

By Melody McDougall
Vereeniging Bureau

The State yesterday opposed the bail application of 71 Kwa-Madala hostel inmates facing charges in connection with the June 17 Boipatong massacre.

Testifying for the State in the Vanderbijlpark Magistrate's Court yesterday, Vaal Triangle Crime Investigation Unit assistant head Colonel Joseph du Pont said he believed the accused could skip bail and miss their trials.

The 71 suspects, including four youths, are all facing at least 40 counts of murder and public violence charges. No one has yet been asked to plead to the charges before magistrate Mr G J Reynders.

Colonel du Pont said the case was an "historic and crystallised" one, and a matter in which society and the world would demand that justice be done.

He said that if the accused skipped bail it would be difficult to trace them to their given addresses in Natal. Other suspects still being sought in connection with the alleged massacre had already disappeared.

Referring to the "very tense atmosphere" between Inkatha and ANC supporters in the Vaal Triangle area, Colonel du Pont said it would be safer for the suspects to remain in custody.

He had information that ANC supporters in Boipatong would attack the KwaMadala hostel if the accused were released on bail.

The bail hearing was postponed to Monday.
NEWS Victim dies of burn wounds after bomb attack • Baby killed in axe attack

Man butchers baby with axe

Police looking for alleged lover after seven-month-old child bleeds to death in arms of helpless mother:

By Lulama Luti

A SEVEN-month-old baby boy bled to death in the arms of his helpless mother after he was allegedly hacked with an axe by a man said to be her lover in Kagiso near Krugersdorp at the weekend.

A desperate Miss Nthabiseng Mawela, who was severely injured during the attack, got into a taxi to take the baby to hospital but the child died in her arms before they could reach it.

Speaking from her bed at Leratong Hospital, Mawela (22) told of how a man had attacked her and the baby after he had an argument with a friend.

“I was sitting on a chair feeding the child when the door was suddenly flung open. The man, who was wielding an axe, then started chopping the child. “I tried to protect the child but I was also hacked,” she said.

She went on: “I managed to escape from the room with the baby but the man came after us. The baby, Pogiso, was already covered in blood. He had been hit behind the right ear.

“The man continued to attack us with the axe. I later fell to the ground and the man left us for dead,” she said.

When neighbours came to their rescue the man ran away. She was then rushed to hospital.

Nthabiseng said she did not know the reason for the attack because she had had no quarrel with the man.

West Rand police liaison officer Major Henrietta Bester confirmed the incident and said police were looking for the man, who had been identified as a hostel dweller.

Hospital clerk dies after petrol attack

PETROL bomb attack victim, Mrs Charlotte Ntsie (39) of Atteridgeville, died at Kafafong Hospital at the weekend.

She received serious burn wounds a week ago when her house was petrol-bombed. Her husband, Mr Sydney Ntsie (43), who was also injured in the attack, has been transferred from Kafafong to a private clinic in Pretoria. He has been reported to be in a stable and fair condition.

Kafafong Hospital public relations officer Mrs Berdene Schoeman said Mrs Ntsie died of her wounds at 10am on Saturday.

She was a clerk at the hospital and the attack on her home has been linked to the ongoing hospital strike. Her husband is a factory worker at Babeleli.

Minutes before their house was bombed, their neighbour, Mr Johannes Maake - also an employee at Kafafong Hospital - had his house petrol-bombed but no one was injured in the attack.

Mrs Ntsie was one of many casualties following attacks on non-striking hospital workers.

A worker was shot dead at Natalspuit Hospital on June 3:

Two union shop stewards were gunned down in a house on June 5:

Two members of a non-striker’s family died in a petrol bomb attack on their home on July 14. Three other family members were wounded in the attack; another two non-strikers burned to death on July 28 when their house was petrol-bombed.

On July 30, Katlego Sebola (4) died when his parents’ home was petrol-bombed.

A Johannesburg Hospital nurse was killed. Nurses said her ear had been cut off because she “would not listen”; and

Last week, a nursing assistant at Natalspuit Hospital, Mrs Margaret Mabaso, and her two daughters, aged 14 and 11, were gunned down at their home in Katedieng.
Policeman dies in Reef shooting

JOHANNESBURG: A policeman was shot and killed in Westonaria here at the weekend — allegedly by a security guard. (22/11/95)

The motive for the shooting was unclear, a police spokesman said yesterday.

The police constable, whose name has not yet been released, was shot in the face allegedly by the guard while he was on duty with a colleague.

A man has been arrested. — Sapa
15 Bisho massacre victims ‘shot in back’

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At least 15 of the Bisho massacre victims were shot in the back, according to the findings of a private pathologist who carried out autopsies on the bodies of 20 victims of the weekend violence in the Eastern Cape.

The pathologist, who is not named, said the injuries to the back were consistent with the victims being shot from a distance.

The pathologist said he had visited the scene of the violence and had found that the victims had been shot at close range.

He said the autopsies had been carried out in a proper manner, and that the pathologist had taken photos of the wounds and had also taken photos of the victims before they were autopsied.

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"However, one can’t conclude they were running away when they were shot in the back," the pathologist said in an interview yesterday.

He felt it was for the Goldstone Commission, which begins its investigation into the massacre on Wednesday, to determine what the victims were doing when they were shot dead.

Twenty-nine people, including a Ciskei soldier, died and almost 200 people were injured when homeland security forces opened fire on thousands of ANC supporters at the Ciskei/South Africa border on September 7.

The state autopsies, attended by the private pathologist, were carried out on September 10 and 11 at the East London Mortuary by Prof GD Knobel and Dr S Wadee of the Department of Forensic Pathology at the University of Cape Town.

Also present were police mortuary staff, a police television photographer and a still photographer.

The pathologist, who attended 24 of the autopsies and was given access to autopsy information of another three, praised the work done by the two state pathologists.

"I was there to make sure it was done in a proper manner - which it was," he emphasised.

According to the nine-page report in Sapa’s possession, a 16th victim was "probably" also shot in the back; another seven victims were shot in the side and two in the front of their bodies; two were uncertain. - Sapa.
Hostel men were set up - defence

Lawyer representing Swanieville massacre accused will give evidence to show cops were responsible for killings.

DEFENCE counsel in the Swanieville massacre trial told the Rand Supreme Court yesterday it would lead evidence to show police had taken part in the attack and then blamed nearby hostel dwellers.

Mr AS Burger told Mr Justice C Hope and two assessors the witness would say about 80 to 100 people, including policemen, had taken part in the attack in the West Rand Squatter Camp, and not 800 to 1,000 hostel dwellers as policemen had testified before the court.

Mr Burger cross-examined Constable Renato Linet, who had been called back to give evidence after an inspection in loco on Tuesday.

Constable Linet had earlier dismissed as a "blatant lie" allegations that policemen had taken part in the massacre. He told the court yesterday five Caprivi would have transported 80 to 100 people.
Leaders of a two-month-old consumer boycott in Roodepoort, the local business community and the police have recommended jointly that a Dobsonville hostel be fenced off.

The Consumer Boycott Committee announced earlier yesterday that it was suspending the boycott of businesses from the end of the month, following a meeting on Tuesday.

"The suspension of the boycott is to allow the recommendations to be implemented, failing which we will not hesitate to review our stand," boycott leader Mandla Dlamini said.

The parties also agreed that a local high school caught up in continuing violence should reopen, and that a climate for the return of displaced families be created.

Forte High School, close to Sinphiwe hostel, has been shut for about six months following attacks on pupils, Mr Dlamini said.

At least 60 people have died in Dobsonville during the past two years in violence involving inmates of the hostel.

A TPA official who attended the talks, held at the local police station, had pledged to push for immediate action by the town council on the recommendations, Roodepoort trader Ismail Hailam said. = Sapo.
Matron bombed

\[\text{FIRE TERROR} \text{ Unknown men petrol-bomb the} \]

Soweto house of Baragwanath’s chief matron: 278

BARAGWANATH Hospital chief matron, Mrs Thelma Zwedala, is believed to have gone into hiding following a petrol bomb attack on her Soweto home.

Her husband, Greenland, suffered serious cuts while trying to put out the fire.

Extensive damage was caused to the furniture, linen and clothing. The Zwedala family believes the attack could be related to the current hospital strike.

Condemning the attack, the chief superintendent at Baragwanath, Dr Chris van den Heever, said it was a “despicable deed of cowardice”.

Since the strike began, five Soweto clinics have been torched, causing damage estimated at about R2 million. The attacks on non-striking workers and family members included the deaths of four members of the Madikane family after a petrol bomb attack on their Soweto home on July 7.

Widespread incidents of intimidation have been reported.

\[\text{See story page 2}\]
Police ‘carried out attack’

A WITNESS to the Swanieville squatter camp massacre last year would testify that police personnel dressed in camouflage carried out the attack, the Rand Supreme Court heard yesterday.

Defence counsel A Burger SC, acting for the seven hostel dwellers on trial for the murder of the 28 people killed in the attack, said he had not yet consulted the person in question, but had been informed the witness was prepared to testify on behalf of his clients.

Burger made this submission during further cross-examination of state witness Const Remo Luit, who was recalled to the witness stand after the court held an inspection in loco at Swanieville on Tuesday.

Burger's clients have pleaded not guilty to 28 charges of murder and additional counts of public violence and unlawful possession of firearms and ammunition.

Vumisani Majola, 37, Sirwe Majola, 21, Joseph Khanyile, 51, Bakers Dlamini, 32, Mzwanya Sithole, 44, Bhekuzile Mdla-lose, 41, and Pheyi Miango, 54, are alleged to have been part of the armed group which attacked Swanieville at dawn on Sunday, May 12 last year.

The attackers murdered 28 people and injured. Residents also lost their homes. Burgers said yesterday the defence would argue that police personnel, and not Zulus from the nearby hostel in Kagiso, had carried out the attack on Swanieville.

Luit reiterated his earlier evidence that he had not seen any white men among the armed group which he and his colleagues had encountered leaving from the squatter camp after the attack. He said he had no knowledge of any police involvement.

Burger put it to Luit that the defence would argue the attack had been carried out by a group of between 80 and 100 people, and not 100 and 1,000 testified by the police witnesses.

Luit conceded that five Casspirs would have been sufficient to transport 80 or 100 people to the squatter camp. Five Casspirs had been deployed in the area.

Asked if there had been enmity between the police and Swanieville residents, Luit said he had not been aware of this, nor that there had been a belief that Swanieville residents wanted to kill policemen.

The trial continues today.
Agreement to fence off hostel

CONSUMER BOYCOTT Suspended

after meeting between residents, organisation, businesses and police.

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Also at the meeting, a Brig de Vries pledged to step up security in the vicinity of the hostel, Hassam added.

He said the boycott had affected businesses "terribly" and things had come to a point where businessmen were becoming desperate.

Roodpoort lies west of Johannesburg. - Sapa
Bomb attack on Bara matron

Baragwanath Hospital chief matron Mrs Thelma Zwedala is believed to be in hiding following a petrol bomb attack on her Dube, Soweto, house on Tuesday night.

Her husband, Greenland, suffered serious cuts while trying to put out the fire.

Hospital authorities said yesterday Zwedala did not report for work and her daughter Nonceba said they did not know where she was.

Police could last night could not confirm whether any arrest had been made. Extensive damage was caused to furniture, linen and clothing. The family believes the attack could be linked to the current hospital strike.

Baragwanath chief superintendent Dr Chris van den Heever yesterday described the attack as "a despicable deed of cowardice."

Zwedala's daughter Nonceba said yesterday her mother had received several threats to her life since the strike began 17 weeks ago. On the night of the attack they had received a telephone call in which the caller wanted to know whether that was "Dr Zwedala's residence."

"I told him that there was no Dr Zwedala living with us and he hung up. Later there was a knock at the front door and when I looked through the window I saw about 10 men."

"I then called out to my sister to lock the kitchen door. Shortly afterwards there was a loud bang. This was followed by another and we saw that the curtains and furniture had caught fire," she said.

They tried to use the phone but it was dead, apparently having been cut off. They were helped by the neighbours to extinguish the fire.

Since the strike began five Soweto clinics have been burnt down. Among attacks on non-striking workers and family members were:

- Four members of the Madikane family were killed after a petrol bomb attack on their Naledi, Soweto, home on July 7;
- A nursing assistant at the Hillbrow Hospital Miss Gladys Mgungu (32) was stabbed and doused with petrol before being set alight.

The National Education, Health and Allied Workers Union, which represents striking workers, has distanced itself from the attacks.
Councillor slain before big meeting

By Abel Mushu

Soweto councillor Themba Kunene, stabbed to death at his Orlando East home in Soweto on Wednesday night, was to have been appointed a member of the Soweto City Council's executive committee last night.

Mr Kunene (32) was to have delivered a memorandum in support of a motion of no confidence against five executive committee members who were asked to relinquish their positions at an executive meeting earlier yesterday, following allegations of corruption.

Family members said Mr Kunene was killed at about 8pm on Wednesday when four unidentified men stabbed him outside his house after a short conversation.

Mr Kunene is survived by his wife Benedicta (22) and a seven-year-old son.

Police are investigating.

There have been other recent attacks against council officials.

In July, a house belonging to executive chairman Jabu Mgwebi was bombed.

And houses belonging to deputy mayor Oscar Maseko and cultural committee chairman Lilian Mthethwa were bombed last month.
Boycott threat to
Checkers-Shoprite

THE SA Commercial, Catering and Allied Workers' Union (Saccawu) is organising a national consumer boycott of Checkers-Shoprite stores after the entire black work force at Checkers' Heidelberg store was dismissed last week for striking illegally.

The boycott is scheduled to begin on October 1.

Almost 1,000 workers at about 15 Checkers stores in the Transvaal were on strike demanding the reinstatement of the dismissed workers, Saccawu said.

It said Checkers had told the union it was oversubscribed by 500 people in the Transvaal and wanted to discuss ways of resolving the problem.

In addition, the company had told Saccawu it wanted to cancel its recognition agreement with the union at the end of this year.

It is possible more stores could come out on strike over the dismissals next week. Saccawu spokesman Norman Moekoea said several stores had already staged illegal stoppages and then returned to work.

And the southern Transvaal office of Checkers-Shoprite was occupied by striking workers last week.

There is already a consumer boycott of the Heidelberg store, says Saccawu members are picketing outside the store each day, Marches have been planned on the Heidelberg store and the southern Transvaal office of Checkers-Shoprite next month.

Moekoea said the actions were spontaneous outbursts of worker anger against Checkers' refusal to bargain in good faith with the union.

He said workers at the Heidelberg store went on strike after a worker was dismissed for fighting with a security guard.

The union argued that the worker was manhandled by the guard, who allegedly called her a "kaffer".

There have been continuing allegations of racism and AWB activity at the store. In March, a shop steward at the store allegedly received death threats from the AWB and eventually resigned his job because he feared for his safety.

Moekoea said the Heidelberg workers were dismissed before some had even arrived at work. He also claimed that workers on leave and maternity leave were among those dismissed.

Checkers' official spokesman was not available for comment last night.

Hostel issue tied to abduction

THE abduction of a National Union of Metalworkers of SA official has been blamed on the union on problems in relocating inmates of the KwaMadala Hostel in the Vaal Triangle.

But police said yesterday the kidnapper of Numsa Vaal Triangle legal officer Stanley Tyelentombi would appear in court on charges of armed robbery. 25/11/92

Tyelentombi told a news conference in Johannesburg yesterday that on Tuesday he was abducted by people opposed to relocation of the KwaMadala Hostel dwellers to the Kwamanza Hostel.

An attempt was made to move the mainly Inkatha-supporting hostel dwellers from KwaMadala after the Boipatong massacre in which more than 50 people were killed in an attack apparently launched from the hostel. The removal has been foiled.

Tyelentombi said five youths entered his car opposite the KwaMadala Hostel and forced him at gunpoint to drive to a Boipatong house, where they collected Assegais and pangas.

They then drove to a house in Soweto where a man, who knew Tyelentombi, accused him of wanting to move KwaMadala residents to the ANC-dominated KwaManza Hostel where they would be killed.

The man then instructed the youths to put Tyelentombi in the boot of the car and drive him to the leadership of KwaMadala, after which he would be killed, Tyelentombi claimed.

The Numsa official managed to escape on the way to the hotel. Police later found his car and arrested one of the five youths, Tyelentombi said.

Capt Piet van Deventer confirmed the incident, saying the suspect would appear in the Vanderbijlpark Regional Court today on charges of armed robbery.

Numsa spokesman Alfred Woodington said the relocation of the KwaMadala inmates had to be addressed by all parties in the Vaal Triangle who were signatories to the national peace accord. — Sapa.
Legal officer claims he was kidnapped

A legal officer for the National Union of Metalworkers of SA yesterday claimed he had been kidnapped and was being taken to KwaMada hostell to be killed when he managed to escape.

Stanley Tyelentombi yesterday said his car was hijacked in the Vaal Triangle by five men.

One of the men allegedly told him he was being taken to the hostel to meet with "the leadership of the hostel — known to be an IFP stronghold — and that he would later be killed.

One man accused him of masterminding the agreement between Iscor and Numsa for closing down the hostel.

Mr. Tyelentombi subsequently managed to escape from the boot of his car.

— Staff Reporter.
Little Light Shed on Pre-Dawn Killings

By Jacqueline Golding

[Image of a man and woman with text about witnessing a crime]
Where no one dares to walk

By SOPHIE TEMA

DOBSONVILLE township has it's own death row, where no one dares to walk.

In the deadly quiet of Joos Mokoli and Luthuli streets hang a deep frustration and desperation - the aftermath of multiple deaths resulting from fights with hostel inmates earlier this year.

Nobody dares walk in these streets, which have been dubbed the "streets of death". They are as quiet as the proverbial grave.

Attacks

Most of the families who lived in the streets have fled, claiming that they were exposed to danger and attacks from hostel dwellers after their houses were burnt and damaged.

Houses that were not burnt down are standing empty. Some have been looted and others are riddled with bullet holes. Both streets run along-side the hostel.

First the gunfire, now scars and bleak silence.

Most of the hostel has been destroyed by township youths and only the ruins remain.

But residents claim that fear has gripped every facet of their lives and they do not dare walk in these streets at night or even during the day.

They claim that although the hostel may seem deserted, sporadic shootings directed at township residents come from the direction of the hostel.

The Peace Action group, which has been involved in monitoring the situation in Dobsonville, said there is a clear indication that residents of the two streets have been affected by the violence.

Spokeswoman Venitia Govender said: "After constant attacks, most residents in the streets were forced to leave their homes.

"Most of them now live with relatives or friends and have no place to call home."

"Because of the insecurity and having to live on a knife's edge, it is not surprising that the residents of these two streets have not yet returned to their homes.

"Whether the residents will return home or not remains to be seen."

But even if they do, there is very little chance of them returning to their former way of life.

"This is indeed a very sad reflection of how future Dobsonville community would be," Govender said.
By MOSES MAMAILA

MAYHEM, anarchy, chaos and terror has gripped Vaal townships.

Following a campaign by youths to drive police from the townships, residents are now complaining about the law of the jungle in the area which is governed by “comrades”.

Organised crime, terrorism and people’s justice are intensifying.

“A gang calling itself the Mafia’s Roll, which is allegedly at the forefront of the terror campaign, is believed to have strong links with local “comrades”.

Campaign victim Noko Martha Sandamela told City Press her story.

“The youths under the banner of the ANC used to frequent my shop in Zone 7 Sebokeng asking for donations.

Guarding

“I initially used to ask for R5 daily, saying they needed the money for legitimate purposes as they were guarding the township from Inkatha attackers.

Later they demanded large sums of money amounting to thousands of rand. I told them that my fruit shop was not making that much and I could not afford to comply with their demands.

That was the greatest sin I committed against the ‘comrades’. I was then accused of being a member of Inkatha and of selling items to Inkatha.

My shop was completely looted on July 12 and I lost all my equipment, even the fridges and the cash registers.

The youths accused me of selling my house to IFP official Themba Khoza when we moved into Debonis Park, and they set it alight.

“I took the matter to the ANC regional executive but the youths were angered by the fact that I did not approach local structures.

“Local leadership are afraid of being labelled as traitors if they reprimand the culprits,” said the widow who had to sell li-qur to raise capital to open the fruit-shop.

She told City Press that most of her family joined the ANC hoping the youths would stop harassing them, but it did not help.

She, like most of the residents spoken to, believe that the Mafia Roll gang has strong connections with the township youths.

To back her statement, Sandamela said residents were not allowed to walk in the townships during the night as streets were patrolled by the youths, but the gang appeared to have free movement in the area.

ANC regional organiser Sipho Tsetetsi confirmed that Sandamela reported the matter to his organisation.

“Her version of the story is basically true,” said Tsetetsi, adding that unfortunately the ANC was unable to apprehend the culprits.

Hani’s view

He promised that the matter was receiving the serious attention it deserved.

SACP secretary general Chris Hani recently remarked that the youths in the Vaal had become uncontrollable.

Sandamela is one of many residents who say the tsotsi element has gained the upper hand in the townships and is ruling the area.

In Evaton, 42-year-old Aletta Machobane was forced to hand over R1 000 to gangsters after ignoring previous requests by the gang for a donation of R300.

This week a City Press car was nearly hijacked in Zone 7 by teenagers who said the newspaper was not covering adequately the activities of the “Vaal monster”, Khetisi Khawza.

The youths did not know that City Press is a weekly newspaper and demanded that on Thursday the paper should run an article about Khawza.

The people’s court has a strong grip on the Vaal and victims of street justice are often burnt alive.

Forced

Asked if it was true that youths had taken over the roles of the townships after the police were driven out of the area, police spokesman Capt Piet van Deventer said although many policemen were forced to vacate their houses, security men were deployed in the townships.

He asked residents who had complaints about criminal activities to come forward.
SADF refuses ANCYL memo

Troops told to stage their own march

SAPA and SOWETAN Reporter

Senior military officers at Pietermaritzburg's Group 45 unit refused to accept an African National Congress Youth League (ANCYL) memorandum when activists marched on the unit on Saturday.

The SADF officers presented a counter memorandum stating the SADF was the only legitimate military force that ensured peace and stability for all to about 250 League members who had marched on the camp from the nearby Soshanguve township, demanding the disarming and removal of the unit.

The ANCYL leadership refused to accept the SADF memorandum and the army officers, in turn, refused the league's memorandum.

ANCYL Northern Transvaal regional spokesman Zondi Maphanga said if the SADF wanted to present a memorandum to the league, they should stage their own protest march.
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Numerous attacks on policemen were reported in the PWV region at the weekend, police said yesterday.

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Soon after that, a group of people stoned a police van and fired several shots at it with an AK-47 rifle. No injuries were reported.

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In Kliptown, Soweto, three men were wounded when they were attacked by gunmen.

An off-duty policeman was shot dead during an argument with another policeman outside a beerhall in Lettspe, near Otterdal, early on Saturday morning, police said yesterday.
One killed in attack at Ratanda

By Abel Mush (2/18)

One person was killed and 25 others were injured in Ratanda township on the East Rand yesterday when a hand grenade and petrol bomb were hurled at a bus, police said.

Two houses belonging to Inkatha Freedom Party members and a furniture truck had earlier been petrol-bombed by rampaging youths.

According to residents, the attack on the bus, from the Escort Bacon Factory in Heidelberg, was carried out at about 5.30 pm outside the Ratanda Hostel, occupied by Inkatha supporters.

A week ago, one person was killed and 15 others injured when a hand grenade was thrown at another bus.

According to residents, the grenade attack on the bus was believed to have been carried out by Inkatha supporters avenging the death of hostal inmate Caiphus Nyati, who was attacked and killed by a mob on Sunday.

Last night, an ambulance that had arrived to take the injured to hospital was stoned.
200 unionists arrested

Johannesburg. About 200 demonstrating National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union members were arrested outside Johannesburg Hospital yesterday.
Goldstone to investigate Alex taxi wars

By Helen Grange
Pretoria Bureau

The Goldstone Commission is to hold an inquiry into the taxi wars in Alexandra at the end of this month, following a request from the township’s peace committee.

Taxi feuds have claimed dozens of lives in Alexandra and townships on the East Rand in recent months.

Goldstone Commission vice-chairman Neil Rossouw, SC, who has been investigating violence in the western Cape taxi industry, is to chair the Alexandra taxi wars inquiry on September 30 at 2 pm.

The inquiry will focus on establishing the nature and causes of the violence and intimidation, whether it aims at the achievement of any political goal, what persons are involved and what steps should be taken to curb or prevent it.

The Southern African Black Taxi Association (Sataba) said it welcomed the inquiry, as the organisation itself was “too close to the situation to find solutions to problems”.

Sataba spokesman Mike Nlatleng said the problem areas also included the northern Transvaal, eastern Transvaal and East Rand.

“The taxi violence in Alexandra is very complex, not only because of fighting over ranking facilities, but because of political tensions. The taxi-seen going in and out of hostels; for instance, become targets,” Mr Nlatleng said.

Anyone who has information which could help the inquiry is requested to furnish it in writing to the Secretary of the Commission, Private Bag X688, Pretoria 0001.

The information should arrive before September 25.
Bus attack sparks township turmoil

HEIDELBERG'S Ratanda township was in turmoil last night after a series of violent incidents left at least one person dead and dozens injured.

The unrest appeared to have been sparked off by a grenade and petrol bomb attack on a bus taking workers from the Eskort factory in Heidelberg to a hostel.

Police spokesman Capt. Piet van Deventer said other incidents in Ratanda yesterday included petrol bomb attacks on three homes, one belonging to an Inkatha supporter and council worker.

Van Deventer said crowds of 50 to 1,000 people were involved and police had used rubber bullets, teargas and buckshot.

Monitoring group Peace Action said tensions had risen in Ratanda after the killing of an Inkatha member there on Sunday.

A resident said the bus was carrying members of the Cosatu-affiliated Food and Allied Workers' Union (Fawu) who recently returned to work after a five-week strike. Two weeks ago, Fawu warned that a disaster "similar to Ciskei" was imminent in Ratanda, which had been a flashpoint of tensions between Fawu and the Inkatha-aligned Uwusa trade union.

DIRK HARTFORD
Worker dies in attack on bus

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — One person was killed and 28 were injured in Ratanda township on the East Rand when a hand grenade and a petrol bomb were hurled at a bus transporting township residents from nearby Heidelberg, police said.

Two houses belonging to Inkatha Freedom Party members in the township and a furniture lorry had been petrol bombed earlier in the afternoon by rampaging youths.

According to residents the attack on the bus from the Escort Bacon Factory in Heidelberg was carried out at about 5.30pm outside the Ratanda Hostel, which is occupied by Inkatha supporters.

Last Monday one person was killed and fifteen were injured in a similar attack when a grenade was thrown at a bus carrying Ratanda residents to Heidelberg.

Last night the streets were deserted and the only evidence of the tension which had engulfed the township earlier in the day were rock barricades which made the main street impassable, and smoke from the smouldering remains of the two houses which, according to residents, belonged to Inkatha members.

Before reporters were ordered to leave the township, which is under a 9pm curfew since being declared an unrest area three weeks ago, they interviewed two youths who passed the scene of the attack.

The youths, who asked not to be identified, said they believed the grenade attack on the bus was carried out by Inkatha supporters to avenge the death of a Ratanda Hostel inmate Mr Calphus Nyati, who was killed by a mob in the township on Sunday.

The youths said an ambulance which arrived at the scene to take the injured to hospital was stoned by men at the hostel.

"The situation was so tense that at one stage the police used their guns to scare the crowd," one of the youths said.

Ms Venetia Govender, coordinator of Peace Action — a group monitoring violence in the area — said the organisation was worried that the attack took place despite a strong police presence in the strife-torn township, particularly close to the Ratanda Hostel.

Confrontation in the township began after IFP-supporting casual workers, dismissed when a four-week strike at the Escort Bacon Factory was settled, prevented the Food and Allied Workers Union members from returning to work.
Isotec probe shows drip contamination

KATHRYN STRACHAN

Isotec Nutrition yesterday admitted its investigations had found bacterial contamination in drips which allegedly caused the deaths of seven babies last week.

Isotec MD Iain Rosekilly said the results of independent laboratory testing, commissioned by the company, were released yesterday. Three intravenous solutions were contaminated, he said.

Investigations are being conducted by the SA Institute of Medical Research and the Medicines Control Council, as well as researchers abroad, to find the exact cause of the contamination. The preliminary results of these tests will be available today.

Isotec buys some of the ingredients for its solutions from Saphax, the company which supplied drips to 13 babies who died in 1990.

Rosekilly said that due to the highly complex nature of the solutions, a sterilisation process of the final product could not be performed.

The components therefore had to be mixed in a totally isolated sterile environment and sealed prior to distribution, he said.

"This is not a generally prescribed intravenous solution," said Rosekilly. "They are in fact highly specialised solutions which are usually only prescribed and administered to patients who are already critically ill."

Meanwhile, two babies who were given intravenous feeding last week are still in intensive care. A Johannesburg General Hospital spokesman said a 19-day-old Louis Naidoo, who was still in a critical condition, but the condition of the baby at Park Lane Clinic had improved.

35 hurt as police open fire on Ratanda march

AT LEAST 35 residents of Ratanda township near Heidelberg were injured — two seriously — when police opened fire on protesters at Ratanda police station yesterday, ANC PWV spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said.

The residents marched to the police station to demand demolition of the Ratanda Hostel from which a grenade attack, in which one person was killed and others were injured, was allegedly launched on Monday.

Ten protesters were arrested during the demonstration, he said.

Ratanda Hostel is believed to be among 15 hostels targeted by government and ANC negotiators forencing by mid-November.

The ANC called for urgent security measures to be implemented at the hostel "to prevent further flare-ups in the area."

But the call to fence hostels has elicited furious protests from Transvaal hostel residents, with one threatening "bloodshed" if such a move is attempted, reports THEO RAWANA.

President F W de Klerk and ANC president Nelson Mandela agreed at their meeting on violence that hostels would be "adequately fenced" and that there would be security patrols and a police presence outside the hostels.

But East Rand Hostel Residents' Association chairman Zakhele Mlambo said De Klerk and Mandela should first explain why hostels should be fenced.

"It is not acceptable, because governments took a decision without the hostel residents. It is not going to happen — there will only be bloodshed if it is attempted," said Mlambo.

While Mandela said hostels were sources of violence, hostel dwellers saw Umkhonto we Sizwe at its root, he said.

Transvaal Hotel Residents' Association chairman Joe Kubeke said his organisation was surprised at the agreement on hostels. It would meet today to decide what to do.

"We are going to react strongly," he said.

"Even National Housing Minister Leon Wessels recommended to the Goldstone commission that hostels should not be fenced."

Meanwhile, Sapa reports that four people were killed on Monday night at Chicken Farm squatter camp near Klipfontein, Soweto.

Khahlil Mosunkutha of the Soweto Civic Association said yesterday the four were shot and hacked in separate attacks.

"Residents managed to apprehend seven of the attackers, but three escaped later," he said.

The suspects were handed over to police.

In Umlazi's G section, Durban, Gabriella Dlamini was found shot in the head late on Monday night. The body of an unidentified man was found in Umlazi's T section yesterday.

35 hurt as police open fire on Ratanda march

So what's happening in Pretoria?

Hospital staff alarmed by murder of doctor

STAFF at Baragwanath Hospital in Soweto were deeply shocked last week when a German doctor was shot by unknown gunmen after leaving work on Monday evening.

Dr Stephan Walter, 29, found unconscious at the turnoff to the hospital, sources at the hospital said.

"He died without regaining consciousness," Walter came to SA from Munich in January to work as a German doctor at Baragwanath.

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Baragwanath Hospital spokesman Annette Cleer said the killing had not only shocked those close to Walter, but had left a feeling of fear and uncertainty that could be sensed throughout the hospital.

It was also possible that the attack would turn away doctors and nurses who might otherwise have applied for jobs at the hospital.

"All staff members fear for their safety wherever they go," said Cleer, adding that the attack had intensified that fear.

"This hospital has been through a trying time in the past few months with the strike and the violence, and this has only made it worse," she said.

Cleer said Walter was shot on a road which many of the staff used as a short-cut through the township.

Hospital superintendent Chris van der Hoever appealed to staff members yesterday not to go into areas about which they had any doubts.

Train boycott looms in PWV

ANC-aligned organisations in the PWV have agreed in principle to boycott commuter trains because of the failure of police and SA Rail and Commuter Corporation to implement agreements.

The decision was taken at a PWV Action Council meeting which included representatives of Cosatu, the SAPC, and the ANC, but would have to be vetted by individual organisations before it was implemented, ANC PWV spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said.

He said it was unacceptable that a new rail guard would only come into operation in April 1993 instead of the end of the year.

The PWV Action Council meeting was attended by representatives of the following organisations:

1. COSATU
2. SAPC
3. ANC PWV
4. SACP PWV
5. ANC Youth League PWV
6. ANC PWV Women's League
7. ANC PWV Youth

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PEANUTS

By Charles Schulz

THIS IS THE COURTHOUSE... AREN'T YOU COMING IN?""...ALL OF A SUDDEN, THE WORLD'S FAMOUS ATTORNEY REALIZED HE WAS IN OVER HIS HEAD.""
Dispute mediator's evidence challenged

A witness testifying before a Goldstone committee inquiry into violence on trains said yesterday that while observing station security measures in Soweto one day in August, he did not notice any policemen on duty.

Nathi Gaisa was working for the Independent Board of Inquiry at the time, a body acting as a mediator in disputes, and his brief was to observe and report on railway station security.

During cross-examination he said that although he did not see policemen at the Soweto stations, he was told by a passenger that special policemen were sometimes on duty.

Asked by counsel for the South African Police why he did not mention the presence of the SAP-controlled special police in his report, he said he did not place emphasis on the information because he did not see policemen when he was at the stations.

Mr Gaisa said when he visited Nancefield station later in August he saw two policemen in camouflage uniforms.

If there were other policemen who were dressed in plain clothes, he would not have been aware of them.

He said he saw security personnel wearing uniforms with SS written on the shoulders at Merafe station, and was told they had been brought in from a Meyerton-based security firm to examine the security at stations.

He also saw four ticket examiners at Merafe station, and identified them by their uniforms.

At Nhlanzane station, he was not asked to present his ticket when he walked on to the platform.

He did not see any ticket examiners on the platform, Mr Gaisa said.

Assumption

Asked by counsel for Spoornet if he was aware that because of violence on trains and intimidation, ticket examiners could not wear their uniforms, Mr Gaisa said he had seen newspaper reports to that effect.

He conceded that because there were no uniformed ticket examiners and because he was not asked to produce his ticket, he had assumed that there were no ticket examiners at that station.

Committee chairman Gert Steyn adjourned the sitting until today. — Sapa.
NEWS Four people killed in attack on squatter camp

Scores injured as cops open fire on protesters

BUS BOMBING Angry residents on rampage

By Tsale Makam and Mandla Zibi

Scores of people were injured yesterday when police fired pellets on a crowd protesting against a bomb attack on a bus at Ratanda near Heidelberg on Monday night.

Two people were killed and 28 injured when a staff bus from the Eskort Bacon Factory was bombed at about 5.30pm at the township's entrance near the hostel, police said.

According to Mr Khabisi Mosunkutu of the Soweto Civic Association, the four were shot and hacked in attacks between 9pm and 10pm.

"Residents apprehended seven of the attackers but three later escaped," Mosunkutu said.

The four suspects, three women and a man, were handed over to the police.

Police spokesman Major D du Preez said yesterday two Russian-made handgrenades were found in the bus which was attacked in Ratanda.

Residents believe it was a revenge attack by Inkatha Freedom Party supporters after one of its members was killed in the township on Sunday.

Residents also said IFP members working at the Eskort Bacon Factory did not use the staff bus although they had coupons.

A survivor, Mr Banzu Nhlapo, said: "I saw a ball of fire flying towards the bus. It hit the bus and people were hurt, burnt and charred."

The driver, Mr Petrus Nhlapo, who escaped unhurt, said: "I saw men standing in a queue along the hostel, others around a fire. Suddenly a man with what seemed like a rod was winding a ball of fire on it. I turned the bus and tried to drive away but they hit us twice."

After the attack, residents went on the rampage, leaving at least four houses belonging to IFP members gutted, police said.

Pandemonium continued until yesterday morning when police fired birdshot at a huge crowd, injuring about 22 people, including a 20-month-old baby.
Five dead, 29 injured in unrest

JOHANNESBURG. — Five people died, at least 29 were injured and 18 others were arrested in the wake of political violence on Monday, a police unrest report said.

The bodies of three men and a wounded woman who had been shot were found at Kliptown, Soweto.

The woman died of her wounds on arrival at hospital. Residents apprehended six people and turned them over to police.

At Ratanda near Heldenberg two handgrenades and three petrol bombs were thrown at a bus taking township residents from a factory about 5.30pm. Twenty-one women and seven men were injured. One of the injured died in hospital.

Residents claimed the attack was carried out near the Ratanda Hostel which is occupied by Inkatha supporters.

Police spokesman Captain Piet van Deventer said police had used rubber bullets, birdshot and teargas several times during the evening to disperse mobs armed with stones and petrol bombs.

Meanwhile a man was seriously wounded when a group attacked and stabbed him at Alexandra, north of Johannesburg.

Twelve people were arrested in the Boland town of Wellington for staging a sit-in at council offices, the police report said.

Two people were killed in separate incidents of unrest in Umzazi, Durban, on Monday night and yesterday morning, KwaZulu, Police reported.

At least one person was injured and a number of homes razed in Mahlanyeni Reserve near Nqeleni in Northern Natal, according to an ANC spokesman.

Yesterday police confirmed clashes between IFP and ANC supporters had been taking place in the area since Friday. — Sapa.
4 shot dead in squatter camp

Staff Reporters

Three men and a woman died after being shot execution-style in Chicken Farm squatter camp in Pimville, Soweto, on Monday night.

The men died in the camp and the woman in hospital, police said.

ANC member and Pimville Civic Association leader Khali Mofunku said yesterday that residents arrested six people and handed them over to the police.

Two men were shot dead in Bafana in the Vaal Triangle on Monday night.

Police said that at about 7.40 pm a man was chased in Ward Road by a gang. He was shot in the head. His name has not been released.

Later the body of another man was found in the same road. He had been shot and stabbed.

One person was killed and 29 were injured in Ratanda on Monday when a grenade and petrol bomb were hurled at a bus transporting township residents from Heidelberg, police said.

Two houses belonging to Inkatha Freedom Party members in Ratanda and a furniture truck were petrol-bombed earlier in the afternoon by youths.

Residents said the attack on the bus from the Escort bacon factory in Heidelberg took place at about 5.30 pm outside Ratanda hostel, which Inkatha supporters occupy.

Last Monday, one person was killed and 15 injured when a grenade was thrown at a bus carrying Ratanda residents to Heidelberg.

When The Star visited the township on Monday night, streets were deserted.

Before journalists were ordered to leave Ratanda, which is under curfew from 9 pm after being declared an unrest area three weeks ago, they interviewed two youths who had passed the scene.

The youths, who asked not to be identified, said they believed the attack on the bus was carried out by Inkatha supporters to avenge the death of a Ratanda hostel inmate, Calphus Nyati, who was killed by a mob on Sunday.

The youths said an ambulance that arrived to take the injured to hospital was stoned by men at the hostel.

Venetia Govenor, co-ordinator of Peace Action, a group monitoring violence in the area, said the organisation was concerned that the attack took place despite a strong police presence.

Police arrested two youths at Bopholi in the Vaul Triangle after a group attacked two men and set fire to their home.
Charges of hit squads in Reef taxi war

JOHANNESBURG. — Hit squads were being used by rival groups in the taxi war in Alexandra, a policeman told a committee of the Goldstone Commission this week.

Warrant Officer Deon Wessels said that recent crimes had been made more difficult to solve as people were being brought in to commit the crimes and then disappearing.

Earlier killings and assaults had been easier to investigate and solved as they were allegedly committed by members of the rival taxi association members in the area.

WO Wessels mentioned four incidents this year where he thought hit squads had been responsible. — Sapa
'Comrades' gun down schoolgirls in cold blood

By NOMWABISI NOMADOLO

The cold-blooded execution of two Evaton schoolgirls in the Vaal on Monday night – amid allegations that the girls were spying for inmates of the notorious and hated Kwamadala hostel – has left many questions unanswered.

The bullet-riddled bodies of two girls and cousins, Jacobeth Nhlabiseng Rantso, 18, and Rose Motshidisi, (meaning a comforter) Mohalane, 19, were found at Juventas soccer grounds – 500m from their home – on Tuesday morning after they were taken away by about 20 “comrades”.

The youths suspected of carrying out the killings are known to the family, who now fear possible retaliation.

Youths claiming to be comrades have become untouchable, not even accountable to the leadership structure they claim to represent, residents told City Press.

Rose’s sister Mampe, who was present when the three were marched to the grounds, now fears “she knows too much”. Mampe, a matric pupil, was returned home by an escort on Monday after she was found “innocent” by the tribunal which “sentenced” her sister and cousin to death and executed them.

A family spokesman, who requested anonymity, said investigations by the family showed there were rumours that one of the girls was either suspected of being in love with Vaal monster Khetis Kheswa, or that they spied for the hostel.

However, the spokesman confirmed that Rose, like many other girls in the Vaal, was once kidnapped and held at the hostel.

“The very same comrades were unable to rescue them from the hostel,” the spokesman said.

The family had been engaged in a series of meetings with the local civic organisation, including ANC structures, since last year. “The difficult thing was that even Khetis’ men came and interrogated us. We were caught in the crossfire.”

Rose and her mother, Puleng, moved to an aunt in Zone 11, and when the threats continued, moved to Jacobette’s home in Evaton. That is where the girls were picked up on Monday night.

Earlier, in despair, the family had sent the two to Manhati High School, a boarding school in QwaQwa, in an attempt to keep them away from the township. Even during vacations, the girls visited relatives in Welkom. They only arrived in Evaton from Welkom on Sunday and were to have left again on Tuesday.

On Monday afternoon Mampe was accompanied by Rose to a taxi rank to see off one of their relatives following the birthday party of a one-year-old cousin.

“On our way back, we met two guys I did not know,” Mampe said. “They stopped us and called Rose,” she said, adding Rose knew the guys. “I don’t know what they discussed, but I heard the two boys saying they were coming that night.”

At around 8pm a group of youths arrived at the house, demanding that the girls accompany them, despite pleas by the family that they sit down and talk the matter out.

The youths gave assurances the girls would be returned.

“We heard gunfire a distance away that night but we never suspected that the girls were being killed,” the spokesman said. The bodies were found in the morning.

Vaal police spokesman Capt Piet van Deventer said no arrests have been made.

The local ANC branch has not investigated the incident.

The two will be buried today.
Commuter ‘told to make arrest’

PRETORIA — Police ordered a commuter to apprehend three attackers who were walking away from the scene of a shooting at a railway station on June 15, a witness told a Goldenstones committee inquiry into violence on trains yesterday.

Patrick Marakeng, who was commuting from Johannesburg to Daveyton on the East Rand, said he was surprised when he was told to apprehend the three men.

Marakeng said shots had been fired at commuters as they were leaving Daveyton station. A commuter, Willie Khumalo, died in the shooting.

Marakeng said two policemen arrived on the scene and asked if he was injured. He said he was not, and demanded that the policeman arrest the attackers who he pointed out.

Marakeng said the policemen had then told him to apprehend the three men. He said he could not identify the trio as their faces were not visible in the poor light. The three men drove away in a car.

Asked why, in his written statement, he had said the person who was told to apprehend the attackers was fellow commuter Alex Masi, Marakeng said a misunderstanding could have arisen because of the language he spoke.

In a written statement, Masi claimed that he had been told to apprehend the attackers. Marakeng said he did not know.

About seven policemen were brought into the committee room and Marakeng identified a sergeant and a constable as the men who had been first on the scene after the shooting.

In spite of denials by counsel for the SAP, Flip Hattingh, Marakeng was adamant that the two men he had identified were the policemen he had seen on June 15.

Slain doctor: five arrested

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POLICE have arrested five youths in connection with the murder of German doctor Stephan Walter, who was shot in his car after leaving Baragwanath Hospital earlier this week.

Soweto liaison officer Lt Eugene Hennie said Soweto murder and robbery squad members, reacting to information from an anonymous caller, arrested the five youths — aged 16 and 17 — in Diepkloof. Police also seized three firearms.

The youths will appear in the Protea Magistrate’s Court tomorrow on charges of murder.

Gloomy forecast for exams

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WITH black matric exams only a week away, the National Education Co-ordinating Committee (NECC) yesterday predicted another year of poor results.

Speaking at a news conference yesterday, NECC assistant general secretary Barry Pule said education had suffered as a result of the continuing violence and poor facilities at schools. In some areas the standard of education was very little,” he said.

Although the SA Democratic Teachers’ Union strike for recognition had been disrupted, Pule said it had been necessary because “negotiations in education do not produce any results”.

Pule said the NECC would again monitor the administration and marking of matric exams. The committee was concerned about the DET’s decision to decentralise the marking this year. Its previous investigations had highlighted irregularities.

The NECC also criticised the government’s unilateral restructuring of education, particularly plans to scrap own affairs.

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RESIDENTS of Ratanda near Heidelberg yesterday entered the second day of a stayaway following a handgrenade attack on a bus transporting workers on Monday.

One person was killed and 33 others injured when two men threw handgrenades into the bus as it passed the Ratanda Hostel. Local ANC branch chairman Mr Obed Nkosi said yesterday the protest was complicated by the withdrawal of transport by bus and taxi owners for fear of further attacks.

SOUTH Africa's political leaders should observe a moratorium on vituperative attacks on one another, KwaZulu Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi and Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu said in a joint statement yesterday.

The two met for about two hours at Ulundi to exchange views on the church's role in bringing about political unity and peace.

The statement said Tutu would pursue the idea of a moratorium further. Tutu also raised the issue of the IFP's withdrawal from negotiations.
NEWS Police admit turned guerrillas are uncontrollable • Skulls found now number 6

**Lehlabile furore over Askaris**

*By Josias Charle*

RESIDENTS of Lehlabile near Brits are up in arms over the killing of a labourer and the rape of two young girls allegedly by Askaris operating in the township.

Angry residents yesterday vowed to drive out about 100 Askaris presently staying there. A number of accusations have been made against these former African National Congress members who have turned and are now working with or for the police, helping them, among other things, to uncover arms caches.

General K Engelbrecht admitted yesterday that he was commander of the Askaris but refused to divulge further information on their activities.

He told Sowetan that "proper channels had to be followed to get hold of such information".

Northern Transvaal police liaison officer Major Andrew Leach said his office was awaiting a statement from Engelbrecht and as soon as it was ready, it would be released to the Press.

Among the allegations levelled against the Askaris is that two weeks ago, two girls, aged 12 and 14, were raped by one of them. The girls were found by their parents at a man's house after disappearing for two days.

**Sexually assaulted**

It was established that they had been sexually assaulted.

Last Saturday a labourer, Mr Temba Kesa, was found murdered. His brother sustained severe wounds and a broken leg when, according to residents, a well-known Askari attacked them.

Residents also claimed that the more than 100 Askaris in the township were all armed and were a danger to the community.

Publicity secretary of Lehlabile Civic Association Mr Lungile Danjje said yesterday they had been told by the local police that they (police) were unable to control the Askaris.

A public meeting will be held at 8.30am on Sunday at the community hall to decide on a plan of action.
Community leader’s son found murdered

By Montshiwa Moroke

The son of a community leader at Noordgesig, outside Soweto, was found murdered in the township this week in an incident which has shocked residents of the close community.

Cornelius Smith (29) was the son of Vesta Smith, a mother of six.

"A draught," Mrs. Smith said yesterday, "that she had been awakened at about 5 a.m. on Wednesday by residents who told her Cornelius's body was lying in the street. He had been stabbed." "We found his body on the corner of Summer Street and Colin Drive. I did not get very close. My daughter identified him," said Mrs. Smith.

The killing has marred a visit to Mrs. Smith by her sister, Esme Matshikiza, from London. Mrs. Matshikiza is here with her daughter, Marjan, from Brazzaville, Congo.

Mr. Smith will be buried next Wednesday.

Colonel Tienie Halge, the head of the Soweto police, said yesterday Mr. Smith had been stabbed in the chest. Two men had been arrested and a murder docket had been opened at the Orlando police station.
A police sergeant denied before a committee of the Goldstone Commission into train violence that the police had ordered victims of the June 15 train attack in Daveyton to arrest the attackers.

Sergeant S Gebhardt of the Internal Stability Unit's investigations section in Daveyton said yesterday that Patrick Marakeng's assertion before the committee on Wednesday was not true.

Sergeant Gebhardt said he arrived at the scene of the attack at about 7.30 pm on June 15. He said bodies were lying on the ground. He tried to get statements from onlookers but one man told him he would not co-operate as the police were killing them.

Another witness, Constable W Mavhuso, also denied telling Mr Marakeng to arrest the attackers.

The hearing, chaired by Gert Steyn, has finished hearing evidence. It will sit again from November 23 to 27.
Askaris must be removed, say residents

Angry Lehlabaie residents near Brits want the removal from the township of an estimated 100 members of the Askaris and their families.

They claim that members of the unit are responsible for the brutal murder of a resident, two rape cases and harassment of locals.

Askaris are former ANC guerillas who now work for the police after being "turned".

The national commander of the unit, General Krappies Engelbrecht, declined to comment and directed all questions to the police directorate of public relations in Pretoria.

A spokesman for the directorate said investigations were "at an advanced stage" and one suspect had been suspended from duty.

A spokesman for the Lehlabaie Civic Association said a meeting would be held on Sunday to decide what action to take. — Pretoria Bureau.
No bail for Boipatong 76

JOHANNESBURG — A magistrate presiding over a bail application by 76 KwaMashu hooligans residents said yesterday that the massacre of 40 people in Boipatong was "probably planned and did not happen spontaneously."

Refusing bail, he said each faced 40 counts of murder. The temptation to skip bail would be great.

Counsel for the accused said they would appeal.

The case was postponed to October 28.
ALLEGATIONS of shocking atrocities committed by Askari mercenaries have resurfaced at tiny Lethlabile township outside Brits.

Two girls – allegedly raped by an Askari – have been missing for two weeks.

Angry residents said the assailants – mostly turned MK and Apla soldiers, now working for the police – had been preying on them for three years.

Residents accuse them of raping and murdering villagers. Trouble started in 1989 after the uncovering of Viaklapse farm, the Askari’s clandestine base.

They said Askaris had begun moving into Lethlabile in large numbers that year to avoid detection by Human Rights lawyers and a delegation from the SA Council of Churches who were monitoring Viaklapse.

In February 1990, after the unbanning of political organisations and the return of exiles, the mercenaries – a rag-tag bunch comprising Askari former Koevoet (SWA police unit) and 32nd Battalion (ex-Unita) members – had occupied Zone Five, an exclusive suburb in Lethlabile.

Civic leaders spoke of the terrifying effect this had on the township.

In one incident, on September 19, two girls aged 12 and 14 disappeared for the night.

Distracted

The mother of one said the distracted family was told by neighbours that the girls had been seen at the home of an Askari (whose name is known to City Press).

She said: “When we went to his house the Askari refused to open the door until we called the police. We had finally opened my daughter and her friend were there.”

They denied having been raped or sleeping the night there.

The mother then took both girls to her house and they finally admitted to being raped.

CIVIC ACTION... Lethlabile civic leader Joe Shabalala.

“My daughter then confessed that they were raped by the man. When I checked her vagina I found that it was bruised and her womb was protruding.”

The terrified girl had said the Askari had threatened to shoot the girls and their parents if they told of what had happened. A doctor had confirmed the rape injuries.

A rape charge was laid but he was not arrested. Police allegedly told the family the Askari was “untouchable” as he was under the command of Maj Gen Kappies Engelbrecht of Police Intelligence at Kompol, the police headquarters in Pretoria.

Frustrated by police apathy, the family approached the civic. A week later the two girls vanished.

The mother of the 14-year-old said she feared the Askari was involved.

Civic leaders told how on September 25, a week after the alleged rape, another Askari – whose name is also known to City Press – kidnapped two residents, took them home and, accusing the pair of robbing his home, tortured them so severely that one of the victims died.

Themba Kheswa and Alfred Gonondwe were allegedly tortured until the early hours of the next day when Kheswa died. Realising Kheswa was dead, the Askari released Gonondwe, who crawled into the street and was helped by passersby, officials said.

They said Kheswa’s body was later found in the veld and the Askari is said to have admitted to the killing. Locals police allegedly told the civic leaders they were powerless to arrest him.

Witness

Now Gonondwe is said to be in hiding following his abductor’s threat “to bash him up as a witness to the murder.”

Meanwhile, a meeting of civic leaders and Engelbrecht on Monday failed to resolve the matter.

Residents want the mercenaries out of the township, but the civic leaders said Engelbrecht said the soldiers had bought houses there and had nowhere to go because their families had been killed.

A mass meeting held later in the township hall resolved to evict the Askaris.

Today’s public meeting is to decide on the how to do it.

The SAP liaison office in Pretoria confirmed a rape charge was being investigated against the Askari whom they said was attached to the Crime Investigation Services (formerly Security Police).

The cops said the Askari had been suspended pending the outcome of the case and that a docket was sent to the Attorney-General for his decision.

The statement further confirmed that a murder docket had been opened against the killing of Kheswa and the Attorney-General would decide on the matter.

The police response to both cases was proof that they would not hesitate to prosecute force members who contravened the law, the statement said.

Engelbrecht had suggested a liaison forum between the SAP (Askaris) and the civic be formed.

Suggested

The statement said the civic had turned the offer down.

Police would no longer react to allegations against Askaris because they were “too vague.”

They said: “The SAP finds it difficult to react to unsubstantiated allegations. If the Askaris should contravene any law then the law must take its course. If the complainants decide to press ahead with the charges for whatever reason, then surely the SAP can’t be held responsible?”
THE violent gunning down two weeks ago of deputy secretary general of the ANC PWV region, Barulile Vilakazi, was carried out by "fedayi" former exiles attempting to "clear their way to finding jobs", a confidential source revealed this week.

Vilakazi was gunned down by unknown gunmen as he emerged from a hardware store.

This attack follows a spate of killings aimed at activists affiliated to the ANC in the Vaal.

According to sources in the Vaal, Vilakazi had been accused of "blocking" jobs.

Vilakazi was critically wounded in the attack and is presently receiving treatment at a Vaal clinic.

Vilakazi's brother, Paul, who is a minister on the East Rand, refused to comment on the issue, saying he had no right to talk about the controversy.
Row over missing Boipatong money

BY THEMBA KHUMALO

A NEW controversy has erupted over the alleged disappearance of thousands of rand which were collected for the burial of Boipatong massacre victims in June this year.

The money was also meant to help the families of the shooting victims who are struggling to make ends meet.

Boipatong ANC branch chairman Ernest Sotsu said a local working committee appointed a relief committee with the task of collecting the funds and opening a bank account.

On July 17 the working committee felt that bereaved families were ready to receive the money and asked the relief committee to wind up its matters and give a report-back meeting.

Sotsu claimed that the relief committee was evading the report-back meeting and instead they asked the local civic association to call a meeting of the victims of violence to hand over the money, directly to the affected families.

He claimed the relief committee was by-passing the working committee in order to avoid the discovery of the missing funds.

Since its inception the relief committee had ignored repeated requests by the working committee to supply them with an audited statement of the collected funds.

Sotsu said: "We are sceptical of the way these funds are being handled. We are also surprised by their refusal to give us an audited statement."

He claimed that three of the members of the relief committee were not Boipatong residents and that they, by their actions, wanted to divide the township community.

About 48 people died during the massacre by alleged IFP members from KweKwetla Hostel on the night of June 17. Hundreds of others were wounded during the raid.
Bolpatong-killing court chaos

VANDERBIJLPARK: chief prosecutor P. Du Plessis prevented a threatening bloodbath by phoning for police assistance as a heated exchange broke out between Inkatha and ANC supporters.

The war of words took place at the local court where 70 people charged with carrying out the Bolpatong massacre were appearing.

As City Press interviewed Du Plessis about the case, Inkatha and ANC supporters were busy exchanging abuses outside the court.

Du Plessis, in a desperate call to Vaal police liaison officer Piet van-Deventer, said he feared the situation could get out of hand and police cars in the vicinity would be damaged.

The 70 men accused of the massacre appeared before magistrate GJ Reinders, but were not asked to plead on 42 counts of murder.

This week defence counsel AS Burger twice applied for bail for the accused but was turned down. (CJnrs 4/10/92)

Burger argued that the world would laugh at this country's legal system for allowing the release of convicted political prisoners, while refusing bail for the accused who had not been convicted or charged with the Bolpatong massacre.

The case was postponed to October 26.
IT BEGAN with a low-key dispute, but little more than two months later the township of Ratanda, near Ndala, is a powder keg.

Monday's high-impact attack on the Ratanda bus station workers - in which 11 died — brought the Local District Council to the negotiating table.

On Friday, police opened fire on about 30 people protesting against the attack, sparking a rally in the town, calling for ANC and Inkatha representatives to be present.

No Codesa 3 without Buthelezi say Nats

However, Deputy Constitutional Affairs Minister Sisulu and the ANC's national executive committee are calling for a national code of conduct to prevent further violence.

The ANC has yet to respond to the invitation.

A meeting of the four ethnic groups could be held next week.

If obstacles from all sides are cleared, the negotiations could begin, he said.

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Askaris rouse fury

By Alnah Dube

Residents at Lethlabile, Boksburg, yesterday resolved to march on the houses of askaris, some of whom recently allegedly murdered a labourer and raped two girls.

Temper flared at a public meeting organized by the local civic association on what action should be taken against askaris staying in the township.

Most residents erupted in anger when civic leaders pleaded with them not to resort to violent measures against the culprits.

They demanded to be allowed to march on the houses of the askaris and burn them down immediately after the meeting.

They blamed President PW de Klerk for the move to allocate houses to the alleged “murderers” in the area.

“We call upon mothers in the township not to house these people nor allow their daughters to be in love with them because they have proved to be our enemies. This is the beginning of the fight and we should not rest until they are kicked out of the township,” a speaker said.

Askaris are former ANC guerrillas who now work for the South African security forces.
Ball refused for IFP 70

SEVENTY Inkatha Freedom Party members held in connection with the June 17 Boipatong massacre were denied bail on Friday after Mr AG Reynders ruled in the Vanderbijlpark Magistrate's Court that if released they would be difficult to trace.

Their crimes were among the most serious in South African history and releasing them would be very risky considering the accused had come from different areas. No amount of bail could ensure they would return to face trial, magistrate Reynders said. The case was postponed to October 26.
Mob necklaces man in Bedfordview street

By Anna Louw
East Rand Bureau

A group of people yesterday set a man alight on a Bedfordview pavement.

A Star employee who witnessed the attempted necklacing described the incident as "a nightmare".

Dave Herald of The Star's circulation department said he returned to his flat in Bradford Road at 1.30pm to find "drunks and prostitutes" brewing an alcoholic concoction known as "blacksheen" on the pavement opposite the Bedford Centre.

"I anticipated trouble and called the police. Suddenly I saw a man on fire running towards the flats," said Mr Herald.

Mr Herald grabbed a fire extinguisher and ran to help the man who jumped into the swimming pool before he could reach him.

"The smell of roasting flesh hung in the air, it was terrible," he said.

Mr Herald again called the police and told them to alert paramedics.

A Bedfordview fire department spokesman said the victim was "barely conscious and in severe pain".

A helicopter with a doctor on board landed at the fire station where emergency treatment was given to the victim who suffered third-degree burns to his face, chest and back.

The spokesman said the man had also sustained injuries to his trachea and lungs from the heat and had to be placed on a ventilator.

The man was airlifted to the burn unit at Baragwanath Hospital.

He was reported to be in a critical condition.
Schools empty despite guarantee of safety

HEIDELBERG - Few pupils attended school at Heidelberg's Ratanda township, eastern Transvaal, yesterday despite a safety guarantee from UN observers, the local dispute resolution committee and police.

Witwatersrand/Vaal dispute resolution committee spokesman Ilona Tip said schools in the township had been closed for at least two weeks because of violence.

SA Democratic Teachers' Union spokesman Jabu Marwa said pupils had been physically molested, either at schools or while on their way to class.

He confirmed an increased police presence in the area, which was also being monitored by three UN observers and two dispute resolution committee representatives.

A man was stabbed to death in Ratanda by a group on Saturday, according to the police unrest report. On Saturday police found the bodies of four men in the area.

Police reported that one person was killed in a tavern at Ewaton in the Vaal Triangle early yesterday when three men opened fire with a 9mm pistol and an AK-47 rifle.

On Sunday night Dora Mase of Kagiso escaped injury when a Russian-made F1 hand grenade was lobbed into the lounge of her west Rand House. The explosion damaged property worth about R5 000.

A woman died and a man was seriously wounded when a group stormed them and set them alight at Bruntville, Natal.

Two burnt bodies were discovered at Darington near Fort Beaufort in the eastern Cape.

The hacked and stabbed bodies of two men were found in Alexandra, Johannesberg, on Saturday. Police said the men had been killed in separate incidents.

Two hostel residents and a policeman were shot dead in separate incidents in KwaZulu at the weekend.

The policeman, Const-S Mgwabi, was shot dead by unknown gunmen after an argument at his house in KwaMashu on Friday, said Col Moses Khanyile. His firearm was stolen.

In another incident on Friday, two men were shot dead by unknown gunmen in KwaMashu men's hostel. The killers fled with R42. — Sepa.
Gunmen kill man in tavern

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

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

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

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

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

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

Also on Sunday, a man was stabbed to death in Simograms Hatanda township, near Heidelberg.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Another 24 people were arrested over the weekend. They appeared in court yesterday and were also remanded.
Patrol policeman shot dead on Reef

JOHANNESBURG. — An assistant constable patrolling the Marlboro suburb near Sandton was shot dead yesterday, police said.

An SAP spokesman said the constable and a colleague were approached by two men armed with revolvers. Shots were fired and the assistant constable collapsed. The attackers took his service pistol.

In the Eastern Transvaal, police arrested three men after finding AK-47 rifles and ammunition in their bakkie at Malelane on Monday.

At least 14 people died in unrest in Natal over the past three days, police reported yesterday morning.

SAP spokesman Captain Hamilton Nqidi said he had received reports of at least four deaths in faction fighting near Dududu, outside Umkomas, on Sunday.

Also on Sunday, a woman in Bruntville, Mooi River, was necklaced. One person was shot dead in Umbumbulu.

In KwaMashu one person was killed in T Section when men wearing camouflage uniforms attacked a house. The armed men, who posed as policemen, were later identified as residents of the Zamani shack settlement in nearby U Section. — Sapa
Planned train boycott ‘not warranted’

Money lost would be better spent on upgrading railway services.

A TRAIN boycott was unwarranted in the light of the South African Rail Commuter Corporation’s serious efforts to produce a better and safer commuting environment, SARCC managing director Mr Wynand Burger said yesterday.

Burger said the money lost during boycotts, strikes and stayaways - an estimated R28 million in 1991/92 - could have been better spent curtailing violence on trains and safeguarding stations.

News reports indicated a train boycott was being planned, he said, apparently because the corporation had failed to keep its side of the May agreement. The agreement between community organisations and the SARCC followed a sit-in by community leaders angered by repeated attacks on train passengers.

Contrary to the allegations, Burger said, the corporation had made significant progress upgrading security measures at various stations in the southern Transvaal.

"Approximately R11.5 million has already been spent over the past four months to improve security measures on the Reef.

"Boycotts will have an adverse effect on future tariffs and in the end it is the commuter who will be losing out." - Sapa
Train boycotts, stayaways cost R28-m

By Montshwena Moroka

The SA Rail Commuter Corporation (SARCC) estimated yesterday it had lost R28 million through train boycotts, work stayaways and strikes since the beginning of last year.

However, SARCC managing director Wynand Burger said the corporation had made significant progress in upgrading security measures at stations in the southern Transvaal since the signing of the Train Peace Accord earlier this year.

His statement followed a weekend newspaper report which said another train boycott was being planned because the corporation had failed to keep its side of the agreement.

"The matter is receiving serious attention. Train boycotts have a very negative effect on limited fund and is unwarranted in the light of the corporation's serious efforts to produce a better and safer commuting environment," said Burger.

He said about R11.5 million had been spent in the past four months to improve security measures on the Reef.

This figure included the fencing of 108 stations. All 108 stations on the Reef were expected to be fenced by the end of March. In addition, two trains would be fitted with closed-circuit television and a public address system by December.

Johannesburg station and Soweto's Dube station were the target access control points with metal detectors in compliance with the Train Peace Accord.

The availability of sufficient funds to implement these measures was an important factor to be considered in spending for the process, Burger said.
New steps to thwart cop-killers

By ANTHONY JOHNSON
Political Correspondent

EAST LONDON — Police vehicles are to be equipped with powerful American-style loudspeakers in a bid to foil assassinations by cop-killers posing as stranded motorists.

Law and Order Minister Mr. Hernus Kriel yesterday unveiled measures to halt the killing of policemen and revealed that 21 were dying violently every month.

He told the National Party Cape congress here that a particularly alarming trend was for police to be ambushed when they stopped to assist cars which had apparently broken down at the side of the road.

Police were investigating a system whereby the occupants would be ordered through a loudspeaker to vacate their cars and "spread" before police would leave the safety of their vehicles.

Other measures to improve police safety would include bullet-proof vests, armoured "bakkies" and increased training.

Mr. Kriel said that in 1991/92 the majority of policemen killed were not on duty. He said 56 black policemen had had their houses burnt down or badly damaged in arson attacks during the last 12 months.

To loud applause Mr. Kriel said he wanted to offer particular praise: "To black and brown members of the force because they work in particularly difficult circumstances."

He said attackers were increasingly wearing security force uniforms and asked: "Is this not perhaps the third force?"

The SAP and SADF were all that stood in the way of the ANC grabbing power, he said.

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Commuters shot at; One killed

JOHANNESBURG. — One person was killed and another was injured when shots were fired at commuters waiting at a taxi rank in Alexandra, north of Johannesburg, early yesterday.

Police said the commuters were attacked by a group of men who had climbed over a wall on a property near the taxi rank.

Police in the area spotted the attackers and tried to catch them, but they climbed back over the wall and fled.

In a statement, the Inkatha Freedom Party Youth Brigade in Alexandra said the dead man was a resident of Nokhala Hostel.

According to the Youth Brigade, yesterday’s attack followed the death of three SPF members in two separate attacks at the same rank in the past seven days.

Two men were killed when gunmen armed with AK-47 rifles and 9mm pistols fired a number of rounds at a private vehicle in Lenasia, Vereeniging.

Three attacks on police occurred nationwide on Tuesday, according to yesterday’s police unrest report, including one in Milnerton, near Cape Town, where a man was injured and another arrested when a group threw stones at a police car.

A man was stoned to death outside a house in Wembley township near Boksburg on Monday night, bringing to 15 the number of people killed in unrest-related incidents in Natal in the past three days.

Thirty-six people died and 19 were injured in politically-motivated violence countrywide over the past week, the Human Rights Commission said yesterday. — Sapa
Commuters shot

ONE person was shot dead and another injured when shots were fired at commuters waiting at a taxi rank in Alexandra. Police yesterday said they were notified of the shooting at about 5pm.

Witnesses to the 5.30pm shooting told police that commuters were waiting for transport at a rank in First Avenue, when a taxi drove past. The taxi occupants allegedly opened fire on the commuters.

One person died and one was injured. Police had no further details on the victims.

Police on the scene recovered a number of cartridges from the street.

The Goldstone Commission is currently investigating taxi war violence in Alexandra. The hearings are being held in the township this week.
Young girls shot dead in ‘error’

By Mzinasi Ngudle

Two schoolgirls, mistaken as KwaMadala Hostel residents, were allegedly herded to a sports ground and shot dead by youths armed with AK-47 rifles at Evaton in the Vaal Triangle on Monday night.

The bodies of Rose Mohlalane (19) and Jacobette Rantoo (18), who were pupils at Manthatisi Secondary School in QwaQwa, were found by police at the Juventus grounds on Tuesday morning.

Police spokesman Captain Piet van Deventer confirmed yesterday that two bullet-riddled bodies were found on the sports grounds.

The girls had arrived home on Sunday after visiting friends in Welkom the previous week.

Ntshabeng’s grief-stricken mother and family members wept as they related the tragedy yesterday.

A family spokesman said the youths, who claimed to be members of the African National Congress, snatched the girls from their parents at gunpoint on Monday night.

He said the youths apparently thought the girls lived at the KwaMadala Hostel.

They ordered Rose, Jacobette and Mampe Mohlalane (Rose’s sister) to go with them to the grounds.

Jacobette’s father, Mr Simon Rantoo, insisted that he accompanied the girls as he did not trust the “comrades”. However, he remained behind after the youths promised they would bring the girls back.

On the way they told Mampe to return home and took Rose and Jacobette to the grounds.

Mampe said the men accused her sisters of being “midwambe”, local slang for a spy.

The family waited until they went to sleep, hoping the girls would return at night.

About six the next morning someone came to tell them he had seen the girls’ bodies at the sports grounds.
Bosom friends

FLASHBACK: Bosom friends
Jacobette Nthabiseng Mohalane
(left) and Rose Motshidi
Mohalane's bullet-riddled bodies
were found on a soccer field in
Evaton after they were allegedly
abducted by armed youths who
mistook them for KwaMadala
Inmates. The picture is from a
family album.

Monstrous murders

WRONG VICTIMS Young girls gunned down in
cold blood by vicious thugs using AK-47 rifles:

EVATON in the Vaal Triangle
has been rocked by the horror
killing of two schoolgirls,
ally by youths armed with
AK-47 rifles who had apparently
mistaken them for KwaMadala
Hostel residents.

The bullet-riddled bodies of
cousins Rose Mohalane (19) and
Nthabiseng Rantsos (18) were
found by police at a sportsground
on Tuesday morning.

For the girls' grief-stricken
families, the tragedy began on
Monday night when the youths
arrived at Jacobette's home,
snatched the girls at gunpoint
and herded them to the
sportsground.

The family spent a sleepless
night praying the girls would
return. Early Tuesday morning
a man told them the
girls' bodies were found.

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PROPERTY  Challenge to resolve housing crisis  • Action

Violence a constant plague to housing

By Joshua Raboroko

VIOLENCE and large-scale unemployment have continued to plague the development of housing in Alexandra.

The situation has been aggravated by the unavailability of land, finance criteria applied by banks and building societies and the threat to boycott bond repayments. These are some of the views expressed at the Alexandra Housing Convention held last week.

Addressing the conference, chairman of the Interim Crisis Committee Mr Brian Wegerie said there were 46 000 shacks, three single-sex hostels and few middle-class homes in Alexandra.

Wegerie said infrastructure was poor—no sewerage or refuse removal and the township was "a health hazard".

It was evident that there was a housing backlog in the country, therefore everybody was being challenged to resolve the housing crisis.

But as long as violence continued to sweep through most of the townships, the housing backlog will not be solved because developers and financial institutions are reluctant to invest in the beleaguered townships.

Financial institutions, the private sector, the business community, building industries and the current governing bodies were applying themselves to breaking this housing shortage, yet violence inhibited their moves, he said.

The population of Alexandra was 355 000, and 305 000 were unemployed. These people could not afford to buy homes, and financial institutions would not give them loans.

Problems highlighted were:

• Mushrooming of squatters near Alex;
• Call by South African National Civic Organisation to boycott bond repayments, and the fact that the organisation's president was a resident there;
• No networking between the residents and community organisations regarding the housing shortage.

POOR INFRASTRUCTURE Committee looks at why Alex housing is scarce:
MK member is terrified of police

He has to hide:

By Mzimasi Ngudle

UMKHONTO weSizwe cadre Tebogo Modime, 49, fears for his safety after police allegedly raided his home five times since he returned from exile.

He has now gone into hiding. What puzzles him is that he has been co-operative with the police, even reporting some of the raids.

"The first time a policeman hit my mother with a rifle. They also smashed a wardrobe and impounded my combat uniform.

"In subsequent raids they punched my brother," he said.

Tebogo said police first came on June 16 but he was not home.

This week, police allegedly smashed the metal door of his home, kicking the door frame into the kitchen.

Soweto Police spokesman Lieutenant B. Henning said he was not aware of the incident.
Taxi groups differ over cause of feud

By Brian Sokatu

Leaders of two warring Alexandra taxi associations, appearing before a committee of the Goldstone Commission, yesterday differed in their submissions on alleged police involvement in fuelling the feud.

Alexandra-Randburg-Midrand Taxi Association (Armsta) chairman Victor Mogale alleged police involvement, but Alexandra Taxi Association chairman Lesole Manamela said his organisation had good relations with the police.

Mogale, who claimed Armsta had lost "many" members since 1988, implicated four policemen in the fighting, three of whom he said were taxi operators in Alexandra.

Mogale told the commission — chaired by advocate Niel Rossouw — that he was disturbed that police allegedly failed to investigate cases reported by Armsta members.

"Whenever violence broke out between the two associations, you would find a policeman who is a taxi operator receiving the complaint at the police station," Mogale said.

Disputing these allegations, Manamela said the feud was caused by the presence of the two rival taxi associations in the township.

"Policemen have owned taxis in Alexandra long before the faction fight started," he said.

The two taxi associations had to merge, Manamela said.

The hearing continues on Monday.
Soweto mosque damaged

A MOSQUE in Soweto was searched, damaged and fired at by people masquerading as policemen who claimed to be looking for illegal immigrants hidden on the premises.

Imam Ali Mufumbiro was praying when the so-called policemen asked for permission to search the premises for criminals which they claimed had entered the mosque through a window.

Soweto police spokesman Lieutnant Eugene Honning said the Imam had made a mistake by not asking the men to produce their police identity cards.

Honning said police regarded the allegations in a serious light and would bring the culprits to justice whether they were real policemen or not.
Hostel residents shot dead outside cafe

Two Diepkloof hostel residents were killed outside a cafe in Robertsham, Johannesburg, yesterday when a group of men fired a number of rounds at them and sped off in a waiting car.

Police confirmed the men — Benjamin Mdlalose and Themba Khanyile, both from Diepkloof hostel — were gunned down by unidentified assailants outside the Bluebird Cafe at about 6.50 am.

Mcele Ndawonde, who escaped death by a hair's breadth, told a Star photographer that Mdlalose, Khanyile and he had driven to the cafe to buy snacks.

He went into the shop with Mdlalose while Khanyile waited in the car.

Mdlalose returned to the car first while Ndawonde waited in the shop for his purchases.

He heard gunshot, ran out of the shop and saw Mdlalose and Khanyile slumped in the car.

A man armed with a 9 mm pistol started firing at him.

A shaken Ndawonde said the bullets "zipped" past him, missing by centimetres.

The gunman ran to a car parked nearby and jumped into it with four other men — one of whom was also armed with a pistol.

Mdlalose, who was shot in the head, died outside the cafe, while Khanyile died at Baragwanath Hospital.

A police spokesman said the two men were attacked by gunmen speeding past the cafe in a blue Mercedes-Benz. He confirmed Mdlalose was shot in his car and Khanyile was shot as he was leaving the cafe.
10 dead in 2 days in Alex

Crime Reporter

Ten people have died in Alexandra in the past two days, among them four who police believe were victims of a continuing taxi war in the township.

On Wednesday morning one man was killed when gunmen opened fire on a group of people waiting for a taxi in First Avenue.

Yesterday morning three people were gunned down in separate attacks, one of them at the taxi rank in First Avenue.

Police said that at about 6.10 am, gunmen opened fire on commuters, killing one person and injuring another. One man was arrested.

At about 6.20 am, a man was shot near the taxi rank.

About 10 minutes later a man in Watt Street was shot by attackers.

The bodies of six men, who had all been stabbed, were discovered on Wednesday night in the township.

In other unrest-related incidents, a man was necklaced in Katlehong on the East Rand, and a woman was shot dead in the area.

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Goldstone probe into hostel violence on hold

THE Goldstone commission has suspended further inquiries into violence at hostels.

Hostels subcommittee chairman Advocate Bob Nugent said the decision followed the Record of Understanding reached between government and the ANC.

This agreement, which entails fencing off several hostels including Dube and Dobsonville, was based on an interim report submitted to President F W de Klerk last month by the sub-committee.

The committee would convene to probe further the hostel issue when and if necessary, Nugent said.

It is understood the Goldstone commission will meet next week once Judge R Goldstone has returned from overseas.

It will discuss, among other things, whether further inquiries into violence at hostels are still necessary.

Meanwhile, the Transvaal Hostel Residents' Association has put on hold its plans to embark on mass action in protest against the fencing of hostels.

A spokesman said the mass action would be suspended pending the outcome of a meeting between De Klerk and representatives of organisations which this week attended the "conference for concerned South Africans".

It could not be ascertained yesterday when the meeting would take place.

Sapa reports that both parties involved in the Alexandra taxi war told a committee of the Goldstone commission that police partiality led to distrust.

Alexandra Taxi Association (ATA) chairman Petrus Manamela and Alexandra, Randburg, Midrand and Sandton Taxi Association chairman Victor Mogale made submissions to the committee yesterday.

Mogale claimed the former station commander of Alexandra police station accepted the use of an ATA member's minibus to take his family on holiday.

He also claimed policemen were operating taxis, some without legal permits.

Manamela told the committee ATA members were reluctant to lay complaints because of rumours of police partiality.
Moves to halt train violence

JOHANNESBURG Various community organisations, the SA Rail Comuter Corporation and the police yesterday decided to form three joint committees to train violence.

Two committees will deal with proactive measures to end the violence, and the third with preventive measures such as cameras, gates and fencing at stations.

SAPS (213)
Mystery raids.

Johannesburg. — Unknown assailants yesterday afternoon threw a grenade at a house in Alexandra in the latest incident of strife in the squalid township.

A Witwatersrand police spokesman confirmed the explosion, and said none of the occupants were injured.

"The explosion occurred about 1.50pm after the grenade was hurled at the house. We are not sure what the motive was as the residents there have no political affiliation," he said.

In the last week, Alexandra has been plagued by a resurgence in fighting between alleged supporters of the ANC and the Inkatha Freedom Party.

Police reported that 10 people were killed in the township in the last two days, with one man arrested on Thursday. — Sops.
Back home in Fear City

Sunday Times reporter CHARMAIN NAIDOO arrived back in Johannesburg after an 18-month posting to London and discovered a city living on its nerves

NEVER have I felt such a sense of communal fear. Everyone is afraid — of personal injury by gunmen or knife-wielding criminals, of rape, of robbery, of rampant inflation, of poverty...

And with good reason. In the 18 months I've been away, three good friends have been raped and everyone I know has been burgled or mugged or had a car stolen.

Within hours of my return from London two colleagues welcomed me home with news that their sons had been killed in the violence — one shot, the other stabbed.

Fierce

The "new" South Africa has unleashed a sinister revival of Us and Them. We are the victims and they are the perpetrators of dark and criminal deeds.

I came home expecting closer co-operation and a sense of relief that the horrors of apartheid were finally over. Instead I find a fierce hostility on the streets of Johannesburg.

This grudging sullenness seems to have permeated the service industry. On my first visit to a Yeoville supermarket I watched two women shelf packers turn on an arthritic old woman who'd mumbled a complaint that they were talking too loudly.

"We have been kept silent for too long under apartheid. We will not be denied a voice." The store manager looked on silently. Where are the days of the customer always being right?

Later that day I brushed against a pedestrian as we both began to cross Diagonal Street and he turned and glared at me, then spat close to my feet in anger.

People are barricading themselves in. I am a guest in the home of a friend who handed me eight keys which unlock padlocks, deadlocks and Yale locks to allow entry into his thrice-burgled home. It makes me yearn for my tiny London flat where my first-floor sash windows stayed open all summer and where a single key let me in.

The warnings from colleagues came early on my first morning in the office: never leave the building carrying your handbag; don't wear any jewellery; never walk to the car park.

I assumed it was just collective paranoia until individual stories of hold-ups, muggings and stabblings began to unfold. I am afraid, not only of the constant perceived threat to my person and belongings, but also that I will forget to take extra care and end up a victim.

Not that the city centre is terribly appealing, with its dangers and filthy streets. Downtown Johannesburg looks more like an African capital than when I left a year and a half ago — make-shift vending stalls littering the pavements in the shadow of first world buildings, where everything from fruit to shoes, handcuffs to gun holsters can be bought.

The aftermath of a day's trading is evident in the late afternoon when the streets are piled high with litter and filth. Management committee chairman Ian Davidson says the budget for cleaning the city centre has doubled, with streets being swept morning and evening. Yet the seediness remains.

One of my biggest surprises was how expensive South Africa has become in the last two years. Inflation is out of control with prices up between 40 and 45 percent since I last shopped here. Comparatively, food prices in London are cheaper, even when multiplied by the current £5 to R5 exchange rate.

We've lost something in this New South Africa — I think it's trust. Nobody trusts anyone any more. Hostility has replaced congenial communication, anger has replaced reason, guns have replaced debate. But most important is the ever-present fear that has everyone looking over their shoulders.

Angry

I'm angry that within a few months of being back home, living with the fear will become normal and I will get used to locking myself in and complaining about the violence like everyone else. People have asked what I'll miss most about London. It is the sense of safety I felt living in a country where human life has a value and where anything which threatens the security of the individual is considered a very serious crime.

Until we get rid of the simmering anger and the fear we're doomed.
Krappies men rip up old wounds

By THEMBA KHUMALO

IT used to be a humble place, but now little Lethlabile is furious again.

Residents of the tiny township outside Brits have scourged promises of State action against Askari mercenaries who recently settled in the area.

Instead they want the Askaris to face the wrath of the community.

To scorn promises of State prosecution sounds strange, but in Lethlabile it makes sense: the former MK and Apla men enjoy the protection of their new master, Maj-Gen Krappies Engelbrecht, head of the Criminal Investigation Service – formerly the Security Police.

The Askaris’ alleged brutality has reopened old wounds. Many of the villagers were forcibly removed from Oukakse to Lethlabile in the mid-80s.

ENDERS said they “enjoyed the cunning and savagery of white rule.”

The presence of the Askaris – dubbed the Third Force – was exposed by Almond Betana Nofomela, the black cop fighting for his life on Death Row after the killing of a white farmer in the late 1980s.

Residents and informed sources said the Askaris were whisked away from their secret farm base near Brits on a police raid in a night of unspeakable terror for the frightened girls, who, it was discovered, suffered gruesome damage to their private parts.

Two weeks later another Askari allegedly abducted two men and tortured them so severely in his house that one of them died.

The surviving victim says the mercenary, realizing what he did, released him. He “crawled, bloodied and broken through the empty streets until help came.”

The police used a blunt weapon in the attack.

A mass protest march on the nearby Askari homes was led by the State Commission on the Grooteboom.

ANC spokesman Karl Niehaus said the matter would be put before the National Peace Council.
R11m spent on train security

By THEMBA KHUMALO

IN a desperate attempt to avert a second massive Soweto train boycott the South African Rail Commuter Corporation has spent nearly R11.5-million in improving security on trains and at stations.

"Train boycotts have a very negative effect on already limited funds and are unwarranted in the light of the corporation's serious efforts to produce a better and safer commuting environment," said the corporation's managing director Wyand Burger.

Burger was reacting to reports that the Train Boycott Committee was planning another boycott after weeks of renewed train violence.

In one incident last month five people were stabbed and thrown from a moving train between New Canada and Longdale stations. Among them was a woman who was allegedly raped in front of horrified commuters before she was thrown off.

A snap survey by City Press has shown that the attacks have subsided slightly because of large police presence in coaches and stations.

However, the police said their task was hampered as sealed doors prevented movement between coaches.
The prevalent issue in the local ANC and the Provincial Council of Ministers is the neglect of the rural and poor areas of the province. The ANC is also facing criticism for not delivering on its promises.

In recent years, the ANC has been accused of corruption and mismanagement. The party has been under scrutiny for its role in the steering of the economy and the provision of basic services. The ANC is also facing criticism for its failure to address the needs of the poor and marginalized communities.

The ANC is facing a challenge in maintaining its grip on power. The party is struggling to retain support from its traditional base, which is primarily made up of the rural poor.

In recent elections, the ANC has lost support in the rural areas, which has been a concern for the party. The ANC is also facing competition from other political parties, such as the Democratic Alliance and the Economic Freedom Fighters.

The ANC is facing a difficult period, and it will need to address the challenges it is facing to remain relevant in the political landscape. The party needs to focus on delivering on its promises to the people and address the concerns of the rural areas.
IFP 7 deny 28 murders

By MARTIN NTSOELENGOE

A WEST Rand detective was this week called a liar by a member of the legal team defending seven IFP members facing 28 charges of murder, 27 charges of attempted murder, arson and public violence relating to the Soweto massacre on May 12 last year.

They were: Vumisani Majola, 35, Siswe Majola, 48, Joseph Khanyile, 42, Bukhithi Dlamini, *29, Bhekukwakhe Mdlabane, 29, and Pheyi Nhlapo, 49, of Kagiso No 1 Hostel, and Mzanywa Sihole, 34, of Watville Hostel — have all pleaded not guilty, and defence law-

yer AS Burger told the court some were forced to make confessions.

When asked why a confession was taken at night in a police station, a Maj Dicks, who testified for four days, said there had been no magistrate available.

Burger argued the men were booked out of the Krugersdorp prison to force them to confess. He said the two Majos and Khanyile were blindfolded, given electric shocks and assaulted.

Dicks had denied taking three of the men out at night, but the occurrence book showed they had been booked out after 6 pm.
Young rivals cram into the same dock

By DAN DHLAMINI

THIRTY members of arch-rivals Inkatha and the ANC this week shared the same dock in the Klerksdorp Regional Court.

Hartebeesfontein branch Inkatha youth leader Ernest Mosajika, 18, and 10 other IFP members, as well as 19 ANC members, faced charges of public violence.

The 30 — including 11 teenagers — appeared before magistrate Louis Venter, in a sequel to an incident on May 9 1991 in which ANC members Jeremiah Motsumi and Buti Kraai were killed in a grenade explosion.

Several others, including some of the accused, were injured by shrapnel.

The State says the two groups clashed at an illegal street gathering, on May 9 1991.

The charge sheet states that they started to sing and toy-toy before throwing stones and grenades, killing Motsumi and Kraai and injuring numbers of others.

According to the charge sheet, Mosajika is accused of throwing the grenade.

The 30 accused, who comprise of ANC and IFP members, are represented by separate teams of lawyers.
New bid to protect commuters

A BREAKTHROUGH in the fight against train violence was achieved when a strategy to protect commuters was agreed upon by ANC-aligned organisations, police and SA Rail and Commuter Corporation (SARCC) officials at the weekend.

The agreement would lead to a re-assessment of the need to resume an ANC boycott of trains, ANC PWV spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said yesterday.

He said: "A two-pronged strategy proposed by the ANC had been adopted.

Two working groups would look at ways of speeding up the arrest and prosecution of perpetrators of train violence, he said.

In the end it is only an interim government that will address the issue properly. The forums will not be bogged down by detail," he said.

SARCC spokesman Connie Nkosi said the community would become involved in preventive measures to protect commuters at stations.

The SARCC said it had already spent about R11.5m on increased security at Reef stations, a separate statement said.

"It is estimated that the corporation lost about R28m because of boycotts, stayaways and strikes during 1991 and 1992," it said.

"This is a large amount of money for any organisation to bear, but we could rather be applied to curb violence on trains and safeguard stations.

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Senior ANC official killed

Sowetan Correspondent

A SENOIR ANC member from Phola Park, near Tokoza, and three other people were killed on Saturday night when gunmen riddled the car, in which they were travelling, with bullets.

Phola Park ANC leader Mr Prince Mhlambi and the others were gunned down at Mapatane Street in Tokoza at about 9pm. ANC PWV spokesman Mr Barbara Hogan said yesterday.

She said two gunmen opened fire on Mhlambi's car with an AK-47 rifle before fleeing.

Witnesses claimed the gunmen were members of a gang which has been terrorising the Beitram section of Tokoza for some time, she said.

Hogan said the gunmen later returned to the scene and started shooting into the crowd which had gathered. She said Mhlambi and two other occupants of the car, Mphatsho Makubha and Sampie Mofokeng, died instantly.

Two other occupants, Mokgoro Sebaje and a woman known only as Anna, were admitted to the Union Hospital in Alberton. A hospital spokesman said the woman died soon after she was admitted. Sebaje was still in hospital but his condition was not serious.

Police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Dave Bruce confirmed the shooting.

Hogan said although the police arrived at the scene only after 1am yesterday.

The police allegedly refused to give the victims' families the name of the investigating officer and told them they would have to report the shooting to the Katlehong police station.

Bruce said the SAP would look into the allegations and urged the ANC to contact them.

He said the police were saddened and shocked by Mhlambi's death.

"We (the SAP) have had many discussions with Prince. We met him at the recent conference on policing in Vanderbijlpark and found him to be an extremely pleasant person," he said.
Top ANC man summed down

SHOW OF STRENGTH...ANC members march up the stage to reiterate their support for our President.

By Peters

Police raid

A Johannesburg police raid and arrest on ANC members in the late night.

Hope for resumed talks

Butheli: No right-wing alliance

Capetown, Monday, October 12 1982
Gunmen kill ANC official, 3 others

By Charmella Bhagwat and Abdul Milazi

Senior Phola Park ANC member Prince Mhlambi and three other people were killed on Saturday night when gunmen shot at their car.

The incident happened in Mapatane Street, Tokozzi, at 9pm, ANC PWV spokesman Barbara Hogan said yesterday.

Witnesses claimed the gunmen were members of a gang which has terrorised Tokozzi’s Beirut section, she said. Mhlambi, Mpati Machitje and Simon Mokhele died instantly.

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Hogan said: although the police were informed of the shooting, they arrived at the scene only after 1am yesterday. The two policemen were drunk. "Rude, arrogant and unco-operative," she said.

Bruce said the SAP would look into the allegations and urged the ANC to contact the police to ensure the matter was dealt with immediately. He said the police were saddened and shocked by Mhlambi’s death.
Train violence breakthrough

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A major breakthrough in the fight against train violence was achieved at the weekend when ANC-aligned organisations, police and SA Rail and Commuter Corporation officials agreed to a joint strategy to protect commuters.

The agreement meant the ANC would take a new look at its decision to boycott trains, ANC PWV spokesman Mr Ronnie Mamoepa said yesterday.

The strategy involved the establishment of two working groups on “pro-active and preventive measures” to combat violence, Mr Mamoepa said.

The working groups, which are scheduled to begin operations by October 22, will look at ways of speeding up the arrest and prosecution of those guilty of train violence.

“But in the end it is only an interim government that will address the issue properly. The forums will not be bogged down by detail,” he said.

SARCC spokesman Ms Connie Nkoai said the community would become involved in preventive measures to protect commuters at stations.

In a separate statement, the SARCC said it had already spent some R115 million on increased security at Reef stations, and added that it had lost about R2.9 million through boycotts, stayaways and strikes during 1991 and 1992.

“This is a large amount of money for any organisation to forfeit, especially if it is mainly funded from state subsidies. The money could be better used to curb violence on trains and safeguard stations.

“The boycotts have a very negative effect on already limited funds and are unwarranted in the light of the corporation’s serious efforts to produce a better and safer commuting environment,” the statement said.
AK-47 gunmen kill four

GUNMEN RULE

Violence and yet more violence

in another bloody weekend on the Reef.

IT WAS yet another weekend of violence when four people were killed and four injured - all except one the victims of gunmen - mostly on the Reef.

Among the dead was ANC senior member Mr Prince Mhlambi, who died with three youths when their car was raked by AK-47 rifle fire at Phola Park in Tokozan on the East Rand on Saturday night.

In another incident a handgrenade was thrown through the window of Diepkloof Police Station in Soweto yesterday morning, wrecking a toilet. No one was injured. At Alexandra near Sandton, police found an injured man who had been stabbed and at Katlehong on the East Rand police found the body of a man who had been set alight.

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ANC leader, 3 others die as gunfire rakes car

The Argus Correspondent

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Phola Park ANC leader Mr. Prince Mhlambi and the others were gunned down on Saturday night. ANC spokesman for the PWV area Barbara Hogan said she received two gunmen with AK 47s, riddled the car with bullets before fleeing in a Mazda.

Witnesses claimed the gunmen were members of a gang that had been terrorising the Beirut section of Tokozan for some time, she said.

Ms Hogan said the gunmen later returned to the scene and started shooting at people when they tried to apprehend the killers.

She said Mr. Mhlambi and two other occupants of the car, Mr. Mpati Machel and Mr. Sampo Mofokeng, died.

Two others, Mr. Mogale Sebeteone and a woman known only as Anna, were admitted to the Union Hospital in Alberton.

The hospital said the woman died soon after she was admitted, but Mr. Sebeteone's condition was not serious.

Ms Hogan said the police arrived at the scene four hours after the shooting and were "drunk, abusive and unco-operative."

Canoeist, 30, killed

JOHANNESBURG. — A 30-year-old Johannesburg canoeist was killed on the Vaal River at the weekend when a speedboat ploughed into his canoe, police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Dave Bruce said. — Sapa.
Idasa mourns Mhlambi

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

Mr Prince Mhlambi and two others were shot dead when gunmen fired on their car while they were driving to the funeral of their fellow leader, Mr. Lekgoa Ramahale, on Saturday.

Two others were injured in the incident which police said took place in Mapanga Section, Kathlehong. However, witnesses said the shooting took place in Tokozan.
Four unrest deaths

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

Of those killed in Alexandra on the Witswatersrand, Kalkfontein, near Alberton, and Paola Park, Tokoza, one was shot, one stabbed, one clubbed and one set alight.

In Kalkfontein, a man and two women were injured when a gunman, carrying an AK-47 rifle, shot at a taxi.

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Four killed in violence at weekend

Four people were killed and at least four others injured on the Witwatersrand in unrest-related violence on Sunday, police reported yesterday.

In Alexandra, near Sandton, a man was shot dead by unidentified gunmen and in the same area police found the body of a man who had been stabbed.

In Kliptown, on the East Rand, police found the body of a man who had been clubbed to death.

Police said the charred body of a man who had been set alight was discovered in Phola Park, Tshwane, on Sunday morning.

This followed the slaying of Phola Park ANC leader Prince Mhlambi and three others in the area on Saturday night.

Police said three people were seriously injured when gunmen wielding AK-47s fired at a minibus in Kliptown on Sunday.

In Johannesburg a man threatened a councillor with a knife. The councillor fired a shot to ward off the attacker, wounding a bystander. The name of the councillor is being withheld by the police.
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Our Durban correspondent reports that seven people were killed and two injured at Mthokozeni, near Nqutu in northern Natal, when they were attacked by men in camouflage uniforms at the weekend.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

This emerged at a meeting of the two factions, led by Induna Petros Mphokazi and Induna Ziphi Mbane respectively, at Isipingo, south of Durban.

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

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

He said the two factions were to meet again on Sunday afternoon and a peace accord was expected to be signed after the meeting. — Sapa.
Two killed in train attacks

JOHANNESBURG. — Two people were killed and 17 injured in separate attacks on train commuters here last night.

Gunmen opened fire at commuters from a Soweto-bound train at Langlaagte station, killing one man and wounding 12 others.

A second man was shot and killed at Braamfontein station. Five people, who either jumped or were pushed from the moving train, were injured.

A police spokesman also said several people were reported injured in stone-throwing attacks at Langlaagte station.
6 die in unrest

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Gunmen opened fire on a man at Wembah, Estcourt, seriously wounding him.

Explosives were detonated at homes in Ratanda, Heidelberg, and at Khuma, Stilfontein. There were no injuries in the Ratanda explosion but the blast at Khuma early yesterday injured two people.
The world is poorer for the death of Prince Mhlambi, reports WINNIE GRAHAM.

A REPORT in The Star this week said Prince Mhlambi and three others had been shot dead in the streets of Tokozna, near Alberton. No one knows who killed him or why.

In most South African homes, Mhlambi's death will mean little. He will largely be perceived as just another victim in yet another shootout.

In Phola Park, the overcrowded, squalid squatter camp where he lived and worked, however, he is being greatly mourned.

No one is likely to write his obituary. Not many will know his personal circumstances — other than that he lived in a shack, was neither rich nor famous or, beyond the area where he operated, even well-known.

And yet the world is the poorer for the death of Prince Mhlambi.

His story is that of Phola Park, the unfortunate settlement where violence has erupted regularly in the past year.

I first met Prince when I visited Phola Park. He was to be my guide on many visits. He knew all there was to know about the so-called settlement, a squatter camp which started in 1987.

As is so often the case, the local council ordered the squatters off the land because the site had been sold to a private developer. But the new arrivals had no place to go and so they stayed. Then came the bulldozers. Their shacks were demolished on July 22, 1987, and for the next fortnight — in the heart of winter — the families camped in the open.

Prince worked with the local Catholic Church in trying to resolve the many problems which beset the growing community.

Once, after a Justice and Peace meeting at a church in the area, he asked for a lift home. When we reached the squatter camp, he wanted to be dropped on the outskirts.

"It's not safe for a woman here at night," he told me.

When violence erupted in Phola Park last year and the people fled to the Catholic Church in Eden Park, I inquired after Prince.

"He's okay," a woman told me. "He'll survive anything."

Again and again he emerged unscathed from the death and destruction that has plagued the squatter camp.

But he survives no longer. Prince Mhlambi is dead.
Violence death toll down

By Charmeela Bhagwat
Crime Reporter

Last month 279 people were killed in political violence, bringing the number of deaths for the year to 2762, the Human Rights Commission reported yesterday.

In its monthly repression report, the organisation said the death toll for September was significantly lower than that of August when 348 died in political violence. It welcomed the fact that there were no death-squad-related deaths last month.

The HRC said 89 people died in politically related violence in the PWV area last month and 1,674 people were killed in the region this year.

The HRC said 217 people were injured, bringing the total for the year to 4,857.

For the second consecutive month, the number of deaths in Natal exceeded the number of deaths in the PWV.

The report welcomed the decrease in vigilante-related activity, which was responsible for 129 deaths, saying this figure was the lowest since January.

However, more deaths as a result of security force action were reported last month than for any other month this year.

The HRC said security forces were responsible for 23 deaths – with the Bisho massacre accounting for 22.

The HRC also recorded the first death in five months as a result of right-wing activity.
news in brief

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2 Durban suicides

A POLICE constable shot and killed himself in his flat in Overport, Durban, on Monday night. Police said Constable TM Shangase (30) was found with a bullet wound to his head in a flat in South Road. Foul play is not suspected.

In another incident, Mr J Govender of Chatsworth was found hanging from a tree.

Cop shot four times

AN off-duty municipal policeman, Sergeant Robert Khatshelo (39), was shot and wounded on Monday night.

Khatshelo police liaison officer Lieutenant Eugene Henning said Khatshelo went to investigate a noise at a neighbour's house in Generaton Street, Power Park, at about 7.40pm when he was confronted by three men, one with a firearm.

During an ensuing argument four shots were fired, wounding the policeman twice in the right arm and twice in the left leg.

The suspects fled on foot.

Khatshelo was admitted to the Garden City Clinic. His condition is stable.

Mental health care

THE South African Federation for Mental Health launched its public awareness campaign for October at a two-day conference in Johannesburg last week (Oct 6 and 7).

The conference, which focused on mentally handicapped children, resolved to reduce the incidence of mental handicap in children.

Driver dies in hijack

A TRUCK driver has been shot dead near Dundee in what police believe to be an attempted robbery and hijacking, SABC radio news reported yesterday.

Church discriminates against blacks, claim

By Mandla Zibi

A group of 300 people who were allegedly expelled from the Old Apostolic Church of Africa's Transvaal region have accused the church of discriminating against black members.

This was said at a Press briefing in Carletonville at which representatives of the fixed members expressed their dissatisfaction about the church administration headed by Apostle J J Bogoff.

The group's spokesman, Mr Theophilus Mahlatshana, said the church had promised to build creches, old people's homes, schools and other projects but only white members' needs had been met so far.

Mahlatshana claimed about 300 members had been expelled.

"For example, we have long been asking for an old people's home but only white church members have one. We contribute 10 percent of their monthly salary to the church," Mahlatshana said.

Another major grievance was that blacks were denied top positions in the church.

Measles attacks older kids

By Mokgadi Pela

The Department of Health has reiterated the importance of early immunisation against measles in the wake of recent outbreaks of the disease in Greater Johannesburg.

Dr Coen Slabber, director general of the department, said 40 cases were reported to the Johannesburg City Health Department in one week. This indicated a sharp increase in the incidence of the disease compared to the same period last year.

The Johannesburg outbreak came largely from high school pupils who were not immunised as children. According to Slabber, such outbreaks can only be prevented by the early immunisation of children and by maintaining vaccination levels.

Most children in South Africa received the measles vaccine but a small proportion did not develop immunity.
Violence continues

TWO people were shot dead and three wounded during unrest-related incidents on Wednesday, the police reported yesterday. At Wombezi near Battlefont in Natal a youth was shot dead and two people wounded when gunmen opened fire on a house. In Johannesburg police found the body of a man who had been shot dead. In a separate incident a man was wounded by gunfire while in the East Rand township of Ratanda.

Also at Ratanda, an explosion caused damage to a house but there were no injuries.
8 killed, 3 hurt in unrest clashes

PRETORIA — Six people, including four from the same family, were shot dead at Oshabeni in Mehloomyama, near Port Shepstone, on Wednesday night.

The dead are Ms Gugu Ngwazi, 34, Mr Nolwazi Ngwazi, 20, Nokubonga Ngwazi, 10, Mr Alfred Ngwazi, 55, Mr Mpizane Tsitsihini, 30, and Mr Tallman Gumede, 55.

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

At Wembei, near Eastcourt in Natal, a youth was shot dead and another two people wounded when gunmen opened fire on a house.

In Johannesburg police found the body of a man who had been shot dead, and in the East Rand township of Rantana a man was wounded.

In Natal about 300 ANC refugees from Phatheni, Richmond, are to return to their homes tomorrow despite a breakdown in peace talks.

A statement from ANC Midlands deputy chairman Mr Reggie Hadebe yesterday said the refugees would definitely return this weekend.

An urgent summit on violence in the Vaal Triangle is being planned by the churches, the SACCC announced yesterday.

It said in a statement the summit, scheduled for October 27, will be attended by delegates from church, political, civic, labour and business organisations. — Sapa
Court freezes sale in Group Areas case

CAPE TOWN — A poor coloured family which lost its land under the Group Areas Act yesterday had a freeze placed on its resale in a court action which could act as a precedent preventing the hasty sale of state-owned land acquired under apartheid legislation.

The Legal Resources Centre, which assisted with the case, said it had important implications for the right of the state to sell land obtained as a result of the Group Areas Act. In Cape Town alone 3,841 properties are registered in the name of the Community Development Board and much has already been sold despite land reform measures introduced by government.

An agreement between John Hendricks and his grandmother Kassie, 81, and the chairman of the development boards of the House of Representatives and Assembly, the purchaser Basson and the Registrar of Deeds was made an order of the Cape Supreme Court.

In terms of the agreement the sale of the disputed land was frozen pending the Hendricks's application to the advisory commission on land allocation set up in terms of the Abolition of Racially Based Land Measures Act, and to the Cape Administrator. Basson, a businessman and speculator, who has been provisionally sequestrated five times and finally sequestrated once, paid R23,000 in 1991 for the land which the Community Development Board bought for R35,000 from the Hendricks family in October 1984.

Clerics planning protest march in Bophuthatswana

THE SA Council of Churches (SACC) would soon hold a protest march in Bophuthatswana's capital Mmabatho to protest against the "lethal abuse of violence of human rights", Bishop Kevin Dowling said yesterday.

More than 35 organisations including human rights groups, community organisations and political groups such as the ANC, PAC, Amapro and Bophuthatswana's ruling People's Progressive Party attended a three-day conference in Bloemfontein this week on conditions in the homeland.

Conference chairman Dowling said reports and personal testimonies detailing torture, harassment, unfair dismissals, detention without trial and dispensation through corrupt means had been heard at the conference.

A march of clerics and Christians would be held soon, on an as yet undecided date, to "bear witness" and publicly condemn the Bophuthatswana government.

The conference adopted resolutions calling on the Bophuthatswana government to repeal all "repressive" laws such as the Internal Security Act and the Prevention and Control of Mass Action Act.

Meanwhile, Bophuthatswana government spokesman Alwyn Viljoen said in a statement that the SACC allegations were "rejected in the strongest possible terms". He said Bophuthatswana was the first southern African country to have an ombudsman and a constitutionally entrenched Bill of Human Rights.
Ban ‘Zulu nation march’ call by ANC

The African National Congress (ANC) in the PWV region has called on the Government to stop a “Zulu nation march” in Pretoria’s Atteridgeville township due to take place tomorrow. The ANC yesterday warned that the march could threaten stability in the township.

The call comes in the wake of an ANC statement accusing the Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) of being responsible for the death of a Saulsville hostel inmate, Mr. Vuyisile Bonya, last Sunday. The ANC claimed the man was killed during the launch of an IFP branch at the hostel on Sunday.

The situation at the Saulsville hostel was quiet this week, contrary to reports that some inmates had been evicted. A spokesman for the hostel complaints office told Sowetan that according to his knowledge, no one had been evicted from the hostel.

This refuted rumours that alleged IFP members at the hostel had driven out non-members from their rooms. The spokesman said only one man had asked to be relocated to another section of the hostel and this was a routine request.

The IFP’s Themba Khoza yesterday denied that the march was organised by the IFP saying it was only a “Zulu nation march”.

“The march has been planned by Zulus who want to show their defiance of the Government’s intention to outlaw the carrying of cultural weapons,” Khoza said.

He said the marchers would show their defiance by carrying other weapons as well on Saturday.

Asked to comment on the ANC’s objections to the march, Khoza said the IFP dismissed them as evidence of the ANC’s interference and political intolerance.
JOHANNESBURG. — The leader of the Inkatha Freedom Party in Alexandra township, Mr Jotham Xaba, 37, and IFP member Mr Peter Mncube were gunned down on Thursday night in view of a SA Defence Force patrol, the IFP claimed yesterday.

Three other IFP members were wounded in the attack.

Witwatersrand Command spokesman Major Andreas Jordan denied the claim the SADF patrol had not taken action.

According to an IFP spokesman, Mr Themba-Khosa, shots were fired from a minibus in the IFP squatter area at about 8pm.

The attack brings to six the number of IFP members who have been killed in Alexandra this week.

- Intensifying military-style attacks on IFP leaders and supporters in Natal since August is part of a sinister new phase of covert African National Congress hit-squad operations, Inkatha spokesman Mr Ed Tillet has said.

This allegation and others are contained in an eight-page special report compiled by Mr Tillet in support of the IFP’s demand for the disbanding of umkhonto we Sizwe, the ANC’s military wing.

He says 55 IFP members have been killed in Natal in a spate of attacks since August.

ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus says the ANC rejects the report as “nonsense”.

- The bodies of four men, believed to be victims of attacks on trains, have been found near Soweto and on the East Rand.

- Police reported that a man died when he was stabbed by a group stoning police at Botshabelo, Bloemfontein.
By THEMBA KHUMALO

ANC not happy at 'actions' of Youth League

VIOLENCE has erupted between taxi drivers and members of the ANC Youth League in Bekkersdal in the western Transvaal, claiming the life of a youth who was allegedly implicated in the murder of a taxi driver in the township last week.

The taxi driver, known as Shongwe, was allegedly shot dead by three youths before they hijacked his vehicle in front of passengers this week. Angered by the incident, taxi owners allegedly abducted one of the hijackers and necklaced him between Westonaria and Randfontein.

An ANC Youth League spokesman said the dead youth was Kgos Moenaka, who died of severe burns at Kagiso’s Lenaton Hospital on Thursday.

Another unidentified youth who was allegedly abducted from Mohlakeng by angry taxi drivers on Tuesday and hacked with axes and pangas is believed to be in a critical condition at Soweto’s Baragwanath Hospital.

Taxi drivers marched to and barricaded the Bekkersdal taxi rank on Friday morning.

A potentially ugly situation was averted by the swift arrival of the police. Sources said passengers had fled in all directions when taxi drivers drew firearms.

Subsequently, a meeting was held between the taxi drivers, ANC youths and community-based organisations in a desperate attempt to resolve the tension.

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Along the way, the youths allegedly filled their petrol tanks at the expense of the Bekkersdal Taxi Association (BTA) and looted food outlets. Some of the vehicles were confiscated by garage owners and some youths were arrested, taxi sources said.

They said damage to the vehicles and petrol expenses cost the BTA R36,000.

The association took up the matter with the local ANC leadership, but with no results. The killing of Shongwe, the taxi drivers said, was the last straw, prompting them to take the law into their own hands.

Commenting on the hijacking of taxis to Bisho last month, a spokesman for the ANC PVW region said he was disappointed about the behaviour of the Youth League. “We should have a safer country,” he said. “The ANC is not happy with the handling of the matter by the local ANC leadership.”
IN OPEN DEFANCE

The page contains a headline and some text about a situation involving KwaZulu officials and other events. The text is partially visible due to the quality of the image.
INKATHA yesterday called up thousands of KwaZulu civil servants to take part in a march through Johannesburg streets, callers told City Press.

Before leaving Ulundi for Johannesburg at 7 pm on Friday, newly appointed "street indunas" of the Zulu king's Inala regiment read a roll call - street by street - to ensure none of the able-bodied civil servants dodged the call-up.

A fearful KwaZulu government official telephoned City Press on Friday and warned: "If we are killed or arrested in Johannesburg, the world must know we were forced to take part in the march."

The civil servants had been warned to arm themselves with "traditional weapons" - in defiance of a clause in the Record of Understanding outlawing the carrying of traditional weapons in public.

Those senior KwaZulu government officials who qualified for government-issue guns were encouraged to arm themselves in case violence broke out during the march. Ulundi residents told City Press.

Following last month's ANC threats to march on the KwaZulu capital, the civil servants were reportedly mobilised into ANC-like defence committees.
Churchmen meeting to quell strife

By THEMBA KHUMALO

The rising wave of violence in Vaal-Triangle townships has prompted the Vaal Council of Churches to hold an urgent summit with liberation movements and community-based organisations this week to defuse the situation.

The Rev Israel Qwelane, chairman of the VCC’s Justice and Social Ministries Committee, said the summit comes in the wake of the resurgence of black-on-black violence which has claimed hundreds of lives since the beginning of the year.

He said: “The Vaal is gripped by violence and we are in a threatening situation. If we address the situation together we will be able to identify the culprits and isolate them.”

Anarchy

At the top of the summit’s agenda will be control of self-defence units and inter-civic strife.

Qwelane said the violence directed at communities and businesses, often perpetrated by faceless gangs falsely claiming to be from one liberation movement or another, will be discussed.

Inter-organisational hostilities are also to be discussed. Churchmen said while there was no overt fighting among the liberation movements there was a “shilling war of words and points of strife that needed to be resolved before conflict arose”.

The five Vaal townships have virtually been transformed into war zones by militias who terrorise residents and motorists in the name of purging the area of “third force” elements.

After the eviction of IFP-aligned supporters from KwaMadala Hostel in August, residents were held to ransom by rampaging youths and ill-disciplined members of self-defence units. The area has since been a scene of anarchy and chaos.

During the ANC’s August 3 mass-action campaign, journalists Paul Taylor of the Washington Post and the Weekly Mail’s Phillip van Nierkerk were attacked by three men who shot Van Nierkerk before they hijacked their car.

Three suspects are presently appearing at Vereeniging Regional Court.

Last Wednesday two City Press journalists and a driver were robbed of their car at gunpoint by six youths. The youths were later seen sitting nonchalantly at a bus terminus near the scene of the robbery.

The journalists said the youths pointed threateningly at them and warned them to go away. They told them they took the vehicle because it was a company car.

The matter was reported to the Eversonton police station.

Essau Mahlatsi, former Lekoa Town Council mayor, was necklaced in July after youths manned makeshift roadblocks in Sebokeng disarmed him and necklaced him when he tried to claim his weapon.

Motorists claim that they are made to pay fees before being allowed through the roadblocks by the youths. Some businessmen also alleged that they were forced to pay protection fees.
'Danger zone' claims another victim

By JUSTICE MOHALE

ANOTHER victim has been claimed by the mysterious burning soil which simmers on the bank of the river between Emndeni Extension 2 and Dobsonville Extension 3.

This time a 12-year-old child sustained badly bruised and swollen legs after he and a group of friends strayed into the "danger zone" which lies in an open field of reeds.

Speaking from Baragwanath Hospital, Bongani Mahlangu said his legs suddenly sunk in the quagmire. His frightened friends ran away leaving him screaming in pain.

A passing stranger was alerted by his screams and Bongani lived to tell his horror tale.

"Had it not being for the stranger, I would not be alive. May God bless him," said Bongani.

Residents next to the "danger zone" expressed their discontent, adding they feared their homes would one day sink into the soft soil.

Gloria Mphahlele, 35, whose son's shoes were burnt when he was playing there last week, said it was wrong for the Dobsonville Council to house people in the troubled area.

Durban Diep geologist Piet van Rensburg, who inspected the area earlier, described the "danger zone" as peat moss, a type of moss which grows in damp conditions and forms partly carbonised peat as it decays.

"It is hot because the soil is a concentrated compost, causing a natural chemical process which causes spontaneous combustion, and it can only be quelled by water," he said.

Van Rensburg added that the soil is rich in plant nutrients and should be utilised by local residents as fertiliser for their gardens.

A Dobsonville Council spokesman assured residents that it would erect warning signs to avert further incidents.
First snipers, then a grenade

By Monwabisi NomadoLO

LUCKY to be alive! That's how the Mashitela family of Alexandra, near Johannesburg, feel after a grenade hurled from the Inkatha-controlled KwaNobuhle hostel exploded in their yard on Tuesday morning.

The Mashitelas' house stands directly opposite the notorious hotel in 8th Avenue.

Family member Daniel, 25, was not so lucky. He was hit by shrapnel as the device exploded while he was sitting under a tree in the yard with his little sister, 6, who escaped unhurt.

"There was a deafening noise and I realised something had exploded as there was dark smoke," Daniel said.

"I saw people running away in different directions. The windows of the house were shattered by the explosion, which was heard a kilometre from the area."

Residents of nearby houses told City Press that snipers from KwaNobuhle had randomly shot at people in the past two weeks.

"In fact three people were killed in my yard in the past two weeks by snipers shooting from the hostel," said Thomas Mashitela, Daniel's father.

Mashitela said residents considered 8th Avenue a "no-walk-area" after 7 pm.

"I was called from work in Modderfontein and told about the explosion at my house. "When I arrived, police and paramedics were at the scene," Mashitela said, adding that he had no idea why his house was singled out for the attack.

Police spokesman, W/O Andy Pieke, confirmed that the grenade, which was of Russian origin, was thrown from the hostel.

Pieke said police were investigating the incident but no arrests had been made.

Ironically, the hostel is situated next to a daycare centre called "Women For Peace". Yet the peace message does not seem to have reached the hostel.
Concern over train killings

Latest wave of killings brings to 12 number of dead since October 13:

By Joe Mdhlala

THE ANC yesterday again expressed concern at continuing train killings on the Reef and called on the Government to treat the matter with urgency.

ANC spokesperson Gill Marcus said urgent measures were needed to attend to the train killings.

Four people died on Friday when they were thrown out of moving trains on the Witwatersrand, bringing the number killed on Reef trains since October 13 to 12.

National general secretary of the Pan Africanist Students Organisation Eddie Bowman condemned the train murders.

However, he said while it was true the killings could be State-inspired, he warned it was also possible that “Africans were perpetuating this form of violence against one another”.

Three train commuters were attacked and thrown out of a train last week.
Zulu nation was on the march, not IFP - Myeni

By Themba Molefe
Political Reporter

The Inkatha Freedom Party yesterday said a march by 30,000 people led by Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi on Saturday was a march by the "Zulu nation" and not of the IFP as a political party.

IFP central committee member Mr Musa Myeni told Sowetan that the organisation, as a political party, had had nothing to do with the march.

Asked to comment on police statements that Buthelezi and other leaders faced possible charges for defying the ban on weapons Myeni said: "I am not aware of this. The police must explain if they want to prosecute leaders of the Zulu nation and may launch a full investigation if they wish. They must name all the Zulu leaders they want to charge."

KwaZulu Chief Minister Buthelezi led chanting supporters through the city streets to John Vorster Square to protest against the Government's ban on the carrying of traditional weapons in public.

The marchers defied the ban and openly carried their weapons.

Buthelezi handed a petition to the police protesting against the Record of Understanding between State President FW de Klerk and Mr Nelson Mandela which led to the ban on traditional weapons.

Buthelezi, surrounded by KwaZulu Minister Dr Frank Mdlatane and other leaders, told the crowd at a pre-march rally in George Goch that De Klerk's acceptance of the ANC's conditions for returning to negotiations "have nothing to do with negotiation but everything to do with joint action by the State and the ANC against other parties at CODESA and in particular the Zulu nation."

Buthelezi said Zulus would not allow themselves to be fenced inside hostels like "pigs".

Police said at the weekend that a docket would be handed to the Attorney-General for a decision.

Earlier, about 30 cinemagoers were injured and the doors of the Goodhope Cinema damaged when a crowd panicked trying to get away from three Inkatha supporters who entered after their march, reports Sapa.

Inate manager Mr Sanjith Lutchman said most of the 400 seats had been broken and babies hurt as people rushed to get away.

Police videotaped the damage and said those hurt could file charges if they so wished.

Former Zambian president Dr Kenneth Kaunda arrived in South Africa on Saturday to mediate in a dispute between the IFP and ANC.
Huge Inkatha march completed peacefully

MORE than 20,000 Inkatha supporters who took part on Saturday in what some observers believe was the largest political march yet seen in Johannesburg, dispersed peacefully after President Mangosuthu Buthelezi and party officials Frank Mdlalose handed a memorandum to a senior policeman at John Vorster Square.

However, about 30 cinema-goers were injured and the Goodhope Cinema damaged when a crowd panicked, rushing to get away from three Inkatha supporters who entered the cinema after their march.

The memorandum handed to Witwatersrand Police District Commissioner Brig Braam Strauss contained several demands, among them that the controversial Record of Understanding between government and the ANC be reviewed by all parties involved in constitutional negotiations.

Although police warnings about carrying weapons were ignored, no arrests were made.

Witwatersrand Police Liaison Officer Capt Eugene Opperman said leaders would possibly be rebuked and decisions on prosecutions would be taken by the Attorney-General of the Witwatersrand.

"In volatile situations such as this, it would be dangerous for police to move into the crowd to confiscate weapons and arrest people," said Opperman.

Meanwhile Goodhope Cinema manager Sanith Litchman said most of the cinema's 400 seats and its doors had been broken and babies had been hurt when patrons rushed to get away from Inkatha supporters.

Soon afterwards, the cinema's patrons were back in their damaged seats. — Sapa.
Dangerous weapons

Inkatha Freedom Party president Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi leads a march by heavily armed supporters through the streets of Johannesburg in protest against the banning of traditional weapons.

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The need for Press freedom comes under spotlight at a seminar in Soweto today.

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Each Cigarette a Masterpiece

IFP leader dares cops

WEAPONS BAN The IFP challenges the Government to charge "Zulu nation" leaders:

IN THE wake of Saturday's march by the Inkatha Freedom Party in Johannesburg, the organisation yesterday dared the State to prosecute the leaders of the "Zulu nation" for defying an arms ban.

It was not the IFP as a political party that was marching, it said, but "Zulus", central committee member Mr Musa Myeni said.

The march was to protest against an agreement the ANC reached with the Government which led to the banning of "traditional weapons".

Former Zambian president Dr Kenneth Kaunda arrived in the country on Saturday to mediate between the IFP and the ANC.
Caught in school coup

By Janet Comor 2/18/02

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Militancy by trade unions and strike-related violence are on the increase in South Africa despite the worst recession in 88 years, damaging already gloomy prospects for renewed foreign investment. But labour and business are beginning to co-operate:

"The aim is joint economic reconstruction and joint economic activity," said Bokkie Boitla, chairman of the employers' group, the South African Co-ordination Committee on Labour Affairs.

The National Union of Mineworkers recently agreed with struggling gold mines a new profit-sharing productivity plan over and above the new annual five percent basic wage increase.

Pro-ANC unions entered the equity market with a high-profile unit trust fund aimed at financial growth and furthering worker benefits, investing only in "socially responsible" companies.

Parastatal electricity giant Eskom this year negotiated a forum with the 10 unions represented in the company to find ways for the union to influence decisions affecting them.

"An increasing number of individual companies are showing a sensibility towards the demands of transition and change," commented Finance Week.

"Faced with the reality of a business crisis, we have moved much closer to the unions," Rand Mines executive Francois Lamprecht told the magazine.

But union militancy will not disappear, partly because many Cosatu leaders are also top ANC and Communist Party officials.

Cosatu, better organised than the ANC, is widely seen as the "battering ram" of the ANC's pro-democracy mass action campaign.

Cosatu said this year's strike surge was caused by the attack by employers on living standards.

"When workers are facing poverty, starvation, unemployment and soaring rises in the cost of living, employers offer wage rises well below (15 percent) inflation," it said.

Business groups say the longest recession in 80 years requires a squeeze on pay. The downturn, lasting three and a half years, has cost 250 000 jobs and pushed investment spending and company profits to a 20-year low. Unemployment stands at 40 percent.

South Africa, seeking foreign investment in the sanctions-blighted economy, saw an outflow of R1.8 billion in short-term capital in the 1992 second quarter due to "political uncertainty and social unrest", the Reserve Bank said. - Sapa-Reuters.
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Casspirs 'drove past armed men'

VEREENIGING — An SAP special constable told the Goldstone Commission yesterday that he had seen police casspirs driving past armed people during the Boipatong massacre on June 17.

Assistant Constable Joseph Sello said that on the night of June 17 he saw people armed with sticks, spears and guns at his gate.

As they walked away, two casspirs drove past toward the adjoining squatter camp, Slovo Park, but did nothing to stop the armed people.

Later another two casspirs drove past.

Senior counsel for the SAP, Mr. Flip Hattingh, put it to Constable Sello that his evidence was a fabrication.

Meanwhile, an analysis of the erased police tapes relevant to the Boipatong massacre is to be made available to the commission by the British government next week — Saps.
Productivity in ANC spotlight

WILSON ZWANE

NO PROGRAMME aimed at increased productivity would succeed unless the entire economic system was legitimised, ANC NEC member Saki Macozoma said yesterday.

Addressing the 36th annual convention of the Institute of Personnel Management in Sun City, Macozoma said labour should not be blamed exclusively for the ills of the country’s economy.

He said various factors had an impact on the “productivity dynamic”.

These included the perception S/A’s economic system was illegitimate because it excluded blacks, and the poor education system which “fails to inculcate basic tenets that would help in increasing productivity”.

Macozoma said the country’s political crisis was characterised by:

- A lack of political legitimacy;
- Mistrust of security forces and the judicial system (by blacks);
- A climate of repression and intolerance;
- Escalating exploitation of ethnic and regional divisions; and
- The collapse of local authorities.

Police ‘threatened Boipatong witness’

TWO policemen threatened a witness of the Goldstone commission of inquiry into the June 17 Boipatong massacre when they visited his home, the inquiry heard in Vereeniging yesterday.

ANC counsel Karel Tip told the commission, which resumed sitting yesterday after a two-month recess, that the witness had said policemen visited his Boipatong home on Wednesday last week. The witness was not home so the policemen had left a threatening message with his wife, Tip said.

SAP counsel Flip Hattingh told the commission the police had no idea the man was to be called as a witness.

He said policemen had visited the Boipatong area on Wednesday night to make certain observations, but said they had not entered any premises.

The commission was also told that an analysis of the erased police tapes relevant to the investigation would be made available next week.

Judge Richard Goldstone said the British government, to whom the tape had been submitted for analysis, would provide the commission with the relevant information.

Stress a danger to black managers

SUN CITY — The small pool of black managers would shrink in the next five years should advancement programmes not take into account stress-related disorders, Bristol-Myers-Squibb director Ben Allmann said yesterday.

Speaking at the 36th annual convention of the Institute of Personnel Management, Allmann said corporates had to extend their thinking beyond the workplace, or about 85% of black managers would suffer from performance-imparing stress-related disorders within the next two years.
POLICEMEN in two Nyala armoured vehicles prevented municipal police from attempting to arrest KwaMadala Hostel residents on the night of the Boipatong massacre, the Goldstone Commission heard yesterday.

South African Police special constable, Mr. Dain Monare, told the commission, inquiring into the massacre, that on the night of June 17 he had run to the Boipatong police station to report the attack.

Boipatong police had refused to enter the township as they had no armoured vehicles, he said. They were also informed by radio that the Vereniging Internal Stability Unit was unable to send any armoured vehicles.

It was eventually arranged that Sebokeng South municipal police would send a Casspir.

Monare said he had joined the municipal police in the back of a Casspir and had travelled with them through the township.

He told the commission the Casspir had then headed in the direction of KwaMadala Hostel but before reaching it had come across two SADF Buffel vehicles on the road between the township and the hostel.

The soldiers informed them that they had seen a large armed group crossing the road in the direction of KwaMadala.

The soldiers agreed to accompany the Casspir to the hostel and assist in arrests if necessary.

Two Nyalas then arrived and three policemen carrying balaclavas alighted.

"The police sergeant came to us and told us to leave. He said KwaMadala was his responsibility and that it was quiet. He said the problem was not at the hostel but at the location." - Sapa.
Train-attackers flee

Six people were wounded when a group of gunmen opened fire with pistols and AK-47 rifles at commuters disembarking from a train at the Elandfontein station in Germiston at 6.45pm on Tuesday.

W/P C Wyttenbach said a policeman returned the fire, and he was also shot but it was unknown if any of the attackers, who fled the scene on foot, were wounded.

The injured passengers were admitted to the Willem Cruyswagen Hospital in Germiston. - Sapa
Angola teeters on edge of civil war

LUANDA — Preparations by two joint Unita/MPLA commissions yesterday in Luanda, to resolve disputes over political and military affairs and so enable a summit between their respective leaders, came amid warnings by diplomats that Unita could attempt to stage a coup.

Unita forces were being deployed throughout the country, with the ruling MPLA reported to be in control only of Luanda.

Unita troops were also barricading streets in the capital city.

Angolan state media reported at least 20 people dead in sporadic violence over the past 10 days.

Radio Luanda reported from the southern Benguela province that Unita troops had attacked MPLA installations in Ganda and that senior MPLA officers had fled the town.

Police said yesterday that leading Angolan poet and scientist Fernando Marcelino was shot dead by unknown assailants in Huanbo.

Marcelino’s wife and sister were also killed in the attack on Tuesday night. Family friend Zaida Daskalos, one of the country’s best known writers of children’s books, was seriously wounded.

Marcelino’s death has increased tension in the city which has been the scene of recent violence between police and Unita’s armed supporters.

He campaigned for the MPLA which won Angola’s first multi-party elections last month.

Unita has accused the government of rigging the vote, and has threatened to renew fighting in Angola’s 16-year civil war.

Unita leader Jonas Savimbi has stayed in his Huambo stronghold since leaving the capital, Luanda, after the election.

Portuguese-born Marcelino wrote in both Portuguese and Umbundo, the main language of Angola’s central highlands.

He was also director of Huambo Agricultural Institute and was known for his work on improving cereal yields in the region, which was hit by famine during the civil war.

Unita officials and the MPLA were expected to meet in Luanda yesterday to fix an agenda for a peace summit between Savimbi and President Jose Eduardo dos Santos.

But although Luanda was quiet yesterday, diplomats warned there remained a real risk of a new outbreak of the civil war.

“This is all on a hair-trigger; anything could spark it,” a US official remarked. — Sapa-AP.

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Hostel resident describes grisly attack

VEREENIGING — A KwaMadala Hostel resident told the Goldstone commission yesterday how he and a heavily armed group of about 250 other hostel residents cut a path of havoc and destruction in Boipatong on the night of June 17 when more than 49 people were killed.

The resident, identified only as “Mr C,” is in protective custody under the Criminal Procedure Act. He was released from the attorney-general’s office to attend yesterday’s hearing.

Mr C told the commission sitting in Vereeniging that the group, armed with sticks, kieries, spears and shields entered Boipatong and attacked people and property.

He said the group scattered into smaller groups once they entered the township. He saw no guns but heard gunshots once they were in Boipatong.

His group of about nine people had not hurt anyone but vandalised homes and property.

Mr C admitted to seeing a man from another group emerging from a house holding a “bloody knife” which he realised must have been used to kill someone. — Sapa.
Policemen kill prisoner in cell

Two policemen drugged a prisoner and poisoned him to death in a case of negligence, the Western Cape Regional Commissioner has said.

Boipatong: Hostel man tells of havoc

ANC man held on arms charge

ANC charges against a hostel resident were withdrawn after the resident was acquitted.

Civil servants warn govt

Thousands of civil servants have launched a strike warning that they will face "disastrous consequences" if the government does not address their demands.

City bus strike ends: 130 workers reinstated

The two-month-old Golden Arrow bus strike was resolved yesterday after four weeks of mediation.

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MONDAY'S stayaway called by the Witwatersrand region of the Azanian People's Organisation was a success despite Government efforts to sabotage it.

The stayaway call was made to commemorate Black Solidarity Day, October 19, 1978, when the Government banned 18 black political organisations and two black newspapers, World and Weekend World.

Azapo official Mr. Monwabisi Dana said his organisation felt the move had been successful despite the arrest of one of their Soweto organisers, Mr. Shikile Ranaasele.

Mr. Shikile Ranaasele said he was briefly arrested by police on Saturday after they had seen pamphlets and posters in his bakkie.

"This was clearly a case of state sabotage by the police," said Ranaasele, who was released on Monday this week.
Decapitation was most brutal - HRC

PWV region experiences a significant drop in killings

but train attacks increase:

A MAN'S head was cut off and taken away by his assailants in a most inexplicably brutal attack in the week from October 14-20, which saw 56 deaths countrywide, the Human Rights Commission said yesterday.

The victim was one of two in the October 16 attack on Adam's Mission, south of Durban, during a week which saw political violence shift back to Natal.

The HRC weekly report also cited a six-year-old boy who died after he was assaulted and thrown into a burning truck by his assailants in a week-end attack on Umagababa.

His seven-year-old brother was stabbed, but survived.

Thirty-seven people were killed in the troubled province as opposed to the 21 the previous week.

The PWV region, however, experienced a significant drop in killings.

Alexandra township, where 18 people were killed during the previous week, showed three deaths this week.

Train attacks in the region increased with eight deaths and nine injuries resulting from six attacks. - Sapa.
Boipatong: One Casspir was sent

VEREENIGING.—The Internal Stability Unit here initially sent only one vehicle to Boipatong on June 17 in response to reports that an attack, which claimed more than 40 lives, was under way, the Goldstone Commission heard yesterday.

Lance Sergeant Vorster Brand Schlebusch of the Vereeniging ISU told the commission his commander, a Sergeant Kruger, had indicated that he had administrative duties and would join him later.

When they arrived in Boipatong in a Casspir armoured vehicle, they found the streets barricaded and unnaturally quiet.

"In my experience if an area is that quiet you know that something is not right."

They saw one other Casspir in the township—a Sebokeng municipal police vehicle.

At 761 Lekoa Street a man waved them down. The man, Mr Abednego Mabuza, was hysterical and incoherent. The sergeant asked him to climb into the Casspir and Mr Mabuza said his relatives and other people had been killed.

Conflicting evidence

The Casspir was driven down the street and Sergeant Schlebusch noticed that homes had been vandalised. They reversed to house 761 where they found a dead woman and another critically injured.

Sergeant Schlebusch's evidence conflicts with that given on Wednesday by Mr Mabuza, who said the police had forced him at gunpoint into the Casspir and had not listened to his explanations, saying they "had no time".

Mr Mabuza said the police did not assist the injured and insisted on having photographs of them taken before calling ambulances.

Sergeant Schlebusch denied this, saying he contacted radio control immediately.

A KwaMadala Hostel resident—Mr C—alleged in evidence yesterday that police had assaulted him to obtain a statement.

On Wednesday Mr C gave the commission an account of how he and about 250 other heavily armed KwaMadala Hostel residents had attacked Boipatong.

He is in protective custody. — Sapa
JOHANNESBURG — A pattern which went some way to explaining violence on PWV commuter trains was emerging, SA Rail and Commuter-Corporation and ANC-aligned spokesmen said yesterday.

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Cosatu official Alfred Woodington said train lines between Soweto and Johannes- burg and between Katlehong and Germiston had been identified as epicentres of train violence.

He said the conflict was being generated by a grouping trying to derail multilateral talks on the issue. Attacks had also been found to follow publicised breakthroughs in the talks.

Progress had been made in identifying the perpetrators of the violence, but it was too early to publicise this, he said.

ANC PWV spokesman Ronnie Mannoopa said the ANC continued to believe government was using surrogates to conduct "low intensity war" leading to train violence.

Woodington said a working group on measures aimed at preventing train violence would look at access control at trains and stations, viable policing and public relations.

Meyer said a second working group would deal with policing methods and arrangements had been made for a joint ANC alliance/SARCC delegation to visit a police operations room to observe existing methods.

"There's always crime and there will always be this violence on trains, but it is our duty to see that it is limited," he said.

"Nobody, not even the Goldstone commission, could find a reason for the violence. It's very difficult to solve the problem until you know the cause," he added.

Woodington said the parties would meet next week to prioritise action to be taken by the two committees and to set time frameworks.

Sapa reports a man was stabbed and pushed off a train at a Germiston station, east of Johannesburg, yesterday morning.

Witzwaterrand police spokesman W/O Andy Pielke said L. Ncube was stabbed numerous times with a sharp object before being pushed off the train at Drieheek Station.

He was admitted to Germiston's Willem Craywagen Hospital in a critical condition. No arrests have been made.

Fancourt directors oppose Masterbond liquidation bid

Peter Galli — PETER GALLI successfully oppose the curator's application," the statement said.

"If we do so, this will have caused unnecessary damage to the project and will have wasted about R200 000 by the time the matter is heard."

The directors added that Fancourt was never a Masterbond company and its recent difficulties were caused by Masterbond's inability to meet its financial commitments to Fancourt.

Fancourt has retained the services of Mallinick, Riss, Richman & Closenberg, assisted by advocates Jeremy Gauntlett, SC, and John Dickerson, to oppose the motion.

Zimbabwean trucks talk talks

HARARE — Zimbabwe's Transport Minister Dennis Norman held urgent talks with Mozambique authorities yesterday concerning a dispute that has left dozens of Zimbabwean trucks with food aid stranded in Mozambique, 12 days after they were refused entry.

The dispute arose two weeks ago when Mozambique raised fees for trucks moving through its territory to $150 from $25 a truck, in hard currency.

The Zimbabwean official said Norman wanted the dispute resolved quickly as the rainy season starting next month could close some roads and prevent movement of the aid, a Sapa-Reuters report said.
Training a vital component of affirmative action

Courses on job skill and management:

TELKOM says it is involving trade unions in its affirmative action strategy - "needed for competitive advantage and business viability" - and does not expect any large stumbling-blocks.

Training is an important component and includes:
- A managers-in-training course for high-potential employees.
- It's aimed at enhancing interpersonal skills, self-knowledge and management ability in a culturally diverse milieu.
- Literacy/numeracy programmes for the unskilled.
- Practical technical courses for employees.
- Overseas courses are also included.

"We see the emphasis falling on accelerated job-skills/academic training; effective people management skills; and equal employment and promotion opportunities," says Tylko.
Five more die in Reef violence

JOHANNESBURG. — At least five people died in political violence in townships on the Reef on Wednesday.

Two people were found dead at a squatter camp at Evaton, one in a burnt-out car and the other outside the vehicle with bullet wounds.

The body of a man was found in Sebokeng and another was found in Alexandra township, north of Johannesburg.

A man was stabbed and pushed off a train at Drieheek station, near Germiston, police said.

A policeman was shot in the face with his service pistol after four men pinned him to the ground at Kagiso, on the West Rand, yesterday morning.

Constable N.T. Tladi, 25, was admitted to hospital in a serious condition.

Six men had been arrested in connection with the illegal possession of seven firearms and a PPM mine on a smallholding in Westonaria on the West Rand in the past two days, police said.

Violence flared in Estcourt’s troubled Wembez township and at least five houses were burnt, people stoned and shots fired.
Prince’s mystery fall from grace

LINDA RULASHE

Phola Park’s Prince Mhlambi was an extraordinary young man whose dedication to his community and leadership skills shone him to prominence. Why, then, did he attract so much controversy — and why has he been killed? By LINDA RULASHE

Mhlambi was driving away from a party on October 10 when he and four passengers were attacked by gunmen with AK47s. He and two youths were killed instantly, another died on arrival at hospital and the final victim died later in the week. Mhlambi is survived by his six-month pregnant wife Grace and two-year-old son Oliver.

Those who knew Mhlambi well — most have been threatened and fear reprisals if they are named, and express concern about jeopardising the “delicate situation” in Phola Park — say his commitment and dedication to the community were inconsequential to those bent on destabilising it.

Geoff Budlender, of the Legal Resources Centre, remarks that Mhlambi “knew his life must have been at risk but nevertheless went on working for the community”.

Mhlambi moved to Phola Park in 1987. He had become politically active during the mid-1980s and his inspiration came from ‘Tsietsi Mashinini’, the 1976 Soweto leader.

Mhlambi’s key role in canvassing money for Phola Park’s development led to the start of a comprehensive development project, but its introduction exacerbated tensions and was partly responsible for plunging the community into further distress and anarchy.

Among the sources of contention were R23-million put up by the government-funded International Development Trust (IDT) and the funding-raising scheme called Kwassa set up by the residents’ committee. Though residents recognised that Mhlambi had successfully canvassed funds, dissatisfaction arose because he failed to divulge how the money was being spent.

In April, a self-defence unit allegedly comprising dissident ANC cadres usurped power at gunpoint from the elected residents’ committee after the committee members failed to attend a meeting at which they were going to be held accountable for the money raised.

Rumours began to spread and Mhlambi, together with other local leaders, was accused of stealing the funds. At least in the case of the IDT money, this was discovered to be unfounded as none of the leaders had access to the money, which was being held in trust.

Police response to the outing — harassing residents and concentrating particularly on the arrest of self-defence unit members — fuelled rumours that Mhlambi had supplied the police with names. Some believe that the state of confusion at this point furthered the police’s interests in dividing the community.

The leaders were killed or hounded out of the area and their shacks burnt down. Mhlambi sought refuge in Johannesburg; others went to nearby shack settlements and townships.

During several attempts to forge peace in the community, Mhlambi’s dealings with the police became the source of further allegations. It was said that while Phola Park remained “relatively calm” with his intervention, living conditions became unbearable after he and his fellow committee members left and the police moved in.

Mhlambi described these difficulties at an Institute for a Democratic South Africa conference on policing a week before he was killed. He said distrust had become so bad during his term of vice-presidency that suspicions of committee members being police informers had led to the death of two civic leaders, Harris Booi and Johnson Madiga.

Suspicions arose when Mhlambi, who had always vehemently opposed the ANC, recently decided to become a member of the organisation. According to some residents, the self-defence unit which ousted Mhlambi’s residents’ committee was “his ticket back into the community, and he therefore had to be seen to be siding with them”.

PRINCE Mhlambi, the charismatic young Phola Park community leader gunned down a week ago, remains an enigma.

While his undeniable commitment to the volatile East Rand shack settlement is commended by the Phola Park community and by those who worked with him, some of his liaisons — particularly with the police — and his motives are still under scrutiny.

Mhlambi (25) was a Zulu speaker within a largely Xhosa community, and his fluency in English, his communication skills and natural leadership qualities made him an obvious candidate to link up with outside organisations. He continually engaged individuals and organisations who were helpful in the development of Phola Park, pressing donors and sponsors for help and consulting lawyers, social workers and other professionals in the process.

However, some have suggested these contacts “were never in touch with the real Phola Park” and only saw it through the eyes of Mhlambi and his committee. Evidence of this to be found, they say, in the fact that organisations involved in one development scheme have adopted a wait-and-see attitude since the outing of the former residents’ committee of which Mhlambi was vice-president by a self-defence unit comprising dissident African National Congress cadres.

A community worker says Mhlambi was wrongly perceived as a “paragon of virtue.” Others have critiqued him for being “an undemocratic leader” who did not consult with his community but “went out on his own” to solicit financial assistance.

Certainly, his leadership skills and ability to liaise with different groupings opened him to immense scrutiny — typical of the “social relations within informal settlements, where accountability and democracy are always called for”, as one project worker put it. He operated in a tangled web of mysterious forces in Phola Park, which may lend weight to theories that his death was linked to forces within the community.

But his long-time attorney, Moosen Mooda, counters these theories and says he has the evidence to prove it.

Mooda’s claims back up a widespread belief that there is a potentially lethal combination operating in Phola Park, comprising criminal elements who dabble in car racketeering and arms smuggling, political organisations striving for supremacy, self-defence units fighting for their own turf and corrupt police harassment.

There is also a belief that the community is at the mercy of renegade criminal elements who are masquerading as legitimate self-defence units.

Mooda concedes the dangers faced by Mhlambi as a highly visible leader working in such a complex community, but insists that “the community of Phola Park, or elements within Phola Park, were not responsible in any manner whatsoever for the killing”.

Police say they are following up Mooda’s leads.
Nothing to report.

Police officer: Lieutenant Bojpattone, Integrity.

Residents complain, yes, but it's all for the good of the community.

Yesterday, a member of the community reported a suspicious activity at the community center. The officer arrived promptly and found nothing untoward. He administered a field sobriety test to the individual and found them to be under the influence of alcohol.

Further investigation revealed that the individual had been causing a disturbance at the local bar and had allegedly threatened to harm another customer.

He was arrested and taken to the police station for further questioning.

Today, the weather is forecast to be sunny with a high of 70 degrees.

The community is encouraged to stay vigilant and report any suspicious activities to the police.
Name list incorrect, says ANC

Johannesburg. — The murder of deputy minister Anthony Dlamini caused tension among ANC members of Parliament. The party's national executive committee met to discuss the incident. The ANC announced that it would suspend its activities in South Africa until the operation was completed.

Lubowski killing ‘was CCB project’

Colonel Lubowski, said that the ANC leader was killed by a group of CC14 members who had been involved in the operation. The operation was carried out in response to the killing of a ANC member by the South African army.

Boipatong: Attackers not pursued

VEREENIGING. — The local Internal Security Unit did nothing to identify, pursue or arrest the attackers who had killed 47 people in the Boipatong massacre. The unit had failed to carry out its duties as required by law.

Quagga breeders’ come to city

NEW HOME... Conservationists encourage some of the six zebra relocated at the Groote Schuur Estate, near Cape Town, to move into their new home. (Supplied)

ANC to challenge ‘ban’ in KwaZulu

Durban. — The ANC intends to challenge the ban on political meetings in KwaZulu-Natal. The ban was imposed by the government to prevent political violence.

Observers’ costs shared.

DURBAN. — The costs of visiting United Nations and Organization of African Unity meetings are being borne by the South African taxpayer.

Two policemen shot dead

DURBAN. — Gunmen shot dead two policemen in a downtown shopping mall. The incident was believed to be a result of gang violence.
Blacks abused even in death

By MOSES MAMAILA

INHUMANE treatment is the lot of black people, even in death.

These sentiments were expressed by ANC PWV regional chairman Tokyo Sexwale on Friday at the Ratanda graveyard in Heidelberg where 11 bodies were thrown into shallow graves, allegedly by police.

Coffins in most of the graves were upside-down which confirmed claims by gravediggers that the police actually threw the bodies haphazardly into their "permanent homes".

Speaking at the scene, Sexwale said: "You do not have to open the coffins to know that the deceased are black. Only blacks in this country are subjected to this kind of treatment."

The small community outside Heidelberg has been shocked by the heartless treatment of the dead.
ANC to challenge
KwaZulu in court

By SBU MNGADI

WHILE Inkatha defiantly marched through Johannesburg last Saturday - courtesy of the new SA - the old SA remained firmly entrenched back in KwaZulu.

Authorities in the homeland have only granted the ANC permission to hold two public meetings in KwaZulu north of Thukela River since the ANC was unbanned on February 2, 1990.

'Northern Natal ANC secretary Senzo Mdlumno told a press conference in Durban on Friday that KwaZulu authorities' political intolerance continued to deprive non-Inkatha residents of free political activity in the homeland.

The ANC-Cosatu-SACP alliance began preparing on Friday to lodge an urgent Supreme Court application to prevent KwaZulu from blocking non-Inkatha members' access to public facilities.

Meanwhile, a special meeting of the Natal/KwaZulu Regional Dispute Resolution Committee resolved to refer the issue to the National Peace Secretariat (NPS) to be heard at a national meeting of the National Peace Accord (NPA) signatories soon.

According to Peace Secretariat chairman MC Pretorius, the dispute resolution meeting was also attended by Peace Secretariat chairman Antonie Gildenhuys, KwaZulu interior minister Stephen Sithobe, northern Natal ANC chairman Dr Aaron Nklova and US observers Angela King and Imat Steiner.

Pretorius said the national signatories' meeting would negotiate the terms and conditions for making use of venues and find a solution to the recognition of tribal and local government structures.
Cops forced to exhume bodies they dumped

By KURT SWART

THIS was the macabre sight as police exhumed 14 unidentified bodies on the orders of the Goldstone commission at Ratanda township, near Heidelberg, this week.

Police had earlier dumped coffins containing the bodies in a row of unmarked graves.

After complaints by the African National Congress, the commission told the police to return the corpses to a government mortuary for identification.

This weekend, Ratanda residents were still angry after witnessing a police unit, accompanied by a team of grave-diggers, drop the coffins into open graves on Thursday morning. Eleven graves were left uncovered.

Tense

Police have given conflicting statements about the reasons for the mass burial.

Lieutenant-Colonel Roelf Rohrs, one of the officers who carried out the exhumation, said all except one body had been identified before burial.

"Some are murder victims, some have died of natural causes and some of unnatural causes," he said.

A later statement by a police spokesman contradicted this. It said police obtained magisterial permission to bury the bodies after they had lain unidentified at a government mortuary for six months.

"Community leaders said the bodies were those of victims of recent violence in the township, involving residents, the police and Inkatha-aligned hostel-dwellers," Rohrs said.

According to ANC Ratanda branch chairman Obed Nkosi, police arrived in trucks at the township cemetery with 14 coffins carrying unidentified bodies.

Angry residents engaged in a tense stand-off with police as the graves were dug.

"Why were the police involved in this mass burial and why were these bodies dumped here without dignity? Who are the dead? They could be my parents, my uncle, other relatives - there are so many people who have gone missing here and in other areas," said Mr Nkosi.

"If this were to happen with white bodies, there would be a tremendous backlash against the government. We condemn the treatment of our people by the SAP and the government," ANC PWV officials Ronnie Mamoepe and Tokyo Sexwale visited the gravesite on Friday in the company of six United Nations observers.

"We are disgusted at the way these bodies were dumped in unmarked mass graves. The graves themselves are shallow and a health risk," said Mr Mamoepe.

"We are also appalled that not even the normal procedures of lowering the coffins was followed. You could see they were just thrown in.

"One coffin was upside down, one was broken and some were lying skew inside the grave, not even touching the bottom."

The ANC was told about the burials by the local community and instructed its lawyers to contact Judge Goldstone, who appointed advocate PJ Boshiito to investigate.

The ANC also contacted Police Commissioner Major-General Johan van der Merwe, who appointed a Heidelberg police officer to investigate the burials.

Removal

On Friday evening, ANC members and policemen under the command of Colonel Rohrs negotiated the removal of the coffins.

In the gathering darkness, under the glare of the spotlight of a police Nyala, teams of policemen in camouflage uniform, wearing white surgical masks and red gloves, began heisting up the coffins one by one with the aid of a hosepipe serving as a makeshift rope.

Tomorrow, in an identification process facilitated by the Goldstone commission, the bodies will be photographed and fingerprinted in the presence of police and lawyers representing the ANC.
Cops did not arrest killers

The Vereeniging Internal Stability Unit did nothing to identify, pursue or arrest the perpetrators of the attack on Boipatong residents which left more than 40 people dead on the night of June 17, two members of the unit told the Coldestone Commission on Friday.

Lance-Sgt. Vorster, Brand Schlebusch and shift commander Sgt Deon Kroger told the commission, which is hearing evidence on the massacre in Vereeniging, that they both considered it a priority to stabilise the area before pursuing suspects.

Schlebusch said it was the duty of the investigating officers who went to Boipatong the next morning to establish who the attackers were. - Sapo.
Squatter killed by horseman

Peace threatened:

A 42-YEAR-OLD Zevenfontein man was allegedly shot dead by four white men yesterday while he and friends from the squatter settlement were looking for poles in a nearby veld.

The incident threatens the relative peace in Zevenfontein since violent clashes between the squatters and TPA officials over planned forced removals stopped a few months ago.

Police spokesman Captain Ida van Zweel confirmed the killing.

Violence almost erupted yesterday when residents attempted to stop police removing the body. - Saps
Shift commander's actions were 'extraordinary':

The Veterans' Internal Stability Unit shift commander, Sergeant Deso Kruger, did nothing to co-ordinate the actions of the security forces present in and around Boipatong on the night of the June 17 massacre, the Goldstone Commission heard yesterday.

Kruger told the commission he had not sought or exchanged information with municipal police or Jasar security, both of whom were on the scene at the KwaMudla hostel following the attack.

Cross examination:

He conceded during cross examination by African National Congress counsel Mr Kevin Tip that he had done nothing to co-ordinate the actions of the ISU, the South African Defence Force, Jasar security and the municipal police in order to arrest the KwaMudla hostel residents who were the prime suspects.

Tip put it to Kruger that his failure to make inquiries or to co-ordinate the security forces' action against the KwaMudla residents was, "to say the least, extraordinary".

Complete absence:

"I put it to you that your failure to take steps to identify, pursue, or arrest the attackers can only be consistent with a complete absence of will or desire to act," Tip said.

Kruger said the ISU's duty was to stabilise the area and the investigative team was to do the rest.

He said the investigators had indicated to him that they would return at sunrise to search the hostels. He said that he would not have entered the hostels with less than 500 men as the hostel was notoriously violent and dangerous.

He added that it was the duty of the investigative team and of the ISU to identify and later remove the attackers from KwaMudla hostel.

The hearing continues...
PRETORIA — A South African Defence Force member was shot and seriously wounded yesterday while taking part in a search operation in Kalahong near Germiston.

The attacker was shot dead shortly afterwards.

Police said members of the SADF had helped cord on part of the township for a search when a youth armed with an AK-47 rifle fired on them.

Police fired back, killing the man. The name of the victim has not been released.

Two attacks were made on police patrols in Khayelitsha at the weekend and a Kwanlu police man stationed at Mpuselanga was shot in the back near the police station. A man who was shot in an exchange of fire was arrested.

On Saturday shots were fired at a police Casspir at Site B, Khayelitsha, causing slight damage. Police used tearsmoke to disperse a crowd throwing stones and bottles at the vehicle.

On Sunday a group of about 40 men threw stones, bricks and bottles at a Casspir, also at Site B, and police fired rubber bullets and tearsmoke.

No one was injured.

In other incidents:

- At Indoda, Umkomaas, extensive damage was caused to several homes, which had been set alight. A man was killed when a number of rounds were fired at him during the incident.
- At Kalahong, Alberton, a home was damaged in a petrol-bomb attack.
- At Zewenfontein, a squatter camp police found the body of a man with bullet wounds.
- At Daventry, Benoni, a woman was injured when gunmen fired on a minibus.
- The body of a 21-year-old man who had been shot in the head was found at Umzini’s U. Section.
- Five women and a one-year-old child were seriously injured when people armed with grenades and firearms attacked the Khuzwayo homestead in the Mhuzini area at KwaMakhathini.

The casualties, all members of Mr E Khuzwayo’s family, are believed to be IPF supporters. — Sapo

EAST LONDON — A Ciskei soldier was killed and seven people were injured when a military bus was attacked in a dawn ambush yesterday.

The bus, which was travelling from Dimbaza to a base near Bizo, was sprayed with automatic rifle fire.

Two soldiers and five civilians were wounded.

Six people were arrested after the body of a Ciskei soldier was found in the Buffalo River near Zwelitsha on Sunday.
VEREENIGING. — It was seven hours after the June 17 Boipatong killings that the former head of Vereeniging's Internal Stability Unit, Capt. Desmond Roos, knew the incident had assumed the proportions of a massacre.

"This was Capt Roos's evidence yesterday to the Goldstone Commission.

Capt Roos testified that by 1.15am on June 18, the unit had only discovered two bodies and a number of injured people. He said he had not been on duty but was monitoring what was happening by radio. It was only at 6.15am that he was telephoned and told that the unit's two vehicles in the township had discovered a further 10 or 11 bodies. Only then had he called for reinforcements. Capt Roos admitted he had not gone into the township although it was normal for him to do so if more than two people were killed.

Capt Roos also confirmed earlier evidence that the ISU had done nothing to pursue, identify or apprehend the attackers on June 17 or the morning of June 18. He said it was up to the investigative team to establish who the suspects were.

ANC counsel Mr Arthur Chaskalson said: "I put it to you that the general view in places like Boipatong is that when it comes to attacks by hostel inmates on township residents, police treat it as black-on-black violence and don't react as they would if it were black-on-white violence." Capt Roos denied this.

Since the massacre, the ISU in Vereeniging had been upgraded and Capt Roos was transferred to the Vereeniging SAP's uniform branch.

Earlier yesterday, the Vereeniging ISU's shift commander, Sergeant Deon Kruger, testified he had done nothing to co-ordinate the actions of the security forces in and around Boipatong on June 17.

The hearing will continue today. — Sapa
Boipatong cop denies claims

LAST WITNESS Driver tells Judge

Goldstone colleague asked him why he gave whites army vehicle:

...278...MUNIPAL policeman yesterday told the Goldstone Commission a colleague recently asked him why he had given a Casspir to "whites" on the night of the Boipatong massacre.

Constable Phofodi Khanye was testifying before the commission, chaired by Mr Justice Richard Goldstone, investigating the massacre on June 17.

More than 40 men, women and children were killed.

As the last witness to be called to testify, Constable Khanye, said under cross-examination by counsel for the SAP, Advocate Philip Hastings, that he was recently approached at his home by a Constable Monare. Monare said he had heard that Khanye had given a Casspir he (Khanye) was driving to "whites" on the night in question.

Khanye said Monare explained himself.

Monare started having doubts about the identity of the person who was supposed to "have given the Casspir to the whites" after Khanye's explanation.

The witness said he then walked away because Monare had no authority to question him in his house.

He had already made a statement about all he knew.

Monare's earlier evidence conflicted with that of Khanye and other policemen.

Khanye said he received a message on June 17 about 10.10pm to go to Boipatong as residents were being attacked. He did this. Shortly after entering the township he came across a woman at the intersection of Lekoa and Bafokeng streets who was covered with blood.

An ambulance was called before he was ordered to proceed to the KwaMadalai Hostel to see if they could spot any of the suspected attackers.

All was quiet when Khanye arrived at the hostel. He was informed by SADF members on the scene that he could leave.

Arguments by the counsel representing the various parties will be heard in Johannesburg tomorrow and on Friday.
Johannesburg. — An assassin shot dead Thokoza township civic leader Mr. Vusi Tshabalala yesterday afternoon, police confirmed.

Mr. Tshabalala, assistant general secretary of the local civic association, was gunned down as he walked in a street in the East Rand township, fellow activist Mr. Makgabo Moloto said.

Police spokesman Captain Ida van Zweet said the slain activist was shot in the head. Police had not yet established a motive.

Mr. Moloto said the association could not rule out that he had been murdered for his civic activities.

According to the official unrest report for the 24 hours ending at midnight on Monday, at Euzine, Wartburg, two people were killed and two seriously wounded when gunmen fired at pedestrians.

At Katlehong, Alberton, a man armed with an AK-47 rifle fired at members of the security forces while they were searching a house. Police returned fire. A man was killed and a woman wounded.
1 dead, 2 hurt in train attacks

JOHANNESBURG — A man was seriously injured when he was thrown from a moving train between New Canada and Longdale stations in Soweto yesterday, the second attack on train commuters between the two stations in two days.

On Tuesday morning a man was killed and another seriously injured when they were attacked by armed men on a commuter train also between New Canada and Longdale stations.

The attacks prompted an announcement by the ANC’s FWV region that it would consider bringing civil claims for compensation of victims of train violence against the South African Rail Commuter Corporation.

The ANC said the attacks could have been avoided if there had been adequate security measures.

"As far as we are concerned, the SARCC has a duty to afford reasonable security to every passenger on its property or trains," it said.

Nearly 250 people have died in train attacks between 1990 and 1992, the ANC quoted the Human Rights Commission as reporting.

In other unrest, a man was thrown out of a car and shot dead near the Doornkop Snake Park near Soweto on Tuesday night. — Sapa
Reef train attacks: Two men for trial

Victim encouraged singing of freedom songs:

TWO Soweto men appearing in the Johannesburg Magistrate’s Court on murder and attempted murder charges relating to train violence on the Reef were yesterday ordered to appear in the Rand Supreme Court next month.

Icam Mazibuko (24) and Michael Mgumi (26), both of Mapetla Hostel, face one murder charge and seven of attempted murder.

The State alleged the men were part of a group of armed men who boarded a train travelling from Germiston to Johannesburg station and attacked passengers on October 17 last year.

The men allegedly boarded the train at George Coor station and started attacking passengers with assegais, knives and pangas. The State claims a man who was allegedly murdered, Thapelo Tsotsotsi, was encouraging passengers to sing “freedom songs” in one of the coaches.

He was allegedly attacked and killed by members of the group which included Mazibuko and Mgumi. The cause of death was found to be “a penetrating incised wound of the right lung and cranio cervical trauma.”
'Progress' on train violence

SUBSTANTIAL progress was made in Johannesburg yesterday at a meeting of two working groups set up last week to find solutions to train violence, sources said.

The sources said the working groups — on preventative and active measures of ending train violence — would meet again within days to continue deliberations.

Further meetings would have to be held, they said, before resolutions on how to combat train violence could be taken.

They said it had been agreed a joint statement be issued only after the resolutions had been adopted.

The groups were set up in terms of the Train Agreement, which was signed in May by representatives of community and political organisations, police and the SA Rail Commuter Corporation.

Supa reports that police said one man was killed and another seriously injured when they were attacked by a group of armed men on a train in Soweto early yesterday morning.

Fangelakha Cebakulo, 45, and Emmanuel Vilakazi, 31, were attacked on a train between Longdale and New Canada stations.

"They were stabbed with knives and thrown out of the train. Cebakulo died from wounds sustained and Vilakazi was taken to Baragwanath Hospital in a serious condition," the police report said.

Singapore moves to form SA links

THE 10-year decline in SA's economy could not be reversed within one or two years, Singapore senior minister Lee Kuan Yew said in Johannesburg yesterday.

And in another development, the Singapore Trade Development Board announced yesterday that a trade delegation from Singapore was to visit SA next month to develop trade and investment links and to explore the possibility of using SA as a springboard for markets in Africa.

The board said the delegation of its senior executives and representatives of 11 Singapore companies would visit Durban and Cape Town.

Speaking after a meeting with ANC president Nelson Mandela, Lee said SA's industries had become "protectionist, heavy and slothful" because competition had been discouraged.

Lee said Mandela had told him the constitutional negotiations would probably lead to the institution of a transitional government acceptable to the majority of South Africans within a year. He had asked Mandela how long-term problems like unemployment would be resolved without capital development and manpower once "teething problems like a transitional government had been resolved.

"SA will have to compete with many countries with large populations crying out for capital and expertise — like China and Vietnam — and it will have to compete against the rest of the world for capital," he added.

Mandela said he had been impressed with Lee's knowledge of political and economic developments in SA and that he was keen to engage Lee as an economic and financial adviser.

Lee, a former Singapore prime minister and the man credited with engineering Singapore's "economic miracle", said his country would be able to offer training and technical assistance, and infrastructure management skills.

He is on a 13-day official visit to SA and has already met Foreign Minister Pik Botha.

The board statement said the Singapore delegation arriving on November 1 would represent business interests such as packaging and printing, civil engineering, construction, ship building and repair, computers and computer peripherals, consumer electronics, engineering equipment and trading.

Meanwhile, a small delegation of businessmen accompanying Lee met black businessmen in Johannesburg yesterday. How Par International chairman Hong Hai and Scott Holdings chairman A Jumababoy met the businessmen to discuss potential assistance to the black business fraternity.
Commercial crime: 31 suspects arrested

PRETORIA — The SAP’s Commercial Branch arrested 31 people countrywide from October 12-19 on charges of commercial crime involving about R50m. The SAP’s liaison department said yesterday those arrested included two directors of a group of companies under liquidation.

Commercial Branch head Maj-Gen Martin Nel said commercial crime largely went unnoticed by the media and the public. Between 1987 and 1991 the number of cases reported to police had increased by 78%.

In the Witwatersrand the Commercial Crime Unit was investigating more than 900 fraud-related cases involving several billion rands.

“We need the media to take up the public outcry ... innocent victims are being exploited by fraudsters, swindlers and conmen,” he said. — Sapa.

Evidence is contradicted

VEREENIGING — A Sebokeng South municipal police constable and Casspir driver told the Goldstone commission yesterday that another policeman and witness visited his home and accused him of allowing white men to use his Casspir on the night of the Boipatong massacre.

Const Peladoli Kanye told the commission he had then told Const Diaou Monare this was not possible because Monare was with him in the Casspir on a patrol of Boipatong that night.

Monare told the commission last week that when the vehicle arrived at Kwa Madala Hostel soon after the attack, three internal stability unit members carrying balaclavas alighted from a Nyala armoured vehicle and told them to leave.

This was denied by Kanye, who said the internal stability unit policemen did not alight from their vehicle or speak to the municipal policemen.

Monare, however, had said they were told by the commander of the Nyala that the hostel was a unit post and had nothing to do with the municipal police.

Monare said he felt disappointed at the time because the unit had prevented them from arresting the prime suspects.

The commission adjourned until tomorrow for closing argument. — Sapa.
Court told of ‘garbage action’

Councillors tell court how singing groups asked them to resign their posts:

By Josias Charle

A MAMELODI town councillor yesterday told how refuse was dumped at his home on two occasions in a bid to pressure him to resign.

Mr Robert Josia Makgatho, who is also local branch chairman of the National Party, told the Pretoria Regional Court that three Mamelodi Civic Association executive members led the groups of people to his house on each occasion.

The three are Mr William Dube, deputy chairman, Mr Pasty Malefo, publicity secretary and organiser, Mr Tunka Matila.

The three had their bail withdrawn on Monday after allegedly violating conditions.

They first appeared in court on September 8 on charges related to intimidation and were each granted bail of R2,500.

Among the conditions was that they should not contact Mamelodi councillors.

Makgatho testified that the first time Matila and Malefo arrived at his home they were accompanied by a group of about 60 people.

They dumped refuse on his premises, asked him to resign and then left.

He said on October 10 the group returned with Malefo, Matila and Dube. They again dumped refuse on his premises.

He said he told them he needed time to think about their request and they left.

Councillor Mr Amos Mtsweni told the court he was contacted by Matila and Dube who asked him to resign.

On one of the occasions they were accompanied by a singing crowd.

He also told the court he believed the men had violated their bail conditions by contacting him at this home and at his business.

Oupa and Tshidi Matsel are the winners of the Sowetan/American Swiss Bridal Couple Of the Month competition for July 1992. They are pictured here receiving their prizes at a cocktail party at Sowetan.
ANC contends police have not tried hard enough to stop train killings

SURROGATE FORCES Train violence continues despite agreement.

By Ruth Biengu

From months ago community leaders extricated a commitment from the authorities to stop the ongoing train violence that has claimed many lives in the Transvaal.

The South Africans Rail Commuter Corporation signed an agreement on May 14 after a week's boycott of trains by commuters. The boycott was called by the African National Congress and its allies.

Signatories to the agreement were the SARCC, Spontane, the Institute of Labour Law and Order, the Insititution of Consumer Theology (ICT) Civic Associations of Transvaal (CAST), Christian Sarco and the South African Railway and Harboor Workers Union (Sawtu).

The SARCC undertook to implement certain measures in put in and to ensure the safety of commuters. But the ANC's Ronnie Mamoza says the police have failed to combat train violence. In fact he has doubts if they ever tried hard enough.

"The police have no strategy to deal with the train violence," he says. "The train violence is part and parcel of the low-intensity conflict perpetuated by the South African police."

"The police use surrogate forces to that ultimately the blame does not lie with the security forces or the police but with some unknown forces."

Mamoza also said there was a definite trend towards train attacks.

- "They occurred in certain stations regularly and almost simultaneously."
- "They took place between 8am and 9am, and that time."
- "They occurred near certain hospitals."

These trends indicate that somehow there are people planning the attacks," Mamoza pointed out.

Pattern of violence

After the train boycott in May the violence shifted to the trains and has later spread to Pretoria before it escalated on the trains in the PMV in September.

Mamoza described the pattern of violence as "systematic." He said it sometimes coincided with major political events but not always.

Citing the police as the weakest link in the strategy to combat violence on the trains Mamoza said he and some ANC members had visited stations and found the deployment of police negligible.

"We have visited some trains stations on several occasions and found the deployment of police negligible," he said.

"We went unchallenged and we got into the trains without resistance. One factor that inhibits the police is that it is not possible to move between compartments."

The repudiation of the police which was agreed upon has not happened. The only time there is a visible presence of police and any searching for weapons takes place is after attacks when the railway corporation does a propaganda stunt," he said.

Working groups, set up as part of the agreement between community leaders and the authorities to make the trains safe, will meet next week for the first time.

This meeting was a last ditch attempt by the people concerned to find a way of completely wiping out the incessant violence on the trains that has taken so many lives.

Whereas the task of the working groups is to work out the finer details of the overall strategy of the South African Rail Commuter Corporation, it seems they have been thrust into the forefront, according to Mamoza.

The working groups will work out preventative and proactive measures to deal with the violence. Their report will be released soon, said Mamoza.

Another attack, another death. How long will this carry on?

By Mathatha Tsedu

In the compilation of this series we approached the police said dealing with train violence for comment and statistics on the occurrences.

The police have regularly encountered fire for their handling of investigations into the trains killings. We researched on recent incidents that have been reported in the media as well as those that have been investigated by the police and the authorities.

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These questions need answers

- Which station is the Trans Killings start and where?
- How many people killed?
- How many people injured?
- How many arrested?
- What stations are the favoured targets?
- What are the major targets?
- How many police officers are

SOWETAN Thursday OCTOBER 9 1992

Metal detectors have been introduced but the attacks still continue.

Police mum on violence

By Mathatha Tsedu

Colonel Dave Bruce says he will only give details of train killings at a Press conference scheduled for today.

He said that the handling of investigations into the trains killings, with the Goldstone Commission among others, would mean commissioner for all major investigations and not keeping security.

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ANC threatens to prosecute SARCC for train violence

THE AFRICAN National Congress PWV region is to consider bringing civil claims for compensation of victims of train violence against the South African Rail Commuter Corporation.

In a statement on Wednesday, the ANC said it would instruct its attorneys to look into the possibility of bringing the claims following two attacks between the New Canada and Longdale stations in Soweto over the last two days.

It said the attacks could have been avoided if there had been adequate security measures.

A man was seriously injured when he was thrown from a moving train between the stations on Wednesday morning.

On Tuesday, a man was killed and another seriously wounded when they were attacked by armed men on a commuter train on the same line, police said.

According to the statement: "None of those injured or those who lost their loved ones have been compensated by the SARCC. In our agreement signed on May 14, 1992, SARCC flatly refused to entertain the idea of compensation."

"As far as we are concerned, the SARCC has a duty to afford reasonable security to every passenger who goes on its property or trains."

Nearly 350 people have died in train attacks between 1990 and 1992, the ANC PWV region quoted the Human Rights Commission as reporting. - Sapa
Police admit 'lack of enthusiasm'

By WILSON ZWANE

A lack of enthusiasm on the part of some policemen was hampering efforts to curb violence on trains, a senior police officer said yesterday.

At least 231 people have been killed and 434 injured in 363 incidents of violence on the trains in the southern Transvaal since the beginning of the year, according to police figures.

Most of the incidents occurred on the Johannesburg-Soweto, Johannesburg-Vereeniging and Kwesta-Kateleong lines.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Lt-Col Dave Bruce told journalists in Johannesburg yesterday that although policing of trains had been stepped up, it appeared some policemen were "less motivated" than others.

But Bruce pointed out that 121 people had been arrested since April, many for being in possession of dangerous weapons.

He admitted nobody had been convicted of murder on trains, largely due to a lack of evidence because witnesses were reluctant to come forward.

The ANC PWV region has charged that this week's attacks on commuters on the Johannesburg-Soweto line would not have occurred had security measures agreed upon by the SA Rail Computer Corporation and community organisations in May been implemented.

Bruce showed the media a new centre from which the policing of the trains was being co-ordinated. 
Boipatong: Police aid, highly unlikely.
Witness fears cops

■ STREET SHOOTING He won't make a statement about slaying of Tokoza Civic Association official:

By Abbey Makoee

A witness to the slaying of Mr Vusi Tshabalala, assistant general secretary of the Tokoza Civic Association (TCA), says he will not make a statement to the police.

Tshabalala died instantly after being shot at point-blank range along a street in Tokoza at about 4.30pm on Tuesday.

The witness, who does not want his name published, is a member of the TCA.

He said he was not going to report what he saw to the police because every time they did so they became targets of unknown assailants.

Closer move

Describing the murder, he said: "Tshabalala's killer moved closer to him as he lay on the ground.

"Another shot went off, hitting Tshabalala in the head. Two more shots were pumped into his body in an apparent move to make sure that the 27-year-old activist was dead."
Pact pinpoints danger hostels

BY ARTHUR GAVSHON

An unpublished pact between the government and the African National Congress commits the security forces to isolate, disarm and regularly check 28 hostels identified as centres of violence, crime and a danger to law and order.

Commonwealth diplomats, who disclosed details of the pact, said it was drawn up as an annexure to the Record of Understanding reached by President FW de Klerk and the ANC’s Nelson Mandela on September 26. The details have remained secret presumably to avert protests.

Essentially, the confidential document spells out how the government and ANC foresee the implementation of a programme of security focusing on the flashpoint hostels named.

It embodies the main recommendations on the problem submitted by the Goldstone Commission which the government has accepted. November 15 is set as the deadline for completing the new security measures, though there is provision for extending that time limit.

Prime responsibility for executing the programme is delegated to the police who, if necessary, may call for military support.

The document pays particular attention to the issue of fencing danger hostels. It stipulates that fences erected around new hostel perimeters should be 2m high, with limited access points allowed. Where old fences exist, they must be maintained in good repair.

Toppling a list of hostels needing to be fenced is kwaMata Hostel. Others earmarked for urgent attention include: Mzimkhulu; Dube, Nancefield, Dobsonville and Merefe in the Greater Soweto area; the Sebokeng complex in the Vaal; and Umlazi Section T, Unit 17 and kwaMashu in kwaZulu.
THERE is no evidence to support allegations made in the Weekly Mail of May 8 and 14 and May 15 to 22 that the South African Police (SAP) planned and instigated violence in the Vaal area, the Goldstone Commission has found.

In a report released yesterday, the Commis-sion also found that in evidence before the one-man Goldstone Committee chaired by Mr RM Wise, SC, set up to investigate the Weekly Mail allegations, nothing justified the allegations that the SAP had a base which was linked with the planning of assassinations in the Vaal, or the inference that the police were involved in a death campaign or a "silent war against leaders and activists of the ANC and its allies".

The committee also found the statements by Mr Daniel Kolisang and Mr Solly Msimang about the SAP planned, and instigated violence, which constituted the "basis" of reports by the Weekly Mail on May 8 and 15 this year, to be totally false.

Informants' statement totally false.
Soweto Correspondent
Hostel inmates are blamed for massacre

INDEPENDENT witnesses and other evidence conclusively proved that only KwaMadala Hostel residents had been responsible for the Boipatong massacre, the Goldstone commission was told yesterday.

Flip Hattingh SC, delivering closing argument for the SAP at the inquiry into the massacre, told Judge R Goldstone the evidence further proved the attackers had moved on foot from the hostel to the township.

He asked the Commission to reject allegations the SAP or individual members had been involved in the killings, or had supported or protected the attackers.

However, senior counsel for the ANC, Denis Kuni, argued that the events in Boipatong that night showed the police had either been actively involved in the massacre or had neglected their duty.

Responding to a remark by Goldstone that it was "hardly conceivable" that the police would use their official vehicles to assist in the attack, Kuni said that in the past police had gotten away with similar actions merely on the basis of an official denial.

Arthur Chaskalson, also representing the ANC, questioned how KwaMadala inmates could have brazenly attacked, murdered and plundered with apparent impunity.

Either the group of about 500 attackers knew the security forces were so incompetent that they would not be apprehended, or it had been arranged that no action would be taken against them, he argued.

Weekly Mail claims false

PRETORIA - The Goldstone commission found yesterday that allegations by the Weekly Mail newspaper of planning and instigation of violence by the SAP in the Vaal area were devoid of truth.

The commission's report, released in Pretoria, found no justification for the newspaper's allegations that the SAP operated a base where assassinations of political campaigners were planned.

In the report, the Goldstone commission said statements by Daniel Koll Sang and Solly Mngomezulu, whose allegations of SAP involvement in violence and assassinations were the basis of the Weekly Mail reports on May 8 and 15, were totally false.

The commission accepted the finding that the newspaper staff's attempts to get police comment had been inadequate.

The Ministry of Law and Order welcomed the findings yesterday.

A spokesman said in a statement the finding "will hopefully increase confidence in the SAP".

Sapa.
**Natal: Troops to be doubled**

Govt, ANC will meet to plan ‘busheerad’

**Political Staff**

**DURBAN** — Amid indications that an urgent meeting of National Peace Accord negotiators is in the offing, President Botha’s Department said yesterday that the number of troops currently deployed in Natal is a matter of great concern to the government and the ANC. The government has announced that it will increase the number of troops in the province.

Mr. de Klerk also announced that certain areas are to be declared in the province and that “busheerad” police patrols will be instigated “to keep the population informed.”

Meanwhile, the situation in the province remains tense. The ANC has reiterated its demands for a negotiated settlement.

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**IPC crisis hits Hadebe**

**Own Correspondent**

**Johannesburg** — A body of a police constable was found in the back of a car yesterday in Johannesburg. The body was discovered under a pile of clothes in the seat of the car.

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**Cop stabbed, shot in death**

**Johannesburg** — A police officer was stabbed and died last night in Johannesburg. The officer was stabbed in the back of the head and the cause of death is not yet known.

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**ANC man shot in Ciskei**

**Own Correspondent**

**East London** — A member of the police service was shot and killed near Uitenhage last night. The police are investigating the incident.

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**Transkei strike broadens**

**UMTATA** — Prison guards, court police officials and magistrates were joined in a joint strike yesterday to protest against the government’s action of reducing their salaries.

The strike was called by the Transkei Police Association and was supported by the Transkei Magistrates’ Association.

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**TV TODAY**

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  - **04:00**: **Disraeli**
  - **05:00**: **Daybreak News**
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  - **18:30**: **Facts and Figures**
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  - **21:00**: **The Weather**
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  - **23:00**: **Sports Action**
  - **00:00**: **Late Night News**

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**Natal: A family caught in Natal’s crossfire**

**Own Correspondent**

**Maritzburg** — Three people were killed today in Natal when armed gangsters attacked the home of a headman in the Umshembe area of Maritzburg in the early morning.

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**Many of the people who are dying in Natal have little passion for politics**

Dennis Ngcobo, in spite of being an anti-apartheid activist, was killed by the police, according to the ANC. Many of the people who are dying in Natal have little passion for politics. Many of the people who are dying in Natal have little passion for politics.
Youths saved from ‘necklace’ mob

By Abbey Makoe

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our youths, including high school pupils, were seriously injured after being stabbed with a garden fork and threatened with a "necklace" by a mob of students in Sebokeng yesterday.

The four pupils were saved by two local ANC leaders from angry pupils from the Rota Sehaha High School in Zone 13.

The ANC leaders called police to save Walter Matheza (18), Steven Mafobokoane (20), Phephelo Mokoena (22), and Junior Mokgeating, who had sought refuge at the ANC offices.

The attack followed allegations the youths were involved in the killing of their friend, David Mpotwane, who was shot on Sunday in their presence.

David was a pupil at the Rota Sehaha High School.

JAWS OF DEATH

Four youths escape death at the hand of fellow pupils:

Junior and Phephelo said they were awakened by the dead boy’s brother, known only as “Tsaribo” and told to go to David’s home to explain how he was murdered.

The other two youths also reported at the same house following a “request” to do so.

The four youths said they were still in the house when a mob of about 500 pupils, armed with an assortment of weapons including firearms, garden forks and scissors, burst in and started stabbing them.

Junior was rushed to hospital after being stabbed with a garden fork. Walter was stabbed in the face with a pair of scissors.

Phephelo and Steven also sustained serious injuries after being stabbed and kicked.

The mob fled when police and members of the Internal Stability Unit, aided by the SADF, arrived on the scene after being summoned by ANC officials, Mr Watch Mthibedi and Mr Levy Thobejane. The attackers had threatened to petrol bomb the ANC offices, according to Thobejane.

In an interview with Sowetan, Matheza said he had made a statement to the police in which he told them that David was shot dead in their presence by a local policeman he knew.
'Cop apathy' over rail deaths

JOHANNESBURG. — A lack of enthusiasm among some policemen was hampering efforts to curb violence on trains, Witwatersrand police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Dave Bruce said yesterday.

However, he said 121 people had been arrested since April.

At least 231 people have been killed and 434 injured in train violence in the southern Transvaal since the beginning of the year.
Faster action may have netted suspects.